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September 23-24 Weekend Closure of Metrolink 91/Perris Valley Line to Affect Perris, Moreno Valley, and Riverside Stations

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) have scheduled a weekend closure of the 91/Perris Valley Line in the cities of Perris, Moreno Valley, and part of Riverside on September 23-24. The interruption will affect the Perris-South, Perris-Downtown, Moreno Valley/March Field, and Riverside-Hunter Park Metrolink stations, leaving passenger rail services unavailable. Alternate transportation will be provided by Metrolink to accommodate for passengers travelling to destinations serviced by the 91/Perris Valley Line.

Metrolink service from the Riverside-Downtown, Riverside-La Sierra, Corona-North Main, and Corona-West stations will maintain their standard Saturday and Sunday operating schedules. Riverside Transit Agency and other transit services operating out of the affected stations will run on regular Saturday and Sunday schedules.

The two-day shutdown will provide safe conditions for crews to continue working on infrastructure enhancements as part of the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Improvements Project. Enhancements include extension of the current platform, pedestrian crossing improvements, and drainage channel upgrades. RCTC and Metrolink value our passenger rail riders and appreciate their patience during the weekend closure.

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Construction began on the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Improvement Project in October 2022. Key project elements include:

- Adding a second passenger train platform
- Extending the existing platform to accommodate the length of the standard Metrolink six-car trains.
- Upgrading 2 ½ miles of track for the future nine-mile double-track corridor south of the station.

The Moreno Valley/March Field Improvement Stations Project is part of RCTC's goal of increasing commuter rail service to relieve traffic congestion and improve air quality in the region. The project is also part of Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program, which aims to upgrade the Metrolink system in time for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics Games.

Project funding is provided by a combination of local and federal transportation sources, including a \$32 million Federal Transit Administration grant and Riverside County voter-approved Measure A.

The project is anticipated to be completed by spring 2024. For more information, visit the project webpage at rctc.org/moval.

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