



August 2017

ACE Train Headed to Downtown Modesto

The Altamont Corridor Express (ACE Train) will soon be rolling this way with recent state support. Lawmakers earmarked \$400 million from a gas tax increase for ACE expansion. The City of Modesto is working with the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) on a \$1.2 billion ACEforward plan, a phased improvement plan to increase service reliability and frequency, enhance passenger facilities, and reduce travel times along the ACE service corridor. The plan includes an expansion of the current route going from San Jose to Stockton and extending rail service to additional cities in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties, including Modesto.



SJRRRC has identified several goals to modernize the existing ACE service that would result in faster intercity and commuter train service and could establish a connection between Stockton, Modesto, Ceres, Turlock, Merced, and San Jose within the next 10 years. A new suite of improvements has been identified to accomplish these goals for existing ACE service.

ACE service began in October 1998 with two westbound morning trains from Stockton to San Jose and two eastbound afternoon trains from San Jose to Stockton on weekdays and remains a weekday commuter rail service between the two cities. In November 2009, a third roundtrip for ACE passengers was added, providing a third westbound morning train and a third eastbound afternoon train on weekdays. A fourth weekday roundtrip train, providing an additional westbound morning train and eastbound afternoon train, was added in September 2012.

Between 1990 and 2013, the number of people commuting from the northern San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area more than doubled, growing from



Assemblymember Adam Gray expresses his support for passenger rail service into Stanislaus County at an ACE Rail Celebration in June



improvements to support ACE route expansions could be implemented as early as 2019 with plans to support ACE service of up to six daily roundtrips between San Jose and the San Joaquin Valley, a potential reroute of ACE service through downtown Tracy, and the extension of ACE service to Modesto. The timing of improvements will depend on the time necessary to obtain all necessary permits and approvals and the construction duration for the specific improvements. For more information go to www.acerail.com

32,000 to nearly 65,000 commuters according to the Bay Area Council Economic Institute 2016. Approximately 45 percent of existing ACE riders travel between Stockton/Tracy and San Jose, 30 percent travel between the Tri-Valley and San Jose, 16 percent travel between Stockton/Tracy and the Tri-Valley, and internal trips within the South Bay and TriValley consisted of 6 and 3 percent, respectively.

Within the last 5 years, ACE ridership has roughly doubled. In 2015, approximately 1.33 million annual riders traveled on ACE. Ridership for the existing ACE corridor without any service expansion or service time improvements is expected to increase by more than 14 percent to approximately 1.52 million riders in 2020.

According to a 2013 study, a large number of employed residents of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties work outside the region. Because the three-county region has fewer jobs than workers, this imbalance leads to significant proportions of the workforce commuting out of the three-county region for work. Residents who work outside the county in which they reside travel mostly to the Bay Area. Given these travel characteristics, there is an existing and growing demand for transit services between the Bay Area and the San Joaquin Valley within the extended ACE corridor.

Commuting via ACE Train instead of automobile, reduces Greenhouse Gas emissions and improves air quality among other benefits. However, the project will not be completed overnight. Necessary

Pollution Prevention Begins with You...

National Pollution Prevention Week will be celebrated September 18 through September 22.

The City of Modesto has these pollution prevention tips for you:

Keep Our Storm Drains Clean & Our Water Flowing

- When changing your car oil, place cardboard or newspaper under the oil pan to catch spills.
- Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to clean up spills. Inspect your car regularly for leakage.
- Drain chlorinated pool or spa water using a house sewer drain (bathtub or sink) or sewer outlet near your house.
- Rinse paint brushes in the sink when using water-based latex paint.
- Use non-toxic alternatives to pesticides and organic gardening materials when possible. Use herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Do not apply these products when rain is in the forecast.
- Sweep driveways, patios and sidewalks. Place debris in the garbage rather than using a hose to rinse it into gutters and storm drains.
- Pick up animal waste regularly, dispose of it in a plastic bag and place the bag in the black garbage can.
- Do not throw cooking oil/grease down the drain. Instead, freeze it and place it in your black garbage can for disposal.

Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling



Curbside motor oil recycling is as easy as 1-2-3-4:

1. Contact your garbage company (Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000 or Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781) to schedule a collection appointment.
2. Pour the used motor oil into one-gallon plastic containers with a screw-top lid.
3. Drain the Filter into the oil containers, then place in a zippered bag.
4. Place the used motor oil and filter in front of your garage the evening before your collection appointment.

DO NOT PLACE THE USED MOTOR OIL OR FILTERS IN THE STREET FOR COLLECTION. Limit four (4) gallons and three (3) filters per week. Do not mix used motor oil with any other substances such as antifreeze or water.

Certified Collection Centers will pay you for used motor oil and most will take your used filter for recycling at no charge. Up to five gallons of used motor oil can be taken to any free collection center. For more information, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.

