#### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

#### **Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee**

- TIME: **11:00 a.m.**
- DATE: Monday, August 8, 2022
- LOCATION: **Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the** meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

#### ୬୦ COMMITTEE MEMBERS 🛩

Gloria J. Sanchez, **Chair**, Menifee Senior Advisory, Southwest Riverside County Lisa Castilone, **Vice Chair**, GRID Alternatives, Western and Southwest Riverside County Vacant, **Second Vice Chair** John Chavez, Retired Citizen, San Gorgonio Pass George Colangeli, Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency, Palo Verde Valley Betty Day, Hemet Public Library Trustee, Hemet-San Jacinto Alejandra Gonzalez, Norco Seniors on the Move, Northwest Riverside County John Krick, T-Now Member, Northwest Riverside County Jack Marty, Retired Citizen, San Gorgonio Pass Priscilla Ochoa, Blindness Support Services, Northwest Riverside County Mary Jo Ramirez, Workforce Development Member, Southwest Riverside County Ivet Woolridge, Independent Living Partnership, Riverside County Riverside Transit Agency, Western Riverside County 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

#### 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 8, 2022

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Join Zoom Meeting

https://rctc.zoom.us/j/85663235367

Meeting ID: 856 6323 5367

Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

For members of the public wishing to submit comment in connection with the Committee Meeting please email written comments to the Clerk of the Board at <u>Imobley@rctc.org</u> prior to August 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and your comments will be made part of the official record of the proceedings. Members of the public may also make public comments through their telephone or Zoom connection when recognized by the Chair.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** Under the Brown Act, the Board should not take action on or discuss matters raised during public comment portion of the agenda which are not listed on the agenda. Board 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.

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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. PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSIT NEEDS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

#### Overview

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

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR** - All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Commissioner(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.

#### 6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2022

#### 7. TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Overview

This item is for the Committee to receive and file item for an update on the Commission's Transit-Oriented Communities Strategic Plan (TOC Plan).

#### 8. MEASURE A SPECIALIZED TRANSIT PRESENTATION

Overview

This item is for the Committee to receive and file a presentation from Measure A Specialized Recipient, Independent Living Partnership (ILP).

#### 9. GRID ALTERNATIVES PRESENTATION

#### Overview

This item is for the Committee to receive and file a presentation from Grid Alternatives.

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#### 10. CSTAC TOPICS OF INTEREST

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#### Overview

This item is for the Committee to discuss and provide staff direction on topics of interest for future agenda items.

#### **11. 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.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

The next Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022.

# AGENDA ITEM 5 PUBLIC HEARING

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION		
DATE:	August 8, 2022	
то:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee	
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager	
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director	
SUBJECT:	Public Hearing – Transit Needs in Riverside County	

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California State Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that transportation-planning agencies ensure the establishment of a citizen's participation process for each county. This process includes an element in which the California Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99238.5 states, *"The transportation planning agency shall ensure the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process appropriate for each county. The process shall include a provision for at least one public hearing in the jurisdiction represented by the social services transportation advisory council."* 

The Commission is required to identify any "unmet transit needs" that may exist within the County only if there is intent of using TDA funds for local streets and roads per PUC Section 99401.5 and 99401.6. Currently, the Commission intends to use 100% TDA funding on transit, therefore, the Commission is not required to initiate the "Unmet Transit Needs Process" and additional public hearings.

The public hearing was advertised by transit operators, specialized transit providers, and other stakeholders on buses, facilities, and social media. Staff also published a 30-day hearing notice in The Press-Enterprise, The Desert Sun, and The Palo Verde Times. The following methods were made available to the public to submit comments via oral or written testimony:

- 1) Email at <u>info@rctc.org</u>.
- 2) Postal Mail to:

Riverside County Transportation Commission Attn: Transit Needs Public Hearing Comments P. O. Box 12008, Riverside, CA 92502-2208

- 3) Via the website at <u>www.rctc.org/contact-us/</u>.
- 4) By phone at (951) 787-7141

5) In-person via video/teleconference on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 11:00am at the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting

As of the writing of this report, two written public comments have been received through the alternative methods noted above.

Staff recommends that the CSTAC hold a public hearing at today's meeting to receive public comments. Staff will continue to work with transit operators to address the public comments received and support service improvements that will meet those needs.

Attachment: Public Notice Flyer for Public Transit Operators



# Riverside County Transit Needs Public Hearing

# Join Us!

RCTC is holding a public hearing to gather input on transit needs within Riverside County. RCTC and transit operators will use information provided by the public for future transit improvements.

> Monday, August 8, 2022 11:00 AM

Join the meeting via video/telephone conference https://rctc.zoom.us/j/85663235367 Meeting ID: 856 6323 5367 Phone: (669) 900-6833

#### How to submit a comment?

• Live at Virtual Public Hearing

• Email comments to info@rctc.org with Transit Needs Public Hearing Comments as subject

- Mail a comment to: RCTC Attn: Transit Needs Public Hearing PO Box 12008 Riverside, CA 92502-2208
- Fill out the online form at www.rctc.org/contact-us/
- Call (951) 787-7141

# ¡Acompáñenos!

RCTC está organizando una audiencia pública para coleccionar opiniones sobre las necesidades de transporte en el condado de Riverside. RCTC y los operadores de tránsito utilizarán la información recopilada del público para futuras mejoras de tránsito.

