

Causeway Connection to Debut April 6

The SacRT and Yolobus Board of Directors both recently approved the new Causeway Connection, a zero emission electric bus service, set to launch on Monday, April 6, 2020. SacRT, Yolobus, UC Davis, the City of Sacramento, Electrify America and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments have partnered on the new public intercity express bus service.

The new route will replace the University's intercampus shuttle, which currently uses diesel buses and travels once hourly between the Davis and Sacramento campuses. Twelve new shuttles were purchased by Electrify America, the Volkswagen subsidiary, as part of its \$44 million Green City initiative to promote electric vehicle adoption in Sacramento. The new 40 foot low-floor buses have 33 seats, two wheelchair spaces, bike racks, free Wi-Fi and USB charging posts available at all seats. The service will operate in tandem by SacRT and Yolobus. Each transit agency will operate six of the shuttles.

The cost to ride will be \$2.50 or \$1.25 for discount eligible riders. Many UC Davis students and faculty will also be eligible for additional discount programs through UC Davis.

Additional information on the new electric bus service is available at sacrt.com. The schedule and route map will be available soon.



SacRT GO Paratransit Service Update

SacRT will begin operating paratransit services on Sunday, June 28, 2020. The new service will be called SacRT GO Paratransit Services.

Several open houses took place last month to help passengers learn about the transition, answer questions and receive feedback. SacRT plans to host additional meetings prior to the actual transition date and encourage you to check the sacrtgo.com website for additional details in the coming weeks.

The only change to future ADA paratransit service is that SacRT will operate the service directly, instead of contracting it to PI. SacRT's ADA paratransit service team will include many of the same drivers and reservationists that are currently employed by PI. Current service levels will not change and fare will not increase.

For more information, contact SacRT's Accessible Services department at 916-557-4685 or email paratransit@sacrt.com. For more information about the service, visit sacrt-go.com.



Students/Youth Ride Free on SacRT

Students and youth in grades TK through 12 can ride SacRT for free with the RydeFreeRT program. SacRT partnered with cities and school districts to offer the program for youth to ride on SacRT bus, light rail and Smart Ride shuttles for free.

All youth who live or go to school within SacRT's service boundaries are eligible for the RydeFreeRT program. The program is set to run through Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

This initiative provides youth universal access to ride SacRT buses, light rail, and Smart Ride microtransit services. The program is available all day, any day of the week, and all year during regular SacRT service hours, and is signified by a special sticker on a valid student ID.

Most students automatically receive a sticker with their valid student ID. If a school does not supply a student ID, students in grades TK through 6 can visit a local library to get a SacRT RydeFreeRT card with sticker. Stickers are also available for youth grades 7 through 12 with a SacRT student ID card at local libraries and at SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center (1225 R Street, Sacramento). Learn more about the program at rydefreert.com.



SacRT's Airport Express Shuttle Service

SacRT now offers express bus service from several downtown Sacramento locations directly to the Sacramento International Airport. The new SacRT Route 142 operates seven days a week every 20/30 minutes combined with Yolobus Routes 42A and 42B.

Route 142 is an easy and cost-effective way to get to the airport. With a flat fare per person of only \$2.50 for a single ride or \$1.25 for discount eligible riders, travelers can leave the car at home and flyaway with SacRT.

SacRT is looking into an overnight parking option for customers that want to connect to the Airport Express Bus from areas located outside of downtown Sacramento – more information to follow in the coming months.

For more information on the schedule, route and fare options, visit sacrtairport.com.



Take SacRT for Free on Museum Day

The 22nd annual Free Museum Day offers free admission to 25 participating local museums on Saturday, February 1, 2020, and SacRT is providing free bus and light rail service for the event with Free Ride flyer from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Many of the museums are easily accessible by bus and light rail, and within walking distance of each other making it a great way to travel between museums without having to worry about parking.

Visit sacrt.com and click on the Sacramento Museum Day link to print a Free Ride flyer valid for free bus and light rail rides on Museum Day. You'll also find a list of participating museums and trip planning information. For more information on special Free Museum Day events, visit sacmuseums.org/museumday.

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Ride Free on Museum Day, Saturday, February 1



Students/youth in grades TK - 12 ride free, all day every day



New SmaRT Ride Zones and App

Last month, SacRT launched six new SmaRT Ride service areas and a new and improved SacRT SmaRT Ride app. The new SmaRT Ride service areas, which provide corner-to-corner service "virtual stops" are:

- Arden
- Carmichael
- Downtown-Midtown-East Sacramento
- Folsom
- Gerber-Calvine
- North Sacramento

Service areas that provide curb-to-curb service are:

- Citrus Heights-Orangevale-Antelope
- Franklin-South Sacramento
- Rancho Cordova

Corner-to-corner is when customers are picked up and dropped off at the nearest "corner" (virtual bus stop), which is typically within a block or two of the requested pickup/drop-off location. Curb-to-curb service is when customers are picked up and dropped off at the address they indicated when scheduling a ride.

To check which SmaRT Ride service is available in your area, visit sacrt.com/smartride. Note that SmaRT Ride buses do not travel outside of their individual service areas. Passengers can transfer to fixed-route buses, light rail or a different SmaRT Ride zone to travel into other areas.

The new and improved SacRT SmaRT Ride app is available at the App Store or Google Play.

Get the app, book your trip, catch your ride!

1. Download the SacRT SmaRT Ride App
2. Create a free account
3. Choose pick up location
4. Select drop off location
5. Confirm ride
6. Board and show your fare

Customers who do not have access to a smartphone can request rides by calling 916-556-0100 or online at ondemand.sacrt.com. For more information on the new app, fares, SmaRT Ride service areas and FAQs, visit sacrt.com/smartride.

SmaRT Ride service is provided through Measure A funding. SacRT was awarded with a \$12 million grant by the Sacramento Transportation Authority to help expand micro-transit into new communities throughout the region.

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