



METROLINK DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT: Moreno Valley to Perris

OVERVIEW:

The Metrolink Double Track Project: Moreno Valley to Perris will improve 6.5 miles of existing freight railroad track to meet standards for Metrolink passenger rail service. The historic freight tracks are rated for much slower speeds than passenger trains require; the upgrades will provide two sets of upgraded track between the Moreno Valley/March Field Station and just north of the Perris-Downtown Station along the Metrolink 91/Perris Valley Line.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission, in partnership with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, which operates Metrolink passenger rail service, is completing final design for the project including development of construction plans, specifications, and cost estimates. If funding is secured, construction could begin in mid-2024.

Once completed, the double tracks will improve the reliability of Metrolink operations and set the stage for additional service along the 91/ PVL, which is needed to reduce traffic congestion on Interstate 215. The improvements will enhance travel options for Riverside County commuters, who face some of the longest commutes in southern California. The project will also increase access to jobs and education in this traditionally underserved area, reduce air pollution, and help Metrolink achieve its goal of providing bidirectional service every 30 minutes in time for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics in Los Angeles. Lake Perris will host the rowing and canoe sprint events as part of the Olympiad.

The project will connect to the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Improvements Project, which began construction in October 2022. That project is upgrading 2.7 miles of track south of the station, adding a second station platform for boarding trains, and extending the length of the existing station platform to match the size of Metrolink’s train sets.

For more information, visit rctc.org/doubletrack

LOCATION:

Metrolink 91/Perris Valley Line, from Moreno Valley/March Field Station to just north of Perris-Downtown Station

CONSTRUCTION:

Could begin in mid-2024 if funding is secured

INVESTMENT:

Estimated \$31 million (technical studies, final design, construction)