> Lunes, 8 de agosto de 2022 11:00 AM

Únase a la junta a través de video/conferencia telefónica https://rctc.zoom.us/j/85663235367

> ID de la junta: 856 6323 5367 Teléfono: (669) 900-6833 Habrá traducción al español disponible

#### ¿Cómo enviar un comentario?

• En vivo en la audiencia pública virtual

• Por correo electrónico a info@rctc.org. Escriba en la línea de asunto "Comentarios para la Audiencia Públicia Sobre Necesidades de Transporte

• Por correro a RCTC Attn: Transit Needs Public Hearing PO Box 12008 Riverside, CA 92502-2208

• Complete el formulario en línea en www.rctc.org/es/contact-us/

• Llamar al (951) 787-7141





# PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSIT NEEDS

Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee August 8, 2022 Eric DeHate, Transit Manager



- Transportation Development Act PUC 99238
  - Establish a Citizen Participation Process
  - Hold one public hearing represented by Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
- Commission Allocating 100% of TDA to Transit
- Comments and Feedback
- Notice and Outreach





# **Staff Recommendation**

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on transit needs in Riverside County

# AGENDA ITEM 6A MINUTES

#### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

#### CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### April 11, 2022 Minutes

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Lisa Castilone at 11:01 a.m. via Zoom ID 831 2025 4927. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee was only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

#### **Members Present**

Lisa Castilone John Chavez George Colangeli John Krick Mary Jo Ramirez Gloria J Sanchez\* Ivet Woolridge Riverside Transit Agency Sunline Transit Agency \*Arrived after the meeting was called to order.

#### Members Absent

Betty Day Alejandra Gonzalez Jack Marty Priscilla Ochoa

#### At this time, Chair Gloria Sanchez arrived to the meeting.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

#### 4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

None

**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 (Colangeli/Ramirez) to approve the following Consent Calendar item(s):

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2021

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# 6. RCTC'S 2022 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN

This item is for the Committee to receive and file a presentation providing an overview of RCTC's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan and announcement of the public review and comment period.

Erik Galloway, Bechtel Project Manager, presented an overview of RCTC's 2022 Americans with Disabilities Act self-evaluation and transition plan.

John Standiford, RCTC Deputy Executive Director, provided an additional ADA information and comments on the plan.

#### 7. FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 – 2024/25 DRAFT SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATES

This item is for the Committee to receive and file Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 – 2024/25 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) updates from the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency (PVVTA); Riverside Transit Agency (RTA); SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine); and the Commission's Rail and Vanpool Programs.

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, presented a brief overview and introduction of the transit providers.

Jennifer Nguyen presented on behalf of RTA. She presented an overview of the SRTP for FY 2023.

Rohan Kuruppu presented on behalf of SunLine Transit Agency. He discussed the Innovative Clean Transit plan and their pandemic recovery plan.

Art Vela presented on behalf of the city of Banning. He presented an overview of the SRTP for FY 2023.

Elisa Mendoza presented on behalf of the city of Beaumont. She discussed new route plans, vehicles, and the challenges due to Covid-19 response.

Sudesh Paul presented on behalf of the city of Corona. She discussed the various programs offered by the city of Corona Transit Services.

George Colangeli presented on behalf of PVVTA. He presented an overview of the SRTP for FY 2023.

Ron Profeta presented on behalf of the city of Riverside. He discussed the Special

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Transportation's SRTP overview.

Beatris Megerdichian presented on behalf of RCTC's commuter rail program. She presented a brief overview of the commuter rail programs and recovery plan.

Brian Cunanan presented on behalf of RCTC's vanpool program. He clarified for Vice Chair Castilone the program has about 80 vehicles since it's inception.

Lorelle Moe-Luna clarified for Vice Chair Castilone that all transit operators have their own scope and questions for their Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA).

Vice Chair Castilone asked how the fuel costs are factored and how do they adjust for a fuel cost increase.

Eric DeHate responded that the fuel costs vary by area and transit provider.

Monica Morales added the transit provider can request additional funding for fuel if they need to.

In response to John Krick's question regarding CNG fuel, Eric DeHate deferred to the operators. Charlie Ramirez stated the cost of CNG has risen significantly.

Eric DeHate reminded the Committee that these are only projections and not actual costs.

Chair Sanchez thanked all the presenters.

#### 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF REPORT

- 8A. Eric DeHate announced the upcoming RCTC Commission meeting.
- 8B. Chair Sanchez announced the transportation study conducted by the city of Menifee

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

# **AGENDA ITEM 7**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	August 8, 2022
то:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
FROM:	Jenny Chan, Planning and Programming Manager
SUBJECT:	Transit-Oriented Communities Strategic Plan

#### **RECEIVE AND FILE:**

This is a receive and file item for an update on the Commission's Transit-Oriented Communities Strategic Plan (TOC Plan).

