

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 27, 2026
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
SUBJ: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

SacRT Meeting Calendar

Regional Transit Board Meeting

August 24, 2026
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
4:00 P.M.

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

September 9, 2026
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
1:00 P.M.

Mobility Advisory Council Meeting

August 20, 2026
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium
2:30 P.M.

8th & O Light Rail Station Reopens

After being closed for three years due to construction of the new DGS State of California building, SacRT is pleased to share that the eastbound 8th & O Station platform reopened on July 13th serving all light rail lines.

In addition, the station has been upgraded to meet the height requirements of the new low-floor trains actively operating on the Gold Line. Blue Line riders will still be able to access the station; however, riders in mobility devices will need to continue using the mini-high ramp at the end of each station to board in the first train car. New low-floor trains are expected to be in service on the Blue Line in 2027 as part of the Light Rail Modernization Project. Visit sacrt.com/BlueLine for details.

July-August 2026 Light Rail Service Disruptions

Station Platform Construction at 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren and City College Stations

Beginning Monday, July 27 through Saturday, August 15, 2026, Blue Line light rail service will be temporarily suspended between Broadway Station and Fruitridge Station to allow crews to complete major station platform upgrades at 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren and City College stations. These improvements are necessary to prepare the Blue Line for the launch of SacRT's modern new Siemens S700 low-floor trains in 2027.

Monday, July 27

- No train service at 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren and City College stations
- Trains will pass through but will not stop at the stations
- If you need to access 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren or City College stations, use bus bridge shuttles at Broadway Station (north) or Fruitridge Station (south)

Tuesday, July 28 – Saturday, August 15

- Bus bridge on the Blue Line between Broadway and Fruitridge stations
- Note: light rail service will continue to operate from Broadway Station (north) toward Watt/I-80 Station, and from Fruitridge Station (south) toward Cosumnes River College (CRC) Station

Sunday, August 16

- 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren and City College stations reopen for normal train service

To support riders, a bus bridge (shuttle bus) will operate between Broadway Station and Fruitridge Station throughout the construction window. **Shuttle buses will operate during all hours that trains normally operate, with frequent intervals and staffed assistance at key transfer stations to serve all impacted stations.**

Community Helps Select New Heat-Resilient Bus Shelter Design

After an extensive research, evaluation, and community engagement process, SacRT has selected the Brazos transit shelter as its new heat-resilient bus shelter design. The selection follows months of studying shelter technologies and designs that can better protect riders from extreme heat while enhancing comfort and accessibility at bus stops throughout the region.

Community input played a key role in the decision-making process. Through a public survey, residents were invited to review two shelter design options and share their preferences. The Brazos shelter emerged as the clear favorite among respondents, who cited its enhanced shade coverage and durable features. The new shelter will help advance SacRT's commitment to improving the customer experience, increasing climate resilience, and creating more comfortable waiting environments for transit riders across the Sacramento region.

Take SacRT to the California State Fair this Summer

SacRT is offering special pick up and drop off service for bus routes 67 and 68 just steps away from the Cal Expo main gate during the California State Fair now through Sunday, August 2, 2026.

Online Schedules*:

Route 67: <https://www.sacrt.com/routes-schedules/#67>

Route 68: <https://www.sacrt.com/routes-schedules/#68>

*Since Cal Expo is not a regular timepoint in the schedule. Riders should look at the Arden Fair Mall schedule for arrival and departure times. Note that inbound trips will be approximately 5 minutes before arriving to Arden Fair Mall and Outbound trips would be approximately 5 minutes after leaving Arden Fair Mall.

Please check trip times before riding. Service on Routes 67 and 68 ends prior to the nightly closing of the Fair. To plan your trip on SacRT, visit [sacrt.com/schedules](https://www.sacrt.com/schedules) or call 916-321-BUSS.

August Service Adjustments Begin August 9th

Beginning Sunday, August 9, 2026, SacRT will implement service adjustments to the following bus routes: 10, 61, 81, 82, and 87. The changes to each route are detailed below. For more information, visit [sacrt.com/ServiceChanges](https://www.sacrt.com/ServiceChanges).

