

RIDE, GLIDE AND SHOP SUNDAYS!

Skate Rental and Gift
Free with RT Ticket

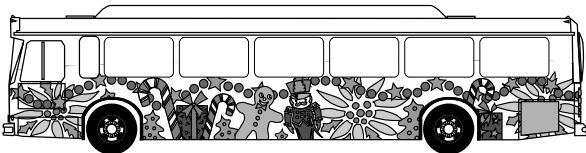
Looking for something fun to do this holiday season? Take Regional Transit to the Westfield Holiday Ice Rink. Show your valid RT ticket, transfer or monthly pass at the downtown ice rink on Sundays and receive free skate rental and a coupon for a holiday gift.

RIDE! Take light rail or bus to 7th & K (St. Rose of Lima Park) on any Sunday through January 16, 2005. Remember to keep your ticket or transfer.

GLIDE! Show your valid RT ticket, transfer or monthly pass and receive free skate rental and a coupon for a holiday gift with ice rink admission.

SHOP! Stop by the Westfield Downtown Plaza concierge desk to redeem your coupon for a holiday gift and shop at Downtown Plaza. Make a day of it!

The Westfield Holiday Ice Rink hours of operation on Sundays are noon to 8 p.m. Participants must redeem the gift coupon on the same Sunday as the skate rental.



FREE Rides Coming on RT's Holiday Bus!

Put your holiday spirit in high gear with a FREE ride on RT's Holiday Bus. The colorful 40-foot bus, adorned with toy soldiers, gingerbread men and poinsettias, was hand-painted by RT employees and their families. The Holiday Bus will travel on different routes, about 66 in all, offering the Yuletide gift of a FREE ride to anyone who steps on board December 1, 2004 through January 9, 2005. FREE Holiday Bus rides are RT's way of saying "Happy Holidays" and "Thank You" to all of our current and future riders.

Steve Dedekerk's Santa vs. THE SNOWMAN 3D

Adding to the many fun-filled holiday events downtown has to offer this

season, "Santa vs. the Snowman 3D" returns to the Esquire IMAX Theatre. "Santa

vs. the Snowman 3D" tells the heartwarming story of a lonely Snowman who gets swept away by the magical wonders of Santa's Village only to ultimately wage a polar war on Santa out of jealousy. The feud that ensues ultimately ends in friendship celebrating the true spirit of the holiday season. The 3D holiday adventure begins on November 12 and ends on January. The IMAX theatre is easy walking distance from the Cathedral Square Light Rail Station on the K Street Mall. For more information on tickets and show times, visit or call 916-443-IMAX.

Ride RT FREE on New Year's Eve

Going to Old Sacramento to ring in the new year? Make it a safe and easy celebration by taking transit to the festivities!

Regional Transit will offer free rides systemwide - all buses and light rail trains - on New Year's Eve after 6 p.m. Additionally, Regional Transit will operate light rail and the downtown trolley Route 143 until 2 a.m. New Year's Day to accommodate attendees of the Fifth Annual New Year's Eve Sky Concert in Old Sacramento.

Avoid traffic and parking hassles and fees and take transit to the event. RT offers free parking at 14 park-and-ride lots throughout the light rail system. Old Sacramento is a short walk or trolley ride from the St. Rose of Lima Park light rail station.

For route and schedule information, visit RT's web site at or call (916) 321-BUSS (2877). For information about the New Year's Eve Sky Concert, call the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau at (916) 808-7777 or log onto www.discovergold.org.



JANUARY 2005 SERVICE CHANGES

Effective Sunday, January 2, 2005, Regional Transit (RT) will implement new bus route and schedule changes. These changes are necessary for RT to comply with a new state law that requires all transit agencies to schedule meal breaks and rest periods for bus and light rail operators at certain time periods. The purpose of this new law is to improve working conditions for operators. In addition, the adjustments will better reflect actual operating schedules and improve service reliability. Three of the routes' schedule changes will be minor (adjusted by five minutes or fewer): 1, 14 and 81. Routes that will be adjusted by six minutes or more include: 2, 10, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 36, 38, 47, 50E, 51, 63, 68, 83, 84, 86, 87, 100, 104 and 255. Please see below for details.

In addition, operation of the routes servicing Elk Grove will be assumed by the City of Elk Grove's new transit system called "e-tran." RT will discontinue routes 52, 53, 57, 59 and 60 in response to this transfer of service. The routes and schedules of e-tran's new service of these routes are not expected to change in January. RT will continue to operate Route 56 in January with some route and schedule adjustments. Please see below for details.

In addition to those listed above, RT will implement additional route and/or schedule changes for routes 11, 30, 31, 61, 72 and 73.

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For Meetings, Routes and Schedule Information, Call:

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ROUTE 1: GREENBACK (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 5:32 p.m. trip from Sunrise Mall will depart five minutes later. The 11:21 a.m. trip from Watt/I-80 light rail station will depart five minutes earlier.

