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## Join the Great American River Clean-Up

AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION

Saturday, September 19 is the 25th anniversary of the Great American River Clean-Up and your help is needed to make it a success! The American River Parkway Foundation's goal is to care for 23 miles of the American River's foreshore between the Nimbus Fish Hatchery at Hazel Avenue and the confluence with the Sacramento River near Discovery Park.

Participation in the Great American River Clean-Up is a real contribution to the health of the Parkway and river. Removing trash and debris prevents pollutants from entering the watershed and harming the wildlife, and removing hazards for recreational users. Additionally, keeping the Parkway clean protects ocean life by preventing trash from being washed downstream during the winter rains.

To find a list of clean-up sites and how to volunteer, call the American River Parkway Foundation office at 916-486-2773 or visit www.arpf.org.

For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

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## Pre-Paid Ticket Exchange

In an effort to close the gap on a $9 million budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010, RT will implement fare changes effective Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

The RT Board of Directors approved increases to the Basic, Discount and Paratransit single fares; and the elimination of the Central City fares, Shuttle fares and transfers, which will require passengers to pay the Basic or Discount fare for each trip. There was no increase to the cost of the daily pass and monthly pass, which allow unlimited use on bus and light rail.

The elimination of the Lifetime Pass, which allows free fare for passengers age 75 and over, was approved; however, passengers who currently possess a Lifetime Pass will be allowed to continue to use the pass beyond September 1. All other seniors would be required to pay the Discount fare.

RT light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid $2.25 Basic single fare or $1.10 Discount single fare tickets (June 30, 2010 expiration date) on or after September 1, 2009.

- Light rail passengers must exchange pre-paid Basic single fare and Discount single fare tickets for new fare media.
- Bus passengers may continue to use pre-paid $2.25 Basic single fare and $1.10 Discount single fare tickets (June 30, 2010 expiration date) on buses by paying the additional fare.

Beginning Monday, August 24, 2009 through Saturday, October 31, 2009, customers can exchange pre-paid $2.25 Basic single fare and $1.10 Discount single fare tickets (June 30, 2010 expiration date) with additional payment at:

**RT Customer Service and Sales Center**
1225 R Street
(adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station)
Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed Sundays and most holidays

## New RT Fares
### Effective September 1, 2009

| Bus & Light Rail Fares | Current Fare | New Fare |
|---|---|---|
| Basic Fare | $2.25 | $2.50 |
| Discount Fare | $1.10 | $1.25 |
| Central City Zone/Shuttle Fare (The Neighborhood Ride) | $1.10 | Eliminated |
| Discount Central City Zone/Shuttle Fare (The Neighborhood Ride) | $0.55 | Eliminated |
| Transfer Fee | $0.50 | Eliminated |
| Discount Transfer Fee | $0.25 | Eliminated |
| Lifetime Pass | FREE | Eliminated |
| **Passes & Stickers** | | |
| Basic Daily Pass | $6.00 | No Change |
| Discount Daily Pass | $3.00 | No Change |
| Basic Monthly Pass | $100.00 | No Change |
| Basic Semi-Monthly Pass | $50.00 | No Change |
| Senior/Disabled Monthly Sticker | $50.00 | No Change |
| Senior/Disabled Semi-Monthly Sticker | $25.00 | No Change |
| Student Monthly Sticker | $50.00 | No Change |
| Student Semi-Monthly Sticker | $25.00 | No Change |
| **Ticket & Pass Booklets** | | |
| 10 Basic Fare Tickets | $22.50 | $25.00 |
| 10 Discount Fare Tickets | $11.00 | $12.50 |
| 10 Basic Daily Passes | $60.00 | No Change |
| 10 Discount Daily Passes | $30.00 | No Change |
| **Paratransit** | | |
| Basic Fare | $4.50 | $5.00 |
| Monthly Pass | $100.00 | $125.00 |

# Rider Alert

## September 2009 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, September 6, 2009, RT will implement service changes. The schedule changes include the modification of the following routes:

**Route 5: Meadowview - Valley Hi**
**(Sunday and Holiday Schedule Changes)**
Sunday and holiday service will be discontinued.

**Route 36: Folsom**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
The frequency on Route 36 will be adjusted to operate every 60 minutes.

**Route 37: Tahoe Park - 21st Ave.**
Route 37 will be discontinued.

**Route 63: 24th St. - Hogan - City College**
**(Weekday Route Changes)**
Service on Route 63 north of the 47th Avenue light station will be discontinued. Use light rail (Blue Line) to travel to Sacramento City College.