Household Hazardous Waste

All residents of Stanislaus County can recycle household hazardous waste products free of charge at the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Acceptable items include:

Antifreeze	Fertilizers & Pesticides	Computers	Gasoline
Batteries	Motor Oil & Oil Filters	Monitors	Pharmaceutical Items
Brake Fluid	Electronic Equipment	Televisions	Solvents
Drain Cleaners	Pool & Spa Chemicals	Paints	

The facility is located at 1710 Morgan Road and is open Fridays and Saturdays (excluding major holidays) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call (209) 525-6789.

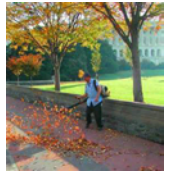
Remember: Storm drains flow directly into our waterways and oceans. For more information or to report dumping in storm drains, call (209) 577-6200.

Visit the City of Modesto's pollution prevention display at City Hall, 1010 Tenth Street, 2nd floor lobby, September 18th through September 22nd. Brochures and pollution prevention ideas will be available.

The City of Modesto has a limited supply of used motor oil drain containers, and zippered bags for filter recycling available for City of Modesto residents that have a black and a green garbage can. For more information, please call 577-5493.

Don't Leave Leaves and Grass Clippings in our Gutters

Join the City of Modesto Environmental Services and Stormwater Collections Sections in keeping grass clippings off the streets and out of the gutters.



Grass clippings placed in the road:

- Are unsightly
- Endangers aquatic life
- Clogs storm drains
- Causes flooding
- Can lead to fines
- Increases maintenance costs for taxpayers

The City of Modesto Municipal Code 5-10.103 and 4-7.1103 prohibits washing, sweeping or blowing vegetative debris into storm drains, ditches, waterbodies, sidewalks, and gutters. With the exception of leaf season (November 1st – December 31st), no method shall be used to blow or move any non-pruned refuse (including grass clippings and leaves) into the streets at any time. Grass clippings shall always be placed into the green waste container for pickup.

When it rains, grass clippings and other vegetative debris are washed down our storm drains and into our stormwater collection system. If this material does not clog up the system, it often ends up in stormwater basins, creeks, or rivers where they start to decay. This process consumes oxygen in the water while releasing nutrients and it can lead to algae blooms and kill fish.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Modesto Environmental Services Section 24/7 at 577-6200.



Water Use Restrictions Effective June 1, 2017

Did You Know...

You can have a water audit
Have your timers re-set

Get help with meter reading
Learn how to check for leaks in your home

CALL 209-342-2246 to schedule your Audit Appointment

Current Water Use Restrictions - Effective June 1, 2017

Approved by City Council on 5/23/17, effective 6/1/17 through 10/31/17

Odd - numbered addresses water on Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

Even- numbered addresses water on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

- No outdoor water use on Monday or daily between 12:00pm and 7:00pm
- Use of drip irrigation and hand watering of trees and shrubs with use of positive shutoff nozzle is permitted at any time
- Car washing is permitted with use of a positive shutoff nozzle
- Hosing concrete areas, building exteriors, etc. is prohibited except for health/safety concerns or for maintenance/ construction purposes, with use of a positive shutoff nozzle
- Water leaks must be repaired within 24 hours
- Restaurants and food service establishments prohibited from serving water except upon request
- Outdoor fountains are permitted if operated with re-circulating water
- No irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during or 48 hours following measurable rain
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option
- Outdoor watering must be kept on your property...avoid water runoff

ATTENTION: TURLOCK, GRAYSON, AND CERES WALNUT MANOR

Important Note: Outlying water systems owned by the city will remain under Stage 2 restrictions through October 2017 because they are supplied solely by groundwater from outside the Modesto sub-basin. These include the Turlock, Grayson, and Ceres Walnut Manor water systems.

Penalties for Violations of Water Usage Restrictions



Violation	Fine
First Notice of Violation	Educational pamphlet provided, no fine issued
Second Notice of Violation	\$150
Third Notice of Violation	\$250
Subsequent Violations	\$500

City of Modesto: www.modestogov.com/savewater

State of California: www.saveourwater.com

209-342-2246



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online survey.

PERFORMANCE MATTERS

Customer Services Division
Online Survey

modestogov.com/customer-survey



We want to honor your **Green**
business in Modesto!

Categories:

- Small Business - under 20 employees
- Medium Business - 21-100 employees
- Large Business - over 100 employees

If selected, what do you win?

Recognition at a Modesto
City Council meeting

A reception in your honor

Available now: City of Modesto
Business Recycling Awards applications

For more information contact,

Vicki Rice at 209.577.5495 or
vrice@modestogov.com

JOIN THE ECO-FRIENDLY REVOLUTION

Recycle your plastics, cans & glass bottles



Let us bring a recycling trailer to YOUR next event in Modesto

It's free!

and everyone can do it



For more information on event recycling call
Vicki Rice | City of Modesto | Recycling Program Coordinator
(209) 577-5495