

Newsletter

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New Grocery Outlet Bus Stop Now Open



El Dorado Transit is excited to announce the new Grocery Outlet bus stop on Broadway in Placerville is now open. The following routes serve this stop once every hour:

- 20 Placerville
- 25 Saturday Express

The new stop features a Simme-Seat. These seats provide an excellent seating option for those who need a place to sit down while waiting for the bus. The Simme-Seat also helps to keep people (especially children) from waiting in dangerous areas, such as on the curb.

This bus stop was a collaborative effort between the City of Placerville and El Dorado Transit

El Dorado Transit Joined APTA's Safety Program

El Dorado Transit has joined the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) "Health and Safety Commitments Program," the public transportation industry's overarching pledge to passengers that public transit systems are taking all the necessary measures to operate safely as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of passengers and employees is the most important priority for El Dorado Transit. Since the beginning of the pandemic, El Dorado Transit has worked tirelessly to keep riders safe from infection from the coronavirus. By signing on to the APTA Health and Safety Commitments Program with hundreds of other public transit systems from across the United States, El Dorado Transit and the public transit industry are actively working to instill confidence in riders that it is committed to protecting their health and safety.

As a reminder public transportation should be used for essential travel only. Please do not travel if you have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks. Masks are required on passengers who are waiting at a bus stop and while traveling in a transit vehicle.



We're protecting each other.

WE'RE DOING OUR PART YOU'RE DOING YOURS

Cleaning & disinfecting Wear face coverings

EL DORADO TRANSIT

Zero Emission Bus Study



In an effort to improve air quality in California, the Air Resources Board has directed all California transit agencies to transition to zero-emission buses by 2040. El Dorado Transit's current passenger fleet is entirely gas or diesel powered. There are two options available that will meet the zero-emission bus (ZEB) requirements: plug-in battery electric buses, or hydrogen fuel cell buses.

To develop a plan to transition to ZEB, El Dorado Transit has partnered with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission to hire Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. with funding from a planning grant awarded by Caltrans. Stantec Consulting staff will evaluate El Dorado Transit's unique operating environment, service structure, and facility needs to determine the best way for El Dorado Transit to transition to zero- emission buses.

Once the final ZEB Fleet Conversion Plan is adopted in about a year, El Dorado Transit will have a solid plan to guide the important and complex process of converting to a full zero-emission fleet by 2040.

Holiday Schedule January - March 2021

El Dorado Transit will be closed, and transit vehicles will not operate on the following holidays:

Friday, January 1.....New Year's Day

Monday, January 18.....Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 15.....President's Day

Commuter Survey Results

El Dorado Transit recently conducted a survey of passengers who use the commuter routes to help assess the current and future needs of the commuter service. The El Dorado Transit staff is very thankful to the 135 passengers who responded to the survey.

Survey results indicated that prior to COVID-19 74% of passengers used the commuter routes daily, whereas only 7% of passengers are currently using the commuter routes daily as a majority reporting currently working from home. Most passengers indicated they would return to the commuter bus service once they return to the office. 83% of passengers said they feel the safety precautions El Dorado Transit has taken makes them feel safer.

Current Bus Stop Updates

- The bus stop at Red Hawk Casino will be **CLOSED** at 4:00 PM every day until further notice. The request stop at Tribal Health can be used as an alternate. To request a pickup please call (530) 642-5383 option #4 at least one hour before the scheduled pick-up time.
- Due to construction on Carson Road in Camino, the Carson Road at Highway 50 (westbound) bus stop is **CLOSED** until construction is complete. The Carson Road at Highway 50 (eastbound) request bus stop is accessible.

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