

## **May Next Stop News**

- SacRT is holding a free How to Do Business with SacRT webinar
- Coming soon: SacRT bus stop improvement survey
- SacRT to hold a virtual public hearing on preliminary 2023 budget
- Bike-and-Ride with SacRT during May is Bike Month

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#### **SacRT to Operate Sunday/Holiday Schedule for Memorial Day**

On Monday, May 30, 2022, in honor of Memorial Day, SacRT bus and light rail will operate on Sunday/Holiday schedule. Please visit [sacrt.com/schedules](http://sacrt.com/schedules) to view the Sunday/Holiday schedule for your route or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for assistance. There will be no service on: Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Transit (including e-van), Folsom Stage Line, Rancho CordoVan and SmarT Ride.

The Customer Service and Sales Center will be closed. The customer service phone lines (916-321-2877) will operate from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SacRT wishes everyone a safe holiday weekend as we remember those who dedicated their lives to service for our country.

#### **Proposed September 2022 Service Adjustments**

SacRT is proposing changes to 19 bus routes, which would take effect on Sunday, August 28, 2022 (unless otherwise noted). The 19 bus routes with proposed changes include routes 1, 23, 26, 30, 33, 38, 51, 81, 82, 86, 93, 107, 134, 138, 142, 177, 193, E37 (new route) and E110. SacRT accepted public comment on these proposed changes through May 1, 2022.

On Monday, May 9, 2022, the SacRT Board of Directors will consider these proposed service changes for September 2022 for approval. Visit [sacrt.com/septemberservice](http://sacrt.com/septemberservice) for the latest information and to review the report.

The report provides a discussion of temporary changes that took effect on April 3, 2022, in response to an ongoing shortage of bus operators, temporarily reducing bus service levels to a level that can be operated more reliably. It recommends most (although not all) of those temporary reductions be restored on Sunday, August 28, 2022. It also recommends several minor, low-cost improvements to other routes at that time, which were recommended in SacRT's Short-Range Transit Plan. Lastly, it presents and discusses multiple potential partnerships for future service that could be funded via cost-sharing agreements.

A Title VI service equity analysis of the temporary April 2022 suspensions and of all potential changes is included in the report.

### **SacRT on the Move: SacRT's Short-Range Transit Plan Update**

SacRT's Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) draft document is nearing completion, and staff plans to present the information to the SacRT Board of Directors during the board meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022.

The public actively participated during SRTP virtual events and public meetings, making public engagement efforts a huge success. SacRT received over 90 comments, which have all been analyzed and considered for potential final changes to the draft document. All comments have also been included in the public comment record, which will be presented with the SRTP document to the Board of Directors.

We listened! As a result of comments received, the following has been updated in the Five-Year Service Plan:

- A new service concept has been added to provide fixed-route bus service to Duckhorn Boulevard in the North Natomas area. This area has been without transit service due to low demand; however, as developments continue to grow and more individuals reside near this area, SacRT felt the need to include this as a planned service improvement for the next five years.

Visit [sacrt.com/SRTP](https://sacrt.com/SRTP) for more information.

### **SacRT Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing**

SacRT's Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budget is now available for public review and comment at [sacrt.com/budget](https://sacrt.com/budget). SacRT will hold a virtual public hearing on the proposed budget via YouTube and Zoom on Monday, May 9, 2022, during the regularly scheduled SacRT Board of Directors Meeting. For information on how to join the Board meeting, please visit [sacrt.com/board](https://sacrt.com/board).

Public feedback is an important part of this process and SacRT is providing several opportunities for interested persons and/or agencies to make their views known with respect to the social, economic and environmental aspects of these projects. Please contact Jason Johnson, Director of Office of Management and Budget, by phone at 916-212-5088; email to [jjohnson@sacrt.com](mailto:jjohnson@sacrt.com); or by mail to P.O. Box 2110, Sacramento, CA 95812-2110.

SacRT intends to adopt its budget and the FTA Program of Projects at the SacRT Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022, which will also be held virtually on Zoom and YouTube. If the proposed FTA Program of Projects is significantly revised or amended, a subsequent notice will be published.

### **May is Bike Month - Learn How to Bike-and-Ride with SacRT!**

The annual May is Bike Month tradition continues this year! Bike riders across the

region can take advantage of the spring weather and leave their cars at home. Riders can sign up to participate, log their trips and earn prizes at [lovetoride.net](http://lovetoride.net).

