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Wednesday, August 1st is Spare the Air Day on Yolobus and Unitrans

TO: YOLOBUS Riders, News Media

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WHAT: **Ride YOLOBUS and Unitrans free on Wednesday, August 1st: “Spare the Air” Day**



Transit Operators Also Advise Riders to Stay Hydrated and Cool

Wednesday, August 1, 2012, has been designated by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District as a “Spare the Air” day. Rides on YOLOBUS and Unitrans fixed route services will be provided at no charge to riders on Thursday because of this “Spare the Air Day” designation. Also, riders of YOLOBUS paratransit services will not be charged a fare on that day.

This Summer, when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is expected to exceed “127” for ozone levels, the Air District sends out announcements at least the day before.

Additionally, because the temperature forecast is significant for Thursday, both YOLOBUS and Unitrans are advising passengers to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and staying indoors as long as possible (until their buses arrive), particularly in the afternoon.

How can a rider find out if their bus is on time without being out there in the heat of the day? YOLOBUS riders can get real time information on where their bus is simply by going to the Yolobus.com web site and clicking “automatic vehicle location system”, or going to <http://avl.yctd.org/>.

This free-ride incentive program on YOLOBUS is funded by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. Likewise, Unitrans, which serves the City of Davis, surrounding area, and U.C. Davis campus, will offer free rides on Wednesday, August 1st, as well. **This free-ride offer does not apply to Sacramento Regional Transit buses or light rail and free transfers to that system will not be issued.**

Five-day forecasts for ozone are available at www.sparetheair.com and Spare the Air days are determined a day in advance which helps people plan to use alternative transportation, including bus, carpooling, walking and bicycling. Residents can also receive personal notification through Air Alert, a free service available by signing up at www.myairalert.net. On declared “Spare the Air” days anyone can ride YOLOBUS for free.

Bus schedules are available by contacting YOLOBUS at 530-402-2810 or www.yolobus.com, as well as UNITRANS at 530-752-2877 or www.Unitrans.com.