**Route 73: White Rock**
**(Saturday Schedule Changes)**
Saturday service will be discontinued.

**Route 75: Mather Field**
**(Saturday Schedule Changes)**
The 6:40 p.m. and 7:25 p.m. trips that leave the Mather Field/Mills light rail station on Saturdays will be discontinued. The last trip will depart from the Mather Field/Mills light rail station at 5:40 p.m.

**Route 83: 14th Ave.**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
Service frequency will be adjusted to operate every 60 minutes.

**Route 140: Ziggurat - Downtown**
Route 140 will be discontinued.

**Route 141: 3rd/16th Streets**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
Service will be adjusted to operate during peak hours only (6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.). Service will operate every 30 minutes.

**Route 142: 9th/10th Streets**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
Service will be adjusted to operate during peak hours only (6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.). Service will operate every 30 minutes.

**Route 210: La Riviera Dr.**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
The 2:28 p.m. trip departing N Street and Rodeo Drive will be adjusted to depart at 2:23 p.m. All times will shift accordingly.

**Route 211: College Greens**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
The 2:28 p.m. trip departing N Street and Rodeo Drive will be adjusted to depart at 2:23 p.m. All times will shift accordingly.

**Route 212: 14th Ave. - 21st Ave.**
**(Weekday Service Changes)**
One of the two trips leaving N Street and Rodeo Drive will be discontinued. The 2:28 p.m. trip departing N Street and Rodeo Drive will be adjusted to depart at 2:23 p.m. All times will shift accordingly. Route 212 will also be extended to serve Logan Street and Stallings Drive.

**Route 213: Fruitridge Rd. - Stockton Blvd.**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
The 7:35 a.m. trip departing 58th Street and 25th Avenue will be adjusted to depart at 7:44 a.m. The 2:28 p.m. trip departing N Street and Rodeo Drive will be adjusted to depart at 2:23 p.m. All times will shift accordingly.

**Route 214: Broadway - Stockton Blvd.**
**(Weekday Schedule Changes)**
The 2:28 p.m. trip departing N Street and Rodeo Drive will be adjusted to depart at 2:23 p.m. All times will shift accordingly.

**Route 249: Florin Rd. - 24th St.**
Route 249 will be discontinued.

**Route 261: La Riviera - Rosemont - Lincoln Village (Weekday Schedule Changes)**
The 7:04 a.m. trip from Routier Road and Rockingham Drive will arrive at 58th Street and 25th Avenue eight minutes earlier at 7:44 a.m.

# Ride RT to the California State Fair!

Times may be tough, but the California State Fair is offering you 18 days to let loose and be “Weird, Wild and Wacky!” from Friday, August 21 to Monday, September 7 (including Mondays and Labor Day).

With attractive new discounts, fun activities and entertainment, fairgoers can enjoy Northern California’s biggest party for hundreds of dollars less than a typical vacation.

Coupons valid for $2 off general admission to the 2009 California State Fair are available with purchase at RT's Customer Service and Sales Center, located at 1225 R Street, while supplies last.

RT bus routes 67 and 68 will drop off and pick up fairgoers at the Cal Expo main gate. Weekday, weekend and Labor Day buses operate on 15-minute intervals. Evening buses operate on 30-minute intervals (after 8 p.m.).

On weekends and Labor Day, RT also operates bus service from the Arden/Del Paso light station to the Cal Expo main gate every 15 minutes from 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. The last bus leaves Cal Expo for the Arden/Del Paso light rail station at 11:26 p.m.

For more information about the California State Fair, call 916-263-FAIR (3247) or visit www.bigfun.org.

Visit the Cal Expo Guest Services office to pick up an RT State Fair pocket timetable or visit www.sacrt.com for details.

# Back to School with RT

Beat the rush and get your RT Student photo ID card before the school year begins!

RT Student photo ID cards can be obtained at RT’s Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station). The cost is only $2 during the months of June, July and August ($3 after Monday, August 31). Students (age 5 to 18) must show proof of current school enrollment, or be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive an RT Student photo ID card.

By purchasing your RT Student photo ID card in advance, you can ride RT at the Discount rate all summer long. Monthly and semi-monthly student stickers (fare) can be purchased at retail outlets throughout the Sacramento region (stickers must be affixed to a valid RT Student photo ID card). Imagine all the places you can go … the movies, shopping and more!

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