Transit and bikes make a great team. All SacRT buses have bike racks on the front that can hold two or three bikes. Bikes are also allowed inside light rail trains; however, persons boarding light rail trains with a bicycle should not board using the mini-high ramps, as they are reserved for use by persons with disabilities. In addition, SacRT requires passengers with bikes to leave space available at the front of the first train car for riders with disabilities. SacRT also offers bike locker rentals at 23 light rail stations. Learn more about how to bike-and-ride on transit at [sacrt.com/bikeandride](http://sacrt.com/bikeandride).

### **Masks Recommended on Public Transit**

As of April 18, 2022, the Federal Transit Administration no longer mandates that masks be worn on public transportation; however, SacRT still highly recommends wearing a mask while riding public transportation, especially if you are unvaccinated. The health and safety of our staff and riders remains a top priority. For more information, visit [sacrt.com/covid19](http://sacrt.com/covid19).

### **SacRT is Hiring, Apply Online Now!**

SacRT is hiring for many different positions. Career opportunities include extremely generous and competitive benefits package for medical, dental, and vision, paid sick leave, retirement, and tuition reimbursement. Also, \$2,000 signing bonuses for bus drivers and paid training!

Come join a winning team! SacRT was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Transit System of the Year in North America by the American Public Transportation Association. All SacRT career opportunities are available online. Simply create an account and apply online now at [sacrt.com/careers](http://sacrt.com/careers) or call SacRT Human Resources at 916-556-0298.

### **How to Do Business with SacRT**

SacRT is holding a free How to Do Business with SacRT webinar on Thursday, May 26, 2022, to share how to do business with us.

SacRT purchases supplies such as IT equipment, furniture, office equipment and supplies, bus and rail parts and related supplies, janitorial supplies, and PPE to name a few. We also procure services such as janitorial, pest control, equipment, facility repair and preventive maintenance, printing, various professional and A&E services, and construction projects along the light rail system and other district facilities. Sign up for the webinar and learn more at [sacrt.com/business](http://sacrt.com/business).

### **Webinar Information:**

Thursday, May 26, 2022  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

### **Coming Soon: SacRT Bus Stop Improvement Survey**

SacRT is partnering with Civic Thread, a local non-profit planning and advocacy organization, to complete a Bus Stop Improvement Plan for the SacRT service area, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento and Sacramento County. This plan will create a comprehensive list of necessary and desired improvements to bus stops, amenities, and supporting pedestrian infrastructure.

Bus stop improvements will be identified through a community survey available to all residents within SacRT's service area that will allow respondents to express their concerns about what bus stops need to be prioritized for improvements. This information is being gathered with the intention of directing future funding for bus stops towards areas of the highest priority.

A Bus Stop Improvement survey will soon be available to residents in SacRT's service area to better understand and implement your needs as a transit user. Respondents will be randomly selected to win a gift card or a month of free transit. Learn more at [sacrt.com/busstopimprovement](http://sacrt.com/busstopimprovement).

### **Ride SacRT for Free to Festivals in May**

SacRT has partnered with several community organizations to offer free rides to several different festivals during the month of May 2022. Visit [sacrt.com/freerideflyer](http://sacrt.com/freerideflyer) to print or screenshot a free ride flyer to ride free to and from the following events:

- Fiesta en la Calle Cinco de Mayo Festival on Sunday, May 1 ride free with a free ride flyer to Southside Park, 2115 6th Street, Sacramento from noon to 6 p.m.
- Fiesta 5 de Mayo Festival on Sunday, May 8, ride free with a free ride flyer to Franklin Boulevard from noon to 6 p.m.
- Promenade of Mermaids on Sunday, May 22 ride free with a free ride flyer to see mermaids at the Old Sacramento Waterfront from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Kids Festival on Saturday, May 28 ride free with a free ride flyer to William Land Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Ride Free to Concerts in the Park**

SacRT teamed up with Downtown Sacramento Partnership to offer a free ride flyer to ride free to Concerts in the Park every Friday from May 6 through July 29, 2022. Learn more about the concert line up and other vendors at [godowntownsac.com](http://godowntownsac.com). Simply print or screenshot the free ride flyer at [sacrt.com/freerideflyer](http://sacrt.com/freerideflyer) to ride SacRT buses (fixed-route and SmaRT Ride) and light rail trains for free.