



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **RTD Discontinues Regular Service on Christmas and New Year's Day**

(Stockton, CA) – On Christmas and New Year's Day, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will not operate its regular fixed route bus services, which include Stockton Metro, Metro Express, Intercity, Trolley, Hopper, and Commuter Routes. RTD will also close its administrative offices and the Downtown Transit Center (DTC) Customer Service Center.

This action is necessary due to reductions in state funding, and is similar to that of other regional transit providers. RTD's holiday ridership is a fraction of regular service days, but with even higher costs. RTD's goal is to reduce costs while affecting the smallest number of passengers, thereby saving dollars for highly used service.

RTD will offer limited Dial-A-Ride service on a first-come, first-served basis at a premium fare of \$5.00 per one-way trip. RTD will schedule trips with priority for passengers who are elderly or with disabilities.

Please make reservations for Christmas day by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2008, and for New Year's Day, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2008. Reservations will be limited to one round trip per passenger, per holiday. For reservations, please call (209) 955-8400.

RTD's administrative offices and the DTC Customer Service Center will be open and RTD will provide regular service on Wednesday, December 24, and Friday, December 26, 2008, and Wednesday, December 31, 2008, and Friday, January 2, 2009.

### **For more information:**

*CLICK:* [www.SanJoaquinRTD.com](http://www.SanJoaquinRTD.com)

*CALL:* (209) 943-1111 or 1-800-HOW-TO-RIDE (1-800-469-8674)

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