
San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) **PRESS RELEASE**

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RTD Bus route changes on March 11, 2018

Stockton, CA – Beginning Sunday, March 11, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will implement a number of improvements and changes to bus routes.

A new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Express route, the Midtown Corridor, will begin service across the center of Stockton between Franklin High School in the east, and the DMV in the west. Almost all existing Local routes in the City of Stockton will be altered to coordinate with the new BRT service, the existing three BRT routes, and an additional BRT route that will open later in South Stockton.

“The service improvements that will launch on March 11 are the most significant changes since we introduced Bus Rapid Transit service in 2006,” said RTD CEO Donna DeMartino. “We are excited to see the lives of the traveling public improve as access to vital services, products, and jobs increases. We are grateful for funding from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the California State Transportation Administration (CalSTA), the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), and of course Senate Bill 1, that helps us deliver on our commitment to extraordinary customer service.”

Connections between Local and Express routes will improve service by making many trips faster for riders. Many current passengers who rely on RTD to provide transportation will find it easier to reach destinations such as work, school, medical service providers, and shopping. New riders are encouraged to try the new service as it will likely prove to be much faster than what they may have experienced in the past. Overall, quality of life will be improved for Stockton residents who use RTD and will also reduce traffic congestion for those who choose to travel by car. Stockton residents can expect to see expanded economic activity as more people have improved access to local businesses.

Additionally, the service improvements will help facilitate the electrification of buses in Stockton, an important initiative that RTD’s board of directors passed in a resolution last August to convert 100% of RTD buses to all-electric by the year 2025.

RTD Transit Ambassadors, Customer Service Representatives, social media pages, and signs at bus stops will help passengers navigate the new and improved transportation system. Key changes are explained on RTD's website:

<http://sanjoaquinrtd.com/service-changes/>

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