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K Street Renovation to Begin

Starting this month, the City of Sacramento will break ground on the first phase of the K Street Streetscape project. The six-month undertaking, expected to be completed this fall, will give the 700 block of K Street and St. Rose of Lima Park a much needed facelift.

Costing nearly \$4 million, the project includes aesthetic improvements, a redesign of the St. Rose of Lima Park, and the relocation of RT's St. Rose of Lima Park light rail station (7th & K). The light rail station will be moved to the east side of 7th Street, between K and L streets. During construction, the St. Rose of Lima Park light rail station will remain open for passenger service. Pedestrian access may be detoured, please use caution.

For more information, contact Maurice Chaney, Media and Communications Specialist for the City of Sacramento, at 916-808-7948.

RT Riders Help the Community

Thank you to all who took the opportunity to support River City Community Services while onboard the Holiday Bus in November and December.

Your generous contributions of monetary and non-perishable items have been collected and are on their way to River City Community Services. Your donations will help numerous Sacramento-area families in need of emergency food and supplies.

For more information about River City Community Services, call 916-446-2627 or visit www.rivercitycommunityservices.org.

Capital City

BLACK EXPO '09

The Observer MEDIA GROUP
"The Era of Change Is Here"

FEBRUARY 27, 28 & MARCH 1, 2009
SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER



Ride RT to the Black Expo

"The Era of Change is Here" will be celebrated at the annual Capital City Black Expo. The Observer Media Group will host the three-day event at the Sacramento Convention Center located at 1400 J Street on Friday, February 27 through Sunday, March 1.

The annual event provides a great opportunity for the entire family to celebrate Black History Month. For exhibit hours and a schedule of events, please call 916-452-4781 or visit www.sacblackexpo.com.

Remember to stop by RT's booth and board the Transit Master Plan bus to participate in an interactive computer exercise that will shape the future of transit in the Sacramento region.

Don't forget to take RT to the Expo. RT offers convenient service to the Sacramento Convention Center on most downtown bus routes and light rail. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

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TransitAction Awards Open for Nominations

RT's TransitAction Awards honoring transit excellence will debut at the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce's 2009 State of RT Breakfast at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento on Thursday, March 19. The awards will recognize efforts in support of transit and will be presented to selected nominees that have made a significant and positive impact to public transit in the Sacramento region.

RT is calling for nominations for the TransitAction Awards in recognition of efforts made to advance public transit options in the Sacramento region. The TransitAction Awards are open to any individual, business, public agency or community group that has made a significant contribution in the area of public transit awareness.

Nominations can be submitted for the following four categories: Business/Organization/Agency of the Year; Transit Oriented Development of the Year; Elected Official of the Year; and Individual/Transit Advocate of the Year.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 17. For more information about the TransitAction Awards, visit www.sacrt.com.

Rider Alert

State Holiday Schedule

RT will operate on a weekday schedule for the following State observed holidays:

Thursday, February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 16 - Presidents Day

Trips marked with an "H" will not operate.

Watt Avenue Bridge In Service

Construction of the Watt Avenue light rail bridge is complete. The new bridge that opened on February 2 will eliminate crossing delays for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians by routing light rail trains over Watt Avenue. Other benefits include improved road safety, increased traffic capacity to ease congestion and delays, and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities. For up-to-date Rider Alert information regarding the changeover, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Station Beautification Project

Construction has begun on the Alkali Flat/La Valentina Light Rail Station Beautification Project. Beautification improvements will include ornamental street light fixtures, platform lighting, iron benches and the repainting of existing metal structures and railings. The Alkali Flat/La Valentina Station will remain open as the work is performed over the next five months. The project is scheduled to be completed in May 2009.

Ride RT to the 2009 Amgen Tour of California

The 2009 Amgen Tour of California, the largest cycling event in America, is a Tour de France-style cycling road race that will challenge the world's top professional cycling teams as they compete along a demanding 750-mile course over nine days. This high-speed race begins in Sacramento on Saturday, February 14 and ends in Escondido on Sunday, February 22. Cycling champion Lance Armstrong will ride out of retirement to start in his first road race on American soil for this exciting event.

Avoid traffic congestion and parking hassles. Take RT to the event. The Amgen Tour prologue will take place near the north steps of the State Capitol at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Large crowds and street closures in the downtown area will cause service disruptions on the RT bus and light rail system.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (possibly later) on Saturday, February 14, light rail trains will not operate on the Blue Line between the 16th Street and Alkali Flat/La Valentina light rail stations, and on the Gold Line between the 16th Street and Sacramento Valley Station light rail stations. Passengers will need to transfer to shuttle buses.

From 8 p.m. on Friday, February 13 to approximately 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, Bus Routes 30, 38 and 62 will be detoured in the downtown area. From 8 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, Bus Routes 6, 15, 30, 34, 38, 51, 86, 88 and 143 will be detoured in the downtown area.

For up-to-date Rider Alert information regarding service disruptions, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com. For race information, visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.