

Changes coming to ‘senior shuttle’ in West Sacramento

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West Sac’s Senior Shuttle passengers are anticipating changes to the service, with the changes scheduled for review and approval at the Dec. 17 West Sacramento Council meeting.

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Currently, West Sac and the United Christian Center partner to provide door-to-door shuttle service for seniors and disabled to the Recreation Center on Wednesdays for knitting and crocheting, and on Thursdays for Bingo; for two monthly shopping trips, and to the ‘Commission on Aging’ meetings. The round trip fare’s normal price of \$3.00 costs qualified riders \$1.50, with the additional \$1.50 subsidized by the city of West Sacramento.

West Sac’s contract with the United Christian Center is ending, with the Center indicating that they do not plan to renew; and further, plan to withdraw from their transit operations.

On Dec. 3, members of the existing ridership attended a meeting at the Recreation Center sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

At the meeting, Erik Reitz, Associate Transportation Planner for Yolo County Transportation District said that existing riders of the current Senior Shuttle can use the existing Yolo Bus scheduled and Special Paratransit Service in the city of West Sacramento.

It has been proposed that the fares for qualified riders remain the same when they do this, with the City of West Sacramento continuing to contribute \$1.50 for the paratransit service.

The city council will take up the matter on its Dec. 17 agenda.

Senior shuttle extended

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The fate of the Senior Shuttle service was the hot topic on West Sacramento City Council's December 17 agenda has over half a dozen seniors and their representatives urged the Council not to abandon the current paratransit senior shuttle service.

For several weeks,

the West Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department and the Commission on Aging has been telling the current ridership that the existing service contract is ending and will not be renewed, and that the seniors will have to consider an alternative service such as the YoloBus Paratransit.

At the Council meeting, Bob Johnston, the Director

of Parks and Recreation for West Sacramento, indicated that the city of West Sacramento will, over the short term, continue the existing service.

"We plan to continue the current program throughout December and probably into January, and perhaps into February," Johnston said. "The

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council has to come up with additional money to fund the program as is, or the program goes away; or the program gets expanded."

By "expanded," Johnston was referring to a comment made by Mayor Cabaldon, who mentioned possible expansion of the transportation system without going into details.

The current Senior Shuttle program will continue to provide service with passengers paying \$1.50 and the city of West Sacramento paying \$1.50 for each round-trip.