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## **San Joaquin RTD's Metro Express Free Fare Promotion Concludes**

(Stockton, CA) – On Monday, April 23, 2007, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will begin charging regular fares on Metro Express (Route 40), concluding its Metro Express Free Fare Promotion. During this promotion, RTD provided free rides to encourage first-time bus riders to sample the benefits of Metro Express' limited-stop express bus service for themselves.

Beginning April 23, Metro Express passengers will need to have a valid RTD bus pass or ticket to ride. RTD employees are providing public outreach to inform Metro Express passengers of the changes the week before regular fares take effect.

Metro Express uses pre-paid fares only. Fare Vending Machines, located at Metro Express stops and the Downtown Transit Center (DTC), are available for passengers to purchase single ride, 10 ride, 1-day, and 31-day unlimited ride passes before boarding. Metro Express uses the same fare structure and passes as RTD's regular fixed routes, and passes issued by the Fare Vending Machines can be used on any of RTD's regular fixed routes.

To discourage fare evasion, RTD will have fare inspectors riding Metro Express to make random fare inspections. Passengers riding Metro Express must be able to show their passes if asked. Failure to possess a valid pass, ticket, or transfer is a violation of the California Penal Code 640 (b) (1) PC. Violators will be cited and can be fined more than \$500.

To learn more about RTD's Fare Vending Machines and the use of passes with Metro Express, online readers may click [here](#); otherwise, please visit RTD's Metro Express page online at [www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/express](http://www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/express) or call (209) 467-6634.

Metro Express uses clean, quiet, and efficient diesel-electric hybrid buses and serves a north-south corridor along El Dorado and Center Streets, and Alpine and Pacific Avenues. Metro Express buses arrive at their stations – the Downtown Transit Center (DTC), Cesar Chavez Central Library, University of the Pacific, Delta College and the Malls, Lincoln Center, and Hammer Lane – every 15 minutes during weekday peak hours and every 30 minutes on weeknights, weekends, and holidays.

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