



Newsletter

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Upcoming Changes to Dial-a-Ride Service

On June 7, 2018, the El Dorado Transit Board of Directors approved changing the existing *zone-based fare system* for Dial-A-Ride to a *mileage-based fare system*. The new system will charge \$2.00 for up to four (4) miles and \$0.50 per mile after that. This change will go into effect Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Changes were recommended by an ad hoc Dial-A-Ride Focus Group formed to review change recommendations from the Dial-A-Ride Zone Assessment Study and Implementation Plan for the Western Slope of El Dorado County (study) adopted in February, 2016.

The following improvements to Dial-A-Ride were approved:

- Eliminate Service to High Subsidy Zones*
- Ride Pickup Window Modification*
- Mileage - Based Fare System*

Aside from the mileage-based fare system, a significant change is to the reservation pickup window. For example, when a ride reservation is confirmed, at the time of the reservation in the past passengers were told a specific time the van would be there to pick them up and the van would not leave until three (3) minutes after that time. Under the new “30-Minute Window” system, passengers

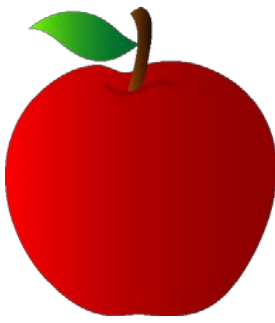
will be given a time window for the van to pick them up. Passengers must be ready 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after that time. The van may arrive any time during the 30-minute window but will wait for three (3) minutes for passengers to get to the van once it has arrived. It is the responsibility of the passenger to meet the van at the proper time.

These changes are very different from what passengers have been accustomed to, and staff will do everything within our power to assist passengers during this transition. The Dial-A-Ride Zone Assessment Study and Implementation Plan for the Western Slope of El Dorado County and the Dial-A-Ride Focus Group Report are available online at <http://eldoradotransit.com/document-library/>.

Holiday Schedule

Bus routes and services are not be available on the following holidays between October and December 2018:

Veteran’s Day	Sunday	November	11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November	22
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday	November	23
Christmas Eve	Monday	December	24
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December	25



FREE Apple Farms Shuttle

El Dorado Transit will operate the free Apple Farms Shuttle every Saturday and Sunday in October. Shuttle buses will operate from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Free parking is available at 2796 Larsen Drive in Camino. Four buses on the 10.8 mile loop will arrive at stops in 15 to 20 minute increments.

The shuttle service is funded in part by a grant from the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District. El Dorado Transit would also like to acknowledge El Dorado County, SMUD and Sierra Pacific Industries for their support.

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/dot/Documents/Apple%20Farms%20Shuttle%20Traffic%20Information.pdf>

Take the Pledge to Go Car-Lite This October

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency promotes healthy living through its Well Dorado program. In October, program leaders are encouraging residents of El Dorado County to pledge to drive a little less by using alternative means of transportation such as El Dorado Transit, walking, riding bikes and teleworking. They list 31 days to drive less for 31 days. Residents are encouraged to go to www.welldorado.org and pledge to participate by being Car-Lite in October.

New Commuter Buses Now In Service

Five new MCI (Motor Coach Industries) commuter buses are now in service at El Dorado Transit. The new buses replaced five older Bluebird commuter buses, and are similar to the other commuter buses that are currently in use. Passengers will notice the addition of seat belts as required for all new buses as per California law SB20. El Dorado Transit staff is excited to be operating the new buses.

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