

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DATE: Monday, August 10, 2026

LOCATION: Riverside County Transportation Commission
March Field Conference Room A
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
Riverside, CA 92502-2208

VIDEO CONFERENCE SITES:

Palo Verde Valley Transit
415 N. Main Street
Conference Room A
Blythe, CA 92225

SunLine Transit Agency
32505 Harry Oliver Trail
Board Room
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

☞ COMMITTEE MEMBERS ☞

Gloria J. Sanchez, **Chair**, Meniffee Senior Advisory, Southwest Riverside County
Deborah Franklin, **Vice Chair**, Advisory Council on Aging, San Gorgonio Pass
Mary Jo Ramirez, **Second Vice Chair**, Workforce Development Member, Southwest Riverside County
Lisa Castilone, GRID Alternatives, Western and Southwest Riverside County
George Colangeli, Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency, Palo Verde Valley
John Krick, T-Now Member, Northwest Riverside County
Ivet Woolridge, Independent Living Partnership, Riverside County
Michael Harrington, Desert Hot Springs Democratic Club, Coachella Valley
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency, Western Riverside County
Isabel Vizcarra, SunLine Transit Agency, Coachella Valley

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AGENDA*

**Actions may be taken on any item listed on the agenda*

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Under the Brown Act, the Committee should not take action on or discuss matters raised during public comment portion of the agenda which are not listed on the agenda. Committee members may refer such matters to staff for factual information or to be placed on the subsequent agenda for consideration. Each individual speaker is limited to speak three (3) continuous minutes or less.*

4. **ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Committee may add an item to the agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Committee member(s) requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 8, 2025 AND APRIL 20, 2026

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6. PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSIT NEEDS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on transit needs in Riverside County (County).

7. PRESENTATION – CONNECTING WITH THE PUBLIC AND DECISION-MAKERS

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT

Overview

This item provides the opportunity for the Committee members, transit operators, and staff to report on attended and upcoming meetings/conferences and issues related to Committee activities.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 5

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 8, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair John Krick at 11:01 a.m. in March Field Conference Room A at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor, Riverside, California 92501 and at the video conference sites: Conference Room A, Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency, 414 N. Main Street, Blythe, California 92225; and the Board Room, SunLine Transit Agency, 32505 Harry Oliver Trail, Thousand Palms, California 92276.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Lisa Castilone
George Colangeli*
Deborah Franklin***
Michael Harrington**
John Krick
Mary Jo Ramirez
Ivet Woolridge
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency
Edith Hernandez, Sunline Transit Agency**

*Joined the meeting at Palo Verde Valley Transit

**Joined the meeting at SunLine Transit Agency

***Joined the meeting after roll call

Members Absent

Gloria J Sanchez

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Committee Member requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

M/S/C (Colangeli/Hernandez) to approve the following Consent Calendar item(s):

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 2025

5B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2025

5C. PROPOSED 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Adopt the 2026 Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee (CSTAC) meeting schedule.

6. CSTAC TOPICS OF INTEREST

This item is for the Committee to discuss and provide staff direction on topics of interest for future agenda items.

Deborah Franklin requested items regarding the future of transit planning such as for the Olympics, senior programs, and updates on Metrolink and CV Rail.

Mary Jo Ramirez requested items regarding transit planning in regards to new home developments.

Lisa Castilone requested items regarding funding sources for right of way, financial impacts of toll roads, veteran services outreach and services, and driverless vehicles.

Michael Harrington requested items regarding microtransit, bike sharing, increase in shuttle frequency.

George Colangeli, PVVTA, requested items regarding the push towards zero emissions vehicles and the funding sources to offset agency upgrades.

Chair Krick added that he too would like to see items regarding transit needs for the Olympics, progress for seniors for transit, and Ebikes/Etrikes.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF REPORT

- 7A. Mr. Colangeli announced the Blythe Christmas bus service. It is a free weekend event for people to ride to go look at the holiday decorations around the city of Blythe.
- 7B. Jennifer Nguyen, RTA, announced:
 - COA virtual public meetings;
 - Allocation station game;
 - New fact sheet; and
 - NYE free rides on RTA routes.

7C. Ms. Moe-Luna announced:

- The Metrolink holiday train is completely sold out this year; and
- thanked Committee members for their services.

7D. Mr. DeHate gave an update on the transit needs public hearing comments.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026
Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair John Krick at 11:00 a.m. in March Field Conference Room A at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor, Riverside, California 92501 and at the video conference sites: Conference Room A, Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency, 414 N. Main Street, Blythe, California 92225; and the Board Room, SunLine Transit Agency, 32505 Harry Oliver Trail, Thousand Palms, California 92276.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

George Colangeli*
Deborah Franklin
Michael Harrington***
John Krick
Gloria J Sanchez

Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency

*Joined the meeting at Palo Verde Valley Transit

**Joined the meeting at SunLine Transit Agency

***Joined the meeting after roll call

Members Absent

Lisa Castilone
Ivet Woolridge
Mary Jo Ramirez
Edith Hernandez, Sunline Transit Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Committee Member requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 8, 2025

The approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting when a quorum is present.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item is for the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee to conduct an election of officers for 2026 – Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair.

M/S/C (Franklin/Krick) to elect Gloria Sanchez as Chair.

M/S/C (Sanchez/Krick) to elect Deborah Franklin as Vice Chair.

M/S/C (Franklin/Nguyen) to elect Mary Jo Ramirez as Second Vice Chair.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 DRAFT SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATES

This item is for the Committee to receive and file draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Short Range Transit Plan (S RTP) updates from the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency (PVVTA); Riverside Transit Agency (RTA); SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine); and the Commission's Rail and Vanpool Programs.