ROUTE 2: RIVERSIDE (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 5:38 a.m. trip from Rush River Drive and Windbridge Drive will depart seven minutes earlier.

ROUTE 10: THE NEIGHBORHOOD RIDE - CARMICHAEL - DEWEY DRIVE (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 9 a.m. trip from American River College will depart 15 minutes earlier. The 4:30 p.m. trip from Manzanita Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard will depart five minutes later.

ROUTE 11: TRUXEL ROAD (NEW TIME POINT) A time point will be added to the schedules at 9th and K streets.

ROUTE 14: NORWOOD (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:29 a.m. trip from Truxel Road and Gateway Park Boulevard will depart five minutes earlier.

ROUTE 19: RIO LINDA (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 8:02 a.m. and 9:02 a.m. trips from the Watt/I-80 light rail station will depart six minutes earlier. The 5:28 p.m. and 6:28 p.m. trips from the Arden/Del Paso light rail station will depart six minutes later.

ROUTE 20: COTTAGE (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) Route 20 will operate every 75 minutes during certain parts of the day and every 60 minutes the remainder of the day.

ROUTE 22: ARDEN (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) Route 22 will operate every 75 minutes during certain parts of the day and every 60 minutes the remainder of the day.

ROUTE 23: EL CAMINO (WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) Route 23 will operate every 45 minutes during certain parts of the day and every 30 minutes the remainder of the day during weekdays.

On Saturdays, the 6:38 a.m., 8:03 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. trips from Sunrise Mall will depart five minutes earlier; also the 9:13 p.m. will depart five minutes later. The 9:10 p.m. trip from the Arden/Del Paso light rail station will depart 10 minutes later.

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JANUARY 2005 SERVICE CHANGES (continued)

ROUTE 25: MARCONI (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:56 a.m. trip from Manzanita Avenue and Madison Avenue will depart 10 minutes earlier. The 5:31 p.m. trip from Sunrise Mall will depart 15 minutes later. The 4:28 p.m. and 4:58 p.m. trips from the Arden/Del Paso light rail station will depart 15 minutes later.

Route 25 will operate every 75 minutes during certain parts of the day and every 60 minutes the remainder of the day.

ROUTE 26: FULTON (SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 8:56 a.m. trip from the Watt/I-80 light rail station will depart eight minutes earlier. The 5:56 p.m. trip will depart 10 minutes later.

ROUTE 28: FAIR OAKS - FOLSOM (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:25 a.m. trip from the Mather/Mills light rail station and the 7:33 a.m. trip from Sunrise Mall will depart 10 minutes earlier. The 7:24 a.m. and 6:24 p.m. trips from the Butterfield light rail station will depart 10 minutes later.

ROUTE 30: DASH - J STREET (WEEKDAY ROUTE CHANGES) The 2:19 p.m. trip from the Amtrak station will be serviced by Route 31 and extended to serve River Park.

ROUTE 31: DASH - J STREET - RIVERPARK (WEEKDAY ROUTE CHANGES) A new 2:19 p.m. trip from the Amtrak station will be added to replace the deleted trip on Route 30. A new trip from River Park Drive at 2:55 p.m. will be added and will arrive at CSUS at 3:06 p.m.

ROUTE 33: DOS RIOS (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE AND ROUTE CHANGES) Added one morning trip and the 5:24 p.m. trip will depart 10 minutes later to serve Bannon Street (Union Gospel Mission) and the Alkali Flat light rail station.

ROUTE 36: FOLSOM (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:30 p.m. trip from Downtown (3rd and J streets) will depart 10 minutes later.

ROUTE 38: P/Q STREETS (WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6 a.m. trip from 5th Street and Broadway will depart 15 minutes earlier.

On Saturdays, the 8:59 p.m. trip from the University/65th light rail station will depart five minutes later.

ROUTE 47: THE NEIGHBORHOOD RIDE - PHOENIX PARK (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 2:14 p.m. through 4:29 p.m. trips from 25th Street and Florin Road will depart 15 minutes later. The 1:45 p.m. through 5:15 p.m. trips from Florin Mall will depart 15 minutes later.

ROUTE 50E: STOCKTON BLVD. E BUS (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:36 p.m. through 7:06 p.m. trips from Florin Mall will depart 10 minutes later. The 6:31 p.m. through 7:01 p.m. trips from Downtown (J and 5th streets) will depart 10 minutes later.

ROUTE 51: BROADWAY - STOCKTON (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 7:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. trips from Florin Mall will depart 15 minutes later. The 8:38 p.m. and 10:38 p.m. trips from Downtown (9th and H streets) will depart 15 minutes later.

Route 51 will operate every 45 minutes during certain parts of the evening and every 30 minutes the remainder of the evening.

