



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Catch RTD's Metro Express to the Fest!

(Stockton, CA) – On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 25-27, 2008, Asparagus Festival attendees can catch San Joaquin Regional Transit District's (RTD) Metro Express to the Fest! Metro Express is RTD's limited-stop express bus service that connects north Stockton (Hammer Lane) and Downtown (Transit Center).

This year Festival attendees can catch Metro Express to the Festival from any Metro Express bus stop. RTD began this service last year with the introduction of Metro Express. Metro Express stops include Lincoln Center, the Malls and Delta College (at Pacific/Yokuts), and the University of the Pacific. Downtown, RTD has a Metro Express stop just outside the Asparagus Festival entry gate.

It is important to note, however, that this year RTD is not providing the bus service from Delta College's Shima parking lots – the Festival is coordinating that service.

- On Friday and Saturday, Metro Express buses will leave every 15 minutes 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Shima buses will not operate on Friday)
- On Sunday, Metro Express buses will leave every 30 minutes, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Getting to the Festival: Bus Passes & Fares**

*To speed boarding times, **Metro Express buses do not sell bus passes.** Therefore, before riding Metro Express to the Fest, riders must first pre-purchase their bus passes.*

As with last year, passengers riding Metro Express to the Asparagus Festival do not need special passes, but instead can use RTD's regular bus passes, available at any RTD bus pass outlet. This year Metro Express passengers can use also RTD's Fare Vending Machines, located at each of the Metro Express shelters, to pre-purchase their passes. Fare Vending machine passes can be purchased up to one hour in advance.

- **Adults (18-64)** – \$1.25 each way
  - (Roundtrip = two Adult ("Full Fare") 1-Ride passes)
- **Students (under 18 and college students)** – \$1.00 each way
  - (Roundtrip = two Student ("Discount") 1-Ride passes)
- **Seniors (65 and older) & Persons with Disabilities** – \$0.60 each way
  - (Roundtrip = two Senior/Disabled ("Discount") 1-Ride passes)

### **For more information:**

**CLICK:** [www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/express](http://www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/express)

**CALL:** (209) 943-1111 or 1-800-HOW-TO-RIDE (1-800-469-8674)

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