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Public Comment Period Extended: RCTC Continues Seeking Comments on Proposed Riverside-Downtown Station Improvements Project through February 18

The Riverside County Transportation Commission has extended the comment period for the Riverside-Downtown Station Improvements Project through Friday, February 18. The extra time will allow residents, commuters, and other interested parties to provide their input on the draft environment document that was released on December 3, 2021.

From now through February 18, residents and other stakeholders are strongly encouraged to submit their written comments through the following methods:

- Email: stationproject@rctc.org
- Online: <https://bit.ly/RDSComment>
- U.S. Mail:
Mr. David Lewis: Capital Projects Manager
Riverside County Transportation Commission
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

For the last several months, the RCTC project team met with community groups, presented project details to the Riverside City Council, spoke with other local agencies, and held two public hearings about the proposed improvements to the Metrolink Riverside-Downtown.

Conducted in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration and Metrolink, the studies support improvements that will enhance safety at the station and increase mobility options in Riverside County

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The proposed project includes new features on the east side of the station and tracks:

- Building a new passenger loading platform
- Constructing new tracks and making other track improvements
- Extending the pedestrian bridge, including the elevator and ADA access
- Relocating ADA parking
- Adding parking
- Modifying the bus drop-off area
- Adding sidewalks and lighting
- Modifying the railroad signal system

The project is needed to expand capacity of the loading platform for Metrolink riders and improve train operations, efficiency, connections, and the passenger experience at the station. Increasing freight train service causes delays to Metrolink service at the Riverside-Downtown Station. The improvements will help avoid Metrolink scheduling conflicts with freight train traffic, reduce delays, and allow for future Metrolink service expansion.

The draft environmental studies continue to be available for review and comment on the RCTC website, rctc.org/riversidestation-enviro and at the following three locations:

- RCTC Offices, 4080 Lemon St., 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501
- City of Riverside, 3900 Main St., 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92522
- Cesar Chavez Community Center, 2060 University Ave., Riverside, CA 92507

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