

General Manager's Report December 14, 2015

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

The House and Senate are in session this week and next week. Congress is scheduled to adjourn for the year on December 18, though the session may be extended in order to pass several "must pass" year-end items.

On December 4, President Obama signed a five year, \$305 billion transportation reauthorization Conference Report. The new law (P.L. 114-94), titled the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act", is fully funded through September 2020. The total authorized funding for FTA programs increases to \$11.789 billion in FY16 and rises to \$12.592 billion by FY20, or \$61.113 billion over the life of the bill. This represents a 10.23% increase in year one, and 17.74% by FY20. The General Fund portion of the authorization increases by 16.28% in FY16 and remains flat for the remainder of the bill. Some specific details:

- Capital Investment Grants are authorized at approximately \$2.3 billion in FY16 and each year thereafter, which is a 20.7% increase over the MAP-21, but the level remains flat over the five years of the bill.
- The legislation reinstates a bus and bus facilities competitive grant program that would grow from \$268 million in 2016 to \$344 million by 2020 and includes a \$55 million per year set-aside for low and no emission buses.
- The Conference Agreement increases the Buy America content requirement for transit rolling stock from the current level of 60% to 65% in 2018 and 70% by FY20. The Conference Report also maintains maximum Section 5309 federal share of 80% for core capacity and small start projects. The Conference Report does, however, change current law for New Starts full funding grant agreements by reducing the maximum Section 5309 FFGA share allowed by law from 80% to 60%. Other federal funds, including the Surface Transportation Program (STP) within the Federal Highway Programs, can still be used to supplement full funding grant agreements up to 80%.

Negotiations over a FY16 Omnibus Appropriations bill are ongoing, but top appropriators and congressional leaders were unable to release a draft of the legislation, as they had initially planned. Major disputes remained over whether to include provisions dealing with Syrian refugees, environmental and financial regulations, campaign finance and a host of other controversial items in the omnibus. Thus, the likelihood that Congress will need to enact another short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) have increased. The current CR expires on December 11.

Negotiations also continue on the expiring “tax extenders” provisions. Details are fluid at the moment. House leaders plan to introduce a two-year tax break extension package that the chamber could vote on as early as this week. The two-year bill would be a “placeholder” of sorts, which could move as a stand-alone measure on the House floor in order to ensure the tax breaks are extended in the event that a broader, permanent deal is not reached. According to a House Ways and Means Committee summary released on December 8, the two-year bill would extend several important transit related provisions, including:

- Section 103. Extension of parity for exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits. The provision extends through 2016, the maximum monthly exclusion amount for transit passes and van pool benefits so that these transportation benefits match the exclusion for qualified parking benefits. These fringe benefits are excluded from an employee’s wages for payroll tax purposes, and from gross income for income tax purposes.
- Section 152. Extension of credit for alternative fuel vehicle refueling property. The provision extends through 2016, the credit for the installation of non-hydrogen alternative fuel vehicle refueling property. (Under current law, hydrogen-related property already is eligible for the credit through 2016.) Taxpayers are allowed a credit of up to 30 percent of the cost of the installation of the qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property.
- Section 155. Extension of biodiesel and renewable diesel incentives. The provision extends through 2016, the existing \$1.00 per gallon tax credit for biodiesel and biodiesel mixtures, and the small agri-biodiesel producer credit of 10 cents per gallon. The provision also extends through 2016, the \$1.00 per gallon production tax credit for diesel fuel created from biomass. The provision extends through 2016 the fuel excise tax credit for biodiesel mixtures.

FTA published a proposed rule that would incorporate the current interim safety certification training provisions as the initial regulatory training requirements. These requirements would enhance the technical proficiency of those directly responsible for safety oversight of public transportation systems and the State personnel who conduct safety audits and examinations of rail transportation systems. Similar to existing Federal funding requirements, the proposed rule would require State Safety Oversight Agencies and rail transit operators to annually certify compliance with the rule as a condition for receiving FTA financial assistance. As with the current interim program, employees or contractors of entities providing safety oversight of bus transit operations would be encouraged to participate on a voluntary basis. Public comments must be received by February 1, 2016.

