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RTD Welcomes Students Back to School

Stockton, CA—As some Stockton Unified School District students prepare to return to in-person learning this fall, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) aims to provide the highest level of service for the most people within its resources. RTD has a rigorous plan of monitoring existing routes throughout Stockton area to ensure transportation will not be a barrier to students who choose in-person education.

"As we continue to navigate through the pandemic which is not over yet," said CEO Gloria G. Salazar, "we will continue to monitor our ridership to determine the best way to meet the needs of our community."

RTD Service Development staff will be conducting outreach to students at high school orientations at Cesar Chavez, Edison, and Franklin high schools on Thursday, July 22 to Tuesday, July 27 to better gauge ridership. Shadow buses are set to be deployed on the first day of school to ensure no student will be without a ride. In addition, RTD staff will be on site at high schools on August 2 to monitor ridership and will continue to do so as needed.

"The service we are offering sufficiently met the demands of service when schools returned to in-person learning on April 29, 2021," said Service Development Manager Damaris Galvan. "As school begins this fall, RTD will continue to be attentive to the needs of its student ridership."

Current routes serving Stockton area high schools include the following:

High School	Routes	Boarding Location
Franklin High School	47	Downtown Transit Center (DTC); Farm & Gertrude
	525	DTC; Myrtle & Oro; Farm & Gertrude
Chavez High School	43	Hammer Transfer Station (HTS); Hammer & Holman; Holman & Telstar; Holman & Windflower
Edison High School	49	Union Transfer Station (UTS); 8 th & B; MLK & Turnpike
	510	DTC; San Joaquin & MLK; San Joaquin &
		Clay; SJ County Hospital; El Dorado & San Joaquin
	515	DTC; Lincoln & Turnpike; Lincoln & MLK; Lever & 8 th ; 8 th & Pajaro; 8 th & Lever
	555	DTC; Turnkpike & MLK; Carolyn Weston & Manthey; MLK & Turnpike
Stagg High School	Hopper 4	DTC; Pershing & Brookside; Mall Transfer Station (MTS)
	545	MTS; Rosemarie & McGaw; Pershing & Brookside; Country Club & Fontana; Pershing & Country Club

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Weber Institute	515	DTC; 8 th & Pajaro; Weber & Van Buren; Weber & Tuleburg; Los Angeles & Sonora

Students may plan their trips by visiting RTD's Trip Planner at https://sanjoaquinrtd.com/trip-planner/.

RTD also offers its on-demand Van Go! service from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for students who may need transportation beyond fixed-route service.

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 <u>sjRTD.com</u>, follow RTD on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>, or call (209) 943-1111.

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