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## Public Open House

On Wednesday, March 11, RT will host a public open house to discuss the first segment of the Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) light rail extension and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The open house will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the west end of the Sacramento Valley Station (Amtrak Depot) at 5th and H streets.

The open house will include a presentation on the DNA project and the Draft EIR at 6 p.m., followed by a question and answer period. Verbal comments will be documented by a court reporter and attendees may also submit written comments. Comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted during a 45-day review period that will end on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 5 p.m.

This first segment, known as Minimum Operable Segment-1 (MOS-1), will connect with existing light rail tracks downtown and operate as an independent 2.2-mile line from Richards Boulevard to RT's existing 13th Street light rail station located between Q and R streets.

For more information on MOS-1 and for a copy of the Draft EIR, visit [www.sacrt.com/dna](http://www.sacrt.com/dna). To be added to the project mailing list, please send an e-mail to [dna@thehoytco.com](mailto:dna@thehoytco.com).

## Ride RT to the Green California Summit and Exposition

The Green California Summit and Exposition will be exploring green solutions for tough economic times from Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 18 at the Sacramento Convention Center located at 1400 J Street. The featured speaker will be Michael T. Eckhart, founding president and member of the American Council on Renewable Energy's board of directors.

Discover hundreds of green products and services all in one place during the exposition. Talk to experts and get intensive, hands-on education regarding green technologies.

The expo is open on Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the summit and exposition is free to registered attendees. For more information about the event, visit [www.green-technology.org](http://www.green-technology.org).

Be green and ride RT to the Green California Summit and Exposition. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com).

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## Ride RT to the 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Enjoy the luck of the Irish, at least for a day! On Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m., Old Sacramento will come alive with the wearing of the green for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This year's parade will feature Irish dancers and costumed marchers, school bands, floats, military regiments, police and fire department representatives, and other cultural programs.

The parade is an alcohol-free, family event that celebrates the diversity and richness of the Sacramento community. This annual event is a source of pride and enjoyment for all area residents. Several thousand people line the streets to enjoy the festivities.

For details about the parade route and more information, visit [www.oldsacramento.com](http://www.oldsacramento.com).

Take RT to Old Sacramento! For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com).



## New RT Bus and Light Rail Timetable Book!

RT's new Bus and Light Rail Timetable Book and updated System Map, effective Sunday, January 4, 2009, is available for purchase at RT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station). The new book costs \$2 and the System Map costs 25 cents.

**TransitAction**  
Regional Transit Excellence Awards



## State of RT Breakfast and TransitAction Awards

On Thursday, March 19, at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento, RT and the Sacramento Metro Chamber are co-hosting the first-ever State of RT Breakfast. This is your chance to hear directly from Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, about RT's vision for transit in the Sacramento region over the next 30 years, and how you can help make it a reality. The program will highlight RT's Transit Master Plan and features Christopher B. Leinberger, nationally renowned metropolitan land strategist and developer, as the keynote speaker.

RT's TransitAction Awards ceremony honoring transit excellence will debut at the State of RT Breakfast. The awards recognize efforts in support of transit and will be presented to selected nominees that have made a significant and positive impact to public transit.

Public transit is an important part of planning and maintaining viable transportation options. In Sacramento, transit helps revitalize business districts, allows employers to tap into larger workforces, builds economic revenues and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions that damage the environment. On an individual level, transit saves money and provides people with mobility options, freedom and opportunities.

Don't miss this memorable and educational event. For ticket information, visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com) and click on the TransitAction Awards icon or visit the Sacramento Metro Chamber's Web site at [www.metrochamber.org](http://www.metrochamber.org).

## Rider Alert

### April 2009 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, April 5, 2009, RT will implement service changes. The schedule changes include the modification of the following route:

#### **Route 56: Pocket - Cosumnes River College (Weekday Schedule Changes)**

Additional operating time will be added to certain trips. Trip start times may be adjusted. These changes will improve on-time performance.

*Pick up a new pocket timetable for details.*

## Ride RT to the Cesar E. Chavez March

Celebrate Cesar Chavez's life and legacy by participating the 9th Annual Cesar Chavez March in downtown Sacramento. The march will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. Marchers will start from Southside Park at 6th and T streets and finish at Cesar Chavez Park at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Cesar Chavez was a labor activist and leader of the United Farm Workers. He was a leading voice for migrant farm workers. His tireless leadership focused national attention on farm laborers' working conditions, which eventually led to improvements.

Ride RT to the Cesar E. Chavez March. For more information about the event and how to request a complimentary RT pass, call 916-446-3021.