Route 10 – Folsom (Monday through Friday)

- **To Historic Folsom:** An additional 10 minutes of travel time has been added to the morning trip. The morning trip that leaves Iron Point Station at 7:08 a.m. will now service American River Canyon at 8:03 a.m., before arriving at Historic Folsom Station at 8:16 a.m.

Route 61 – Fruitridge (Monday through Friday)

- **To Pocket Transit Center:** Up to two minutes of travel time has been added to improve on time performance for this route.

- **To Florin Towne Centre:** Up to 10 minutes of travel time has been added to improve on time performance on this route.

Route 81 – Florin (Monday through Friday)

- **To Florin and Riverside:** Due to low ridership, SacRT will no longer operate the 7:41 a.m. westbound trip from Florin Towne Centre.

Route 82 - Northrop/Morse (Monday through Friday)

- **To American River College:** To improve connections at the University/65th Street Station, the trips that currently leave at 6:13 a.m. and 6:43 a.m. will depart six minutes later (6:19 a.m., 6:49 a.m.). All times will shift accordingly.

Route 87 – Howe (Monday through Friday)

- To Marconi/Arcade: To improve connections at the University/65th Street Station, the trips that currently leave at 5:58 a.m., 6:28 a.m. and 6:58 a.m. will depart six minutes later (6:04 a.m., 6:34 a.m. and 7:04 a.m.). All times will shift accordingly.

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NEXT STOP NEWS

July 2026

SacRT Monthly Newsletter - July 2026

Check out our video newsletter!



Audio description version: <https://youtu.be/Otvj9A2lcOw?si=02V0ztaSRbGtF0Nw>

Rider Alert: Blue and Gold Line Service Disruptions in July



Light Rail Service Disruption

July 7 - 12, 2026

Impacts on Blue and Gold Lines July 9 - 12, 2026

SacRT will experience service disruptions on the Blue and Gold lines in July 2026 due to station platform construction at the 8th & O Station, continued work to support the new Dos Rios Station and work on the Watt/I-80 Transit Center.

From Monday, July 6 through Wednesday, July 8, the 8th & O Station will be closed to passengers. Riders should use either the 7th & Capitol Station or the 8th & Capitol Station as alternatives (no bus bridge).

Starting Thursday, July 9, a bus bridge (shuttle bus between stations) will operate on both the Blue and Gold lines in the downtown area through Sunday, July 12 (see bus bridge details below for each line).

Blue Line

- Shuttle buses operating between 13th Street and Globe stations.
- Light rail service operating to the south between 13th Street and Cosumnes River College stations, and to the north between Globe and Watt/I-80 stations.

Gold Line

- Shuttle buses operating between 13th Street and Sacramento Valley stations.
- Light rail service operating between 13th Street and Historic Folsom stations.

Once construction is complete, both sides of the 8th & O Station will reopen to riders. The eastbound platform (trains traveling toward 8th & Capitol Station) has been closed since July 2022 during construction of a new building near the station.

SacRT is working on updating station platforms along the Blue Line to get ready to operate the new low-floor light rail trains on the Blue Line by the end of 2027. Learn more about the service disruption including maps and shuttle bus locations at sacrt.com/StationClosure.

On Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19, Blue Line service will be disrupted for additional OCS work related to the new Dos Rios Station. A bus bridge will operate between Marconi/Arcade Station and Cathedral Square (10th & K and 11th & K). Trains will run north of Marconi and south of Cathedral Square, with shuttle buses connecting the gap. Riders should allow extra travel time and plan for transfers. Details at sacrt.com/BlueLine.

Watt/I-80 Transit Center Closure June 28 – July 3, and July 6-9, 2026

RIDER ALERT

Watt/I-80 Transit Center Night and Early Morning Closure

Sunday, June 28 - Friday, July 3, 2026 & Monday, July 6 - Thursday, July 9, 2026

9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Daily

sacrt.com/wattI80

The graphic features a background image of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center with a blue overlay. At the top, there is a yellow banner with the text 'RIDER ALERT' and a warning triangle icon. Below this, the title 'Watt/I-80 Transit Center Night and Early Morning Closure' is displayed in large, bold, white and yellow text. A white box contains the closure dates: 'Sunday, June 28 - Friday, July 3, 2026 & Monday, July 6 - Thursday, July 9, 2026'. To the right, a yellow box states '9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Daily'. At the bottom, the website 'sacrt.com/wattI80' is listed.

