



## Transportation Options for Upcoming A's Games

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**Attachments:** No

**Referring Committee:** Transportation

### **Issue:**

The Athletics, a major league baseball team, are playing three seasons at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento starting March 31, 2025. Staff are providing an update on the transportation connections and information available for residents and visitors traveling to the stadium for “home” games.

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### **Recommendation for Board:**

None; this item is for information only.

### **Recommendation for Committee:**

None; this item is for information only.

### **Background:**

While many transportation planning and funding efforts at SACOG examine infrastructure needs, the Sustainable Mobility Program emphasizes programs and technological adaptations to increase mobility and reduce vehicle miles traveled across the region. A tenet of the program’s work is a willingness to partner with private and public entities to address transportation challenges from new angles. In addition to facilitating mode shift to reduce vehicle miles traveled, the program also works to improve mobility and support economic development and community outcomes through access to key destinations.

As an existing key destination in the region, Sutter Health Park offers several transportation connections and support services. The stadium is served by Yolo Transportation District (Yolobus) routes connecting locally to northern and southern neighborhoods in West Sacramento, and regionally to downtown Sacramento, Woodland, Davis, and the Sacramento International Airport; the bus stops are immediately adjacent to the field. Trails on either side of the Sacramento River can be used for low-stress walking and biking connections to the stadium; the stadium offers complimentary, secure bike valet during all baseball games. Shared micromobility providers rent scooters for shorter-distance travel to the stadium.

In April 2024, the Athletics announced their plans to play three seasons, 2025-2027, at Sutter Health Park in

West Sacramento. The 2025 schedule identifies 81 games that will take place at Sutter Health Park between March 31, and September 28, each with the potential to seat roughly 14,000 fans. Season tickets sold out earlier in 2025, while individual game tickets are available for purchase. The 14,000-seat stadium is far smaller than the typical major league stadium, increasing the likelihood of sold-out games and their accompanying traffic congestion.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

The City of West Sacramento and YoloBus have led most of the transportation planning efforts to anticipate and adapt to the expected influx of vehicle traffic. The City of Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Transit District, and the business and tourism community have also engaged in planning to ensure a smooth first season for our region's first brush with a major league baseball team. SACOG has looked for ways to ensure residents and visitors alike will be able to use the existing transportation assets and multimodal connections to the stadium, while also exploring how our new trip-matching platform, NorCal GO, can facilitate more carpool trips to the stadium.

Staff provided an update to the committee on the connections and tools available for travel to and from the stadium that can be used for Athletics games and other events at Sutter Health Park.

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

**List of Attachments:**

Not applicable