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, presented an overview of the Draft FY 2026/27 S RTP updates. He introduced Riverside Transit Agency (RTA).

Jennifer Nguyen and Charlie Ramirez, RTA, presented a brief overview of the operating and capital budget, bus service, and accomplishments. Ms. Nguyen added that RTA participates in community fairs, expos, and senior centers for travel training.

Mr. DeHate introduced Paul Mattern, Transit Manager, city of Banning. Mr. Mattern presented an overview of the Banning Connect Transit System. He discussed ridership growth, routes, budget and operational highlights.

Mr. DeHate introduced Elisa Mendoza and Leslie Pelayo, from the city of Beaumont. They presented an overview of the Beaumont Transit System services, budget, and current and future projects.

Mr. DeHate introduced Sudesh Paul, Transit Program Manager, city of Corona. Ms. Paul presented an overview of the Corona Cruiser routes, ridership, budget, and programs offered.

Mr. DeHate introduced Ron Profeta, Transit Manager, city of Riverside. Mr. Richardson presented the details of the city of Riverside's Special Transportation Division. He discussed the budget, promotional days, challenges, and current and future projects.

In response to Chair Krick's question regarding the EV charging structure, Mr. Profeta discussed the upgrades needed for the infrastructure and required driver training.

Mr. DeHate introduced Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency. George Colangeli, General Manager, presented an overview of Ride PV programs, routes, annual budget, and upcoming projects.

Mr. DeHate introduced Mona Babauta and Luis Garcia, SunLine Transit Agency. They discussed the budget, service enhancements, community engagement, and upcoming projects. Ms. Babauta clarified the SunLine geofixed routes are meant to be more of a first/last mile for microtransit. It connects to fixed routes. The subsidized taxi program can be used between the cities.

Mr. DeHate introduced Sandra Salgado, Management Analyst, RCTC, to present an overview of the RCTC Rail Program. She discussed the budget, services, ridership, community outreach, and upcoming projects. Ms. Salgado also discussed the EIR timeline and funding sources for the CV Rail.

Mr. DeHate introduced Hanan Sawalha, Senior Management Analyst, RCTC, to present an overview of the RCTC VanClub. She discussed the details of the VanClub program, budget, and program highlights. Ms. Sawalha also discussed the RCTC absorbed SolVan when it sunsetted last year.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF REPORT

8A. Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director, congratulated the newly elected CSTAC officers. She also congratulated George Colangeli for winning 2026 CALACT Transportation Manager of the Year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

AGENDA ITEM 6

PUBLIC HEARING

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	August 10, 2026
TO:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager
SUBJECT:	Public Hearing – Transit Needs in Riverside County

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on transit needs in Riverside County (County).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California State Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that transportation planning agencies ensure the establishment of a citizens' participation process for each county. This process includes an element in which the California Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99238.5 states, *"The transportation planning agency shall ensure the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process appropriate for each county. The process shall include a provision for at least one public hearing in the jurisdiction represented by the social services transportation advisory council."*

The purpose of the public hearing is to garner public participation and solicit input from transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. The CSTAC fulfills the citizens advisory council and the social services transportation advisory council TDA requirements. It consists of up to 13 members of the public and two Consolidated Transportation Service Agency members from Riverside Transit Agency and SunLine Transit Agency. The committee assists the Commission in fulfilling TDA regulations by promoting transportation service improvements and enhancements that support the mobility of older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means. It also establishes an effective communication exchange among the County's public transit operators, local specialized transit providers, and representatives from diverse transit dependent populations regarding matters of mutual concern.

The public hearing was advertised by transit operators, specialized transit providers, and other stakeholders on buses, facilities, and social media (Attachment 1). Staff also published a 30-day hearing notice in English and Spanish in the major newspapers throughout the County including *The Press-Enterprise*, *The Desert Sun*, and *The Palo Verde Times*, as required under TDA. The

following methods were made available to the public to submit comments via oral or written testimony:

- 1) Email at publictransit@rctc.org
- 2) Postal Mail to:
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Attn: Transit Needs Public Hearing Comments
P. O. Box 12008, Riverside, CA 92502-2208
- 3) Via the website at www.rctc.org/TransitNeeds
- 4) By phone at (951) 787-7141
- 5) In-person on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 11:00am at the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting

As of the writing of this report, nine written public comments have been received through the alternative methods noted above. CSTAC members will receive a copy of all of the public comments submitted at the meeting.

Staff recommends that the CSTAC hold a public hearing at today's meeting to receive public comments. Staff will continue to work with transit operators to address the public comments received and support service improvements that will meet those needs.

Attachment: Public Notice Flyer for Public Transit Operators



PUBLIC HEARING ON RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSIT NEEDS

JOIN US!

Monday, August 10, 2026 • 11:00 A.M.

RCTC is holding a public hearing to gather input on transit needs within Riverside County. RCTC and transit operators will use information provided by the public for future transit improvements.

IN PERSON AT 3 LOCATIONS:

RCTC

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Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency

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¡ACOMPÁÑENOS!

Lunes, 10 de agosto de 2026 • 11:00 A.M.

RCTC está organizando una audiencia pública para coleccionar opiniones sobre las necesidades de transporte en el condado de Riverside. RCTC y los operadores de tránsito utilizarán la información recopilada del público para futuras mejoras de tránsito.

EN PERSONA EN TRES LUGARES:

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AGENDA ITEM 7

PRESENTATION