#### BACKGROUND:

In June 2020, the Federal Transit Administration awarded the Commission \$700,000 in grant funding, with a \$250,000 local match commitment, to develop the TOC Plan as part of the Fiscal Year 2019 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning grant program. The grant enables the Commission to work with community members, private developers and staff from the cities of Perris, Moreno Valley, Riverside, and Corona and the March Joint Powers Authority, and transit operators to create a strategic plan for TOD within the five-mile radius of the eight 91/Perris Valley Line Metrolink stations in Riverside County. The TOC Plan seeks to reduce or eliminate impediments to TOD by identifying regulatory actions and funding strategies to facilitate TOCs. The plan will provide a regional planning framework that builds upon existing regional or local jurisdictions' TOD-friendly planning efforts and provide guidance to accelerate public and private investment within the five-mile radius of each station. The plan will also identify specific infrastructure investments, policy changes, partnerships, and funding opportunities to help communities implement the plan once completed. The goals of the plan are to support local economic development, broaden mobility options, increase Metrolink ridership, and decrease auto trips which improves local and regional traffic congestion.

#### DISCUSSION:

Success of the plan relies on public input and feedback. The Commission is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on Zoom for participants to learn more about the study and share ideas to increase TOCs in Riverside County, see Attachment 1. Future in person opportunities is listed on <u>www.rctc.org/toc-events</u>. A project factsheet is attached.

#### Attachments:

- 1) Open House Flyer
- 2) Project Factsheet
- 3) Presentation slides

#### ATTACHMENT 1

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# Help Us Create Transit-Oriented Communities!

Login to our virtual Open House on August 23 to share your ideas

The Riverside County Transportation Commission, with grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration, is developing a Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Strategic Plan. The Plan will help cities along Riverside County Metrolink stations plan for walkable and bikeable communities that are connected to public transit and places to live, work, shop and play. TOCs make getting around without a car easier.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 - 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Hosted via Zoom Join online: https://bit.ly/TOCopenhouse

Join by phone: 669-444-9171

Webinar ID: 850 9606 9556 | Passcode: 813220

Everyone is welcome. A Spanish simulcast will be available.

- Learn more about the Strategic Plan
- Share your ideas to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety and connections, and ways to promote development of residential, commercial and civics spaces near transit
- Help us enhance mobility and improve quality of life for residents
- Meet the project team and ask questions

The Strategic Plan focuses on the Metrolink stations in the cities of Corona, Riverside, and Perris and County of Riverside that serve the 91/Perris Valley Line and key corridors within a five-mile radius of each station.

We will be in your neighborhood and look forward to connecting with you! Check out rctc.org/toc-events for dates and locations or scan the QR code below.



Questions? Please email TOCPlan@rctc.org, call 951-787-7141 or visit rctc.org/tocplan.





## TRANSIT-ORIENTED **COMMUNITIES** Strategic Plan

### ¡Ayúdenos a crear comunidades orientadas al tránsito!

Únase a nuestra reunión virtual el 23 de agosto y comparta sus ideas

La Comisión de Transporte del Condado de Riverside, con fondos de subvención de la Administración Federal de Tránsito, está desarrollando un Plan Estratégico de Comunidades Orientadas al Tránsito (TOC, en inglés). El plan ayudará a las ciudades situadas a lo largo de las estaciones de Metrolink del condado de Riverside a planificar comunidades transitables a pie y en bicicleta que estén conectadas al transporte público y lugares para vivir, trabajar, hacer compras y jugar. Las comunidades orientadas al transporte público hacen más fácil moverse sin un carro.

#### MARTES 23 DE AGOSTO - 5:30 a 7 p.m.

A través de Zoom Únase en línea: https://bit.ly/TOCopenhouse Únase por teléfono: 669-444-9171 ID del seminario web: 850 9606 9556 | Código de acceso: 813220

Todos son bienvenidos. Estará disponible una transmisión simultánea en español.

- Conozca más sobre el Plan Estratégico
- Comparta sus ideas para aumentar la seguridad y las conexiones para peatones y ciclistas, y formas de promover el desarrollo de espacios residenciales, comerciales y cívicos cerca del transporte público
- Ayúdenos a mejorar la movilidad y mejorar la calidad de vida de los residentes
- Conozca al equipo del proyecto y haga preguntas

El Plan Estratégico se enfoca en las estaciones de Metrolink en las ciudades de Corona, Riverside y Perris y el Condado de Riverside que dan servicio a la Línea 91/Perris Valley y corredores clave dentro de un radio de cinco millas de cada estación.

¡Estaremos en su vecindario y esperamos conectarnos con usted! Visite rctc.org/es/toc-events para fechas y ubicaciones o escanee el código QR a continuación.







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## TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES Strategic Plan

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission, with grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration, is developing the Transit-Oriented Communities Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will focus on the eight Metrolink stations that serve the 91/Perris Valley Line and key corridors within a five-mile radius of each station.

