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## **RTD Offers Week-Long Free Rides to Encourage Residents to Dump the Pump**

Stockton, CA — San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) offers one week of free rides providing relief from record-high gas prices in celebration of Dump the Pump Day. Residents can ride any RTD fixed-route services within the Stockton Metropolitan area starting Sunday, June 12 to Saturday, June 18.

"At RTD, we understand how challenging rising gas prices can be," said CEO Alex Clifford. By leaving the driving to RTD, residents can save gas money while reducing greenhouse gases in the community."

First celebrated in 2006, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) encouraged the public to use public transportation instead of driving to reduce gas usage. Public transportation helps to make communities economically prosperous and competitive. For every dollar invested in public transportation, approximately four dollars is generated in economic returns, powering community growth, and revitalization.

"Taking the bus instead of driving frees up your time so you can relax, work, or make plans for another day," said Supervisor of Marketing and Customer Engagement Maximilian Cao. "We invite you to try this great alternative and share your experience with us on social media. Remove the stress of driving for a few days and let us know what you did with your free time."

To learn more about how to ride the bus and save money, visit [sjRTD.com/Trip-Planner](https://www.sjRTD.com/Trip-Planner).

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](https://www.sjRTD.com), follow RTD on Facebook and Twitter, or call (209) 943-1111.

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