

# NEXT STOP NEWS

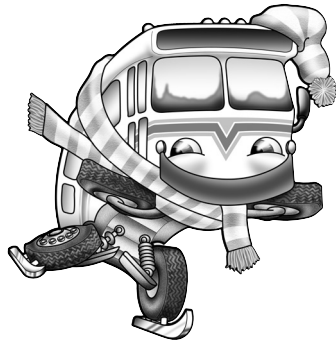


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## RT Ride & Glide

RT passengers, it's time to lace up your skates and glide around Sacramento's only outdoor ice skating rink at the Westfield Downtown Plaza Ice Rink. Show your valid RT ticket or pass as proof of travel on RT\* at the ice rink kiosk on Sunday, November 16, 2008, and receive a free skate rental.




Weather permitting, the ice rink will be open daily from Friday, November 7, 2008 until Monday, January 19, 2009. General admission for each two-hour session is \$6, and just \$2 to rent skates. Only cash is accepted, so plan ahead. For more information, visit [www.downtownsac.org/icerink](http://www.downtownsac.org/icerink).

Save money and avoid parking hassles by taking RT to the Westfield Downtown Plaza Ice Rink at 7th and K streets all season long. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com).

\*Tickets, passes and transfers must be valid on Sunday, November 16, 2008, and an RT monthly pass must be valid during the month of November 2008. Limit one session per person.

*Next Stop News is produced monthly by the Sacramento Regional Transit District to keep passengers informed about current RT news and community events.*

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## RT Board Approves Fare Increase Effective January 1, 2009

In response to an \$18.3 million loss in state funds for Fiscal Year 2009, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) Board of Directors recently approved a staff recommendation to increase bus, light rail and complementary paratransit fares effective Thursday, January 1, 2009.

The new fares will increase the Basic fare by 25 cents (to \$2.25), the Basic daily pass by \$1 (to \$6) and the Basic monthly pass by \$15 (to \$100). Discount fares will increase accordingly.

The fare for complementary paratransit services operated by Paratransit, Inc. will increase by 50 cents (to \$4.50). The Paratransit monthly pass price will not increase and will remain at \$100.

Due to the fare increase, RT light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid passes and tickets displaying 2008 pricing (June 30, 2010 expiration date) on or after January 1, 2009. Light rail passengers must exchange these Basic and Discount daily passes or single-ride tickets for new fare media. Bus passengers may continue to use pre-paid passes and tickets displaying 2008 pricing (June 30, 2010 expiration date) on buses only by paying the additional fare.

Beginning Monday, December 15, 2008, RT will conduct exchanges of fare media (June 30, 2010 expiration date only) with additional payment at RT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station) in downtown

Sacramento. The Sales Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (closed Sundays and most holidays).

The Board of Directors also approved the elimination of the Paratransit Group Pass effective Monday, December 1, 2008. Passengers who qualify for complementary paratransit demand-response service and possess a Paratransit, Inc. photo ID card will no longer be able to ride the RT bus and light rail system free of charge. Paratransit-eligible passengers may apply for an RT Discount photo ID card or provide other accepted proof of disability to ride at the Discount fare.

Other actions taken by the Board of Directors include reducing expenditures by \$2 million, budgeting for increased fare revenue due to increased ridership and fare adjustments, and increasing revenue from other sources.

"We did everything we could to avoid cutting service and increasing fares. Although service reductions were avoided, RT was forced to raise fares. RT could not absorb an \$18.3 million raid by the state of California without asking our riders to pay more," Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, stated.

For route, schedule and fare information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com).