#### WHAT ARE TOCS?

Transit-Oriented Communities or TOCs are places designed to make it easier to use public transit, walk, cycle, and drive less. They increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety, facilitate first and last mile connections, and promote housing development and employment opportunities near transit centers, all of which offer enhanced mobility and improve the quality of life for our residents.

#### WHY A TOC STRATEGIC PLAN?

As Riverside County continues to grow and its transit system evolves, it's important to think strategically about how some residents may want to live, work, and travel.

The TOC Strategic Plan will build upon previous local planning efforts, create new approaches to improve mobility near transit centers, and foster development of residential, commercial, retail, and civic spaces to serve community needs.

The plan will be guided by advisory committees, stakeholder input, and community workshops to help shape the plan. The TOC Strategic Plan will lay out a regional transit-oriented development vision for our partner agencies to consider as they implement transit-supportive policies and make investments in local infrastructure.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN SCHEDULE**

The draft TOC Strategic Plan is expected to be available for public review in early 2023 and presented to the RCTC Commission in spring 2023.

#### **LOCATION:**

The eight Metrolink stations along the 91/Perris Valley Line: two stations in Corona, three in Riverside, one in Moreno Valley, and two in Perris

#### COST:

Funded by a \$700,000 Federal Transit Administration grant and matching funds from RCTC

#### **STAY CONNECTED:**

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## TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES Strategic Plan

#### **DESCRIPCIÓN GENERAL DEL PLAN ESTRATÉGICO**

La Comisión de Transporte del Condado de Riverside (RCTC, por sus siglas en inglés), con fondos de subvención de la Administración Federal de Tránsito, está desarrollando el Plan Estratégico de Comunidades Orientadas al Tránsito (TOC, en inglés). El Plan Estratégico se concentrará en las ocho estaciones de Metrolink que sirven la línea 91/ Perris Valley y corredores clave dentro de un radio de cinco millas de cada estación.

#### ¿QUÉ SON LOS TOC?

Las comunidades orientadas al tránsito o TOC son lugares diseñados para facilitar el uso del transporte público, caminar, andar en bicicleta y conducir menos. Aumentan la seguridad de los peatones y ciclistas, facilitan las conexiones de la primera y la última milla, promueven el desarrollo de viviendas y oportunidades de empleo junto a los centros de tránsito, todo lo cual ofrece una mayor movilidad y mejora la calidad de vida de nuestros residentes.

#### ¿POR QUÉ UN PLAN ESTRATÉGICO TOC?

A medida que el Condado de Riverside continúa creciendo y su sistema de tránsito evoluciona, es importante pensar estratégicamente sobre cómo algunos residentes pueden querer vivir, trabajar y viajar.

El Plan Estratégico de TOC se basará en los esfuerzos previos de planificación local, creará nuevos enfoques para mejorar la movilidad cerca de los centros de tránsito y fomentará el desarrollo de espacios residenciales, comerciales, minoristas y cívicos para satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad.

El Plan será guiado por comités asesores, aportes de las partes interesadas y talleres comunitarios que ayudarán a dar forma al plan. El Plan Estratégico de TOC establecerá una visión de desarrollo regional orientada al transporte público para que nuestras agencias asociadas la tengan en cuenta a la hora de implementar políticas de apoyo al transporte público y hacer inversiones en la infraestructura local.

#### **CALENDARIO DEL PLAN ESTRATÉGICO**

Se espera que el borrador del Plan Estratégico de TOC esté disponible para revisión pública a principios de 2023 y se presente a la Comisión RCTC en la primavera de 2023.

#### **UBICACIÓN:**

Las ocho estaciones de Metrolink a lo largo de la línea 91/Perris Valley: dos estaciones en Corona, tres en Riverside, una en Moreno Valley y dos en Perris

#### **COSTO:**

Financiado por una subvención de \$ 700,000 de la Administración Federal de Tránsito y fondos de contrapartida de RCTC.

#### MANTÉNGASE CONECTADO:

\$51-787-7141

TOCPlan@rctc.org



ATTACHMENT 3

# TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC PLAN



# **Project Team**

# RCTC

**Jenny Chan**, Project Manager, Planning and Programming Manager

Sheldon Peterson, Rail Manager

**Lisa Estrada**, Community Affairs Manager

**Cheryl Donahue**, Public Affairs Manager

**Ariel Alcon Tapia**, Sr. Management Analyst

**Beatris Megerdichian**, Management Analyst



# **CONSULTANT TEAM**

Adam Maleitzke, Stantec		
Craig Sklenar, Stantec		
Rhonda Bell, Stantec		
Katherine Padilla-Otanez, KPA		
<b>Jessica Padilla-Bowen</b> , KPA		

Judy Taylor, HR&A

Jane Carlson, HR&A

# **COMMUNITY/TECHNICAL PARTNERS**

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** 

**DEVELOPER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** 

# STATION COMMUNITIES

# **Overview**

#### **Project Description**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission, working with Stantec and team members HR&A and KPA, is leading a planning initiative to promote transit-oriented communities within a five-mil radius from the eight (8) station areas along the 91/ Riverside and Perris Valley transit corridors.

