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Applicants needed for Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Council

The Riverside County Transportation Commission is looking for community members with a passion for public transit who wish to apply to serve as members of the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Council (CSTAC).

The 15-member group of volunteers, which meets one to four times each year, provides a link between the Commission and the public. The council focuses on passenger rail and bus issues, especially on specialized transit programs funded by RCTC.

Members will take part in unmet transit needs hearings, review operating and capital expenditures of Riverside County's seven public transit operators and rail program, advise RCTC on major transit issues, and serve as liaisons between the public and RCTC. Other transportation issues, such as highway projects, may be briefly discussed during meetings, but are not the focus of the council. Meetings are typically held at the County Administration Center in Riverside with possible conference call options. At a minimum, the CSTAC will meet twice a year.

The state's Transportation Development Act requires the council to be comprised of at least:

- One potential transit rider, who is 60 years or older
- One potential transit rider, who is disabled
- Two representatives of local social service providers for seniors, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists
- Two representatives of local social service providers for the disabled, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists

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- One representative of a local social service provider for persons of low income
- Two representatives from the local consolidated transportation service agency, if one exists, including one representative from a transit operator, if one exists

Although RCTC is seeking members who meet the minimum requirements, candidates who represent a broad cross-section of Riverside County also will be considered. To apply, please complete and submit this <u>application</u> by mail or email by **March 13**.

<u>Learn more</u> about specialized transit programs that RCTC funds and how to use the services.