

North Main Corona Metrolink Station Parking Structure



Architectural rendering of the completed parking structure.

DESCRIPTION

This 1,065 parking space six story concrete structure will be located on half of the existing parking lot nearest to Main Street. The structure will include 2 elevators, 2 entrances, 2 exits and a connecting bridge to the over crossing. Total station parking capacity following construction will exceed 1,415 spaces with the existing lot.

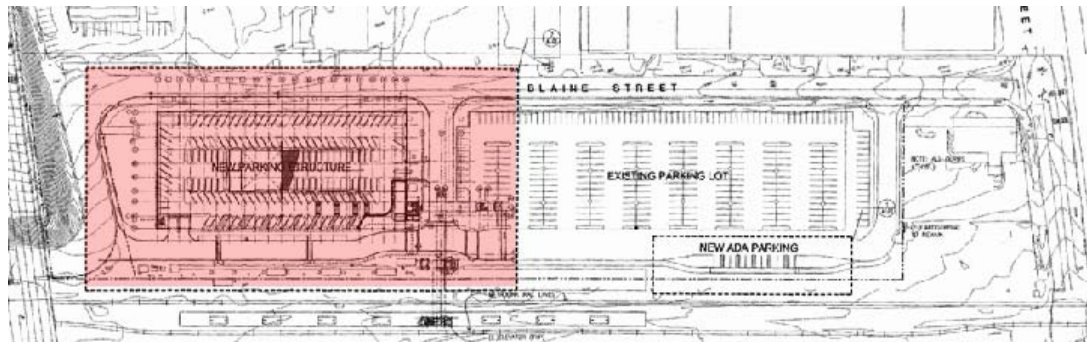
Cost: \$25 million

Contractor: McCarthy Building Companies, Inc

Construction Start Date: January 4, 2008

Affected Lot Closure: Evening of January 4, 2008

Estimated Completion: Fall 2009 (21 months)

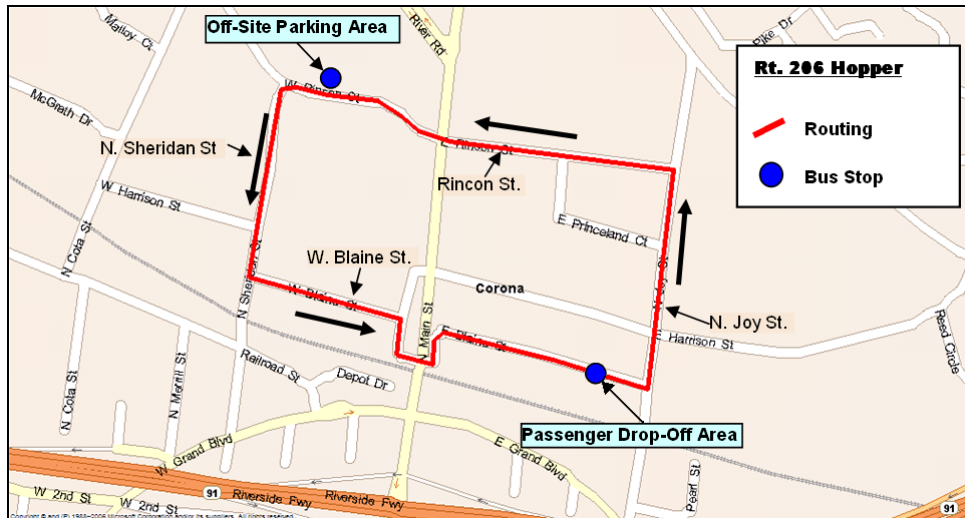


Area impacted by construction.

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The free RTA 206 Hopper auxiliary parking lot shuttle route.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are my parking options during the construction of the parking structure?

1) Arrive earlier – Approximately 300 of the existing 563 parking spaces at the station will remain open during construction including additional Rideshare to Rails spaces.

2) Use the new satellite parking lot – Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before your train departure and drive to the former Edwards Theater at W. 351 Rincon Street. RTA and the City of Corona operate free shuttle buses to and from this lot to meet trains at the station. Shuttles depart every five minutes serving all trains from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. RTA Route 3 serves passengers arriving and departing on all other trains.

