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## The Bus to Begin New Route Schedules

**MERCED**– The Bus will be implementing new route schedules starting Monday, August 7, 2017 as part of an ongoing commitment to improve the overall transit system and provide efficient service to the greatest number of people in Merced County. The Bus received a grant to provide free rides on the Fixed Route for the month of August to lower carbon emissions. The service changes were planned for August to help riders adjust to the route and schedule changes while the service is free.

Riders can expect changes such the removal of the M2 south loop, modifications to the south loop of the M3 to reduce duplication of service, and a restructured M6 including a new stop at Merced Transpo. Riders can also expect minor adjustments to the schedules in an effort to make better connections between routes. These changes were made based on ridership data and feedback from riders throughout the community. To review all of the new route schedules, please visit <http://mercedthebus.com/228/August-7th-Schedule-Adjustments> or call The Bus at (209)723-3100.

The Bus provides transit service along 17 fixed routes seven days a week serving the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos and Merced, as well as the communities of Le Grand, Planada and Winton. Real-time information regarding bus locations, services and arrival times can be found at [www.thebuslive.com](http://www.thebuslive.com). All buses are equipped with bike racks and are wheelchair accessible. With the passage of Measure V in 2016, seniors, veterans and ADA eligible passengers now ride the fixed route system for free with proper photo identification. Reduced rates are available for students.

The Bus is the single public transportation service provider for all of Merced County and is administered by the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and managed by the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG). For more information, please visit [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com) and [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org).

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