Northern and Central California Transit in Crisis: Public Transit Services Face Existential Crisis in Coming Months Due to COVID-19

Northern and Central California Transit Agencies Already Feeling Impacts

The recently signed federal relief package provides much needed immediate funding for local transit agencies that will help mitigate the worst impacts of COVID-19 in the near term. But these funds only stopped the immediate bleeding — they will likely not stabilize transit over the long-term. It may become imperative that the state support agencies further in the coming months with new funds to keep the doors open and the trains running through the hard times to come. Transit agencies across Northern and Central California are already suspending or dramatically curtailing services due to the coronavirus. These cuts could become permanent without state action.

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↓ 75%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↑ $775,000
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- Operating only 38% of normal capacity.
- As of 3/23, operating on a “Sunday Plus” schedule.
- 200 series has been suspended due to school closures.

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↓ 95%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↑ $750,000
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- Reduced service from 15 to five daily round trips between Sacramento and Oakland
- As of 3/21, operating on a “temporary, reduced train and bus schedule”.
- Suspension of Café Car service on all trains.
- Reduced or canceled lifeline and feeder services between Capitol Corridor and other regions of CA.
- All group trips for Spring 2020 are cancelled and are not accepting new group travel requests until further notice.
- Reduced hours at the following staffed stations: SAC, Davis, Martinez, Emeryville, Oakland Jack London, and SJ.

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CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↑ 92%
CURRENT REVENUE DECLINE: ↑ $195,000 in fare revenue
OTHER FINANCIAL IMPACTS: Fare revenue -22% below projections, expected loss of $3.1 million.
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- ACE Train 07 & 10 suspended till further notice. Saturday Service suspended.
- As of 4/6, ACE Train 05 & 06 will be suspended.
OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:
- In-person ticket sales suspended at Lathrop/Manteca and Tracy stations as of 3/25.

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↑ 87.5%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE:
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- “Expanded Saturday Service” schedule adopted 7-days a week.
- New “Corridor Connection” Route, running between UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento and UC Davis Campus, postponed due to COVID-19.
OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:
- Partnered with Office of Emergency Services to deliver meals from Yolo foodbank to seniors and homeless Californians.
- No fares collected.

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↑ 63%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↑ $89,000
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- Operating on Weekend Only Schedule, representing a 40% overall reduction in service.
OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:
- Furloughed 36 employees.

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↑ 71%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↑ $167,000
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- Regular service resumes 5/18.
- Operating modified commuter buses to ACE.
OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:
- No fares will be collected through May 31.

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