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December 3, 2021

SCH No. 2021090008

RE: Riverside-Downtown Station Improvements Project

**Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment
and Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of
Public Hearing for the Riverside-Downtown
Station Improvements Project**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), in collaboration with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), propose to improve the Riverside-Downtown Station, located in downtown Riverside, east of State Route 91. Proposed improvements include construction of an additional passenger loading platform and train tracks, extension of the existing pedestrian bridge, additional elevator and stair access, and expansion of the parking lot. These features would improve Metrolink service, train connections, and operations by allowing more reliable/on-time train service, providing equitable access to regional public transportation, and accommodating future train service.

A No Build Alternative and one Build Alternative with six parking design options are under consideration. RCTC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and FTA is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act. RCTC and FTA have studied the effects this project may have on the environment and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(f) Evaluation, and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

A 60-day review period of the proposed EA and Draft EIR begins **December 3, 2021** and ends **February 3, 2022**. Comments on the EA and Draft EIR must be postmarked no later than **February 3, 2022**.

To review the EA and Draft EIR, or for more information, visit RCTC's project website at rctc.org/riversidestation. Additional ways to review the EA and Draft EIR include:

- Hard copy at the RCTC Office at 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501
- Hard copy at the City of Riverside – Third Floor/Planning at 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
- Hard copy at the Cesar Chavez Community Center at 2060 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507

RCTC will be conducting two public hearings in the following formats:

Public Hearing Virtual Option

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Webinar Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89067185996?pwd=TIVXRkhpMlZqeJj3U3EwUHdjSnhDZz09>

Webinar ID: 890 6718 5996

Dial in by phone: (669) 900-6833

Dial in by phone (Spanish): (646) 749-3335; Access Code: 676-566-581

Public Hearing In-Person Option

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Cesar Chavez Community Center – 2060 University Avenue, Riverside CA 92507

Due to current city mandates, wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required for members of the public inside City facilities. We also ask that you maintain a safe social distance of 6 ft, when possible, while attending our meeting. Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact RCTC at (951) 787-7141 or via email at stationproject@rctc.org at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.

The EA and Draft EIR will be available for public review and comment for 60 days. Your input about the proposed Project is welcomed. Please submit any written comments about the proposed Project no later than **Thursday, February 3, 2022** by:



stationproject@rctc.org or <https://bit.ly/RDSComment>



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If you have any questions, please contact David Lewis, Capital Projects Manager at (951) 787-7141.

Thank you for your interest in this important transportation project.

Sincerely,



David Lewis
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