

Newsletter

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Winter Sale on Local Fixed Route Monthly Passes

El Dorado Transit is pleased to continue to offer discounted rates on Local Fixed routes. The winter sale on monthly passes for January, February and March are as follows:

- General Monthly Local Pass \$20.00 (originally \$60.00)
- Senior/Disabled Monthly Local Pass \$10.00 (originally \$30.00)
- Student K-12 Monthly Local Pass \$10.00 (originally \$30.00)

For pass sales information please visit eldoradotransit.com/faresandpasses/.



The Sacramento/South Lake Tahoe Connecting bus will be the only service operating on listed holidays. For more information visit eldoradotransit.com.



New Managers at El Dorado Transit

El Dorado Transit recently added two new managers to its staff. Kristin Halverson is the new Operations Manager and will replace Scott Ousley who is retiring after 30 years. Erik Bergren is the new Planning and Marketing Manager and will follow Brian James in the role after his promotion to Executive Director.

Kristin has worked effectively as a Transit Operations Supervisor since June of 2019 where she demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication, and as a Dispatcher from 2017 to 2019. Throughout her career with Transit, Kristin has played a key role in improving efficiency and ensuring the smooth functioning of day-to-day operations. Prior to Transit, she also worked for many years for the Pioneer Union School District as a School Bus Driver and was a small business owner.

"I am honored and thrilled to take on the role of Operations Manager," said Kristin. "I look forward to working with our dedicated team to enhance the transit experience."

Erik comes to Transit with extensive experience in marketing and communications, having worked for over two decades at a regional nonprofit. He specialized in effective membership marketing utilizing print, online resources, social media channels and more.

Operations Manager Scott Ousley Retiring after 30-year career

After thirty years of honorable public service, El Dorado Transit Operations Manager Scott Ousley is retiring effective January 6, 2024.

Scott began his career at Transit as a Transit Operator in 1994. He was promoted to Transit Operations Supervisor in 1998, and then promoted to Operations Manager in 2003.

"It's truly been an honor serving this community for the past three decades and I would like to thank the many people I've worked with over the years including community leaders, stakeholders, coworkers, and customers. I will miss each and every one of you and will enjoy watching El Dorado Transit continue to meet the challenges of the future."

Scott has dedicated himself to decades of exemplary service and excellence within El Dorado Transit, ensuring the highest level of service to the public. He has been instrumental in keeping our public transit services running smoothly and efficiently, while effectively managing staff with confidence and integrity.

Scott's replacement is Kristin Halverson, who started working at Transit in 2017. The two of them have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition.



City of Placerville Vice Mayor Jackie Neau, chair of the El Dorado Transit Board of Directors presents Scott with a recognition award for his 30 years of public service.



Passenger Winter Tips

In routes that may be affected by ice and snow:

- Lighter and brighter clothing can make you visible in hours of darkness
- Dress warmly in layers and arrive at your stop on time
- Use caution when walking on wet or icy bus stops
- The entry way can be very slippery in winter weather; Please hold onto the handrails when entering and exiting the bus
- Give your driver enough notification of your desired stop
- Buses can slide on snow and ice, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before you approach
- Buses may not be able access a bus stop due to snow and ice; do not stand in the street or upon the bank of snow. Areas like these are slippery and can be hazardous.



Hangtown Christmas Parade

El Dorado Transit staff, family and volunteers participated in the 45th annual Hangtown Christmas Parade on December 3. A decorated Transit bus made it's way through the parade route and free ride vouchers and candy were handed out along the way.

This year's parade was huge and we are glad to be able to participate and bring joy to people in our community.