STATE

State Legislative oral report by – Smith, Watts & Hartmann

SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Oral report by Laura Ham.

MOBILE TICKETING APPLICATION

Oral report by Mike Mattos.

RT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

January 11, 2016
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

January 25, 2016
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

February 8, 2016
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

Mobility Advisory Council

January 14, 2016
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

February 4, 2016
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

March 3, 2016
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

December 16, 2015
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

March 16, 2016
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

June 15, 2016
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

Paratransit Board Meeting

January 28, 2016
2501 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA
6:00 P.M

March 24, 2016
Sutter Senior Care
1234 U Street
Sacramento, CA
6:00 P.M

May 26, 2016
2501 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA
6:00 P.M



Sacramento RT User Guide

Mobile Ticketing System



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This guide will help you gain an understanding of the following:

- How to login to the application
- How to plan a trip
- How to buy a ticket
- How to scan a ticket
- FAQ's



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After a rider creates a secure account, the RideSacRT application will allow the rider to:

- Select a fare type
- Select the quantity
- Buy a Daily Pass or Single Ride
- Present to the Operator or Fare Inspector



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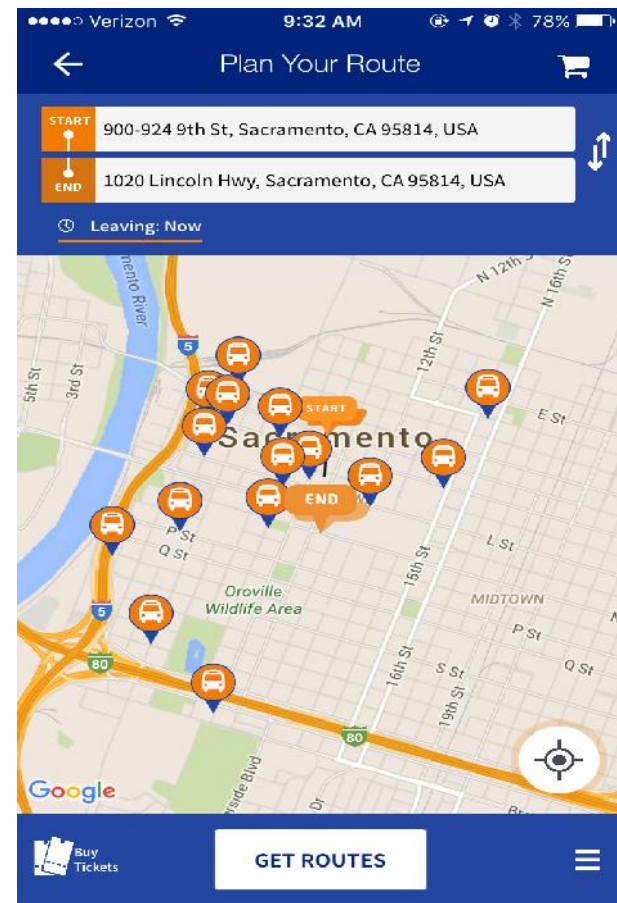
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Click and drag the map
to your designated
location

OR

Enter your start and end
location





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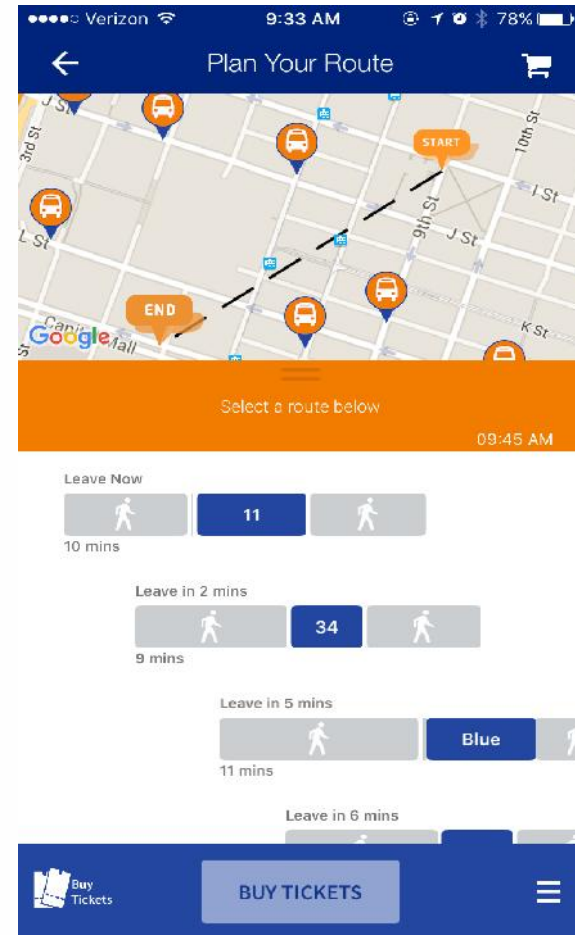
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Click the route that is best suited for your journey.





