

## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** August 24, 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**  
September 28, 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**  
September 17, 2026  
1102 Q Street - SacRT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M.

### **Watt/I-80 Transit Center in Final Construction Phase**

Construction at the Watt/I-80 Transit Center has moved into its final phase, bringing riders one step closer to a fully reopened, upgraded station. As part of the ongoing Watt/I-80 Transit Improvement Project, SacRT has shifted work to the southbound side of the upper level, which will remain closed while crews complete the last segment of construction. The project is on track for completion in fall 2026.

The northbound bus stop on the upper level (east side) is now open, along with the northbound stairs and elevator. Riders using northbound service can once again access the station directly.

With work now focused on the opposite side of the transit center, the southbound bus stop on the upper level (west side) is temporarily closed. The southbound stairs and

elevator are closed as well. Riders traveling southbound should use the temporary stop on Watt Avenue near Longview Drive, located in front of the Sacramento Inn & Suites. This marks the final construction stage for the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project. Once this phase is complete, the entire station, including both upper-level bus stops and all access points, will reopen to riders. For project details and updates, visit [sacrt.com/WattI80](http://sacrt.com/WattI80).

## **Heading Back to School? Ride Fare-Free with SacRT!**

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## **SacRT's Labor Day Schedule**

In honor of the Labor Day holiday, Monday, September 7, 2026, SacRT fixed-route bus, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule. All other services will not operate. The Customer Service Center phone lines will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.; however, the Sales Center will be closed.

## **Call Center Hours Adjusting Beginning Week of Labor Day**

SacRT is updating its Customer Service Call Center hours to better align staffing with when riders need support most. Starting the week of Labor Day, the Call Center will shift to a slightly modified weekday schedule.

Since Monday of that week is a holiday, the new hours will officially begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The updated Call Center hours will be:

**7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

(previously 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Riders can continue to reach the SacRT Call Center for trip planning assistance, service information, and general support during these updated hours. Outside of these hours, we encourage passengers to continue to use the self-service options available to them on our mobile apps and website.

### **September is Rail Safety Month: “See Tracks? Think Train!”**

SacRT is reminding all riders and community members to stay safe around light rail tracks during Rail Safety Month this September — and every day of the year. The message is simple: “See Tracks? Think Train!”

Crossing gates are there to protect everyone. Whether you are driving, walking, or biking, it is critical to follow all rail safety rules:

- Never go around lowered gates — wait until they fully rise.
- Stay alert — light rail trains can approach from either direction and are much quieter than you might expect.
- Remember the stopping distance — trains may need up to 600 feet (almost two football fields) to come to a full stop.

The risks are real: ignoring crossing signals or trespassing on tracks can lead to costly fines, and far worse, loss of life. Help keep our community safe by taking rail safety seriously. Learn more at [sacrt.com/RailSafety](https://sacrt.com/RailSafety).

# NEXT STOP NEWS

August 2026

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## SacRT Monthly Newsletter - August 2026

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Check out our video newsletter!



Audio description version: [https://youtu.be/ST2ge\\_2ZVlo?si=XNdFcskb0h-EEemXK](https://youtu.be/ST2ge_2ZVlo?si=XNdFcskb0h-EEemXK)

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**Blue Line Temporary Service Disruption Through August 15**



# Temporary Blue Line Service Disruption

July 27 - August 15, 2026

A temporary service disruption is in place on the Blue Line between Broadway Station and Fruitridge Station while crews complete major platform upgrades at the 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren and City College stations. These improvements are part of SacRT's systemwide modernization program to prepare the Blue Line for new Siemens S700 low-floor trains.

During construction, light rail service will operate to the north between Broadway and Watt/I-80 stations and to the south between Fruitridge and Cosumnes River College stations, with a shuttle bus (bus bridge) operating between Broadway and Fruitridge stations.

Note: Each Saturday night at 6 p.m. through Sunday night, trains pass through the stations but are unable to stop due to construction. If riders don't need to board or exit at 4th Ave/Wayne Hultgren or City College stations, they can stay on the train. If they do need to use those stations, the shuttle bus service is available.

The impacted stations are scheduled to reopen for normal service at the start of service on Sunday, August 16.

SacRT is raising station platforms by eight inches along the Blue Line so they meet the height requirements for the new low-floor trains. These upgrades will make boarding significantly easier for all riders, particularly seniors, individuals with disabilities, families with strollers, and passengers using mobility devices.

This work requires temporarily shutting down the track segment, so crews have safe access to the platform areas. Unlike many Gold Line stations, Blue Line stations are bordered by active Union Pacific Railroad tracks or nearby buildings, leaving no space to safely stage heavy equipment while trains continue operating. As a result, this work can only be completed when trains are not in service.

For bus bridge instructions, maps, and shuttle stop locations, visit [sacrt.com/BlueLine](https://sacrt.com/BlueLine).

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**August Bus Service Adjustments Begin August 9th**



## August 2026 Service Changes



Beginning Sunday, August 9, 2026, SacRT will implement service adjustments to the following bus routes: 10, 61, 81, 82, 87 and 228. The changes to each route are detailed below. For more information, visit [sacrt.com/ServiceChanges](https://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.

### **Route 228 – Gloria (Monday through Friday)**

**To Florin and Greenhaven:** A stop will be added on Karbet Way to better service students from Sam Brannan Middle School.

The Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project is nearing completion! Stay tuned for a completion date, which is expected later this summer or early fall. The northbound (east side) bus stop (upper level), stairs and elevator are expected to reopen soon. After this, the southbound (west side) bus stop will close for a few weeks for the completion of the bus shelter. During this time, riders can use the temporary bus stop at Watt Avenue and Longview Drive in front of the Sacramento Inn & Suites. For more information about the project, please visit [sacrt.com/WattI80](https://sacrt.com/WattI80).

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## Connect Card Transition to Transit Connect App Starts This Fall



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SacRT's new Transit Connect mobile fare app is now available, providing a faster, more secure, and convenient way to purchase and use transit fares. The app replaced ZipPass, which officially retired last month.

Connect Card users do not need to take any action yet. The transition for Connect Card customers, including state employees and other subsidized pass holders, is planned to start later this fall as part of the Phase 2 rollout.

Before the transition begins, SacRT will provide additional details and instructions. Customers with stored value on their Connect Card users are encouraged to begin using up their balances now, as a limited but adequate transition period will be available to spend any remaining funds.

SacRT recognizes that not all riders use smartphones or mobile apps, and we are committed to providing accessible fare payment options for everyone. As Connect Cards are phased out, Transit Connect will offer a smart card option that serves as a direct replacement for the existing Connect Card, ensuring riders without a working phone, or those who simply prefer a physical card continue to have a convenient way to pay. In addition, Transit Connect will support riders who are unbanked or prefer to pay with cash.

Transit Connect is the next step toward a more seamless regional fare payment system, with future features including contactless fare payment, fare capping, and faster boarding. Learn more at [sacrt.com/TransitConnect](https://sacrt.com/TransitConnect).

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## Take SacRT to Three Certified Farmers' Markets This Season



# Farmers' Market

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| <p><b>Sunrise Station</b></p> <p><i>Saturday</i></p> <p>8am - Noon</p> | <p><b>Meadowview Station</b></p> <p><i>Sundays</i></p> <p>8am - 1pm</p> |
| <p><b>Florin Station</b></p> <p><i>Thursdays</i></p> <p>8am - Noon</p> |                                                                         |

Fresh produce, local vendors, and community gatherings are just a short ride away thanks to Certified Farmers' Markets now operating at three SacRT light rail stations. It's an easy, car free way to shop local and enjoy fresh foods all season long.

### Florin Station – Thursdays

The Thursday morning market has a new home at the Florin Light Rail Station, making it simple for riders on the Blue Line to stop in and pick up produce on their way to or from work.



### **Sunrise Station – Saturdays**

The Rancho Cordova Certified Farmers' Market sets up every Saturday at Sunrise Station, offering a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and local goods for weekend shoppers.

### **Meadowview Station – Sundays**

Every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., May through October, the Meadowview Farmers' Market welcomes riders and neighbors to enjoy seasonal produce and community activities.

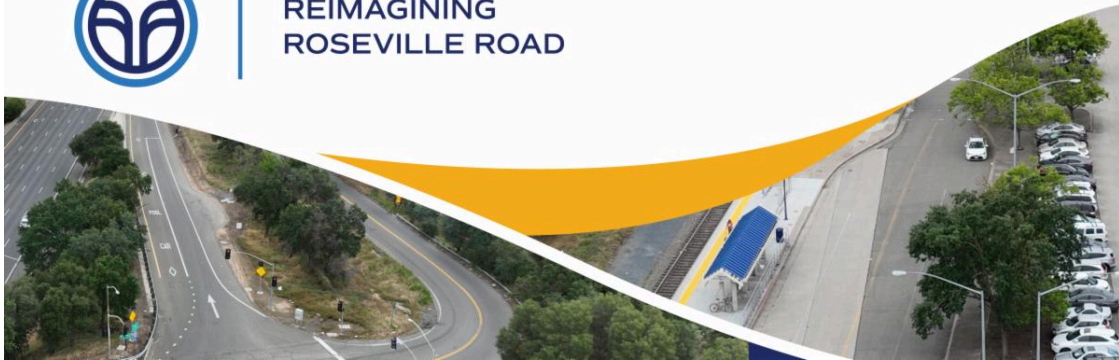
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# **Help Reimagine Roseville Road Station**



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## **Green Line to the Airport Project Update: New Funding and Feasibility Study**

Working in partnership with the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, and the Sacramento Transportation Authority, SacRT was awarded \$700,000 to study the "Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to Sacramento International Airport Project," with \$500,000 coming from a Caltrans Strategic Partnerships grant and \$200,000 from a Measure A Smart Growth grant.

This study will deliver a feasibility analysis and conceptual design for a Green Line BRT service connecting downtown Sacramento to Sacramento International Airport. The initiative responds to the growing transit needs of north and south Natomas and surrounding communities, supporting expanded services to meet the demands of rapid growth and continued airport expansion.

Deliverables include existing conditions analysis, alignment scenarios, ridership projections, traffic modeling, public outreach, cost-benefit analysis, and identification of a Locally Preferred Alternative. The study will begin in early 2027, with the goal of launching new service by 2030.

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## SacRT is Hiring: Come Join the Team!



SacRT connects people to opportunities, experiences and each other. Our team is dedicated to providing safe, reliable and accessible transit services for all residents. Find out how to get started at one of the two in-person hiring events we are hosting this month:

### Location:

SacRT (Midtown) Auditorium,  
1400 29th Street, Sacramento

### Dates:

Tuesday, August 11, 2026  
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 20, 2026  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Transit: Accessible by bus routes 30, 38, 67, 68 and light rail to the 29th Street Station

Parking: Street parking available.

Learn more at [sacrt.com/HiringEvents](https://sacrt.com/HiringEvents).

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