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Ride RT to the Carnival




RT passengers, experience a new event in downtown Sacramento this holiday season! The holiday Carnival at St. Rose is a five-week event that will transform St. Rose of Lima Park into a festive, winter carnival with classic carnival and arcade games, a Ferris wheel, holiday activities and carnival food vendors all in the heart of downtown. Enjoy the carnival and a dazzling display of decorative lighting, reminiscent of the historic Grand Electric Carnival of 1895.

The Carnival at St. Rose will be open daily from noon until 8 p.m. from November 27, 2009, through January 3, 2010. Admission for a two-hour session of unlimited carnival play is \$6 for kids and seniors, and \$7 for adults. Group discounts are available with advance reservations. For more information, call 916-442-8575 or visit www.downtownsac.org/carnival.

Save money and avoid parking hassles by taking light rail. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacr.com.

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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 Tuesday, December 1, 2009, through Sunday, January 3, 2010.

In keeping with the "season of giving," passengers will have the opportunity to deposit a cash 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 Food Bank, a non-profit organization that provides emergency food and housing assistance to over 36,000 clients in Sacramento County annually.

For more information about River City Food Bank, please call 916-446-2627 or visit www.rivercityfoodbank.org.

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

Holiday Bus Schedule

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

Rider Alert

January 2010 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, January 3, 2010, RT will implement service changes. The schedule changes include the modification of the following routes:

Route 14: Norwood (Weekday Service Changes)

The 6:58 a.m. trip departing the Arden/Del Paso light rail station and the 3:44 p.m. trip departing Truxel Road and Gateway Park Boulevard will be extended to serve PRIDE Industries at National Drive and Lennane Drive.

Route 75: Mather Field (Weekday Schedule Changes)

All trips on Route 75 will arrive and depart the Mather Field/Mills light rail station three minutes earlier. This change will improve bus and light rail connections.

Route 81: Florin – 65th St. (Saturday Schedule Changes)

The 12:43 p.m. trip departing Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard will be adjusted to depart 10 minutes later at 12:53 p.m. The 12:39 p.m. trip departing Florin Mall will depart five minutes later at 12:44 p.m. The 6:05 p.m. trip departing the University/65th Street light rail station will depart five minutes earlier at 6 p.m. All times will shift accordingly. The 6:14 p.m. trip leaving Florin Mall will be discontinued.

Route 83: 14th Ave. (Weekday Service Changes)

Due to low ridership, peak hour service to and from 24th Street and Castro Way will be discontinued. Passengers can take Route 141.

Route 93: Hillsdale (Weekend Schedule Changes)

The schedule was modified to reflect actual weekend operating time.

Route 141: 3rd/16th Streets (Weekday Service Changes)

The 7:07 a.m. trip departing Front Street will be extended to serve 24th Street and Castro Way. The 5:22 p.m. trip departing 18th Street and W/X streets has been extended to begin at 24th Street and Castro Way four minutes earlier at 5:18 p.m. The 7:35 a.m. trip departing 15th and R streets and the 5:15 p.m. trip departing 24th Street and Castro Way will be discontinued.

New pocket schedules will be available in December. Visit RT's Web site at www.sacrt.com for details.

Run for a Safe Haven

Support My Sister's House and the goal of "working toward homes without violence and lives without fear" by participating in the 6th annual Run for a Safe Haven 5K Run/Walk. The start time is 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Participants will start and finish the race at William Land Park in Sacramento.

Domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women age 15 to 44 in the United States – more than many other crimes combined. My Sister's House is the first non-profit organization to specifically identify and address the unique needs of women and children impacted by domestic violence in the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian and Pacific Islander community.

For event registration, call 916-868-7820 or visit www.my-sisters-house.org. The 24/7 multi-lingual help (crisis) line is 916-428-3271.

Take Route 6 or 62 to the race. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.



Park-Pay-and-Ride

Effective Friday, January 1, 2010, RT will implement a parking fee at three park-and-ride lots.

Stations

RT will charge a parking fee at the following light rail station park-and-ride lots:




- Watt/I-80 (243 spaces)
- Watt/I-80 West (248 spaces)
- Roseville Road (1,087 spaces)

How to Pay

• Daily Parking Fee: \$1

Parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You may pay each day either by cash (exact change is required), credit card or debit card.

RT has made paying to park as easy as 1-2-3 ...

1.  **Park** your car and make note of your parking stall number
2.  **Pay** at the parking machine kiosk located near the station platform (you will be prompted to enter your parking stall number) or by mobile phone
3.  **Ride** light rail to your destination

• Monthly Parking Pass: \$15

Purchase your monthly parking pass online at www.sacrt.com, at RT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station) or at key sales outlets. Monthly parking passes will go on sale beginning Thursday, December 10.

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Customer Assistance Program

RT staff will be available at all three park-pay-and-ride lots from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. to assist you with the new parking machines, answer questions and sell monthly parking passes on the following dates:

- **Monday, December 14:** Watt/I-80
- **Tuesday, December 15:** Watt/I-80 West
- **Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17:** Roseville Road
- **Monday, January 4 through Thursday, January 7:** Watt/I-80, Watt/I-80 West and Roseville Road

For more information, visit www.sacrt.com.



Get Answers! Transit Talk with the General Manager

Friday, November 6 from Noon to 1 p.m.

How does RT have the money to continue system expansion while cutting costs and raising fares to keep service intact? When does RT plan to begin construction on the Downtown Natomas Airport – Green Line extension project? With the new fares implemented in September, has RT seen an increase in revenue?

Have you ever asked yourself one of these questions? If so, get the answers from Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, by logging on to RT's monthly online chat "Transit Talk with the General Manager" at www.sacrt.com on Friday, November 6, from noon to 1 p.m.

No registration is required to participate and questions will be accepted two hours before the session, up to the conclusion of the chat. For more information and instructions, visit www.sacrt.com and click on the "Transit Talk" icon.