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Review your route
summary

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for planning a trip. At the top, the status bar displays 'Verizon', signal strength, Wi-Fi, time '9:33 AM', location services, battery level '78%', and a battery icon. Below the status bar is a dark blue header with a back arrow, the title 'Plan Your Route', and a shopping cart icon. The main content area features a map with a black route line connecting a 'START' point at the intersection of J St and 8th St to an 'END' point at 555 Capitol Mall. Below the map is an orange bar labeled 'Route Overview'. Underneath, a table-like structure provides trip details:

LEAVING		DURATION
6:33 AM	Arriving at 6:43 AM	10 MINS

The route summary consists of the following steps:

- Walk to J St & 8th St (EB)**
0.2 mi - 3 mins
- Bus 11 towards Natomas - Downtown**
0.5 mi - 3 mins
- Walk to 555 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814, USA**
0.2 mi - 3 mins
- Arrival - 6:43AM**

At the bottom of the screen is a dark blue footer containing a 'Buy Tickets' icon, a white button labeled 'BUY TICKETS', and a hamburger menu icon.



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Select the fare type and
the quantity

Verizon 9:33 AM 78%

Buy your tickets

START

END

Select your ticket(s)

Select Single Ride or Daily Pass

Single Ride

Select Basic or Discount

Basic - Single Ride \$2.50

Quantity

1

Buy Tickets

ADD TO CART



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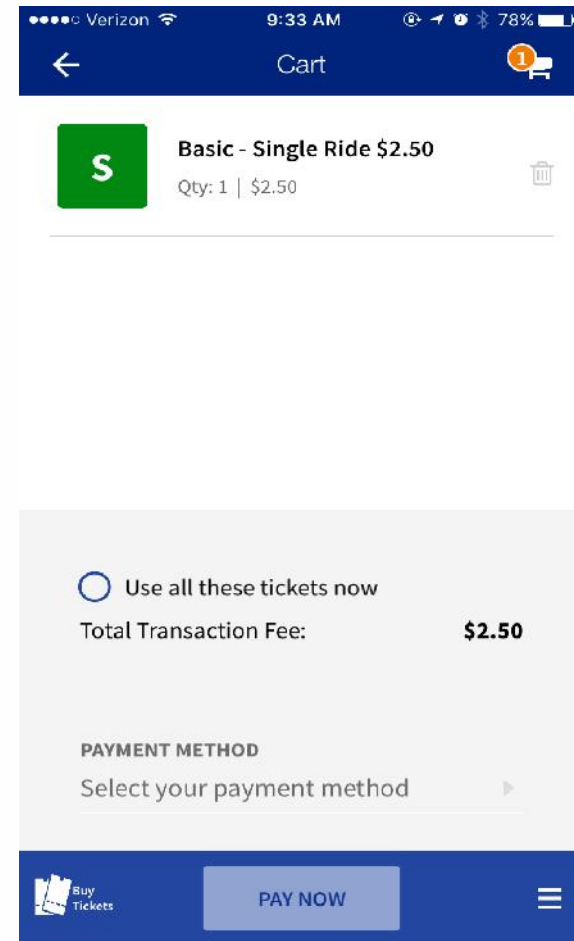
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Review purchase and
add a credit card





