

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME: **11:00 a.m.**

DATE: **Monday, December 8, 2025**

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**

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Gloria J. Sanchez, **Vice Chair**, Menifee Senior Advisory, Southwest Riverside County
Deborah Franklin, **Second Vice Chair**, Advisory Council on Aging, San Geronio Pass
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Mary Jo Ramirez, Workforce Development Member, Southwest 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
Edith Hernandez, SunLine Transit Agency, Coachella Valley

***RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

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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.*

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Overview

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**

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Discuss and provide staff direction on topics of interest for future agenda items

7. **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.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 5A

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 11, 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 11:06 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
Gloria J Sanchez
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

Christine Franklyn Baggett

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 (Sanchez/Franklin) to approve the following Consent Calendar item(s):

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2025

6. PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSIT NEEDS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

This item is for the Committee to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on transit needs in Riverside County (County).

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, presented an overview of the transit needs in Riverside County.

See attached transcript for public hearing.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATES

This item is for the Committee to receive and file the Fiscal Years (FY) 2025/26 – FY 2027/28 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) for the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency (PVVTA), Riverside Transit Agency (RTA); SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine) and the FY 2025/26 – 2029/30 SRTP for the Commission’s Rail and Vanpool Programs.

Eric DeHate presented a brief overview of the FY 2025/25 short range transit plan updates. He discussed the Coachella Valley rail funding allocation, federal funding, and local funding.

Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director, discussed the federal funding and formula allocations in response to Chair Krick’s question regarding any possible changes in federal funding sources.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF REPORT

8A. Gloria Sanchez asked if there is going to be a transportation summit/ conference coming up that committee members can attend or watch? She also discussed the transportation hurdles faced by growing cities and is requesting information from transit providers on how to improve this issue.

8B. Ms. Moe-Luna announced the powerpoint presentations will be provided to committee members after the meeting. She stated the comments received are provided to the Commission for review and if they would like to pursue it further we will. In addition to that the comments received are provided to the appropriate transit agency.

8C. Jennifer Nguyen, RTA, discussed the COA plan, working with new developments and cities on public transit plans.

8D. Mr. DeHate discussed the different planning efforts and funding sources for the

various transit needs and programs, outreach for the coordinated plan and the traffic relief plan.

8E. Ms. Moe-Luna announced:

- The Commission was dark in July so there are no updates from that meeting;
- RCTC just celebrated the ribbon cutting of the 71/91 Interchange;
- Tomorrow is the ribbon cutting for the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Improvements. It is open to the public, all are welcome to attend. This is the first of three improvements along the Perris Valley Line; and
- The 5310 Call for Projects is open and the deadline is September 3, 2025.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSIT NEEDS HEARING
11:14 a.m.
Monday, August 11, 2025
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Public Hearings Transcription**

Hearing Board:

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

RCTC Staff Members:

**Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
Eric DeHate, Transit Manager
Monica Morales, Senior Management Analyst
Allie Rackerby, Records Technician**

Public Hearing was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Chair John Krick.

Chair John Krick: We are going to open the public hearing today to receive comments about transit needs in Riverside County, particularly the gaps of service and areas where coverage is needed. We encourage members of the public who have comments regarding specific drivers, missed route trips or Dial-A-Ride, contact the service provider directly. Our role today is to listen to your comments and to work with staff and transit partners to have them addressed. The public hearing is now open. Clerk, can you announce written comments that have been received?

Allie Rackerby: As Eric DeHate said we have a total of 21 received comments.

Chair John Krick: Comments will be limited to three minutes. When we call on you, we ask you to introduce yourself, the city or area that you are from, and a phone number or email address if you would like us to follow up with you. For anybody who has just joined the meeting and would like ASL or Spanish translation services, please inform us and it will be provided. Ok, translators could you ask if there's anyone whose joined who could use your services?

Eric DeHate: No one here at SunLine has joined.

Chair John Krick: Clerk lets start in the east. Do we have any members of the public wishing to make comments at the Palo Verde satellite location?

Allie Rackerby: I don't see any hands raised.

Chair John Krick: Clerk, do we have any members of the public wishing to make comments at the SunLine location?

Michael Harrington: Here?

Eric DeHate: Yes. Would anyone like to make any public comments? No?

Michael Harrington: I would like to. Michael Harrington in Rancho Mirage. I'm also a member. I wanted to point out that Rancho Mirage, it seems to be a gap in the service for the SunRide. It's called SunRide but its kinda like Uber but it seems a miss right by Rancho Mirage at least in my neighborhood, Tamarisk, not far from city hall, DaVall, Gerald Ford, Frank Sinatra, that neighborhood. So I just wanted to point that out.

