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EDT commute bus use up 16%

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DIAMOND SPRINGS — El Dorado Transit reports that ridership on its downtown Sacramento commuter and light rail connector services is up 16 percent compared to the same period last year.

“Increases in gasoline prices have caused a big jump in ridership on the commuter bus routes,” said the system’s Executive Director Mindy Jackson. “The great news is that we still have room.”

With fares between \$5 round-trip for the light rail connector and \$8 round-trip for the direct downtown Sacramento services, El Dorado Transit commuters are realizing significant cost savings by leaving their cars at home.

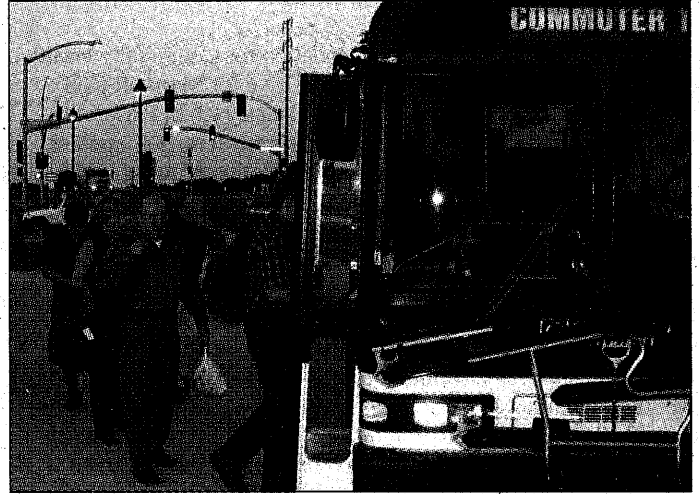
Monthly passes are also made available for as low as \$90 per month and in many cases employers

even subsidize the costs for those commuters that use transit or other alternative forms of transportation.

El Dorado Transit currently operates 12 direct commuter bus routes to and from downtown Sacramento, every week-

day, as well as seven round trips connecting with the light rail at the Iron Point Station in Folsom. Buses begin at 5:20 a.m. and pick up commuters at one of six different park and ride

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Courtesy photo

EARLY MORNING commuters board an El Dorado Transit bus to take them to work in Sacramento.

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facilities beginning in Placerville and continuing along Highway 50 to Shingle Springs, Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills. Return ride pick-ups begin downtown at 2:30 p.m. through approximately 6:30 p.m.

“Parking capacity has recently become somewhat of an issue at the El Dorado Hills and Cambridge Road park and ride lots, but there is still plenty of parking available at our Placerville park and

rides and plenty of seats on the buses, as well,” said Scott Ousley, operations manager for El Dorado Transit. “The El Dorado County Fairgrounds park and ride and Placerville Station park and ride on Mosquito Road, in particular, still have a lot of parking capacity.”

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