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## SacRT Operating Mixed Light Rail Fleet

SacRT began the rollout of our new low-floor light rail vehicles last month on the Gold and Green lines. As we transition to the state-of-the-art fleet, we want to share some important information about what riders can expect.

For the next few months, SacRT will continue operating a mixed fleet of both low-floor and high-floor light rail trains on the Gold and Green lines as we complete final testing and make necessary adjustments to onboard the remaining new low-floor trains. This means you might encounter both types of trains on your commute.

The Blue Line continues to operate with our current high-floor light rail trains. Passengers in mobility devices or those who cannot navigate stairs will need to use the mini-high ramps at the end of station platforms for boarding and deboarding. We appreciate your patience as we work through this transition.

Learn more at [sacrt.com/newtrains](https://sacrt.com/newtrains).

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## Blue Line Platform Station Construction Update

Construction is underway at Swanston Station to modernize the light rail system in preparation for the new low-floor light rail vehicles. Swanston station is closed to passengers through Sunday October 27, 2024 (see below for details). This project is vital for enhancing accessibility and improving the rider experience on the Blue Line.

- **October 1 – October 3, 2024:** Swanston Station remains closed to passengers. Trains continue to pass through the station; however, boarding and deboarding is not possible. Please use Marconi/Arcade or Royal Oaks stations for light rail service. All park-and-ride users are encouraged to use Marconi/Arcade or Globe stations. Please note that there is no bus bridge in place during this period.
- **October 4 - October 5, 2024:** A bus bridge will operate between Marconi/Arcade and Globe stations due to a power shutdown during construction.
- **October 6 - October 25, 2024:** Swanston Station remains closed to passengers. Trains continue to pass through the station; however, boarding and deboarding is not possible. Please use Marconi/Arcade or Royal Oaks stations for light rail service. All park-and-ride users are encouraged to use Marconi/Arcade or Globe stations. Please note that there is no bus bridge in place during this period.
- **October 26 - October 27, 2024:** A bus bridge will be in place between Marconi/Arcade and Globe stations.

Please note that the construction schedule may shift due to weather and other factors. We encourage riders to stay informed by checking SacRT's website or downloading the free Alert SacRT app for the latest service updates.

Learn more at [sacrt.com/stationclosures](https://sacrt.com/stationclosures).

## Service Disruptions Due to Ironman California Triathlon

SacRT will have limited services in downtown Sacramento on Sunday, October 27, 2024 due to road closures for the Ironman California Triathlon. Fixed-route bus and light rail services will not operate in parts of downtown Sacramento from noon until the end of service due the race. SacRT will operate special shuttle buses (bus bridges) to get riders to select bus stops in between the closed stations; however, SacRT will NOT be able to serve any light rail stations or major bus stops in between.

### Gold Line Bus Bridge:

Sacramento Valley Station and 13th Street Station NO STOPS IN BETWEEN.

### Blue Line Bus Bridge:

Gold Line and 10th & K/11th & K (Cathedral Square) NO STOPS IN BETWEEN.

Bus detours on bus routes 11,30,38,51,62,86, 88 and 142. Learn more at [sacrt.com/Ironman](https://sacrt.com/Ironman).

## SmaRT Ride Transition to New Rideshare Program in 2025

SacRT is planning to transition its SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service to a new, cost-effective shared-use mobility pilot program in January 2025. The last day of SmaRT Ride service will be December 31, 2024. This change is in response to rising costs, with SmaRT Ride becoming financially unsustainable, costing over \$47 per passenger trip and serving less than 1% of SacRT's riders.

Based on feedback following the SacRT Board of Directors meeting, SacRT is working to refine the plan to provide a more innovative program to serve eligible riders, which may include individuals with disabilities and low-income. The transition to the new service will include opportunities for public input and stakeholder engagement. Additional details about the program and open house dates will be promoted in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit [sacrt.com/rideshare](https://sacrt.com/rideshare).

## Folsom 15-Minute Service Construction Continues in October

SacRT is making significant construction progress in adding a passing track at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station to be able to provide 15-minute light rail service to all Folsom area stations including Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness and Historic Folsom. However, Folsom area light rail customers can expect light rail service disruptions and bus bridges to continue between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations through October 2024. Extended bus bridges are expected during some weekends in October due to track testing.

Light rail service is available at Iron Point Station for travel to and from downtown Sacramento. If a customer does not want to take the shuttle bus they can park and catch the train at one of SacRT's free park-and-ride lots at Iron Point, Hazel and Sunrise stations. Learn more at [sacrt.com/Folsom15](https://sacrt.com/Folsom15).

