

**TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING IN
YUBA COUNTY AND SUTTER COUNTY, INCLUDING THE
CITIES OF MARYSVILLE AND YUBA CITY
MINUTES**

October 24, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.

Hearing - Yuba County Government Center – Wheatland Room

The hearing was conducted by Gary Bradford, representing the SACOG Board of Directors, with Barbara VaughanBechtold SACOG staff, and Matt Mauk and Adam Hansen, of Yuba-Sutter Transit.

Director Bradford and Ms. VaughanBechtold provided an overview of SACOG and the unmet transit needs hearing process. Mr. Mauk reviewed Yuba-Sutter Transit services, including information on upcoming January 2025 service changes.

One member of the public attended the Unmet Transit Needs hearing; two items of correspondence were received.

Director Bradford opened the hearing for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Denise Swanson, Yuba City, CA

Ms. Swanson stated that she felt that the bus fares may be too inexpensive and should be raised if needed in order to provide more service. She said that she wished buses ran later since she is without access to a personal vehicle. The circular routes, specifically route #5, are challenging and take a long time to travel between Yuba City and Linda due to transfers, as well as are problematic for grocery shopping.

Yuba-Sutter Transit responded – The proposed route changes were approved in September 2024 to begin implementation in early 2025. On demand transit service will become available where riders can request a bus anytime during the service hours and will operate as a corner-to-corner service. Riders will be able to travel anywhere in Yuba City with service operating until 8 PM M-F and Saturday until 5 PM. The hope is that this service when combined with remaining fixed route service will make it better and easier to use. Dial-A-Ride is a separate service from the new on demand service. Bus pass prices are increasing in the new year going from \$5 to \$10 for seniors and people with disabilities, and from \$10 to \$20 for the general public. There will be some other fare changes, and that information can be found at <https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/nextgen-transit-plan>.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mira Chase, Plumas Lake/Yuba County, CA

Please provide a bus going from Plumas Lake to the light rail and Greyhound bus stations on Richards Boulevard in Sacramento. I am disabled and don't drive.

Thank you.

2. Frances Foster, Wheatland, CA

I'm a Wheatland resident, age 80+, no longer drive due to poor vision & have limited walking ability. I'm requesting additional Wheatland services as follows: Dial-A-Ride service (to/from/within Wheatland); Saturday service; more service (earlier & mid-day) to better accommodate appointments (i.e. doctors), senior center activities, and shopping; and for the route to extend into Yuba City (Mall, Walmart Supercenter shopping strip mall, Sam's Club – anywhere). Thank you.