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## **RTD to Delay Proposed Service Modifications**

(Stockton, CA) – At its June 28 meeting, the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) Board of Directors approved the staff recommendation to delay for up to 120 days most of the service modifications originally proposed to go into effect on July 24, 2011.

RTD staff developed the proposed service modifications as a result of decreased transit funding and increased operating costs, including fuel, anticipated in Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 2012) and presented them to the public during a series of public hearings in May.

Staff received significant public input concerning the reduction and elimination of services, in particular, the proposed elimination of Sunday service in the Stockton Metropolitan Area (Metro) and consolidation and elimination of some Commuter routes.

Subsequent to the public hearings, as RTD finalized its FY 2012 budget, there remained several uncertainties in both expenses (fuel costs, benefits and wages, costs of purchased services) and revenues (state and federal funding and the results of a fare study).

Because of these uncertainties and their effect on RTD's FY 2012 budget, staff recommended and RTD's Board approved delaying the implementation, with the exception of the elimination of two routes: Commuter Route 176 and Limited-Service Weekday Metro Route 330, effective July 24. These are low-ridership routes for which customers have alternative service.

Before the expiration of the 120 days, RTD staff will return to the Board with a recommendation for service modifications and, if the Board approves these modifications, RTD will provide its customers with at least a 30-day notice of the approved changes before implementing them.

Visit RTD's website at [www.sanjoaquinrtd.com/serviceimprovement/default.php](http://www.sanjoaquinrtd.com/serviceimprovement/default.php) for more information on the proposed service modifications and the public hearing process.

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