*See Fare Chart on next page.*

# Fare Chart

Bus & Light Rail Fares	Current Fare	New Fare
Basic Fare	\$2.00	\$2.25
Discount Fare	\$1.00	\$1.10
Central City Zone/Shuttle Fare (The Neighborhood Ride)	\$1.00	\$1.10
Discount Central City Zone/Shuttle Fare (The Neighborhood Ride)	\$0.50	\$0.55
Transfer Fee	\$0.25	\$0.50
Discount Transfer Fee	\$0.10	\$0.25
Route Deviation Fee	\$1.00	\$1.10
Passes & Stickers	Current Fare	New Fare
Basic Daily Pass	\$5.00	\$6.00
Discount Daily Pass	\$2.50	\$3.00
Basic Monthly Pass	\$85.00	\$100.00
Basic Semi-Monthly Pass	\$42.50	\$50.00
Senior/Disabled Monthly Sticker	\$42.50	\$50.00
Senior/Disabled Semi-Monthly Sticker	\$21.25	\$25.00
Student Monthly Sticker	\$42.50	\$50.00
Student Semi-Monthly Sticker	\$21.25	\$25.00
Tickets & Pass Booklets	Current Fare	New Fare
10 Basic Fare Tickets	\$20.00	\$22.50
10 Discount Fare Tickets	\$10.00	\$11.00
10 Basic Daily Passes	\$50.00	\$60.00
10 Discount Daily Passes	\$25.00	\$30.00
Paratransit	Current Fare	New Fare
Basic Fare	\$4.00	\$4.50
Monthly Pass	\$100.00	\$100.00

## Rider Alert

### January 2009 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, January 4, 2009, RT will implement service changes. The schedule changes include the modification of the following routes:

#### Route 19: Rio Linda (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.

#### Route 80: Watt - Elkhorn (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.

#### Route 84: Watt - North Highlands (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.

#### Route 228: Gloria Drive - Rush River Drive (Weekday Route Change)

Route 228 will be extended to serve Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive. All times will remain the same. Bus service will continue to operate along Rush River Drive to Greenhaven Drive ending at Florin Road.

*Pick up a new pocket timetable for details.*

## Ride Free on the RT Holiday Bus

As a thank you to riders and wishes for a happy holiday season, RT invites you to take a free ride on the RT Holiday Bus. Hand-painted by RT employees and their families, the colorful 40-foot Holiday Bus will be easy to spot as it travels on different routes throughout the Sacramento region spreading cheer Monday, December 1, 2008 through Sunday, January 4, 2009.

In keeping with the "season of giving," passengers will have the opportunity to deposit a donation in the farebox (cash or checks accepted), and/or place non-perishable food items (such as canned goods, peanut butter, etc.) in RT's special donation box. All donations will directly benefit River City Community Services, a non-profit organization that provides emergency food and housing assistance to nearly 30,000 clients in Sacramento County annually.

For more information about River City Community Services, please call 916-446-2627 or visit [www.rivercitycommunityservices.org](http://www.rivercitycommunityservices.org).

View the schedule to find out when the Holiday Bus will be coming to a neighborhood near you!

### 2008 Holiday Bus Schedule

Date	Day	Route
Dec. 1	Mon	1
Dec. 2	Tues	2
Dec. 3	Wed	4
Dec. 4	Thurs	5
Dec. 5	Fri	6
Dec. 6	Sat	93
Dec. 7	Sun	88
Dec. 8	Mon	8
Dec. 9	Tues	11
Dec. 10	Wed	13, 14, 88
Dec. 11	Thurs	15
Dec. 12	Fri	19
Dec. 13	Sat	38, 86, 87
Dec. 14	Sun	82
Dec. 15	Mon	20, 22, 23
Dec. 16	Tues	21
Dec. 17	Wed	24, 25
Dec. 18	Thurs	26
Dec. 19	Fri	28
Dec. 20	Sat	81
Dec. 21	Sun	67, 68
Dec. 22	Mon	30, 31
Dec. 23	Tues	34
Dec. 24	Wed	36
Dec. 25	Thurs	56
Dec. 26	Fri	54, 65
Dec. 27	Sat	80, 84
Dec. 28	Sun	72, 75
Dec. 29	Mon	61
Dec. 30	Tues	62
Dec. 31	Wed	63
Jan. 1	Thurs	51
Jan. 2	Fri	83
Jan. 3	Sat	72, 73, 74, 75
Jan. 4	Sun	55