The process will be guided by a robust, bilingual public engagement program, which will include the establishment of three advisory committees, design workshops, in-person or virtual open houses, and an online and social media presence. The strategic plan will establish a long-term vision for the corridors and will include station area profiles, best practices, TOC typologies and alternatives, and an implementation plan.

The final plan will serve as a resource for local jurisdictions as they implement first/last mile improvements, rezone for higher density uses, and make policy changes that will enable transit-oriented communities within the station area. The strategic plan will also include an update to RCTC's joint development guidelines, which will guide RCTC as they issue solicitations for the development of RCTC-owned land.

#### **Key Goals**

- 1. Identify barriers to creating transit-oriented communities
- 2. Engage the public about challenges and opportunities facing the corridor
- 3. Develop mobility, urban design, and land use strategies to address barriers
- 4. Create a "road map" to guide implementation of improvement projects





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are meeting or supporting the vision, goals and

4.2 TOC ALTERNATIVES The Stantec team will develop alternatives for each station area that are rooted in station profiles, best and mobility hubs, public realm improvements, and amentities. Each alternative will include a high-level summary as well as a list of the impacts in order to evaluate trade-offs and understand preferences. Or tices, and a comprehensive engagement program alternatives will be vetted by RCTC, local ins, the advisory committees, and the publi ugh the virtual and in-person outreach events ed in Task 3. We firmly believe that in order to catalyze transit-oriented communities along the corridor, key stakeholders and the community ne eview complete, succinct, graphically rich, and **4.3 READINESS REVIEW** Based on our experience in the Inland Empire, Stantec and HR&A understand that urban models of development may not work in all station areas. Here, as in other projects, we look to encourage typologies hat will empower them to envision a new development For each station area, we will develop up to two (2)

needed to catalyze this activity

# Draft Vision Statement

The Metrolink station areas along the 91/Perris Valley corridors in Riverside County present a significant opportunity to foster sustainable and equitable development. The TOC Strategic Plan envisions station communities that promote both job and housing investment, improve access to services and amenities. and support new investments and emerging technologies that will enable residents of all backgrounds and abilities to travel by foot, bike, or transit. As the station areas are developed, RCTC is committed to continuing station and rail investments that will expand and increase transit service and improve the passenger rail experience. Close cooperation and engagement with corridor cities are fundamental to this effort, as well as many other key stakeholders who will be central to implementing the vision for station communities in Riverside County.







#### Mix of Land Uses / Higher Densities and Intensities GOAL: Encourage transit-supportive uses at higher densities and intensities in walking distance to transit stations/stops Design for flexibility to allow for future conversion to other uses Provide for convenience retail that serves transit commuters

#### 2 Street Design / Active Transportation

GOAL: Balance the provision of pedestrian, cyclist, transit, and single-occupancy vehicles (SOVs) infrastructure by promoting "complete streets"

Design amenities for all modes (shelters, storage, etc.) Design streets with pedestrian and cyclist safety in mind Employ traffic-calming devices to reduce collisions

#### 3 Buildings / Urban Design

GOAL: Promote attractive, pedestrian-friendly buildings that contribute to the character of a district and have active ground floor uses

Promote building articulation and variety Use a diverse pallete of materials Locate parking behind buildings and retail along streets Design for flexibility to allow for future conversion to other uses

#### Parking: Strategies

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GOAL: Reduce reliance upon SOVs by managing the supply and demand of parking

Shared, district-wide parking Reduced parking supply Reliance upon multiple modes to address mobility needs Appropriately-priced parking to manage demand Car-share, transit and cycling incentive programs

#### **6** Open Space: / Placemaking

# GOAL: Design for active and passive recreational opportunities

Privately-owned, publicly-accessible public spaces (POPs) Publicly-owned civic spaces for passive + active recreation Public spaces of a wide variety of types and programming






# **Benefits of TOCs**

### ENVIRONMENT

## ECONOMIC

### SOCIAL



- Increased transit ridership
- Reduced VMT
- Reduced GHG
- Improved Air Quality
- Conservation of land and open space



- Catalyst for economic development
- Redevelopment of vacant and underutilized properties
- Increased property value
- Decreased infrastructure costs
- Revenue for transit systems
- Reduced household spending on transportation
- Increase in affordable housing

Increased housing and employment choices

Greater mobility choices

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- Health benefits
- Enhanced sense of community
- Enhanced public safety
- Increased quality of life

# Key Challenges and Opportunities

### **BARRIERS**

- Limited number of daily trains, particularly along Perris Valley Line

- Single-occupancy vehicles are primary mode of access to station

- Market realities in some station areas do not currently support TOCs

- Some stations are fully built-out; infill development will be more complicated than greenfield development

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Rapid growth and rise in home values present opportunity to reshape investments, while mitigating negative impacts from gentrification

