

Thursday and Friday, July 16th & 17th are Spare the Air Days



Thursday and Friday, July 16-17, 2009 have been designated by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District as “Spare the Air” days. Rides on YOLOBUS and Unitrans fixed route services will be provided at no charge to riders on both of those days because of this “Spare the Air Day” designation. Also, riders of YOLOBUS paratransit services will not be charged a fare on those days, as well. Unitrans, which serves the City of Davis, surrounding area, and U.C. Davis campus, will offer free rides on Spare the Air days as well. This free-ride offer does not apply to Sacramento Regional Transit buses or light rail.

This summer, when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is expected to exceed “150” for ozone levels, the air district sends out announcements at least the day before.

Additionally, because the temperature forecast is significant for Thursday and Friday, both YOLOBUS and Unitrans are advising passengers to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and staying indoors as long as possible (until their buses arrive), particularly in the afternoon. While supplies last, YOLOBUS is giving away bottles that riders will be encouraged to fill with water and re-use throughout the summer.

How can a rider find out if their bus is on time without being out there in the heat of the day? YOLOBUS riders can now get real time information on where their bus is simply by going to the Yolobus.com web site and clicking “automatic vehicle location system”, or going to <http://avl.yctd.org/>. YOLOBUS is the first public bus system in the Sacramento area to offer system-wide real-time bus location information. In the coming

months, Unitrans and Elk Grove will be implementing real time bus location systems, as well.

This free-ride incentive program on YOLOBUS is funded by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

Five-day forecasts for ozone are available at www.sparetheair.com and Spare the Air days are determined a day in advance which helps people plan to use alternative transportation, including bus, carpooling, walking and bicycling. Residents can also receive personal notification through Air Alert, a free service available by signing up at www.myairalert.net. On declared “Spare the Air” days anyone can ride YOLOBUS for free.

Bus schedules are available by contacting YOLOBUS at 530-666-2877 or www.yolobus.com, as well as UNITRANS at 530-752-2877 or www.Unitrans.com.

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