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MARIA PACHECO NAMED 2023 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Storer Transit Systems is excited to announce that Maria Pacheco has been named the 2023 Driver of the Year for the Yuba-Sutter Division. She was chosen for this prestigious award by Storer's safety, supervision, and management team.

Among her many attributes, Maria was selected for her great customer service, positive attitude, flexibility, and ability to assist her peers. She also demonstrates a compassion for others and attention to detail while always following operational requirements and policies. These traits combine to result in the provision of a safe and enjoyable service for her passengers and enhance the work environment for her coworkers.

Maria started her career as a utility worker (bus washer) in 2005 and became a bus driver in 2013. Along with receiving multiple safety and driver awards over the years that she has been employed by Storer Transit Systems, she was also named the Driver of the Year for 2021.

The Driver of the Year award recipient receives a \$500 cash award, a personalized jacket, and a personalized individual plaque. Her name will also be etched onto the perennial Driver of the Year plaque that is on display in the driver room.

The next time you see Maria behind the wheel of your bus, please join us in congratulating her on being selected as the 2023 Driver of the Year!



DOUBLEMAP APP RETIRING MAY 31ST

Yuba-Sutter Transit will be discontinuing the DoubleMap bus tracking mobile application effective May 31st, 2024. We appreciate your patience while we work on securing a replacement bus tracking application as part of our Next Generation transit improvements coming soon.

In the meantime, please visit our website for regular schedule information and service updates. You can also stay informed by subscribing to our e-mail alert list by clicking on the "Stay Informed" tab on our website and follow us on the official Yuba-Sutter Transit Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yubasuttertransit. Staff continuously monitor this page and regularly post service alerts, stop closures, etc. for your convenience.

If you have any additional route or scheduling questions, please call (530) 742-2877.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the office will be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, May 28th. Enjoy the holiday, and please take time to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Visit yubasuttertransit.com for more information.



"May is Bike Month" is back for a 20th year! With loads of fun inperson events, group rides, prizes, and the online workplace challenge; celebrating 20 years of "May is Bike Month" is going to be a blast. Everyone is invited to take part – from regular riders to people who haven't been on a bike in years (or ever!), and there are loads of prizes to be won!

Registration is still open for individuals from across the six-county Sacramento region at www.lovetoride.net/sacregion. This campaign is designed to encourage bicycling, foster friendly competition, and demonstrate the benefits of riding more frequently whether for recreation or regular transportation.

Even a few short trips per week add up over time to make a big difference for both you and the environment. "May is Bike Month" is all about encouraging people to swap cars for handlebars so they can rediscover the joys and benefits of riding first-hand. By using the brandnew **Rate My Routes** feature in the **Love to Ride app**, riders also will be able to provide feedback on their journeys and contribute anonymous data that planners can use to build better, safer bike infrastructure.

Yuba-Sutter Transit makes "May is Bike Month" even easier with bike racks on every bus and bike lockers at three of our local park and ride locations. See the bike program and policies story below for details.



YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT BIKE PROGRAM & BIKE POLICIES

All Yuba-Sutter Transit buses are equipped with two or three position bike racks for use on a first-come, first-served basis at no additional cost. No permit is required and there is no time or stop restrictions, but passengers are required to load, secure, and unload their own bike. Mopeds, motorized bikes and bikes with non-standard wheel and frame sizes that do not fit securely on the rack are not permitted.

Bikes are not allowed inside local fixed route or commuter buses unless it is the last bus of the day, or the bus has available underfloor storage space. This restriction does not apply to the rural route or Dial-A-Ride services where extra bikes are allowed inside if space permits.

If you prefer to leave your bike behind, space is available in the Yuba-Sutter Transit bike lockers at three of our Park & Ride Lots though availability varies by location. Lockers are available with specific use limitations for \$5 per month (three months minimum) or \$50 a year plus a \$25 refundable key/security deposit.

For the occasional rider, an on-demand, two-position bicycle security and storage pod called a "BikeLid" is located at the Plumas Lake Park & Ride. It is available free of charge on a first come, first served basis using your own lock. It does not get much easier than that!

For more information, check out our Bikes and Buses section on our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com/bikes-and-buses or contact Janet Frye at either (530) 634-6880 or janet@yubasuttertransit.com.



CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards may be loaded at any of the sales outlets below or on the Connect Card website. New full fare Connect Cards are available from any sales outlet, but new and replacement discount photo ID Connect Cards are only available during normal weekday business hours at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

Please check with locations for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- Sutter County Library Yuba City (530) 822-7137
 Monday Thursday, 9:00 am 6:00 pm
 Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am 5:00 pm
 [Cash or Check Only]
- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380
 Tuesday Friday, 12:00 6:00 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am 1:00 pm
 [Cash, Credit or Debit Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998
 Weekdays, 8:30 am 3:00 pm
 [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office Marysville Weekdays, 8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00 pm [Cash, Check, Contactless Payment, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]

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