



Newsletter

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Free Rides for California Clean Air Day

In celebration of California Clean Air Day, El Dorado Transit has teamed up with other Sacramento area transit agencies to offer free rides on Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

El Dorado Transit will offer free rides that day on the Local Fixed Routes and the Sacramento Commuter Routes.

On Clean Air Day, El Dorado County residents are asked to leave the car at home and try transit for free.

Last year, a total of 672 people boarded our local and commuter buses for free on Clean Air Day.

This free ride event is paid for by a grant from the California Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), which is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862.



BUS WRAP CONTEST IN FULL SWING

Submissions have been received and judging is now in full swing for the 2024-25 El Dorado Transit Design a Bus Wrap Contest! This exciting art contest is open to middle and high school students (grades 6-12) who attend a physical school or reside in El Dorado County.

The winning art design will be featured on an El Dorado Transit bus as a “wrap” and will be displayed at the winning student’s school in early 2025. Their artwork will also be featured in the Placerville Christmas Parade!

Since 2025 is the 50th anniversary of El Dorado Transit, the theme for this year’s contest is “Then and now: 50 Years and Beyond for El Dorado Transit.”

Look for the winner to be announced later this year and look for the wrapped bus all over El Dorado County!



Sac State Students & Los Rios Students Ride **FREE!**

Sacramento State and Los Rios Community College District students: Did you know you can ride our local and commuter buses for FREE with the Sac State OneCard (with student commuter sleeve) or the Los Rios Student ZipPass? Our commuter bus runs Monday-Friday, five times in the morning and afternoon and stops at S street and 65th, a short walk from the Sac State campus.

Our local routes cover the 50 corridor from Pollock Pines down to Iron Point in Folsom for easy connections with Sacramento Regional Transit District.

Ride the bus to school! Sit back, relax, read or do homework. Let us take away the stress of getting to campus. Or, ride the bus ANYTIME, for FREE!

Go to www.eldoradotransit.com for schedules and route maps or call El Dorado Transit at (530) 642-5383 for more information.



NEW Bass Lake Road Park & Ride Opens

Sacramento Commuter stops at Cambridge Road Park and Ride have moved to the NEW Bass Lake Road Park and Ride. This will include all stops westbound and eastbound for a.m. and p.m. routes. Pickup times will remain the same as Cambridge Road Park and Ride. Local routes will still stop at Cambridge Road Park and Ride.

The Cambridge Road Park and Ride is unsafe for passenger loading for our commuter buses, especially when there is more than one bus at the stop. The new Bass Lake Road Park and Ride has been designed to be a commuter stop. It is located at the corner of Bass Lake Road and Country Club Drive, approximately .33 miles north of Highway 50.

Commuting to Sacramento? Give our Sacramento Commuter service AND the new Bass Lake Road Park and Ride a try! Go to www.eldoradotransit.com/routes/sac-commuter/ for routes and schedule information.



Saturday, November 11th	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 23rd	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24th	Day After Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 24th	Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25th	Christmas Day

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



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Winter = Potential Delays

With the winter weather upon us, the potential for service delays increases. Plan ahead and take an earlier bus to make sure you arrive on time. If weather conditions are slowing traffic, they are also slowing our buses. Rest assured our drivers are always trying to stay on time while maintaining your safety.

El Dorado Transit may delay or cancel bus routes due to road or weather conditions. Sign up for our Rider Alerts to receive the latest updates. Riders can sign up on our website at www.eldoradotransit.com



Commuter Passengers and Routes Trending Upward

As more and more Sacramento office workers return to work, our Sacramento Commuter service has been seeing a strong uptick in passengers. Annual month-to-month comparisons since June 2024 are typically 70% higher than 2023. A fifth Commuter route was added in May 2024 to accommodate ridership demand.

In addition, all Sacramento Commuter routes now extend to the May Lee State Office Complex near Richards Boulevard.

Do you commute to downtown Sacramento? Consider utilizing our Sac Commuter Service. We provide a safe, stress-free option for your commute.

Go to www.eldoradotransit.com for complete schedules and routes.



Holiday Schedule

January – March Holiday Schedule

Monday, January 1stNew Year's Day
Monday, January 20th Martin Luther King Jr's Day
Monday, February 17thPresident's Day

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El Dorado Transit is Hiring!

El Dorado Transit is currently hiring. Competitive wages and benefits include; hiring bonus of up to \$2,000, paid training, CalPERS retirement, full health, dental and vision benefits, paid vacations and holidays.

Applications, job descriptions, and information can be found at the El Dorado Transit website in the Careers section or in the El Dorado Transit office located at 6565 Commerce Way in Diamond Springs.



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 to 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.



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/.



Hangtown Christmas Parade

El Dorado Transit staff, family and volunteers participated in the 46th annual Hangtown Christmas Parade on December 8. A decorated Transit bus made it's way through the parade route and was a huge hit with parade goers. This year's winner of the Design a Bus Wrap Contest was also on display.

This year's parade was very rewarding and we are glad we could participate and help bring joy to people in our community.