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Arriving Trains To	4:41 PM Scheduled
MEADOWVIEW	04:45 PM
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RT Electronic Message Signs Go Live

New electronic message signs have been installed and activated at key RT light rail stations to provide passengers the information they need to stay informed about their light rail commute.

Scheduled train arrival times are now being displayed on the signs, along with service disruption information and other RT messages. Real-time train arrival times will be displayed starting in late-spring using GPS to track the movements of RT vehicles.

RT is constantly working to upgrade its passenger experience and will use this new communication tool to further disseminate arrival information and keep passengers up-to-date when major service disruptions occur.

Installation of the electronic message signs has been completed at:

- Meadowview
- 16th Street
- 13th Street
- 8th and Capitol
- 7th and Capitol
- 7th and K
- Sacramento Valley Station
- Watt/I-80
- Mather Field/Mills

RT crews will install electronic message signs at an additional 13 stations.

Rider Alert

April Service Changes

Effective Sunday, April 3, 2011, RT will implement service changes. The schedule changes include the modification of the following routes:

Route 1: Greenback (Weekday Schedule Changes)

The schedule will be modified to reflect actual operating times on all trips that operate Monday through Friday from approximately 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Route 56: Pocket – C.R.C. (Weekday Schedule Changes)

The 7:29 p.m., 7:59 p.m., 8:29 p.m. and 8:59 p.m. trips departing Rush River Drive and Windbridge Drive will depart two minutes later at 7:31 p.m., 8:01 p.m., 8:31 p.m. and 9:01 p.m. These changes will improve bus and light rail connections. All times will shift accordingly.

Route 81: Florin – 65th Street (Weekday Schedule Change)

Due to low ridership, the 3:15 p.m. trip departing Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard will be discontinued. The 3:08 p.m. and 3:21 p.m. trips will continue to operate.

Next Stop News is produced monthly by the Sacramento Regional Transit District to keep passengers informed about current RT news and community events.

E-mail questions or comments about Next Stop News to nextstopnews@sact.com



Congratulations to the 2011 TransitAction Award Recipients

RT's TransitAction Awards honoring transit excellence were presented during the 3rd annual State of RT Breakfast held on April 1 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento. The award recipients were honored for their significant and positive impact on public transit in the Sacramento region.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Business of the Year
Siemens

Organization/Agency of the Year
California Transit Association

Transit Oriented Development of the Year
Alexan Midtown

Elected Official of the Year
Assemblymember Roger Dickinson

Individual/Transit Advocate of the Year
Victor Muro, RT Bus Operator

Ride RT to Festival de la Familia

Enjoy the 20th annual Sacramento Festival de la Familia celebration at Cal Expo (located at 1600 Exposition Boulevard) on Sunday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival features artists, food,

live entertainment and children's activities from more than 20 Latin countries. For event schedules and general admission information, call 916-359-0594 or visit www.festivaldelafamilia.org.

RT offers convenient bus service to Cal Expo on Routes 67 and 68. Buses will drop off and pick up passengers at the main gate (loop). For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Ride RT to the Earth Day Celebration

The City of Sacramento invites earth dwellers of all ages to attend the 2011 Earth Day Celebration. The event will take place on Thursday, April 21, at the City Hall Plaza located at 915 I Street, and Cesar Chavez Park located just across the street in downtown Sacramento.

The celebration kicks off with live entertainment at 9 a.m. followed by a myriad of fun festivities through 2 p.m. The "green" fun will include interactive activities, complete with clean air demonstrations, prizes and give-a-ways.

RT offers convenient bus service near City Hall Plaza and Cesar Chavez Park on Routes 30 and 31. Attendees can also take light rail to the St. Rose of Lima Park (9th & K) Station or the Cathedral Square (10th & K) Station and walk to the celebration. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Whether you take RT, ride your bike or walk – be green and celebrate Earth Day 2011. For more information about the event, call 916-808-6525 or visit www.cityofsacramento.org.

RT Offers More Options to Plan Your Trip

RT now offers two options to plan your transit trip when you visit www.sacrt.com – RT's Trip Planner and the recently added Google Maps Trip Planner.

Both online trip planners include step-by-step instructions on how to reach your destination using buses and light rail. The RT Trip Planner offers a greater number of trip options, and walking and transfer filters to help riders customize their trip. The Google Maps application complements RT's Trip Planner by including connection information to other transit providers for trips outside of RT's service area. In addition, Google Maps is able to distinguish complex address entries and, as the name suggests, includes maps to help visualize routes.

The RT Trip Planner and Google Maps applications can be accessed by selecting the "Online Trip Planner" icon near the top of RT's homepage. If you prefer more personalized assistance to plan your trip, please call 916-321-BUSS (2877) and an RT Customer Service Representative can assist you.

Weekly Farmers' Market at Sunrise Station

Purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables and other products at the year-round Certified Farmers' Market every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, in the Sunrise Station park-and-ride lot.

Light rail provides convenient service to the Sunrise Station on Saturdays. For more information about the farmers' market, call 916-688-0100 or visit www.california-grown.com. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.