- Changing technologies and trends in mobility (work from home, bike/ped, autonomous vehicles)

- Significant improvements to Metrolink service over next several years

- Committment by municipalities to invest in multiple modes of transportation, diversity of housing types



	Project Tim	eline	WE ARE HERE		
	FALL 2021	SPRING 2022	SUMMER 2022	FALL 2022	WINTER/SPRING 2023
	Station Area Profiles	Developer Advisory	Community Advisory	Pop-up-Events	Preferred TOC Alternative
-	Review of Existing Conditions along the corridor to identify	Committee Technical Advisory	Committee TOC Alternatives/	Virtual Engagement	What is the shared vision for each station?, land use scenarios, public
	barriers to TOC	Committee	Briefing Book	Design Workshops	
416			Menu of options: potential mobility projects, land use scenarios, public realm improvements	Community conversations to evaluate TOC improvements and develop shared vision	<b>Implementation Plan</b> How do we implement the vision?
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## Virtual Open House on August 23rd



### Help Us Create Transit-Oriented Communities! Login to our virtual Open House on August 23 to share your ideas

The Riverside County Transportation Commission, with grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration, is developing a Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Strategic Plan. The Plan will help cities along Riverside County Metrolink stations plan for walkable and bikeable communities that are connected to public transit and places to live, work, shop and play. TOCs make getting around without a car easier.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Hosted via Zoom

Join online: https://bit.ly/TOCopenhouse

Join by phone: 669-444-9171

## Webinar ID: 850 9606 9556 | Passcode: 813220

Everyone is welcome. A Spanish simulcast will be available.

- Learn more about the Strategic Plan Share your ideas to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety and connections, and ways to promote development of residential, commercial
- Help us enhance mobility and improve quality of life for residents • Meet the project team and ask questions

The Strategic Plan focuses on the Metrolink stations in the cities of Corona, Riverside, and Perris and County of Riverside that serve the 91/Perris Valley Line and key corridors within a five-mile radius of each station.

We will be in your neighborhood and look forward to connecting with you! Check out rctc.org/toc-events for dates and locations or scan the QR code below.



Questions? Please email TOCPlan@rctc.org,

call 951-787-7141 or visit rctc.org/tocplan.





# THANK YOU





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# **AGENDA ITEM 8**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION				
DATE:	August 8, 2022			
то:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee			
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager			
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director			
SUBJECT:	Measure A Specialized Transit Presentation			

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to receive and file a presentation from Measure A Specialized Recipient, Independent Living Partnership (ILP).

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2009 Measure A Expenditure Plan allocates approximately 11.6 percent of the annual revenues from the 2009 Measure A Western County program to public transit. The public transit allocation is then distributed among five programs, namely: specialized transit services, specialized transit-consolidated transportation service agency operations, commuter rail, intercity bus, and commuter services. The Measure A Specialized Transit Program receives about 1.9 percent of the 2009 Measure A Western County program revenues, or a 16.4 percent share of the 11.6 percent for public transit. The program provides funding to benefit older adults, persons with disabilities, and/or those that are most vulnerable and truly needy in Western County. In Western County, this funding has been distributed through a competitive process to a wide array of non-profit and community organizations that serve these constituencies for specialized transit services for persons with disabilities and older adults.

The goals of the Measure A Specialized Transit Program for western Riverside County are to:

- Support directly operated services that expand or extend existing services, which, if not funded by Measure A funds, would leave an area and/or special population without alternate service options;
- Support existing services that offer an improved level of service coordination with the existing transportation network;
- Expand new services that leverage other revenue sources, can be administered in a costeffective manner, and will not require long-term support from Measure A funding; and
- Support new and expansion of existing services including transportation for veterans and shuttles including, but not limited to, nutrition and medical services.

Projects that are eligible under the program include operating and capital projects such as senior transportation shuttles, non-emergency medical transportation services, bus pass/voucher

programs, mileage reimbursement programs, travel training, vehicle and maintenance equipment, communications and dispatch equipment, and mobility management.

Providing funding to non-profit providers of transit services for persons with disabilities, low income, and senior citizens has long been a priority of the Commission. The voter-approved 1989 and 2009 Measure A Expenditure Plans specify funding allocations for the provision of this type of service provided by transit operators and non-profit agencies.

A Call for Projects is held triennially, and the last Call for Projects was held in spring 2021 for funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2021/22 – 2023/24. The Commission awarded \$9,101,257 to 16 agencies for 19 operational and capital projects, as summarized in Attachment 1.

#### DISCUSSION:

The CSTAC plays an important role in strengthening the public and specialized transit network by offering a platform for specialized transit providers to share information and promote various transportation services. Staff will be inviting Measure A recipients to provide presentations to the CSTAC to highlight their programs and projects and receive any input on how their services can be improved and expanded in the future.

A presentation will be provided by ILP. ILP has provided transportation options for seniors and the disabled since the inception of the Measure A Western Riverside County Specialized Transit Program through its Transportation Reimbursement and Information Project (TRIP). In FY 2021/22, TRIP supported approximately 70,000 trips by providing mileage reimbursements for approximately 838,000 miles traveled (Western Riverside County data only). The cost for this program in FY 2021/22 was approximately \$210,000.