## Take the California Clean Air Day Pledge – Ride Free on October 2!

Let's clear the air together! SacRT is proud to support California Clean Air Day on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, with free rides on all fixed-route buses and light rail. It's the perfect opportunity to leave your car at home and try a greener way to get around.

California Clean Air Day, now in its seventh year, was started by the Coalition for Clean Air to raise awareness about the importance of improving air quality and protecting public health. By choosing cleaner transportation options like public transit, you're taking a small step with a big impact on our environment. Join us in making a difference! Learn more and take the pledge at [sacrt.com/cleanairday](https://sacrt.com/cleanairday). See you on board!

## Ride Free to Local Events in October

Many events are coming to the Sacramento region this October! SacRT is here to help you with hassle-free transportation! For select events, SacRT is offering free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail. To ride free to and from any of the events listed below you must show a valid free ride flyer or valid event ticket.

### Aftershock – Thursday, October 10 – Sunday, October 13, 2024

To reduce traffic congestion, SacRT is providing free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail with a valid event ticket (wristband). Buses will travel between the 8th & K bus stop in downtown Sacramento to and from the stop located in front of the ARCO station on Jibboom Street (near Discovery Park). Visit [sacrt.com/aftershock](https://sacrt.com/aftershock) for the supplemental bus schedule.

### Golden Sky – Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20, 2024

To reduce traffic congestion, SacRT is providing free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail with proof of a valid event ticket (wristband). Buses will travel between the 8th & K bus stop in downtown Sacramento to and from the stop located in front of the ARCO station on Jibboom Street (near Discovery Park). Visit [sacrt.com/goldensky](https://sacrt.com/goldensky) for the supplemental bus schedule.

Detours are expected on SacRT bus routes in the downtown area. Please allow for extra travel time on this day. For details, please visit [sacrt.com/alerts](https://sacrt.com/alerts).

### Other Events

Ride Free to other local events with a free ride flyer, including the Golden Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 26 and the Sacramento Children's Museum Trick or Treat event on Thursday, October 31!

Visit [sacrt.com/freerideflyer](https://sacrt.com/freerideflyer) to download the free ride flyer.

## Sacramento Poetry Day: Ride Free with a Poem on SacRT

Celebrate the art of poetry and experience the beauty of public transit this Sacramento Poetry Day, Saturday, October 26, 2024! In honor of this special day, SacRT is offering free rides on all fixed-route buses and light rail – all you need to do is share an uplifting poem with your bus driver or fare inspector!

### How It Works:

- **Share a Poem for a Free Ride:** Simply present an uplifting poem—whether on your phone or a printed /written copy—when you board a bus or pass a fare inspector on light rail and enjoy a free ride.
- **Poetry Live at Transit Stations:** Join us at select SacRT stations for live poetry performances from local poets. Listen to creative voices from across the region as they share their work and spread inspiration.

Join the movement by spreading the word on social media using the hashtag #SacRTPoetry. Let's make poetry a part of your positive transit journey! Learn more at [sacrt.com/poetryday](https://sacrt.com/poetryday).

## Supporting Communities and Building Toward a Healthier Future

SacRT's partner UC Davis Health is proud to apply the expertise, discoveries and technology of a world-class university to advance health and well-being in our community. They are building new state-of-the-art facilities, remodeling existing spaces, and expanding into neighborhoods throughout the region to deliver the most advanced health care that is accessible by transit.

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Some of their campus growth and expansion includes the 48X outpatient surgery center, to expand capacity; the UC Davis Rehabilitation Hospital, to optimize recovery; and Aggie Square, an innovation hub that will be home to research programs, private industry partners, classrooms, student housing and public-facing programs that engage local communities and entrepreneurs.

From routine check-ups to the most complex challenges, UC Davis Health is ready to partner with you and your family in order to serve all of your health care needs. To learn more about UC Davis Health's services, visit [ChooseHealth.ucdavis.edu](https://ChooseHealth.ucdavis.edu).

## How to Use the Ramp on the New S700 Low-Floor Trains



For riders using mobility devices or needing to use the deployable ramp on the new S700 low-floor light rail vehicles, please follow these steps:

- **Press the Button:** When you approach the stopped train, press the blue button with the wheelchair icon located next to the door.
- **Wait for the Doors to Close:** After pressing the button, the doors will first close. This is normal and allows the ramp to deploy safely.
- **Ramp Will Deploy:** Once the doors are fully closed, the ramp will begin to deploy. Please wait for the ramp to extend. Once the ramp is fully deployed, the door will reopen for riders to board using the ramp.
- **Exiting the Train:** Once the doors are open and the ramp is fully deployed, please exit the train facing the doors, not backwards.

Learn more about how to ride the new S700 low-floor light rail trains at [sacrt.com/newtrains](https://sacrt.com/newtrains).