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A newsletter of developments, events and announcements from the Riverside Transit Agency.

Corona Transit Center Moving Forward

Despite the recent wet weather, construction of the Corona Transit Center remains on schedule and is expected to be completed by August. A presentation to Board members on Thursday detailed progress on the \$6.5 million project, which kicked off in November off Grand Boulevard. Much of the current activity is centered on debris removal and grading. Construction crews are in the process of raising the site from four- to six-feet, importing 11,500 cubic yards of soil and creating retaining walls on the north and south sides of the property. Work recently concluded on the northern retaining wall, which is nine-feet tall and 708-feet long. The project includes eight bus bays, a pedestrian plaza, stairway, elevator, a parking lot and bridge connecting to the existing Metrolink station.

Solar Panels Approved for Corona Transit Center

Board members have approved a plan that will bring solar panels to the Corona Transit Center. The solar panels will be mounted on top of the eight bus shelters and five shade structure canopies, providing enough power to meet peak lighting demand and to last up to 40 years. Because construction costs for the transit center are lower than anticipated, sufficient funding is available for this project. The plan authorizes Psomas to engineer and design the solar panel system and awards Sea West Enterprises Inc. with the construction services.

Comerchero Honored for 10 Years of Service

Chairman Jeff Comerchero, who joined the Governing Board a decade ago, was honored by fellow Board members during their January 28 meeting. During his tenure on the Board, Comerchero was a leading advocate for RTA's switch in 2001 from diesel fuel to compressed natural gas, and its push in 2003 to offer express bus service to customers travelling longer distances. More recently, Comerchero helped launch CommuterLink Route 202, an express route that was among the first to offer customers free satellite TV and wireless Internet. He was also instrumental in the creation of the hugely successful Beach Bus, the Temecula Trolley and the new Route 217, which offers rapid CommuterLink service from Hemet to Temecula and Escondido