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On Thursday, May 19, the Sacramento region will celebrate Bike to Work Day, the signature event of May is Bike Month. 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.






During Bike Month, Sacramento residents are encouraged to trade driving for bicycling when traveling to work, running errands or enjoying leisure time. Biking enhances health, reduces pollution and is a lot more fun than driving.

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.mayisbikemonth.com.

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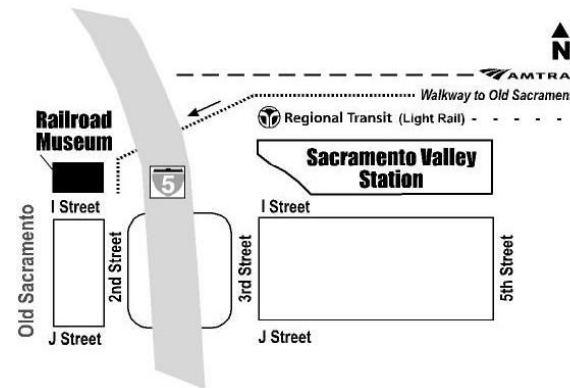
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Ride RT to the Pacific Rim Street Fest

The 19th annual Pacific Rim Street Fest celebrates the richness and diversity of many Pacific Rim cultures in a fun and positive environment. On Sunday, May 22, guests will fill the streets of Old Sacramento from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enjoy cultural programs, live entertainment, vendor booths, art and food.

Old Sacramento will be closed to vehicle traffic on May 22, 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, 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 to the California State Railroad Museum.

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



Memories and Magic at the County Fair

The 2011 Sacramento County Fair will celebrate 75 years of fair “Memories and Magic” at Cal Expo on Thursday, May 26 through Monday, May 30.

Carnival rides, food, animals, live entertainment, shopping and the popular demolition derby will keep guests entertained for hours. General admission is \$5. Seniors and children age 12 and under are free. For more information about the fair, visit www.sacfair.com

Ride RT to the Sacramento County Fair. Routes 67 and 68 conveniently serve the Cal Expo main gate (loop) bus stop. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Amgen Tour of California

The world’s top professional cycling teams will return to Sacramento this month for the 2011 Amgen Tour of California. On Monday, May 16, riders will begin the tour’s second stage in Truckee, climb over Donner Pass and descend more than 7,000 feet from the Sierras into the valley. A fast-paced ride through the suburbs of Sacramento is next, culminating with two circuit laps near the State Capitol, ending at approximately 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Large crowds and street closures in the downtown area may cause service disruptions. For rider alert information regarding disruptions, visit www.sacrt.com and click on the “RT Alert” link at the top of the page.

Visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com, for race details.



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Rider Alert

Green Line Construction Impacts Three Light Rail Stations

Friday, May 13 — Monday, May 16

During the weekend of May 13, 2011, RT will temporarily close three Gold Line light rail stations to perform construction work for the Green Line to the River District light rail extension.

In order to minimize disruptions for passengers and surrounding businesses in downtown Sacramento, construction will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13 and continue until 4 a.m. on Monday, May 16. This work will require the closure of the 8th & K, Sacramento Valley Station and 7th & I/County Center light rail stations.

As an alternative, shuttle buses will transport Gold Line passengers to and from the Sacramento Valley Station, and will serve bus stops at 7th and K streets, and 8th and K streets.

During construction, Gold Line light rail trains will continue to serve the 8th & Capitol Station. Trains will continue north to temporarily serve the St. Rose of Lima Park (9th & K) Station, return to the St. Rose of Lima Park (7th & K) Station, and then resume regular service.

In addition, street closures will take place at the intersections of 7th and H streets, and 8th and H streets:

6 p.m. on Friday, May 13 through 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14:

- Eastbound H Street between 6th Street and 9th Street
- Southbound 7th Street between F Street and I Street
- Northbound 8th Street between I Street and G Street

8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 through 6 a.m. on Monday, May 16:

- Eastbound H Street between 7th Street and 9th Street
- Northbound 8th Street between I Street and G Street

This will be the second of three scheduled weekend closures affecting the 8th & K, Sacramento Valley Station and 7th & I/County Center light rail stations in the coming months.

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

For more information about the Green Line to the River District, call 916-930-1192. To sign up for Green Line to the River District construction alerts, email Jo Noble at jnoble@sacrt.com.

Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis

Join in the fight against Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by participating in the Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis fundraising walk and

festival on Saturday, May 14 at the State Capitol. The event is designed to raise awareness of these painful and unpredictable diseases, and to help fund crucial research searching for a cure.

Registration is now open for the one-mile evening walk that begins at 6:30 p.m. The festival, which includes music, food and a special kids zone, will take place on the north steps of the State Capitol from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about the walk, please visit www.cctakesteps.org/sacramento or call 646-808-4608.

RT provides convenient bus and light rail service to downtown Sacramento. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Ride RT to Celebrate Sacramento

Connect with members of your community and celebrate the richness and diversity that makes Sacramento a special place to live and work during the inaugural Celebrate Sacramento festival.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at Discovery Park located at 221 Jibboom Street. The afternoon will feature live music, arts and crafts, local cuisine, kids activities and more. Don't forget to stop by RT's booth.

Routes 15 and 86 offer convenient bus service to Discovery Park. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

Visit www.celebratesacramentofestivals.org for more information.



Breathe California Honors 2011 Clean Air Champions

Congratulations to the 2011 Clean Air Champions! The following award recipients 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: California Northern Railroad Company

Citizen Group Award: North Natomas Transportation Management Association

Government Award: City of Sacramento Fleet

Regional Award: Cleaner Air Partnership

Smart Growth Award: Sacramento R Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge

The award recipients will be honored at the 35th annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 20 at the Sacramento State Ballroom in the University Union. The luncheon takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For ticket information, visit www.sacbreathe.org. For more information, call 916-444-5900, ext. 215.

RT provides bus service to Sacramento State via Routes 30, 31, 34, 82, 87 and light rail service to University/65th Street Station. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.