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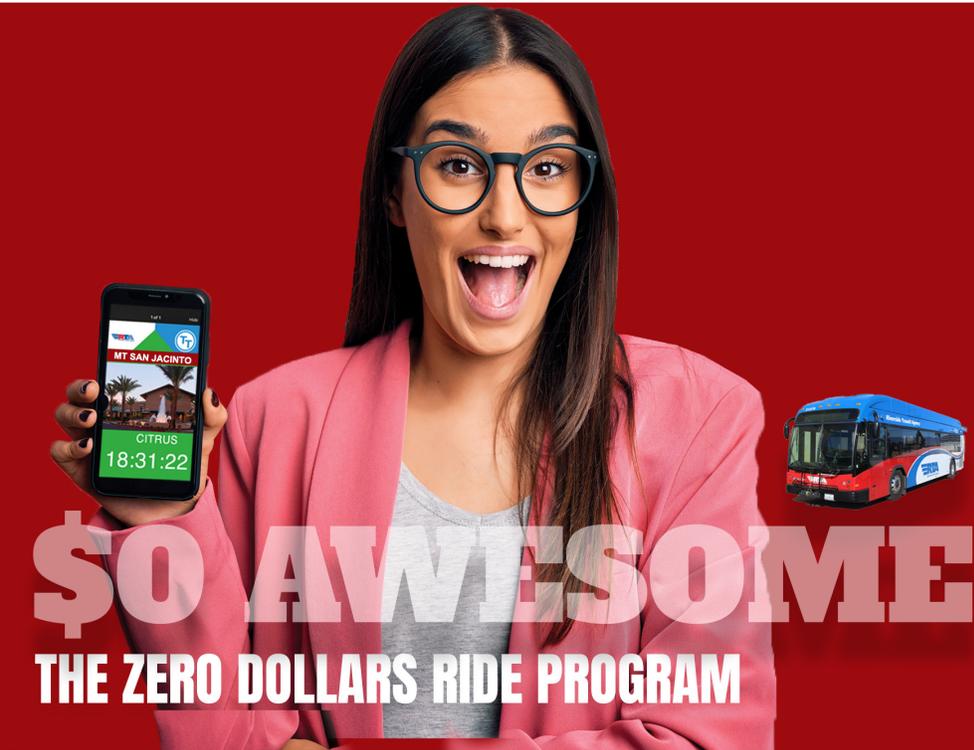
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THE ZERO DOLLARS RIDE PROGRAM

YOUTH AND COLLEGE STUDENTS RIDE FREE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

Beginning next week, most college students and area youth will be able to ride the bus for free. The promotion grants free rides to any youth 18 and under as well as students at Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, Moreno Valley College, Mt. San Jacinto College, Norco College, Riverside City College and UC Riverside. The program, which is funded by a state grant, begins August 1 and is expected to last until next July. RTA officials are hopeful that the free rides will propel declining ridership caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The free rides are also designed to raise awareness and remind students and parents that public transportation is an available option for their transportation needs. Long-term, the promotion is a way to establish continued bus ridership among students.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



BOARD APPROVES THE VINE STREET MOBILITY HUB CONCEPTUAL PLAN

The RTA Board of Directors has approved a conceptual plan for a mobility hub on five acres across from the Riverside-Downtown Metrolink Station. The Vine Street Mobility Hub Conceptual Plan, done by the San Diego-based engineering firm Psomas, is essentially an early phase of the design process with broad outlines and concept sketches for the project. The plan calls for up to 18 bus bays and a design that incorporates the latest technology in preparation for RTA's zero-emission bus deployment. The hub will also include seating, shelters, security features, a driver's lounge, drought tolerant landscaping and integration with the City of Riverside's bike lanes. The location is expected to be ideal due to its proximity to Metrolink trains, major employment centers, county and city government buildings, entertainment venues, the Convention Center, as well as UC Riverside and Riverside City College. The plan followed two community workshops and an online survey that sought public input on the project. With this conceptual plan approved, RTA will move into the project's architecture and engineering phase.



ROUTE AND SCHEDULE CHANGES COMING SEPTEMBER 13

On September 13 RTA will make minor route and schedule changes to maintain performance and connections. No major changes are expected as RTA continues operating a reduced schedule due to the coronavirus pandemic. Service change brochures will be available online by early August and new digital Ride Guides will be available on RiversideTransit.com in late August.



HELP IMPROVE MOBILITY IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Do you have some thoughts about public transit in Riverside County? Then take a quick survey and enter a raffle to win one of ten \$100 gift cards. Your input will guide Riverside County Transportation Commission's transportation plan for 2021-2024, which focuses on the mobility needs of persons with disabilities, older adults, persons with low income and veterans. The survey should take about five minutes to complete and will be open until August 7. Take the survey at www.rctc.org/survey.

SENIOR & DISABLED GROCERY DELIVERIES

RTA employees continue their efforts to deliver meals and groceries to homebound seniors and people with disabilities throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Since the program began on April 15, RTA employees have worked more 1,500 hours, providing 32,787 meals.

NO BUS SERVICE ON LABOR DAY



On Labor Day, September 7, RTA buses will not operate. The Customer Information Center and RTA's administrative offices will be closed. Bus service resumes Tuesday, September 8.

SAFETY GUIDELINES CONTINUE ABOARD BUSES

RTA continues to promote safety during the coronavirus pandemic, including routinely disinfecting buses; upgrading the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning filters; rear door boardings; requiring employees and customers to wear masks and practice social distancing while onboard. Thanks to all our customers for their patience as we work together during this challenging time to maintain a healthy environment aboard every vehicle in our fleet.