Attachment(s):

- 1) Call for Projects Award
- 2) ILP Presentation



### Attachment 1

Applicant	Project Type	Project Title	Total 3 Year Project Cost	Tota	al 3 Year Measure A Award		Required Match
Care A Van	Operations	Care A Van Transit	\$ 1,510,430	\$	996,884	\$	513,546
Independent Living Partnership	Mile Reimbursement	TRIP	\$ 3,631,716	\$	1,519,752	\$	2,111,964
Friends of Moreno Valley	Operations	Mo-Van	\$ 528,085	\$	297,585	\$	230,500
Boys & Girls Club Southwest County	Operations	Before & After School ST program	\$ 908,050	\$	599,313	\$	308,737
Exceed	Operations	Hemet Transportation	\$ 664,860	\$	244,860	\$	420,000
Boys & Girls Menifee Valley	Operations	Ride to Success	\$ 599,307	\$	395,543	\$	203,764
US Vets	Operations	Initiative Transportation Riverside	\$ 230,644	\$	152,225	\$	78,419
RUHS - Medical Center	Operations	MC Transportation Program	\$ 2,764,778	\$	1,576,800	\$	1,187,978
Voices for Children	Mile Reimbursement	Mileage Reimbursement Program	\$ 588,150	\$	388,179	\$	199,971
Forest Folk	Operations	Idyllwild Area Shuttle Service	\$ 254,848	\$	167,848	\$	87,000
City of Norco	Operations	Seniors on the Move Transp Program	\$ 382,818	\$	252,661	\$	130,157
Operation SafeHouse	Operations	Main St. Transitional Living & Permanent Supportive Housing Program	\$ 171,710	\$	113,329	\$	58,381
Care Connexxus	Operations	Specialized Transportation	\$ 1,210,806	\$	799,132	\$	411,674
Care Connexxus Capital	Capital	Specialized Transportation	\$ 225,000	\$	112,500	\$	112,500
RUHS - Behavorial Health Capital	Capital	Transportation Change	\$ 144,000	\$	72,000	\$	72,000
RUHS - Medical Center Capital	Capital	Transportation Program	\$ 365,740	\$	182,870	\$	182,870
RUHS - Behavorial Health	Operations	Transportation Change	\$ 1,589,245	\$	1,048,901	\$	540,343
City of Menifee	Operations	Pilot Program	\$ -	\$	150,000	\$	-
Michelle's Place	Operations	Treatment Travel Assistance Program	\$ 46,690	\$	30,815	\$	15,875
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ATTACHMENT 2



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**Chief Operating Officer** 

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Independent Living Partnership works to ensure the independence and dignity of the elderly and persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers through education and access to empowering services and resources.

# **OUR PURPOSE**

To advocate for and help people lead more satisfying and rewarding lives, often in spite of significant health and mobility challenges, to access needed human and social services and strengthen or rebuild through life enriching programs and activities that educate, motivate, strengthen or rebuild supportive social networks.

# **History**

In 1990 a group of Riverside County advocates for equitable rights for people with disabilities came together to help pass the Americans With Disabilities ACT.

In 1991 they incorporated as the non-profit Independent Living Partnership (ILP) with the mission and purpose that has since guided our activities and programs.

In addition to early educational programs, ILP created and pioneered the TRIP volunteer driver, mileage reimbursement service for people with transportation disabilities in Riverside County California.



In the early 90s, the Riverside County Office on Aging brought some people together to voice concerns about transportation for older people living in their communities.

### One after another they said what was needed:

- To be picked up at their home without having to wait outside in the heat
- Transportation in the comfort and luxury of a car
- Free rides for those on a severely limited income
- The ability to make trips whenever they were needed, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, even on the spur of the moment
- An escort who would come to their home and get them, stay with them during the trip, help them at their destinations, even help them put away their groceries when they got back home
- And they wanted the ability to get rides to go wherever to get special medical treatments if necessary or for other quality of life reasons.

The service was born a few months later and has now supported more than 35 Million miles of volunteer assisted transportation, just as hoped for so many years ago.













Riders have repeatedly shouted their satisfaction for the TRIP volunteer driver, mileage reimbursement transportation service with words like "freedom", "independence" and "peace of mind".

TRIP is very popular with our elderly, infirmed, alone, disabled and low-income clients, who are able to keep health appointments, get out of their homes, get groceries, and live fairly normal lives in spite of the huge mobility challenges they face.

# 98.1% of 542 clients in an annual Survey of Riders said that they would recommend



### So, what is it that makes a TRIP Model service so special?

✓ It can be used by anyone, living anywhere, rural, suburban or urban

- ✓ Riders can travel whenever they need or want to go
- ✓ Riders travel in the comfort of private vehicles

Riders select their own volunteer driver from people they already know

Riders can make as many stops as wanted on a single outing

✓ Riders can alter destinations as needed in mid-trip

Riders say TRIP Model transportation gives them freedom and independence

TRIP Model service does not impose schedules or select and match strangers as volunteer drivers. TRIP Model service does not give rides to riders. TRIP Model service empowers riders to assume responsibility for and take control of getting the travel they need when they need it.

