



Sacramento Transit Riders Union (Sac TRU)

What is a Transit Riders Union? It's simple really.

A TRANSIT RIDERS UNION is an independent, democratic, member-run union of transit riders organizing for better public transit systems in the SACRAMENTO REGION.

SacTRU is a campaign around **restoring rider equity and efficiency** to the Sacramento Regional Transit system. We are building and mobilizing a Transit Riders Union consisting of a community coalition, including neighborhood associations, student groups, union affiliates, faith organizations, small business associations, workers' rights groups. The Transit Riders Union campaign recognizes the need to implement long-term system wide changes and allows us to work with new or unaware decision makers to support and champion these issues or policy proposals in order to improve the overall health of our transit dependent communities.

We believe access to public transportation is a civil right and that full funding for public transit is imperative in order to ensure that low-income and vulnerable communities have access to jobs, housing, health care, education, grocery stores, and childcare among other needs. Dependent transit riders are often underrepresented in the decision and policy making process at Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) and Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). RT operates approximately 69 fixed routes with an annual ridership of over 26.4 million passengers on buses and light rail in FY 2015. Our organization believes that RT is currently investing its budget and resources at the expense of those who need transit the most: seniors, the disabled, youth and low-income transit dependent riders. RT's history of increasing fares, laying off essential staff, cutting services, and directing funds toward targeted riders at the expense of whole system efficiency and safety is reducing access in the Sacramento region to safe, reliable, and fiscally responsible transit service that links people to resources and opportunities.

The Plan: Join us at our weekly meetings to learn more about how to get involved in the Transit Riders Union:

- -Attend an RT Board Meeting
- -Attend Community meetings and spread the word
- -Write an email
- -Flyer information
- -Talk to fellow transit riders
- -Help administer our survey

As Sac TRU, we will collectively build power to advocate effectively with the decision makers at our transit agency to ensure that our riders and workers demands are met. To accomplish all of our goals, we need you to join us!