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

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## **RTD Announces Free Rides on National Dump the Pump Day on June 21**

Stockton, CA —San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) announced today that it will join with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the 13th Annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 21. The slogan of this year's National Dump the Pump Day is "Dump the Pump. Ride Public Transit." RTD will offer free rides for all buses except Commuter routes on Thursday, June 21.

Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the 2018 National Dump the Pump Day encourages people to ride public transportation instead of driving a car. Started in June 2006 when gas prices were \$3 per gallon, this national day emphasizes that public transportation is a convenient travel option that can also help people save money. According to the March APTA Transit Savings Report, individuals in a two-person household can save an average of more than \$9,894 annually by downsizing to one car.

"Stockton residents can choose to save money by dumping the pump and maximize the benefits of doing so for the environment and their neighbors," said RTD CEO Donna DeMartino. "This is due to RTD's commitment to zero-emission fleet electrification like what is already taking place in South Stockton. All you have to do is ride the bus."

RTD mascot "Artie D." is rumored to have something special in mind to celebrate Dump the Pump Day this year. Follow RTD on [sjRTD.com](http://sjRTD.com) and on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter, especially on June 21, to see what happens.

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is the regional transit provider for San Joaquin County. RTD's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region. For more information, visit [sjRTD.com](http://sjRTD.com), follow RTD on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjRTD) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/sjRTD), or call (209) 943-1111.

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