

Connecting 2021

Making connections was a big part of life in 2021. RCTC continues to work on multimodal transportation solutions – roads, rails, and trails that will safely connect our diverse communities, offer mobility choices, reduce traffic congestion, and streamline goods movement in Riverside County. RCTC is working to connect to residents across Riverside County to hear how to achieve greater mobility options.

Investing in our Infrastructure

Continued construction of **28 highway and rail projects** totaling **\$877 million**



Approved **\$125 million** for **248 local road projects**



Allocated **\$15.6 million** for **20 active transportation projects**



Provided **\$41 million** to fill funding gap for **3 interchange and bridge projects**



Helped **63,000** motorists through **Freeway Service Patrols**

Protecting our Environment

Became managing agency for **Regional Conservation Authority** to preserve habitat for **146 native animal and plant species**



Acquired **1,303** new acres of protected habitat for a total of **411,105** acres – 82.2% of 500,000 acres needed for the **Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan**

Supported **31 vanpools** for essential workers, reducing **1.7 million miles** traveled and **630 tons** of pollutants



Provided support to **160** employers for **ridesharing services** and incentives



Opened **3** new **Park & Ride** lots



Received **planning grant** for **zero-emission bus conversions**



Improving our Public Transit System

Helped fund **Metrolink service** on **3 rail lines** and **9 stations** in Riverside County



Funded **7 local bus systems** and **16 specialized transit services**



Promoted **safety protocols** on public transit to reduce spread of **COVID-19**



Allocated **\$20 million** in state and federal funds for **Metrolink station upgrades**



Supported **Metrolink ridership recovery** efforts and **low-income fare programs**



Advancing Transportation Projects

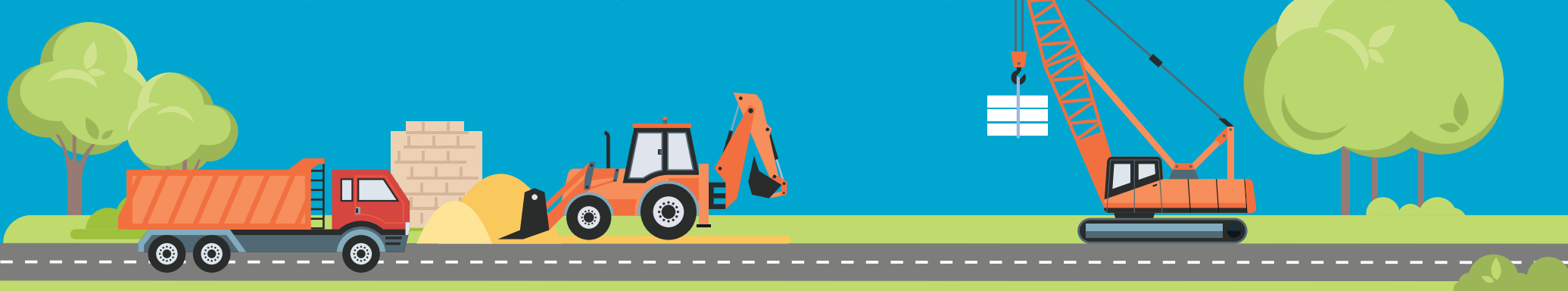
Received **500+ public comments** on proposed **Coachella Valley Rail service** and applied for funding to continue project

Conducted **technical studies** for five projects on **I-15** and accelerated the **I-15 Interim Corridor Operations Project**

Continued studies for projects on **I-10**, the **Riverside-Downtown Station**, and **Moreno Valley/ March Field Station**

Hired design team for second phase of **Mid County Parkway project**

Hired construction management team for **71/91 Interchange**



Helping our Economy Recover

Provided **12,799 construction jobs**



Saved taxpayers **\$85 million** by prepaying federal loan and refinancing debt for **91 Express Lanes**



Helped streamline **wildlife habitat compliance** process for **17 private development projects**



Offering Drivers Choices

Opened **15 Express Lanes** and received **American Public Works Association award**



Maintained **159,000** accounts for **91 Express Lanes** customers



Opened **8,500** accounts for new **15 Express Lanes**



Reinvested **\$32 million** in toll revenue into **new traffic relief projects** on 15 and 91 corridors



Recorded **13 million** 91 Express Lanes trips and **12 million** 15 Express Lanes trips (Jan.-Oct. 2021)



Connecting with Residents

Increased **@therctc** social media presence with **12,259** total followers: **9,900** on **Facebook**, **1,340** on **Twitter**, and **1,019** on **Instagram**



Launched **@WesternRCA** social media pages and attracted **2,218** followers: **1,883** on **Facebook**, **61** on **Twitter**, and **274** on **Instagram**



Expanded **rctc.org** website visits to average of **40,000** per quarter



Appointed **15** members to new **RCA Stakeholders Committee**



Provided traveler information to **210,000** web visitors and **97,000** callers