Chair John Krick: Thank you.

Gloria Sanchez: Can you paraphrase what he said. We can't, we didn't really hear the entire comment.

Allie Rackerby: Eric?

Eric DeHate: So, I'll turn back over to Mr. Harrington. If he could restate his comment? Do you want to sit here and restate your comment?

Michael Harrington: Oh, ok.

Eric DeHate: If you don't mind speaking up a little bit more.

Michael Harrington: I live in Rancho Mirage and I can't find a SunRide. The staff here has been very helpful but it seems that that wasn't included last time they did an analysis so it wasn't deemed that it was needed. There was a lot of elderly people, transportation challenged people in my neighborhood that I believe would benefit and me, I would benefit, my household would benefit from the SunRide. It's kind of like an Uber, I understand. I did download the app to look into it. There is a gap right in my neighborhood. I don't know, I think there may have been a misunderstanding thinking that everyone has a chauffeur in Rancho Mirage or something. There's a lot of elderly people living in my neighborhood. I see them struggle with transportation and some of them are a little too old to drive. I've helped a neighbor before that was having problems with her own car. Even though she has a car she's had some problems with it. So, I think lets take a look at that again. I'm on DaVall between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford in that

Tamarisk neighborhood area. So that's just what I wanted to share. Thank you for letting me participate.

Chair John Krick: Thank you. Eric, is there anyone else that wishes to make a comment from your location?

Eric DeHate: No. I don't see any other members of the public that wish to make a comment.

Chair John Krick: I see that we have a member of the public that wishes to make comments here at the Riverside location. So, I'll ask Adrian Rizzo.

Adrianna Rizzo: Adrianna Rizzo. Where should I stand to audible? Here or over there?

Allie Rackerby: Yeah, you should be able to be heard from anywhere in the room.

Adrianna Rizzo: Ok. My name is Adrianna Rizzo. I live in Riverside. I am here representing Inland Urbanists and Californians for Electric Rail. I am a rider of the RTA 1, 16, and 10 buses primarily as well as Metrolink. Just across the board, I would like to see a lot more service on bus and Metrolink. Obviously there are budget constraints but I think RCTC should be working to increase the share of funds available for transit so that people have real alternatives to driving. I have several friends who don't own cars and I spend a lot of time driving them around because their mobility is very limited in the current situation and this is in Riverside which has probably the best transit of anywhere in the county. Some specific suggestions, I would like to see bus service extended to midnight and have a little bit better frequency between 8 and 10 p.m. I've gotten stranded before because the service was so unreliable. I would also like to see on buses like the 10 that have kind of irregular hours to have regular hourly service which makes it a lot easier to use as well as somewhat increasing the frequency. I'd also like to see bus service on holidays. I think it's unacceptable that RTA completely cancels service on holidays. People still have places to be. You should be providing weekend service instead of cancelling it all together. Another thing I would like to see is more intercounty connections. So, one specific example would be having the Redlands Arrow Trains, whether they're ending in San Bernardino or running some of those into Riverside County so you can take a one seat ride from Riverside to Redlands. I go to Redlands pretty often but it's quite difficult to get there on transit. I'd also like to see more weekend service on Metrolink. It's really, it hasn't improved at all. It's really hard to use and it's quite popular. The beach trains are packed but they only run two trains a day in the summer. If we could get at least one more train on the weekends that would be great, ideally more than that. In terms of long term goals, I'd like to see RCTC really prioritize more Metrolink service by making sure that the third track from Fullerton to Riverside gets done in a quick manner. It's really going to be important for reliability and frequency. And to move faster on both the Coachella Valley Rail as well as the rail extension to Hemet which has been planned but doesn't seem like there is any progress happening there. You know, these are rapidly growing areas where a lot of people are living and there's really no good transit options for people at least for long distance trips. Finally, RCTC should start planning for electrification of Metrolink. This is

obviously a long term project but we need to start thinking about it. This is in the State Rail Plan, electrifying from Fullerton up to San Bernardino. Riverside, the inland empire is going to be a rail hub soon with Brighline West arriving in Rancho Cucamonga in just three or four years. And there's future plans for maybe high-speed rail to Phoenix one day via Riverside so electrification supports all of that in addition to making service faster and more frequent. Caltrain is seeing 75% ridership growth in one year after electrifying due to brand new service. The High-Speed Rail Authority has already come to an agreement with BNSF about electrifying over tracks on a different portion of that right of way so it can be done. And so I encourage RCTC to start moving forward on those negotiations so that we can eventually get electric service all the way up to San Bernardino. Oh, and one of my other comments is that this meeting should really have a hybrid option. I see you have a hybrid option for the Commissioners, why isn't that available to the public? This meeting being only in person on a work day is very inaccessible especially for people who are mobility challenged and not well served by transit, who are the people this meeting is supposed to be reaching. I encourage you to add a phone or a zoom option when this happens next year. Thank you for your time. Have a great day.

