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Stanislaus County & City of Modesto Form Regional Transit Authority

The newly formed Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) will allow the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County an opportunity for a new partnership centered on public transit services in the region. The agency is expected to improve and expand a variety of transit services including intra-city bus transit, intercity transit, paratransit services (for disabled and mobility challenged individuals), dial-a-ride, and transit connectivity to other transportation providers such as BART and/or the ACE commuter train.

Stanislaus County's public transportation system, Stanislaus Regional Transit (or StaRT) and the Modesto Area Express (or Max) are the primary members, providing service within the County and links with city transportation systems. The formation of the new entity combines the personnel, equipment and other assets of StaRT and Max.

The formation of a new Transit Authority aligns with the County's Mission to, "serve the community through public and private partnerships that promote public health, safety, welfare and the local economy in an efficient, cost-effective manner."

SRTA officially began combined operations on July 1, 2021. Public transit users in Modesto and throughout Stanislaus County should soon notice a simplified rider experience resulting from the merger. The transition to new visuals including bus graphics is pending. Riders can continue purchasing passes and receive information at the Transit Center customer service counter for MAX and StaRT bus routes.

Objectives of the new system include more effective routes, reduction of duplicated services, and an improved travel experience throughout much of the county. The new transit system will be easier to use and enhance mobility options to attract more users.

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