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T-NOW Goals

1. Enhance customer's experience
2. Promote ridership benefits
3. Enhance Riverside Transit Agency's name recognition

Western Riverside County
Transportation NOW
is dedicated to promoting
and expanding transportation
alternatives.

Greater Riverside Transportation NOW Coalition
January 14, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order – Welcome – Introductions
- Approval of December minutes
- New Business
- Legislative Updates
 - Federal (Takano)
 - State (Roth)
 - State (Cervantes)
 - State (Medina)
 - County (Jeffries)
 - City (Melendrez)
- Transportation/Ridership Updates
 - RTA
 - RCTC
 - City of Riverside
 - UCR
- Announcements
- Items for Future Agendas
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
 - Next T-NOW meeting is February 11, 2021.
- Adjourn

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Greater Riverside Transportation NOW Coalition Meeting

December 10, 2020 via Zoom Conference
Call to Order @ 3:05pm by John Burnett

Attendance:

Jim Kneepkens, RTA
Aracelli Ruiz, City of Riverside
Bridgette Moore, City of Wildomar, RTA Chair
Nydia Ibarra, SCAQMD
Aurora Chavez, Community Advocate
Tara Pueschel, UCR
Andy Melendrez, Councilmember, City of Riverside

Brad Weaver, RTA
John Burnett, City of Riverside
Jeff Kraus, UCR
Lizbet Limon, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries Office
Eddie Torres, Asm. Sabrina Cervantes Office
John Krick, Community Advocate
Aaron Dill, Asm. Jose Medina's Office

New Business: None

Legislative Updates: (Torres) Looking for public input on legislative list. (Limon) Riverside in purple tier, ICU capacity very impacted. Pediatrics being moved to Loma Linda to make room. (Melendrez) University Ave./Park Ave. area, housing and sustainability grants to add housing, bike lanes and parklets. Soliciting funds to paint old buildings near old packing houses. (Dill) Dr. Lulamae Clemons, 104th birthday, upcoming drive by celebration. Book drive received over 300 books to donate.

Transportation/Ridership Updates: (Weaver) Ridership down 65% in October. November numbers not available yet. (Burnett) Ridership down. Moving forward with rebranding project. (Pueschel/Kraus) No ridership numbers for UCR. Apx. 500 students have enrolled for free RTA UPASS. Partnered with City to add area for buses, bikes improvements.

Announcements: (Kneepkens) Potential reduction in service (trips and routes). Going to board next week and then will go out for public comment. Approve plan to transition to hydrogen fuel cell buses. (Melendrez) Planning air quality workshop in February with AQMD/UCR.

Election of Chapter Officers 2021: Chair, Araceli Ruiz; Vice Chair, John Burnett; Secretary, Tara Pueschel

Questions/Comments: (Chavez) Any plans for affordable housing apartments near 14th and Park? Per Melendrez, it has been a challenge but they are encouraging developers. One issue is the need to meet financing requirements. Most along Park Ave. are small private property owners. City helping with painting the old homes if need refurbishing. Possible to get small loans from federal government to make improvements. (Chavez) Is there a policy for people taking masks off while on board? Per Kneepkens, bus driver should stop at next stop and ask them to put it on. If refused, bus driver will exit bus and not operate the bus. (Kneepkens) Next fare increase July 2021. (Kneepkens) No TNOW event scheduled for January 2021.

Future Agenda: Review and comment on potential service reduction

Next meeting: January 14, 2020

Adjourned: 3:34 pm

Submitted by: Tara Pueschel