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The RT Board of Directors conditionally approved a fare increase at the conclusion of the RT public hearing held on Monday, August 25, 2008. The Board of Directors also conditionally approved various re-balancing strategies, in response to an expected \$18 million loss in state funds for Fiscal Year 2009. The final outcome of the state budget, which has yet to be passed, will determine if and when re-balancing strategies would be implemented.

The Board of Directors conditionally approved a fare increase effective January 1, 2009, but may elect to charge the new fares as soon as November 1, 2008. If the loss of state funds exceeds \$6.8 million of the expected \$11.3 million shortfall, RT staff will return to the Board to seek approval to amend the RT fare policy.

The Basic fare would increase by 25 cents (\$2.25), the Basic daily pass would increase by \$1 (\$6) and the Basic monthly pass would increase by \$15 (\$100). See the table on the next page for details.

The Board of Directors also conditionally approved the elimination of the Paratransit Group Pass effective November 1, 2008. If the severity of the loss of state funds prompts this action, 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, but can pay the Discount fare.

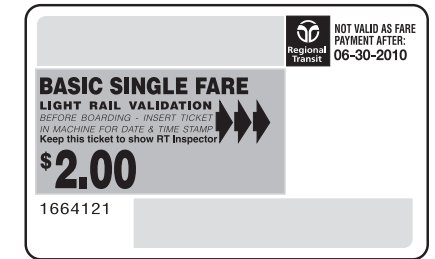
Additional re-balancing strategies accepted by the Board of Directors include adjustments to fare revenue projections, reduced

staffing levels and a hiring freeze of non-critical positions. An increase in pension amortization levels to 30 years and renegotiation of transfer agreements with connecting transit agencies would require further action by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors did not approve RT staff recommendations to reduce bus service, implement a parking fee at park-and-ride lots, or increase the cost of the Paratransit monthly pass. RT staff will need to explore additional cost-cutting measures and revenue generating opportunities to balance the remaining \$2 million shortfall.

Cash Fares	Current Fare	Recommended
Basic	\$2.00	\$2.25
Discount	\$1.00	\$1.10
Basic Central City Zone/Shuttle (The Neighborhood Ride)	\$1.00	\$1.10
Discount Central City Zone/Shuttle (The Neighborhood Ride)	\$0.50	\$0.55
Basic Transfer	\$0.25	\$0.50
Discount Transfer	\$0.10	\$0.25
Passes & Stickers	Current Fare	Recommended
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

Pre-Paid Pass and Ticket Exchange (August 1 - September 30)



Effective Monday, September 1, 2008, RT buses and light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid passes and tickets with an August 31, 2008 expiration date.

RT is conducting even exchanges of fare media (August 31, 2008 expiration date only) through September 30. Passengers may exchange Basic and Discount daily passes or single-ride tickets with this expiration date for new fare media of the same value.

Customers can exchange pre-paid passes and tickets at:

RT Customer and Service Sales Center
1225 R Street
(adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station)
Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed Sundays and most holidays

Expiration dates on pre-paid passes and tickets allow RT to plan for future fare changes and remove outdated fare media from circulation. The new fare media will be valid until June 30, 2010, unless a fare change occurs prior to this date.

Be A Fan, Sacramento!



Special Olympics
Northern California

Join RT and support Special Olympics Northern California during a fun-filled day celebrating friendship and unity. On Saturday, September 27, the "Be A Fan, Sacramento!" event will combine the popular Great Sacramento Duck Race with an exciting Fun Run and Walk (formerly known as the Walk for the Gold) and an absolutely delicious Tasting Tour of Old Sacramento.

Enjoy the new race route through Old Sacramento. This year's 5K and 10K walkers and runners will participate side by side with local Special Olympics athletes vying for advancement to the 2008 Long Distance Running/Walking Championship this fall. Participants will receive an official "fan" T-shirt and an invitation to a post-race party.

The Be A Fan, Sacramento! celebration culminates at the Sacramento River – where up to 20,000 numbered rubber ducks will be cast off the I Street Bridge and will race to the Tower Bridge. Duck sponsors have the opportunity to win cash and prizes, including a seven-day luxury cruise for two aboard the Holland America Line.

There is truly something for everyone as the Sacramento community pulls together to show its support for Special Olympics. Fans can help raise money by participating in any or all of the day's events.

For more information, call 916-920-2950 or visit www.beafansacramento.com.

Ride Light Rail to Folsom LIVE!



For a high-energy evening of non-stop music, head to Folsom's historic Sutter Street for Folsom LIVE! on Saturday, September 27. The party starts at 5 p.m. and will feature over 15 bands on indoor and outdoor stages, including Pablo Cruise, Jim Messina, The Dave Russell Band, Bootie Shakers, The Spazmatics, Poisin'd, Hip Service and Glass House. The annual event will also feature the Folsom Rotary Club's "Breakout" car show.

Folsom LIVE! attendees can ride RT light rail trains free to the event with a pre-purchased admission ticket, and park free of charge at any of RT's 18 park-and-ride lots located throughout the Sacramento region. In addition, RT will operate extended evening light rail service to the Historic Folsom Station every 30 minutes until 11:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the gate. Purchase tickets online or at the Folsom Chamber of Commerce, the PowerHouse Pub and Dimple Records. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 916-985-5555 or visit www.folsomlive.com.

KBTV Career Expo

MULTICULTURAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EXPO 2008

It's never easy finding the perfect job, and it can be even more difficult wading through the application process. KBTV is joining with other local businesses to present the Multicultural Career Development Expo on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free event will bring major companies and government agencies together in one venue to offer critical tools for job search success. Local and state agencies will walk participants through the application process, as well as the testing and eligibility requirements. Career experts will host educational workshops on resumé building and provide techniques for interviewing success.

Take light rail to the University/65th Street Station or Routes 26, 38, 81, 82 or 87 to the Expo located in SMUD's lobby at 6301 S Street. Remember to stop by RT's career booth.

Pre-register at www.mykbtv.com/careerexpo and receive a complimentary pass to ride RT to the event. For more information, call 916-226-1257 (ext. 113). For RT route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacr.com.

Ride Light Rail to the Antique Peddlers' Fair

For those hard-to-find antiques and collectibles, visit Folsom's historic Sutter Street district during the 41st Annual Antique Peddlers' Fair on Sunday, September 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine). This popular free event, hosted by the Folsom Historic District Association, will feature food and live entertainment throughout the day. Visitors will have the opportunity to check out the area's unique shops and restaurants as well.

For a hassle-free trip to historic Folsom, pick up complimentary RT light rail tickets at participating Sutter Street merchants from September 1 through September 21. Or, on the day of the event, you can park at the Hazel, Iron Point or Glenn park-and-ride lots and pick up a complimentary ticket to ride light rail to the Fair. The first light rail train arrives at the Historic Folsom Station at 9:55 a.m.

For more information on the fair, call 530-241-4063 or visit www.tbcashows.info. For route and schedule information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacr.com.

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