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Youth Ride Free on Yolobus Fixed Route and Knights Landing Microtransit Service, effective September 1st!

Yolobus pilot program offers free rides to youth up to age 18

WOODLAND, Calif. – Yolobus is continuing to support youth riders by offering unlimited free rides to youth 18 and younger throughout its service area. Beginning September 1, 2019 kids can ride at no cost to school, the movies, recreational activities, after school programs or anywhere that Yolobus fixed route bus service and YOUR Ride (Knights Landing microtransit) travels. The pilot program is expected to continue until August 31, 2020, unless otherwise cancelled or modified by the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD), which oversees Yolobus.

“This pilot is more than a student program,” said Terry Bassett, Executive Director of YCTD. “It is for all Yolo County youth within our fixed route service area and the Knights Landing microtransit service area . We will try it for a year. Over the next nine months, the YCTD Board of Directors will be assessing the program before deciding what to do with it in the future.”

“Our summer youth passes were a big hit with those that took advantage of the program. We want to expand our outreach to local youths and let them know that Yolobus is a safe and dependable way to get around,” Bassett continues. “Not only will the free rides save money for

the kids, it will also save parents from shuttle service duty. Over 12,000 high school and middle school kids could benefit, as well as another 20,000 kids in other schools in Yolo County, yet alone other youth who are age 18 and younger.”

The free rides for youth pilot program is subject to available capacity of routes and schedules in effect. There is no guarantee that additional buses will be put into service to provide more capacity. Because Yolobus passengers have a right to a safe and comfortable ride from the beginning to the end of their trip, youths will be expected to adhere to all passenger rules. A complete schedule to all of Yolobus destinations and stops can be found by visiting www.yolobus.com or calling (530) 666-BUSS (2877).

As with the Youth Pass, the free ride for youth pilot program requires children under the age of 12 to ride with a companion aged 12 or older.

Yolobus is asking that high school and middle school kids be prepared to show their school student ID if the driver requests it.

The Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland, the County of Yolo, Yolo Housing, and Transdev (the Yolobus service contractor) are helping to fund this program. Yolobus has also been working with the Woodland and Davis Joint Unified School Districts, as well as the Esparto, Winters, Washington School Districts and the Yolo County Office of Education.

About Yolobus

Yolobus operates 45 compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, 6 highway coaches powered by clean diesel fuel that is highly refined to improve combustion efficiency and reduce harmful emissions, and 9 clean diesel cutaway vehicles that offer curb-to-curb paratransit service. Yolobus serves Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, downtown Sacramento, Sacramento International Airport, Cache Creek Casino Resort, Esparto, Madison, Dunnigan, Zamora, Yolo, Knights Landing, and Vacaville and connects to Unitrans and Fairfield-Suisun Transit in Davis, Sac RT buses and light rail in Sacramento, and Vacaville Transit in Vacaville. The agency provides over 1.2 million rides a year. For route and schedule information visit www.yolobus.com .or call (530) 666-BUSS (2877).

About YOUR Ride

YOUR (Yolobus Urban/Rural) Ride is Yolobus' new Knights Landing Rural Microtransit Pilot Project, an on-demand ride-share service to help Knights Landing residents travel more easily within Yolo County, particularly between Knights Landing and Woodland. The new weekday only service is on a first-come, first-served, same day basis and operates from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Available to only Knights Landing residence, riders can request a ride using the mobile app TripShot. For more information visit www.yolobus.com/yourride.