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YOLOBUS to Adjust to I-5 Construction Closures

Many riders have been wondering what YOLOBUS will do during the 42-day period when portions of I-5 are closed, or restricted, due to a major Caltrans reconstruction project, starting at 8 p.m., on Friday, May 30th and ending at 5 a.m. on Monday, July 15th. The web site explaining the I-5 construction schedule is at <http://fixi5.com/news.html>.

We have been meeting with Caltrans to come up with solutions. They include:

- Encouraging all morning express riders to catch an earlier bus, due to longer running times along the freeway.
- Having afternoon express buses leave Sacramento at their normal scheduled times (riders are forewarned that their afternoon return trip home could experience delays).
- Adding two morning and two afternoon express bus trips between **Woodland and Sacramento** on weekdays. We may need to adjust the route and schedule of the added service if actual traffic congestion along I-5 deteriorates beyond assumed levels.
- Either encouraging more use of the Capitol Corridor train service (if we can negotiate a discounted fare for the train ride), or adding two morning and two afternoon express bus trips between **Davis and Sacramento** on weekdays, using the Mace Park-and-Ride lot in Davis.
- If the added express buses become full, we will suggest that the remaining travelers carpool from the parking lots, or in the case of Davis, take the Capitol Corridor train.
- Inserting extra route 42 intercity buses into service if the scheduled service becomes excessively late or crowded due to heavy traffic conditions.
- Providing an extra bus in West Sacramento to relieve local buses that run late due to crowds and heavy traffic conditions.

These changes will be effective throughout the construction project.

We will release an updated newsletter on the closure around the middle of May.

What Happens with Express Trips After the I-5 Construction Project is Complete?

The preliminary budget for the 2008/2009 fiscal year includes one extra express trip on route 45 between Woodland and Sacramento, and two extra express trips between Davis and Sacramento. These ongoing service improvements are subject to board approval through the budget process.

Woodland Local Service Increases July 20th

A doubling of Woodland local service will start on Sunday, July 20th. This is after the I-5 project is completed, when connections between local and intercity buses should improve. The local buses will serve all of the existing areas, **plus** the Woodland Community and Senior Center, Douglass and Lee Middle Schools, the YMCA, Costco and Target markets (off Road 102), and the area around Cottonwood and Kentucky. Printed schedules should come out the first week of July.

New Bus Washing System

Perhaps you've noticed—the YOLOBUS fleet is a lot cleaner these days, thanks to a new bus



washer system recently installed, as well as the hiring of two extra utility workers. Bus washing water now goes through a water softening and reverse osmosis purification system. The net result is cleaner buses with fewer water drop marks. There are now seven (7) utility workers who keep buses fueled and cleaned.

13 New Fixed Route Buses Arriving

YOLOBUS has received nine (9) of 13 new Orion CNG (compressed natural gas) buses on order from Daimler/Chrysler, which now owns the Orion bus line.



These buses are low-floor models, each seating 34 passengers, with room for standees. They run on the cleanest burning compressed natural gas engines that are available. You may note that the seating is virtually

identical to Sacramento. This is because both operators bought their buses off a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) order. In order for us to receive the buses as early as we have, we were required to go with the same seats as Sacramento. The seats in the lower front area are fully padded seats, while the seats in the elevated rear area have fabric inserts.

New Paratransit Vehicles

YOLOBUS has received five replacement paratransit vehicles. These vehicles are used to provide curb-to-curb transportation for people with functional disabilities that keep them from being able to ride fixed



route buses. For more information on this service, go to YOLOBUS.com, or call us at 1-800-371-2877. The vehicle sizes range from four passenger minivans to 16-passenger vehicles, like the one above.

Next Order of Large Buses

Due to pending grants from the Federal Transit Administration, Proposition 1B, and assistance from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, we are working on purchasing up to six (6) more buses.



We are exploring the possibility of buying 45-foot long "commuter" coaches, like the one pictured above, that seat up to 57 passengers in high back recliner seats. Because only diesel engines can propel a bus this size, and because six such buses would make up more than 15% of our fleet, we'll need to go through a few hoops with state and federal agencies to get approval to operate with modern, low emission diesel engines.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Has Openings

We have a Citizens' Advisory Committee, which gives recommendations to staff and the YCTD board regarding various transit issues. Current openings include the City of Winters (primary and alternate positions), City of Woodland (alternate position), the City of West Sacramento (primary position), and an at-large disabled rider (alternate position). If you would like to serve on this committee, which meets in the evenings every other month, call 661-0816 and ask for Kathy.

Expanded Service between Woodland and Cache Creek Casino Resort Starts

YOLOBUS now runs six (6) additional round trips between Woodland and Cache Creek Casino Resort, via Madison, Esparto, and Capay on Route 215. This brings the service to a total of 17 bus trips a day, 7 days a week!

With over 2,400 employees working at the resort, YOLOBUS, the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, and Yolo County worked with YOLOBUS to augment the service, which is open to the general public. Some 90% of the ridership is by employees of the resort. The remaining ridership is by people living in the corridor traveling to/from Woodland for shopping, doctor appointments, and other reasons.

The Tribe is picking up the entire cost of the additional trips, including the pending purchase of a new bus.

An additional benefit is the provision of on-call paratransit service between Brooks and Woodland, plus one day a week service between Rumsey and Woodland.



Dignitaries, including Tribal Chairman, Marshall McKay, waiting to board Route 215 bus in Woodland.

One Day/Week Paratransit Service to Rumsey, Guinda, Brooks, Capay, Esparto, Madison

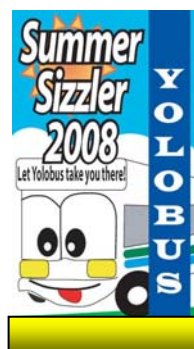
We are pleased to announce that YOLOBUS has now extended its paratransit service further into the Capay Valley, as far west as Guinda and Rumsey, providing access to Woodland. Grocery shopping, the library, and the Woodland Community Center were trip purposes for riders of the inaugural trip. The service is offered on Wednesdays. Riders are asked to call YOLOBUS at 1-800-371-2877 to reserve their trip. This



way, we can send the right size bus into the Valley.

Rumsey resident Bob Bramlett gets off YOLOBUS to use the library. Residents of Guinda, Brooks, Capay, Esparto, and Madison may also use the service.

Summer "Sizzles" for YOLOBUS



Thanks to grant funding from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, kids age 5-17 will be able to ride YOLOBUS at deep discounts from **June 1st through August 31st**. The cash fare (normally 75 cents to \$1.00) will be just 35 cents. Kids can also opt to purchase an all-summer pass, like the one in the picture, for just \$15. Call our ticket office at 661-0816 for further information, or come to 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, to buy a Summer Sizzler pass.

Coming Soon: Real Time Web Viewing of Bus

Ever wonder if traffic conditions or other events have delayed your bus? Well, soon you will be able to look on the internet and learn where your bus is! Our entire bus system is equipped with automatic vehicle location devices. We are working with the vendor to create a web page, which will allow you to see your bus location on a map. Look for more updates on this system in upcoming newsletters.

Information/Feedback

Woodland/Davis: 666-2877

Other Yolo County Areas: 1-800-371-2877

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