Chair John Krick: Thank you for those comments.

Lisa Castilone: I have a question.

Chair John Krick: Yes.

Lisa Castilone: You mention one of the rails having a ridership increase.

Adrianna Rizzo: So, Caltrain which is a commuter rail between San Francisco and San Jose, the ridership went up by 75% over one year, like since last year, after they electrified.

Chair John Krick: Are there any more comments? Ok. The public hearing is now closed. Thank you to everyone who has participated and provided comments today. Staff will share these comments with the transit operators for future service improvements.

AGENDA ITEM 5B

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE “COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”

October 20, 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. Due to a lack of a quorum, the members present operated as a “Committee of the Whole”.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

John Krick
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency
Edith Hernandez, Sunline Transit Agency**

Members Absent

Christine Franklyn Baggett
Lisa Castilone
George Colangeli
Deborah Franklin
Michael Harrington
Gloria J Sanchez
Mary Jo Ramirez
Ivet Woolridge

*Joined the meeting at Palo Verde Valley Transit

**Joined the meeting at 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 – AUGUST 11, 2025

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

6. PUBLIC TRANSIT – HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATED PLAN 2025 UPDATE

This item is for the Committee to receive and file the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan (Coordinated Plan) 2025 Update.

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, introduced Dennis Brooks from AMMA Transit Planning.

Mr. Brooks presented the Public Transportation Coordinated Plan 2025 Update. He discussed the purpose, goals, and strategies of the Coordinated Plan.

Cat Ferguson, Independent Living Partnership, requested a copy of the powerpoint presentation.

Mr. DeHate stated he will send out the powerpoint presentation to Committee members and that the Coordinated Plan is part of the agenda packet.

Mr. Brooks clarified for Chair Krick that this is the final draft that will go to the Commission unless there are any comments from the CSTAC members or Budget and Implementation Committee members.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF REPORT

7A. Jennifer Nguyen, RTA, announced that the onboard survey kicks off today as part of the Comprehensive Operation Analysis.

7B. Ms. Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director, introduced RCTC's Deputy Director David Knudsen to the Committee.

7C. Mr. Knudsen updated the Committee on the Traffic Relief Plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

AGENDA ITEM 5C

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	December 8, 2025
TO:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager
SUBJECT:	Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The CSTAC is scheduled to meet on the second Monday of every other month at 11:00 a.m., beginning in February 2026. Attachment 1 includes the proposed 2026 meeting schedule.

Meetings will be held in-person at three locations:

1. RCTC main office at the County Administrative Center in Riverside
2. SunLine Transit Agency's office in Thousand Palms
3. Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency's office in Blythe

Attachment: 2026 CSTAC Meeting Schedule

2026 CSTAC MEETING SCHEDULE

The following is the 2026 Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee (CSTAC) meeting schedule. All meetings will commence at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

Monday, August 10, 2026 @ 11:00 AM*

Monday, October 19, 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

Monday, December 14, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

*Meeting to include Transit Needs Public Hearing

**Meeting on third Monday due to conflicts on second Monday

CSTAC meetings will be held in-person at the following three locations, unless otherwise notified.

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AGENDA ITEM 6

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	December 8, 2025
TO:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager
SUBJECT:	CSTAC Topics of Interest

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Discuss and provide staff direction on topics of interest for future agenda items.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

The CSTAC's purpose is to assist the Commission in complying with Transportation Development Act (TDA) regulation, to promote transportation service improvements and enhancements that support the mobility of older adults, persons with disabilities and persons of limited means, and to establish an effective communication exchange among Riverside County's public transit operators, its specialized transportation providers and representatives of its transit dependent populations regarding matters of mutual concern.

More specifically, the CSTAC is required to annually participate in the identification of transit needs throughout the county, review proposed operating and capital projects of seven public transit operators and RCTC's Rail Program and represent the needs of transit users. In addition to these required topics, there is opportunity for additional items that can be brought forward to strengthen the CSTAC's role in promoting transit needs and priorities throughout the county. This item is to seek feedback on future agendas that will help the CSTAC advance its purpose and goals.