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**Ride Free to the Folsom Pro Rodeo**

SacRT is offering FREE light rail and Folsom bus rides with valid admission ticket to the Folsom Pro Rodeo from the Historic Folsom and Glenn/Robert G. Holderness light rail stations on Friday, July 1 through Sunday, July 3, 2022.

To ride free, simply show your valid Folsom Pro Rodeo admission ticket to the bus operator upon boarding or have it ready for the fare inspector while riding light rail. The Folsom shuttle will operate every 30 minutes between light rail stations and Rodeo Park all three days. The first shuttle will depart at 4 p.m. from the Historic Folsom Station arriving Rodeo Park at 4:15 p.m. The last shuttle will depart Rodeo Park at 10:15 p.m. and arrive at the Historic Folsom Station at 10:20 p.m.

Please check bus and light rail schedules prior to riding. The last light rail train departs the Historic Folsom light rail station at 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. For schedules, visit sacrt.com/schedules. To plan your trip, visit sacrt.com/planyourtrip or call 916-321-Buss (2877). Visit folsomprorodeo.com for event information.

**Ride Free to Elk Grove’s Salute to Red, White and Blue**

On Monday, July 4, 2022, SacRT will offer free shuttle rides for Elk Grove’s Salutes the Red, White & Blue Festival for those traveling to and from Elk Grove Park. Starting at 4:30 p.m., the Red and Blue Shuttle lines will begin service in the city of Elk Grove and provide shuttle service to the park every 15 minutes. The last Red Shuttle from Elk Grove Boulevard at Clarke Farms departs at 7:30 p.m. and the last Blue Shuttle from Elk Grove Boulevard at Emerald Vista departs at 7:30 p.m.

Service leaving the park will begin at 10 p.m. (or at the end of the fireworks show) and will operate through 11 p.m. The shuttle pick-up and drop-off location inside the park will be in front of the Pavilion. For ADA certified passengers, SacRT e-van service will be provided within 3/4 mile of the Red Shuttle and Blue Shuttle routes, during the shuttle hours.

For SacRT trip planning assistance, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit sacrt.com. For information about the Festival, visit elkgrovecity.org.

**Celebrate with FREE Rides to Rancho Cordova's Fourth of July Celebration**

SacRT is offering FREE rides to Rancho Cordova's Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4, 2022 at Hagan Park.

Rancho Cordova is celebrating with a two-day festival, including carnival rides, concerts, a parade and fireworks.

Route 21 serves the bus stop closest to Hagan Park on Sunday and Monday with the last bus departing at 8:46 p.m. toward the Mather Field/Mills Station. Check schedules at sacrt.com.

Visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer to print or screenshot the free ride flyer to ride light rail or bus for free. Learn more about the event at ranchocordovajuly4th.com.

**Rider Alert: Fourth of July Holiday Observed on Monday, July 4, 2022**

SacRT will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, July 4, 2022.
SmaRT Ride, Elk Grove Transit Services (does not include supplemental shuttle service for the 4th of July festival), Folsom Stage Line, Causeway Connection and Rancho CordoVan will not operate. SacRT’s Customer Sales Center will be closed; however, the Customer Service Call Center phone lines will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Transit Talk with the General Manager**

Due to the first Friday of the month falling on the 4th of July holiday weekend, the July 2022 session of Transit Talk with the General Manager will be postponed until Friday, August 5, 2022.

**8th & O Station to Close for Three Years**

Effective Friday, July 15, 2022, the 8th & O light rail station *west* platform (trains traveling toward the 8th & Capitol Station) will be closed for approximately three years due to major renovation construction of the California Department of Water Resources Building, located at 1416 9th Street. Light rail passengers should use the Archives Plaza Station *west* platform instead. The 8th & O Station *east* platform (trains traveling toward Archives Plaza Station) will remain open.

Bus stops located at 8th & O and 9th & O streets will also be closed during construction. Northbound bus passengers should use the stop at 8th & P streets, southbound bus passengers should use the stop at 9th & N streets. The station and adjacent bus stops will reopen when construction is complete, which is estimated to be October 2025. Thank you for your patience during the service disruption.

**RydeFreeRT is your Ticket to Summertime Fun**

With RydeFreeRT, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE during regular service hours.

Schools distributed the new RydeFreeRT card, which is valid from June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for grades TK through 12th. Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs are also allowed to participate in the program, regardless of current residence or school address.

Students and youth who have not received a RydeFreeRT card from their school can visit SacRT’s Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Light Rail Station) or one of the Sacramento County Public Libraries to obtain one. For more information, visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

**SacRT is Hiring – Join Our Award Winning Team**

SacRT is hiring for many different positions. There are dozens of career opportunities available, which include medical, dental, paid sick leave and retirement benefits, and tuition reimbursement. Also, $2,000 signing bonuses for bus drivers and paid training!

Come join an award 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 on the online career portal at [sacrt.com/careers](http://sacrt.com/careers) or call SacRT Human Resources at 916-556-0298.

**Ride SacRT Free to Concerts in the Park**
SacRT continues to offer free rides every Friday to Concerts in the Park through July 29, 2022. Simply print or screenshot the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer to ride SacRT buses and light rail trains. For event information, visit godowntownsac.com/events.