3) Dropping off and Picking up – For your safety, the green curb along Blaine has been designated for passenger drop off and pick up. Furthermore, to ensure smooth evening traffic flow out of the parking lot, the entrance from Blaine WILL BE CLOSED from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. DO NOT PARK/IDLE IN PARKING LOT LANES, AISLES OR UNDESIGNATED SPACES. When exiting the parking lot in the evening please turn right onto Blaine as left cross traffic turns contribute to congestion and the risk of an accident.

4) Rideshare to Rails – RCTC provides preferred designated parking spaces for those who rideshare to the station. To apply for a Rideshare to Rails permit online go to http://rctc.org/rideshare2rails_app.asp.

5) Use the Riverside-La Sierra station – This will add 15 minutes to your commute and \$37.00 to the cost of your monthly pass. However, there are more than 300 available spots at Riverside La-Sierra Station, located just off the 91 Freeway at La Sierra Avenue.

6) Commuters traveling to LA Union Station – Consider riding the Riverside Line from the East Ontario Station located south of the airport or the Pedley Station near Van Buren Boulevard and Limonite Avenue.

7) Consider alternatives to parking altogether – RTA and the Corona Cruiser both serve the station and your bus ride is FREE as long as you are connecting to Metrolink. One option is to drive to the Park and Ride at Taber Street near I-15 and Ontario Avenue. For additional information contact:
Corona Cruiser: (951) 734-9418 or www.ci.corona.ca.us
RTA: (800) 800-7821 or www.riversidetransit.com

CONSTRUCTION RELATED QUESTIONS

Q: When does the project start and how long will it last?

Construction starts on the night of January 4 and is expected to continue for 21 months. At least 250 surface parking spaces will be displaced.

Q: Once this project is completed will parking remain free?

RCTC has no plans to charge for parking in the new structure when it is completed in 2009. The six-story parking structure will add 1,065 spaces.

Q: Where can I obtain updates and get more information?

RCTC and Metrolink will keep you posted through a wide array of communication channels. One option is on the web at www.rctc.org or www.metrolinktrains.com. You can also call RCTC at (951) 778-1092. We will also distribute newsletters and updates in person at the station when circumstances require.

IN THE PRESS

Corona Metrolink parking structure construction to displace commuters

By PAIGE AUSTIN

The Press-Enterprise

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CORONA - One of the most-used Metrolink stations in Riverside County is about to get a new \$19.1 million, five-story parking structure.

Hundreds of Metrolink commuters in Corona will be displaced daily during construction of the parking structure at the Main Street Metrolink station.

Western Riverside County's main station has a major shortage of parking spaces. While county officials hope the new structure will fix the problem in the long run, the construction phase will make matters worse as commuters will have to be shuttled from a temporary parking area down Main Street.

Increased ridership at the North Main Street station in Corona has forced the Riverside County Transportation Commission to build a 1,065-car parking garage at the station. The commission recently approved the contract to build the structure, and construction is slated to begin in January. The work will cause delays for the station's more than 600 daily riders, warned a commission spokesman.

"We need the structure because we don't have enough spaces, but the problem is we're going to have to build the structure on spaces that already exist," said commission spokesman John Standiford. "It's going to be a huge inconvenience."

While county and Corona city officials have arranged for shuttles to and from temporary parking lots around the city, officials are also encouraging Metrolink riders to use alternate stations three miles west at Auto Center Drive in Corona and seven miles to the east at La Sierra Avenue. Though the La Sierra station might seem out of the way for Corona commuters who mostly head into Orange County, it is best equipped to handle the increase in passengers because it has roughly 330 parking spaces available, Standiford said.

Use of Metrolink is expected to continue to grow as local freeways continue to back up and more drivers become increasingly environmentally conscientious, Standiford said. Over the last five years, use of Metrolink in Riverside County shot up by 28 percent to nearly 2.9 million trips a year. The transportation commission already has expanded the parking lots at the La Sierra and downtown Riverside Metrolink stations, said Standiford.

"But this is the first parking structure we've built in Riverside County," he added. "There is simply nowhere to go but up."

The North Main Street station is heavily used by residents heading from the Inland Empire to work in Orange and Los Angeles counties. It is boxed in by Highway 91, rail lines, North Main Street and retail shops.

Construction will begin January 7, and starting December 26, shuttles will pick up riders at offsite parking lots at the Taber Street Park and Ride and at the former Edwards Cinema parking lot at 351 W. Rincon St.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

We at RCTC are striving to accommodate our Metrolink passengers and reduce inconvenience during construction. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we improve and expand parking capacity at the North Main Corona Station. Should you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel contact us at (951) 778-1092.

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