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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT ANNOUNCES SERVICE PLAN UPDATES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWING RIDERSHIP

*December 4, 2024, Marysville, CA* – Yuba-Sutter Transit is making important updates to its local transit services, effective January 2025. The changes will better meet community needs and improve access to transportation with the introduction of extended service hours and minor fare adjustments. Notably, due to steadily increasing ridership, initial plans no longer include discontinuing Routes #2 and #5 in Yuba City.

#### Upcoming Service Improvements (Effective January 21, 2025):

- Introduction of later weekday evening service hours for <u>all</u> local fixed routes from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to accommodate more riders. No change to the Saturday local fixed route service hours.
- Elimination of the late-night Dial-A-Ride service for the general public on weekdays.
   Dial-A-Ride service (for eligible seniors and persons with disabilities) will now end at 8:00 p.m., when fixed-route services conclude, instead of the current 9:30 p.m. end time.

ADA Paratransit services will also operate until 8:00 p.m. on weekdays. No changes will be made to the Saturday service hours.

**UPDATE** - Fixed Routes 2 and 5 will <u>not</u> be discontinued and Route 1 will <u>not</u> be streamlined. Yuba-Sutter is pleased to announce that these routes will remain in place to provide consistent service to riders.

#### Local Route Fare Adjustments (Effective January 1, 2025):

- The price of local fixed route monthly passes will be increased from \$10 to \$20 for Basic Passes, and from \$5 to \$10 for Discount Passes. The selling price of the monthly passes will continue to be reduced as grant funding is available.
- The Daily Cap on local one-way fares will go from \$3 to \$4.50 for the Basic Fare Daily Cap, and from \$1.50 to \$2.25 for the Discount Fare Daily Cap. This means that after 3 one-way cash fares are paid, no additional fare will be deducted for the remainder of the day. The Daily Cap does not apply to Dial-A-Ride and Rural fares.
   The local fixed route daily cap and monthly passes are available only with a Connect Card electronic fare card.

## **Future Service Alternatives Under Consideration**

The Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 4:05 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, Supervisors Chambers located at 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, to consider a plan to launch public ondemand service as a complement to existing fixed route services starting in Linda and Olivehurst in Spring 2025. A complete description of the proposed service alternative is available online at www.yubasuttertransit.com.

Yuba-Sutter Transit is inviting feedback regarding the proposed local service plan alternative, either verbally or in writing, before or at the public hearing. Comments can be provided by e-mail to <u>info@yubasuttertransit.com</u> or by telephone at (530) 634-6880. All written communication must be received prior to the hearing to be considered.

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