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## **Reminder: San Joaquin RTD Fare Restructure Starts January 1**

(Stockton, CA) – On January 1, 2012, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is implementing a new, simplified fare structure that eliminates transfers, 10-ride passes, and other passes, and changes the way RTD operates its Fare Vending Machines (FVM). This restructure is the result of a fare study, public hearing comments, and staff analysis.

RTD has experienced a decrease in fare revenue and an increase in costs to maintain its fareboxes and FVMs. Additionally, RTD's current fare structure can be cumbersome and confusing to customers and staff.

After January 1, RTD's Fare Vending Machines will offer just two pass types: a one-ride pass valid only on Metro Express, and a one-day pass valid on any of RTD's regular routes. RTD's Fare Vending Machines also will no longer issue change. Customers will need to use exact change to buy their fares, just like on the bus.

RTD will continue to accept until June 30, 2012, any valid, discontinued passes (such as 10-ride passes) purchased before January 1.

To view the new fare structure and to purchase passes online, visit [http://www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/maps\\_and\\_schedules/fares.php](http://www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/maps_and_schedules/fares.php)

For route and schedule information: RTD Customer Information Line - (209) 943-1111 or 1-800-HOW-TO-RIDE (1-800-469-8674). Visit us online at [www.sanjoaquinRTD.com](http://www.sanjoaquinRTD.com) and follow San Joaquin RTD on Facebook and Twitter. For trip planning assistance, check out the *Google Trip Planner* feature on RTD's website.

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