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San Joaquin RTD Board Approves Fare Restructure

(Stockton, CA) – At its October 18 meeting, the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) Board of Directors approved a fare restructure that will become effective January 1, 2012. RTD has experienced a decrease in fare revenue and an increase in costs to maintain its fareboxes and Fare Vending Machines (FVM). Additionally, RTD’s current fare structure can be cumbersome and confusing to customers and staff.

Earlier this year, consultant Nelson\Nygaard completed a review of RTD’s fare structure and policy, the goals of which were to simplify RTD’s fares and increase fare recovery. Following an internal review of the study results, RTD staff recommended fare structure modifications that were vetted through a public comment period. RTD held seven public hearings throughout the county, and received only minimal public response (just 20 comments from 11 customers).

Summary of Approved Fare Structure Modifications (see table below for details):

1. Remove Outdated Passes
2. Improve Fare Vending Machine Management
3. Eliminate Transfers
4. Amend Student Discount Fares
5. Implement Consistent Day Pass Fare
6. Eliminate 10-Ride Passes

San Joaquin RTD Regional Fare Restructure – Effective January 1, 2012 Metro, Metro Express, Intercity, Hopper, and Dial-A-Ride Fares

	Current Fare Structure	Approved Fare Restructure
Fares		
Adult	\$1.50	\$1.50
Student	\$1.25	eliminated
Discount ¹	\$0.75	\$0.75
Hopper ²	\$1.50	\$1.50
Trolley	\$0.50	eliminated
Trolley Discount	\$0.25	eliminated
Transfers	\$0.50	eliminated
Dial-A-Ride ³	\$3.00	\$3.00
Weekday Day Pass		
Adult	\$4.00	\$4.00/valid everyday
Student	\$3.00	eliminated
Discount ¹	\$2.00	\$2.00/valid everyday
Weekend Day Pass		
Adult	\$3.00	eliminated
Student	\$3.00	eliminated
Discount ¹	\$1.50	eliminated

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**San Joaquin RTD Regional Fare Restructure – Continued
Metro, Metro Express, Intercity, Hopper, and Dial-A-Ride Fares**

	Current Fare Structure	Approved Fare Restructure
10-Ride Pass		
Adult	\$14.00	eliminated
Student	\$12.00	eliminated
Discount ¹	\$7.00	eliminated
Dial-A-Ride ³	\$27.50	eliminated
10-Deviation	\$10.00	\$10.00
31-Day Pass		
Adult	\$65.00	\$65.00
Student	\$40.00	\$40.00
Discount ¹	\$30.00	\$30.00
31-Day Pass (Volume)		
Adult	\$50.00	eliminated
Student	\$35.00	eliminated

Notes: Modified fares are shown in **BOLD**

“Eliminated” indicates passes eliminated with fare restructure.

(1) Discount fares include: Senior (age 65 & over), Disabled, and Medicare Card Holders (with ID card)

(2) Hopper Deviations cost \$1.00.

(3) Includes all Dial-A-Ride services including ADA service.

Up to three children under age 5 accompanied by a fare-paying adult ride free of charge.

Each additional child cost \$1.50.

Fare Vending Machine (FVM) Pass Changes

Pass Type	Rate	Effective January 1, 2012
Single Ride	Adult	Adult (Metro Express only)
	Student	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>
	Discount	Discount (Metro Express only)
Weekday Day Pass	Adult	Adult Day Pass/valid everyday
	Student	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>
	Discount	Discount Day Pass/valid everyday
Weekend Day Pass	Adult	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>
	Discount	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>
31- Day Pass	Adult	Discontinued FVM sales
	Student	Discontinued FVM sales
	Discount	Discontinued FVM sales
10-Ride Pass	Adult	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>
	Student	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>
	Discount	<i>Eliminated with fare restructure</i>

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“Discontinued FVM sales” indicates passes will be sold only on buses or through RTD-approved outlets.

Fare Vending Machines will no longer provide change for cash sales.

RTD will continue to sell its current fares through December 31, 2011, and those fares will be valid through June 30, 2012. RTD will provide additional information to its customers throughout this transition via outreach, advertising, its website, and social media. Visit San Joaquin RTD online at www.sanjoaquinRTD.com and follow RTD on Facebook and Twitter.

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