Due to concrete overlay work, the Watt/I-80 Transit Center is closed after 9 p.m. and before 8 a.m. through July 9, 2026.

This work began on the night of Sunday, June 28 and will continue through the morning of Friday, July 3. The station will reopen Friday, July 3 at 8 a.m. and remain open until the night of Monday, July 6 at 9 p.m. It will continue to close at 9 p.m. and reopen at 8 a.m. daily until Thursday, July 9, 2026.

During these closure hours, the light rail station (lower level), will have a bus bridge between the Watt/I-80 and Roseville Road stations (no bus bridge stop at Watt/I-80 West). Park-and-ride riders should use the Roseville Road Station.

Bus stop users (upper level), southbound riders use the bus stop at Watt Ave & Longview Drive in front of the Sacramento Inn & Suites. Northbound bus stop riders should use the current temporary bus stop location in front of the Wendy's.

For complete details visit sacrt.com/WattI80.

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August 2026 Service Changes

The graphic features a background image of a bus at a transit center with a blue overlay. At the top, there is a blue icon of a bus. Below this, the title 'August 2026 Service Changes' is displayed in large, bold, white and blue text. The background image shows a bus with 'REGIONAL TRANSIT' on its front, parked at a station.

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Transit Connect: SacRT's New Fare App Now Available

The advertisement features the Sacramento Regional Transit logo (SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT EST. 1973) and the TRANSIT CONNECT logo. The main text reads "The easy way to pay your fare." Below this, two smartphones are shown: one displaying a QR code for a "Basic Single Ride" and another displaying the app's wallet interface with a balance of \$17.50. A QR code is also present in the bottom left corner. The bottom right corner includes the text "Available to download now" and buttons for "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play".

The ZipPass mobile app has officially retired. Riders who previously used that fare payment app should now be using Transit Connect, SacRT's new mobile fare payment

app. Transit Connect makes it easy to purchase, store, and activate tickets and passes directly from your smartphone for both bus and light rail.

Transit Connect offers:

- Fast, secure mobile ticketing
- Single ride, daily, and monthly passes
- Full fare, discount fare, and SacRT GO fare options
- Account protection if your phone is lost or replaced

Riders who qualify for a discount fare, seniors, students, veterans, and persons with disabilities, can activate their discount category directly in the app in just a few taps.

What's Next: Phase 2 Features Coming This Fall

SacRT is preparing to roll out the next phase of Transit Connect later this year, which will include major upgrades such as:

- Contactless Tap-to-Ride validation on buses, SacRT GO, and eventually light rail
- Fare capping, ensuring riders never pay more than the daily maximum
- The ability to load cash to your account at SacRT fare vending machines and participating retail locations

Connect Card Users Start the Transition This Fall

Connect Card users, including state workers and other riders with employer-subsidized passes, will start the transition to Transit Connect as part of Phase 2 in fall 2026. Similar to the ZipPass transition, riders will be given a time window to use any remaining stored value. Connect Card users are encouraged to begin using their existing stored balances. Customers who prefer not to use the Transit Connect mobile app can choose to receive a Transit Connect card instead.

Transit Connect is part of SacRT's ongoing commitment to modernizing fare payment and improving the rider experience. Full regional integration with partner transit agencies is expected by the end of 2026. Learn more and download Transit Connect at sacrt.com/TransitConnect.

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Sunday/Holiday Schedule on 4th of July

On Saturday, July 4, 2026, SacRT fixed-route bus, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule. The following services will not operate:

Causeway Connection, Elk Grove/UC Davis Medical Center Express (bus route 137), Folsom Transit Services, Elk Grove Transit Services (including e-van), Rancho CordoVan and SacRT Flex.

The Customer Service and Sales Center at 1225 R Street will be closed; however, the phone lines will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. For trip planning assistance, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit sacrt.com/PlanYourTrip.

Ride SacRT to 4th of July Celebrations!



Take SacRT to Fourth of July celebrations. Learn more at sacrt.com/4thofJuly.