ROUTE 52: LAGUNA WEST (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT Route 52 will be discontinued. Elk Grove will provide bus service to Downtown Sacramento. Schedule and route of new service are not expected to change.

ROUTE 53: LAGUNA - ELK GROVE (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT Route 53 will be discontinued. Elk Grove will provide inter-city bus service. Schedule and route of new service are not expected to change.

ROUTE 56: ELK GROVE - POCKET (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT will continue to operate Route 56 between Cosumnes River College, the Meadowview light rail station, and Rush River Drive and Windbridge Drive. Elk Grove will provide inter-city bus service for the remainder of the route. Saturday and Sunday schedule from Cosumnes River College will depart two minutes later and from Rush River Drive and Windbridge Drive one minute earlier.

ROUTE 57: ELK GROVE FLORIN EXPRESS (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT Route 57 will be discontinued. Elk Grove will provide bus service to Downtown Sacramento. Schedule and route of new service are not expected to change.

ROUTE 59: ELK GROVE EXPRESS (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT Route 59 will be discontinued. Elk Grove will provide bus service to Downtown Sacramento. Schedule and route of new service are not expected to change.

ROUTE 60: ELK GROVE EXPRESS (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT Route 60 will be discontinued. Elk Grove will provide bus service to Downtown Sacramento. Schedule and route of new service are not expected to change.

ROUTE 61: FRUITRIDGE (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 2:19 p.m. trip from South Land Park and 35th Avenue will depart five minutes later.

ROUTE 63: 24TH STREET (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 5:42 a.m. trip from the Meadowview light rail station will depart 15 minutes earlier.

ROUTE 66: ELK GROVE BOULEVARD EXPRESS (SERVICE TRANSFERRED TO CITY OF ELK GROVE) RT Route 66 will be discontinued. Elk Grove will provide bus service to Downtown Sacramento. Schedule and route of new service are not expected to change.

ROUTE 68: 44TH STREET (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:47 p.m. trip from Arden Fair Mall will depart 15 minutes later.

ROUTE 72: ROSEMONT - LINCOLN VILLAGE (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) One of the 7:58 a.m. trips from Lincoln Village Drive and Routier Road will depart 45 minutes earlier. The 8:09 a.m. trip from the Watt/Manlove light rail station to Branch Center Road and Kiefer Boulevard will be discontinued. The 3:17 p.m. trip from Branch Center Road and Kiefer Boulevard will start one minute earlier.

ROUTE 73: WHITE ROCK (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 7:14 a.m. trip from the Mather/Mills light rail station to White Rock Road and Zinfandel Drive will be discontinued.

ROUTE 81: FLORIN - 65TH STREET (WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 5:51 p.m. trip from Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard will depart 15 minutes later. The 3:16 p.m. from 65th Street and Fruitridge Road will depart one minute later.

On Saturdays, the 7:23 a.m., 7:53 a.m. and 12:53 p.m. trips from Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard will depart 10 minutes earlier. The 12:44 p.m. trip from Florin Mall will depart five minutes earlier. The 5:25 p.m. trip

will depart two minutes later. The 6:08 p.m. trip will depart five minutes later. The 5:43 p.m., 10:13 p.m. and 10:43 p.m. trips from the University/65th light rail station will depart 10 minutes later.

ROUTE 83: 14TH AVENUE (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) Route 83 will operate every 45 minutes during certain parts of the day and every 30 minutes the remainder of the day.

ROUTE 84: WATT - NORTH HIGHLANDS (WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 7:59 p.m. trip from Watt Avenue and Elverta Road will depart 15 minutes later.

On Saturdays, the 8:57 a.m. trip from Watt Avenue and Elverta Road will depart five minutes earlier.

ROUTE 86: SAN JUAN - SILVER EAGLE (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:50 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. trips from Downtown (9th and K streets) will depart 10 minutes earlier.

ROUTE 87: HOWE (SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:29 a.m. and 7:29 a.m. trips from the University/65th light rail station will depart 10 minutes earlier. The 7:26 a.m. and 8:26 a.m. trips from the Marconi/ Arcade light rail station will depart 10 minutes earlier.

ROUTE 100: ANTELOPE EXPRESS (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) Afternoon trips will depart from the Watt/I-80 light rail station lower level 15 minutes later.

ROUTE 104: Sunset (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 6:14 a.m. trip from Sunrise Boulevard and Sunset Avenue will depart 10 minutes earlier.

ROUTE 255: LA RIVIERA - COLLEGE GREENS (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES) The 7:30 a.m. trip from La Riviera Drive and College Town Drive will depart 15 minutes earlier.

Drink Your Morning Cuppa Joe Aboard RT



Enjoy your coffee or tea in your commuter mug while riding the bus or light rail! As a new service to our passengers, Regional Transit is now permitting riders to drink non-alcoholic beverages from spill-resistant containers aboard all RT buses and light rail. As always, please remove all litter.