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Ride RT to the Pacific Rim Street Fest

Since 1993, the annual Pacific Rim Street Fest has demonstrated the richness and diversity of the many Asian and Pacific Island cultures. Sunday, May 23 will be no exception when guests will once again line the streets of Old Sacramento from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enjoy daylong cultural programs, live entertainment, vendor booths, art exhibits and delicious food.

Old Sacramento will be closed to vehicle traffic on May 23, so avoid parking hassles and take RT to the event. Convenient light rail service to the Sacramento Valley Station/Amtrak Depot is just steps from Old Sacramento. Ride light rail to the Sacramento Valley Station light rail station, exit the train, follow the walkway west (toward Interstate 5), look for the “Welcome to Old Sacramento” arch and continue to follow the path under the freeway toward the California State Railroad Museum.

Admission to the festival is free. For more information about the Pacific Rim Street Fest, call 916-451-6200 or visit www.pacificrimstreetfest.com. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

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Breathe California Honors 2010 Clean Air Champions

Congratulations to the 2010 Clean Air Champions! The following award winners are being honored for their outstanding efforts to clean our air. They go above and beyond to make the Sacramento region a better place to live and breathe.

Business Award: Ceronix, Inc.; **Individual Award:** John Mott-Smith; **Government Award:** Hornet Express Shuttle Program; **Regional Award:** California Department of Transportation Division of Rail; **Smart Growth Award:** Citrus Heights Community Center; **Youth Leadership Award:** Club Rescue; and **Special Lifetime Achievement Award:** Jane Hagedorn

All award winners will be honored during the 34th annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, May 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the California State University, Sacramento Union Ballroom. For ticket information, visit www.sacbreathes.org.

RT provides bus service to California State University, Sacramento via Routes 30, 31, 34, 82 or 87. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Pre-Paid Ticket and Pass Exchange (June 1 – August 31)

Effective June 30, 2010, RT buses and light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid tickets and passes with a June 30, 2010 expiration date. During a three-month period beginning June 1, customers may exchange Basic and Discount single fare tickets or daily passes for new fare media (December 31, 2011 expiration date). RT fares will remain the same.

RT will conduct even exchanges of fare media (June 30, 2010 expiration date) from June 1 – August 31 at:

RT Customer Service and Sales Center
1225 R Street
(adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station)
Weekdays – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed weekends and most holidays.

Amgen Tour of California

The 2010 Amgen Tour of California, the largest cycling event in North America, will once again speed through the streets of Sacramento on Sunday, May 16. Cyclists will begin Stage 1 in Nevada City at 11:45 a.m. and ride 104.2 miles south via Highway 49 through El Dorado County and travel west along Jackson Road to the State Capitol building where Stage 1 will finish with three blistering fast circuits around the State Capitol.

Large crowds and street closures in the downtown area may cause bus service disruptions. For Rider Alert information regarding disruptions, visit www.sacrt.com and click on the “Rider Alert” link.

Visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com for details.

Rider Alert

June 2010 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, June 20, 2010, RT will implement major service changes in response to an estimated \$25 million budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011. The approved service changes are expected to produce an estimated net savings of \$11.7 million in Fiscal Year 2011.

Discontinued Routes

Weekdays: 4, 8, 9, 10, 18, 20, 36, 50E, 63, 73, 83, 89, 94, 95, 100, 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 141, 142, 200, 201, 210, 226, 251 and 261

Saturdays: 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 24, 28, 54, 61, 65, 74 and 143

Sundays: 8, 13, 14 and 22

Discontinued Service After 9 p.m.

Weekdays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 30, 38, 51, 56, 61, 62, 67, 68, 72, 80, 81, 82, 86, 87, 88 and 93

Saturdays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 15, 21, 22, 23, 30, 51, 56, 67, 68, 81 and 88

Sundays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 15, 21, 51, 56, 67, 68, 81 and 88

Service Frequency Changes

Weekdays: 1, 2, 6, 34, 38 and 61

Saturdays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 30, 51 and 81

Sundays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 23, 30, 56 and 81

Minor Schedule Changes

Weekdays: 74 and 75

Saturdays: 55

Route Change

Weekdays: 28

Visit www.sacrt.com for details. New pocket timetables will be available in May.



Green Line to the River District Open House

On Thursday, May 6, RT will host an open house to update the public on the status of the Green Line to the River District light rail extension project. The open house will be held in the Sacramento City Hall foyer, located at 915 I Street from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to review display boards and the construction schedule, and ask questions about the project.

The Green Line to the River District is the first phase of the Green Line to the Airport light rail extension project. This first phase will extend light rail 1.1 miles north to 7th Street and Richards Boulevard at the Township 9 development, connecting downtown Sacramento to the River District.

To receive updates or to be added to the project mailing list, please call the Project Update Line at 916-930-1192 or send an e-mail to Jo Noble at jnoble@sacrt.com.

RT Basic Monthly Pass Now Available Online

RT is making it easier than ever to purchase a \$100 Basic monthly pass. No need to drive to a sales outlet or stand in line at RT's Customer Service and Sales Center to purchase a Basic monthly pass. Now customers can conveniently order online from the comfort of home, work or anywhere there's an Internet connection.

To get started, visit www.sacrt.com and click on the "Monthly Pass" link. Basic monthly passes are available for purchase beginning the 20th day of the previous month. Orders usually ship first-class mail on the next business day. A shipping and handling charge will apply to online purchases.

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

May is Bike Month

On Thursday, May 20, the Sacramento region will celebrate Bike to Work Day. Ride to the west steps of the State Capitol and enjoy an afternoon of bike festivities during the Capitol BikeFest from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Bike to Work Day event will feature live music, prize drawings and exhibitor booths.

Residents of the Sacramento region are encouraged to trade driving for bicycling when traveling to work, running errands or enjoying leisure time.

The goal is to collectively travel over one million miles by bicycle during the month of May. For more information about May is Bike Month and how to log your miles, visit www.bikecommutemonth.com.

RT Launches NextTrip Automated Schedules

On Monday, May 3, RT will launch NextTrip – a new automated bus schedule system – providing customers with an additional communication tool to quickly access schedule information using a touch-tone phone.

Simply call 916-321-BUSS (2877) and enter your bus route and four-digit stop identification number when prompted. Stop identification numbers are displayed at every RT bus stop throughout the system. An announcement of when the next three buses are scheduled to arrive will follow without needing to wait for the next available Customer Service Representative. In addition, the NextTrip system allows customers to check bus schedules for different times and dates.

Getting schedule information has never been easier! Try it today by calling 916-321-BUSS (2877) and selecting the NextTrip system.

National Train Day

All aboard for National Train Day! The 3rd annual celebration will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento – just a few steps from where the groundbreaking of the western end of the First Transcontinental Railroad took place in 1863.

Make it a full day of train activities by starting the celebration with a ride on light rail to the downtown Sacramento events. RT offers convenient light rail service to the Sacramento Valley Station/Amtrak Depot.

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