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El Dorado Transit Annual Safety Awards

El Dorado Transit is pleased to acknowledge seventeen (17) of its eligible Transit drivers for earning a Safe Driving Award for 2021. Safety awards are presented annually to El Dorado Transit drivers that have not been involved in any on-the-job moving violations or chargeable accidents, having worked a minimum of 1800 hours during the calendar year. Among the honorees for 2021 were drivers receiving awards ranging from one (1) year, up to twelve (12) consecutive years of safe driving. These included veteran drivers John Hill (2 years of safe driving), Julie Lirette (3 years of safe driving), and Arthur Laarveld (7 years of safe driving).

El Dorado Transit drivers are trained and licensed to operate a wide variety of transit vehicles. They skillfully navigate a wide array of driving conditions from downtown Sacramento to the mountains in eastern El Dorado County. In 2021, El Dorado Transit drivers provided 112,600 passenger trips, traveled 687,467 miles, and clocked 41,303 hours in passenger service.

El Dorado Transit drivers continued to demonstrate exceptional driving skill in 2021 and consistently provided safe service to the riding public. The El Dorado Transit Board of Directors and management is proud to highlight the outstanding caliber of all our drivers and thanks them for their exceptional service to the public.



El Dorado County Fair Free Shuttle a Success!

El Dorado Transit is pleased to report that 10,543 passengers took advantage of the free shuttle service to the 2022 El Dorado County Fair. The shuttle ran from ½ hour before opening to ½ hour after closing all four days of the Fair.

This was the thirtieth (30th) year that El Dorado Transit has provided an El Dorado County Fair Shuttle. Service was provided from two (2) different parking locations including the Library/Government Center on Ray Lawyer Drive and the Ray Lawyer Drive Park and Ride.

The Fair shuttle is funded by a grant from the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District with AB2766 funds, and with support from the El Dorado County Fair Association. El Dorado Transit would like to acknowledge our community partners at the El Dorado County Library and Government Center for their support in providing free parking for shuttle riders.



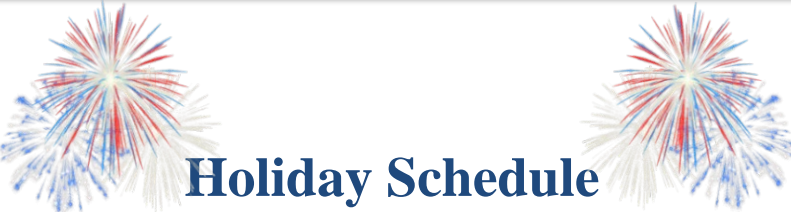
Summer Sale on Local Fixed Route Monthly Passes

El Dorado Transit is pleased to continue to offer discounted rates on Local Fixed routes. The summer sale on monthly passes for July, August and September 2022 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)

*Students in grades K-12 can purchase a \$5 Student Summer Go Pass for the month of July.

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

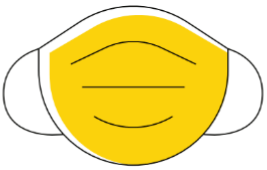


Holiday Schedule

July – September Holiday Schedule

- Monday, July 4thIndependence Day
- Monday, September 5thLabor Day

No service except the Sacramento/ South Lake Tahoe Connecting bus will be the only operating service on a holiday schedule. For more information visit www.eldoradotransit.com.



MASK STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

El Dorado Transit highly recommends face masks be worn when riding on public transportation, but masks are no longer required.

The California Public Health Department **strongly recommends** that individuals continue to mask while on public transit and indoors in transit hubs to continue protecting our most vulnerable and those communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

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.

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Mileage Reimbursement Program

Guidelines

El Dorado Transit is excited to introduce the new My Ride mileage reimbursement program which enables seniors (60 or older), veterans, or disabled residents of El Dorado County (not including the Tahoe basin) who are registered for the My Ride program to reimburse their friends, neighbors, or family members for providing them with transportation in their personal vehicles. Trips can be for any purpose, including medical appointments, grocery shopping, hairdresser, and social activities. There are no fees to participate in this program. The trips are free for the passenger, and the driver receives a reimbursement for providing a valuable service for the passenger.

How the Program Works

- Participants register for the My Ride program
- Participants recruit trusted friends, neighbors, or family and have them complete a registration form and a W-9 form.
- Participants track and record miles and driver information for each trip and submit completed monthly trip log by the 10th of the next month. El Dorado Transit will send reimbursement checks to registered volunteer drivers who provided transportation in that month

- Trips must begin or end in western El Dorado County.
- Participants cannot be both the passenger and the driver.
- Drivers are not allowed to receive reimbursement from El Dorado Transit for a ride if they are receiving any other compensation from another organization.
- El Dorado Transit assumes riders will verify volunteer driver's license and insurance.
- El Dorado Transit reimburses by check at the current IRS issued standard mileage rate for allowed trips.
- Each passenger is allowed up to the maximum of 350 miles per month.
- Reimbursements are issued by the end of each month for those trip logs that are submitted to El Dorado Transit by the 10th of each month.
- Drivers are volunteers, not employees or contractors.
- El Dorado Transit is required to provide 1099 forms to all volunteers that receive \$600 or more in reimbursement annually. Any tax questions should be answered by the volunteer's tax preparer.

Information and registration materials can be found on our website at eldoradotransit.com, and residents are welcome to call us or come by our office for more information.



Fall Sale on Local Fixed Route Monthly Passes

El Dorado Transit is pleased to continue to offer discounted rates on Local Fixed routes. The fall sale on monthly passes for October, November and December 2022 are as follows:

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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 6, 2022. El Dorado Transit will offer free rides on the following services:

- Local Fixed Routes
- Sacramento Commuter Routes
- Dial-A-Ride
- ADA Paratransit

On Clean Air Day, help clear the air by trying an alternative form of transportation. Leave the car at home and try transit for free. Please visit eldoradotransit.com/news to see all participating transit agencies.



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October – December Holiday Schedule

Friday, November 11thVeteran’s Day
 Thursday, November 24thThanksgiving
 Friday, November 25th....Friday after Thanksgiving
 Saturday, December 24th.....Christmas Eve
 Sunday, December 25th.....Christmas Day

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