

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## <u>RTD Extends Local and Restores Commuter Services on July 31 to Further</u> <u>Transit Equity</u>

Stockton, CA—Effective July 31, 2022, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will extend service hours for its local Express routes in Stockton and restore weekend Commuter service to Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station that will now also stop in Lathrop to improve area coverage.

"We want to promote transit equity by extending service hours later into the evening to provide better connections from Express routes to Local routes for those working non-traditional hours. Later hours mean residents can take the bus back home after work, saving gas money," said CEO Alex Clifford. "We are always looking for ways to improve our services and encourage ridership. Our goal in continuous improvement is to extend opportunity and access to everyone."

In addition to helping residents get to work, RTD is also making adjustments to accommodate changes to school schedules. "Providing transportation to education is very important to RTD," said Service Development Manager Dámaris Galvan. "As students return to school on their new schedule in light of changes in legislation, RTD is adjusting its 300 and 500 series routes to ensure all students are served."

Notable changes are as follows:

- Express Routes 43, 44, 47, and 49 will extend later into the evening to align with Express Route 40.
- Local 300-series Route morning and afternoon trips shifted an hour later to better align with schools' bell schedule.
- Local Routes 515, 525, 555, 566, and 578 morning and afternoon trips adjusted to better align with schools' bell schedule.
- **Commuter Route 150** weekend service will be restored with a new stop in Lathrop to improve area coverage.

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A complete list of service changes is available at <u>sjRTD.com/service-changes</u>.

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