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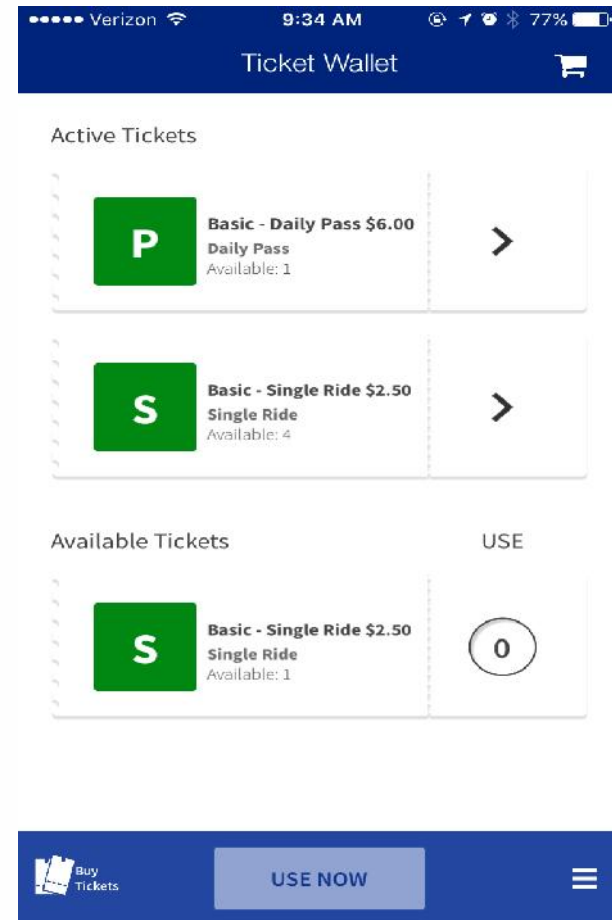
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Select the ticket you would like to use





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Tap and click to scan ticket

Show driver the moving QR code



CLICK TO SCAN TICKET

Basic - Single Ride \$2.50

Expires in 1 hour, 29 minutes

TICKET OPTIONS

Swipe to left/right see more tickets





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What to do if a mobile device is out of battery?

If there is no display, pass is not Valid.

How to validate if a screen is unreadable?

If there is no display, pass is not Valid.

Does a mobile pass expire?

Yes, the pass expires and has a clear date and countdown timer on the active session screen to display when it will expire. Once, the pass expires it then moves into the Rider History.

If I lose my cell phone service while trying to use a pass, will the mobile Pass still work?

The Pass is stored on a virtual cloud that will automatically store all purchased passes. If the user is logged into the application they will have access to their passes. If the user is NOT logged into their application then they will NOT be able to access their passes without cellular service or wifi connection.

Can I transfer to another bus with the app?

Yes, as long as the ticket is displayed as Active, the rider can transfer for another ride

Where can I use mobile ticketing?

On the bus and light rail



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How is the application getting my current location?

We are using the location feature on your phone.

Can I save a route?

Not yet, this is coming in an update.

Does the application only show me transit buses in real-time?

No, the application will show all modes in real-time. This feature will include light rail in Fall of 2016, when Sacramento Regional Transit is expected to begin providing real-time light rail vehicle location information.

Does the application only show public transit?

Yes, in later updates we will include more modes.

Does my GPS need to be turned on?

Yes, your phone's GPS needs to be turned on.

Can I see where my bus is in real time?

Not in this version of the application but in the later update you will.

What does the clock mean?

This is a mechanism to help fraud protection

How do I know where to transfer if there are many buses?

The map will show the icons for the bus you need to transfer to

What happens if I do not get a verification code?

Please double check your email



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What happens if I do not have a credit card?

You will need to register a credit card to pay

Which credit cards do you accept?

Visa, Mastercard, Discovery and AMEX

How do I know which pass to buy?

Please look at the transit schedule.

Where do I get a coupon code?

You can get this if you are eligible for discounts. Please ask your agency if you are eligible for this.

What if I want a refund for buying a ticket by mistake?

You can, please reach out to Sacramento RT Customer Service

How do I scan the ticket?

Click the ticket and you will see the ticket flip over to a QR code. Please show this to the driver.

How do I see my profile?

Click the lower right hand menu and you will see a list of options. One of these is your profile