- **Folsom Pro Rodeo:** Ride light rail and Folsom shuttles fare-free July 2–4, 2026 with a valid rodeo event ticket. Shuttles operate every 30 minutes round trip between Historic Folsom Station and Rodeo Park from 4 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. (last bus departs City Hall at 10:15 p.m. back toward light rail). Event info at folsomprorodeo.com.
- **Elk Grove's Salute to Red, White & Blue (July 4):** Shuttles operate every 15 minutes from 4:30 p.m. to Elk Grove Park. ADA e-van service available within ¾ mile of shuttle routes. Event info at exploreelkgrove.com.

- **Rancho Cordova's 4th of July Celebration (July 4):** Try Transit flyer available for attendees traveling to Hagan Park on Saturday, July 4, 2026. Bus route 21 serves the area; last bus departs at 9:03 p.m. Visit [ranchocordovajuly4th.com](https://www.ranchocordovajuly4th.com) for event details.

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Disclaimer: Data reflected on this report is for the month of May 2026.

Regional Transit Sheriff Deputies & the Social Services Practitioner coordinated outreach at the following locations:

Blue Line –

4th Ave LRS / ROW
City College LRS / ROW
Fruitridge LRS / ROW
47th Ave LRS / ROW
Florin LRS / ROW
Center Parkway LRS / ROW
Franklin LRS / ROW
Swanston LRS / ROW
Marconi LRS / ROW

Gold Line –

College Greens LRS / ROW
Watt/Manlove LRS / ROW
Starfire LRS / ROW
Tiber LRS / ROW
Cordova Town Center LRS / ROW

Bus Stops/Shelters –

El Camino Ave / Northgate:
Bus Stop #1404
Bus Stop #624

Power Inn Rd / Calvin Rd:
Bus Shelter for Routes 54, 57, 162

RT Properties –

Substations at Florin LRS
Florin LRS Field Yard
Substation at Fruitridge LRS
Swanston LRS Field Yard
Marconi LRS Wayside Yard

- Outreach efforts were prioritized in locations with a high concentration of individuals experiencing homelessness, particularly areas near railroad tracks and other identified safety concerns. This targeted approach maximizes engagement opportunities, provides critical safety education, and increased access to housing and supportive service resources for vulnerable populations.

RTPS & the Social Services Practitioner assisted Forensiclean in the removal of nineteen encampments posing safety risks on critical infrastructure. During the month, a total of 12,720 pounds of miscellaneous and hazardous waste materials were removed.

Encampments located on or adjacent to critical railroad infrastructure include:

- Encampments on critical infrastructure sites.
- Encampments near or along railroad tracks.
- Blocking access roads needed for maintenance, emergency response, or operations.
- Occupying railroad or utility rights-of-way without authorization.
- Unlawful storage of personal property, vehicles, debris, or materials on restricted property.

From an operational and safety perspective, these conditions can create risks such as:

- Interference with railroad operations and maintenance.
- Delayed emergency access.
- Increased risk of trespassing injuries or fatalities.
- Fire hazards and environmental concerns.
- Damage to infrastructure or equipment.

Areas of impact included the access road to the substation located OB the Florin LRS:



Unhoused persons contacted the day prior to the removal of the large encampment left a large amount of miscellaneous property.

Swing shift RTPS assisted Wayside in clearing the area to ensure proper access to the substation.

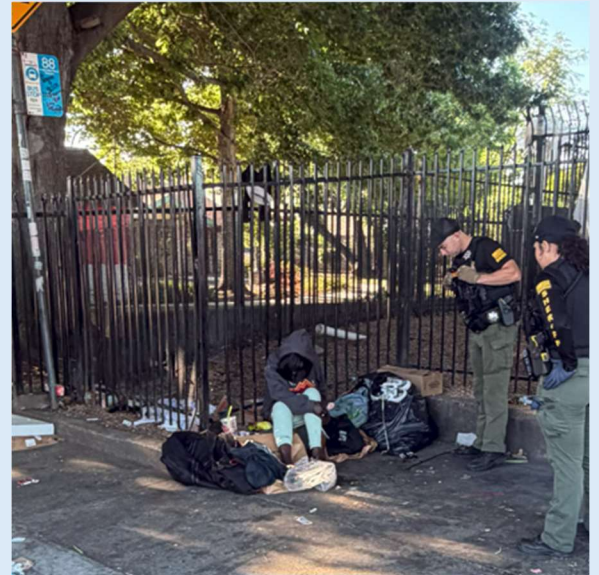
Area after Forensiclean collected a truck full of miscellaneous property and hazardous waste:



Encampments located on or near bus stops were removed to reduce the impact of:

- **Accessibility requirements:** Bus stops must remain accessible to people using wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, and other mobility devices.
- **Passenger safety:** Encampments may force riders to wait in the street, block sightlines between buses and pedestrians, or interfere with boarding and exiting.
- **Transit operations:** Transit agencies need clear access to bus zones, shelters, benches, signs, and maintenance equipment. Obstructions can delay service or prevent buses from using designated stops.
- **Emergency access:** Emergency responders need unobstructed access to transit facilities and adjacent sidewalks.
- **Public right-of-way regulations:** Sidewalks, bus shelters, and transit stops are generally intended for public transportation use.
- **Health and sanitation concerns:** Used syringes and other sharps can pose an injury risk to transit riders, maintenance workers, sanitation crews, and the public. Accumulated human urine and feces as well as garbage attract pests and create sanitation challenges.

Area of impact included the bus stop at the intersection of El Camino Ave / Northgate Blvd:



Area after Forensiclean collected a truck full of miscellaneous property and hazardous waste:



Compassionate Collaborative Outreach for Unhoused Individuals

- Social worker Rose collaborates with Sheriff's deputies to engage unhoused individuals through a compassionate, client-centered approach that prioritizes safety, trust-building, and access to resources. SW Rose conducted outreach and contacted approximately 55 individuals experiencing homelessness. During these interactions, SW Rose provided railroad safety education and distributed informational materials regarding housing resources, basic needs assistance, animal care and available social services.



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Regional Transit Sheriff Deputies & the Social Services Practitioner coordinated outreach at the following locations:

Blue Line –

- **4th Ave LRS / ROW**
- **Florin LRS / ROW**
- During train riding with Sac PD OT Officers, Social Worker Rose engaged with riders and conducted a right-of-way check for active encampments near critical infrastructure between **13th Street to Roseville Road Light Rail Station (LRS)**.

Gold Line –

- **College Greens LRS / ROW**
- **Starfire LRS / ROW**
- **Watt/Manlove LRS/ ROW**
- **Tiber LRS / ROW**
- **39th St LRS/ ROW**

Bus Shelters: Safety, Access, and Outreach

Ongoing concerns at bus shelters related to prolonged occupancy, sanitation, and behaviors that affect riders' access and sense of safety:

Bus shelters 0522, 3080, 1842, 1404, 624

RT Properties –

- **Substations at Florin LRS**
- **Florin LRS Field Yard**
- **Grand Ave Bridge**
- **American River Bridge**
- **Substation at 26th Ave Xing**

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RTPS & the Social Services Practitioner assisted Forensiclean in the removal of fourteen encampments posing safety risks on critical infrastructure.

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- Interference with railroad operations and maintenance.
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Areas of impact included the upper section of the Grand Avenue Bridge:



Area after Forensiclean collected a load of miscellaneous property and hazardous waste:



Areas of impact included the lot adjacent the employee's restroom at the Florin LRS:



Area after Forensiclean collected a load of miscellaneous property and hazardous waste:



Areas of impact included the right-of-way outbound College Greens LRS:



Area after Forensiclean collected a load of miscellaneous property and hazardous waste:



Throughout the month, crews collected a total of 5,320 pounds of waste. The debris included a wide range of miscellaneous and hazardous items, such as discarded couches, abandoned tents with miscellaneous property, human feces, used syringes, soiled clothing, rotten food, and even an inflatable pool. These materials highlight the diverse and often hazardous nature of the waste removed during cleanup operations.

Compassionate Collaborative Outreach for Unhoused Individuals

- Social worker Rose collaborates with Sheriff's deputies to engage unhoused individuals through a compassionate, client-centered approach that prioritizes safety, trust-building, and access to resources. SW Rose conducted outreach and contacted approximately 16 individuals experiencing homelessness. During these interactions, SW Rose provided railroad safety education and distributed informational materials regarding housing resources, basic needs assistance, animal care and available social services.

