



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
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Court Offers New Service for Reserving a Traffic Court Date

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – If you received a traffic ticket in San Mateo County, starting on October 31, you can reserve a court date online and eliminate the need to wait in increasingly long lines at the courthouse.

This innovative service by the San Mateo County Superior Court will be available around-the-clock, seven days a week. Court reservations may also be made by phone or in-person with a traffic clerk during regular clerk's office hours.

Although the reservation service increases convenience for the public, the court is reducing the number of weekly traffic arraignment calendars heard at each branch from four to two due to ongoing budget cuts from the state. There will be very limited same-day, walk-in calendar spaces available on the days calendars are heard; members of the public appearing without reservations can expect to be scheduled for a future date. For the past four years, the court has examined ways to streamline and reengineer all of its systems due to severe budget reductions. With the recent reduction, this year's budget for the judicial branch has been reduced by 30 percent and the San Mateo Superior Court workforce has been reduced by 24 percent.

While the new traffic service benefits the public, it also creates efficiencies for the court's reduced workforce and is one of a number of initiatives that have been implemented to serve the public to the best of the court's ability given funding limits. More information regarding the new traffic calendaring process and revised court schedule is located on the court's website at www.sanmateocourt.org.

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