### 2021-22 TRIP Service Performance for Riverside County

- \$789,654 funding used (multiple funding sources needed including: MA, 5310, and Older Americans Act)
- 716 unique County riders served
- \$1,103 average annual expense per rider
- 89,563 one-way trips provided
- Average one-way trip length of 14.9 miles
- \$8.82 average cost per trip provided
- \$.59 subsidy per mile
- 125 average one-way trips per rider/10.4 per month
- 1,337,250 miles of volunteer transportation provided

Being members of the Riverside County Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee is a great opportunity to provide us with a continuing voice of advocacy for transportation disabled members of our communities across the County and to facilitate on-going collaboration with other transportation providers.



# **AGENDA ITEM 9**

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONDATE:August 8, 2022TO:Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory CommitteeFROM:Eric DeHate, Transit ManagerTHROUGH:Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services DirectorSUBJECT:Grid Alternatives Presentation

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to receive and file a presentation from Grid Alternatives.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

Grid Alternatives was founded in 2001 following the California energy crisis and its mission is to help provide free, clean electricity powered by renewable energy that benefits everyone. Grid Alternatives is a registered 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization based in Oakland, California, with eight affiliate offices serving all of California, Colorado, Washington D.C., Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Grid Alternatives includes four programs: Energy For All Program, Tribal Program, International Program, and a Clean Mobility Program.

The Energy for All Program offers single-family, multifamily, and community solar installation services, project development and technical assistance, and we offer multiple levels of workforce development and service learning opportunities, from volunteerism to in-depth solar training and paid internships.

Grid Alternatives works with tribes to install solar electric systems for tribal members and community facilities. These projects can range from single rooftop solar installations to large-scale projects that meet the energy needs of the whole community and along with technical assistance and workforce development.

Grid Alternatives also has an international program, which installs solar electric systems to power homes, health centers, small businesses, water projects, orphanages and schools, and other mission-aligned organizations and provides technical assistance and workforce development.

Lastly, Grid Alternatives works to transition communities to electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging and other clean mobility options more accessible. This includes coordinated outreach, residential EV charging infrastructure, subsidizing public charging, scrape and replace programs, and shared mobility.

Attachment: Grid Alternatives Presentation



### THE AFFORDABLE SOLAR EXPERTS

# Lisa Castilone Community Development/Tribal Program Manager

GRID Alternatives is the largest 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, licensed and insured solar contractor in USA

We brings together communities, volunteers, and job trainees to implement solar power for low-income people in designated disadvantaged areas

GRID installations providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on job training experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.

# A mission-driven organization



# The Affordable Solar Experts

Single Family (DAC-SASH), Energy for All Program

Multifamily Solar Projects (SOMAH)

Commercial (mission-aligned non-profit)

Community Solar & Micro Grids (grants and partnership)

Accessibility to Clean Mobility Program

Enrollment in SGIP Program, energy storage systems GRID has an innovative workforce development program that integrates job training into every aspect of our work.

Hands on certified Training
Job Placement
Solar Futures Program
(Youth 16-24)
SolarCorps (AmeriCorps)
Paid Internships

# A proven and trusted solar integrator

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# GRID IE service area:

Riverside, San Bernardino and Inyo Counties

Completed over 2,000 NO COST solar projects for qualified homeowners!



# **GRID's Growing Impact**

# Program Qualifications

Household Size	Maximum Household Income
1-2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
Each Additional Person	\$9,440

- Own and live in home.
- Meet household income
- Live in a qualified zone/ Disadvantaged Community designated by CalEPA
- Pass free solar home inspection
  - (roof, shade, main service panel)
- If you meet these qualifications, our program is at NO COST to you!



### Chemehuevi Community Center

# Commercial, Microgrid and Financing Opportunities

# Access Clean California

Less pollution, more power

# Join us!

Help your communities switch to affordable clean energy and mobility. Access Clean California pairs community-based outreach with our online Benefits Finder to make it easier for income qualified residents to find and apply for California's climate equity programs.

# GRID working on Clean Mobility Options –

Millions in funding for clean vehicles, carshare, bikeshare, ondemand shuttle buses that serve SB 375 (DAC) and AB 1550 (lowincome) designated communities.

Lead Applicants: Public Agencies, Non-Profits, Tribal government:

www.cleanmobilityoptions.org

# **Clean Mobility Opportunities**



### THE AFFORDABLE SOLAR EXPERTS

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# **AGENDA ITEM 10**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION				
DATE:	August 8, 2022			
то:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee			
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager			
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director			
SUBJECT:	CSTAC Topics of Interest			

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for the Committee to 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 will 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.

Staff has brought required items for consideration meeting the purpose of the CSTAC. However, in discussions with the CSTAC officers, 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.