

**Western Riverside County
Transportation NOW**

Principal Headquarters
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507



**Chair: Jerry Sincich
Vice-chair: Jocelyn Yow
Secretary: Ted Hoffman**

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*

Northwest Transportation NOW Coalition

May 12, 2022
9:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Introductions
2. Approval of April Minutes
3. Public Comments – Non-agenda items
4. Legislative Updates
5. Ridership Reports
 - a. RTA
 - b. Corona Transit
 - c. RCTC
6. Open Discussion/Announcements
7. Future meeting topics
 - a. Hamner Avenue Bridge and Widening project
8. Next Meeting June 9 – Via Teleconference
9. Adjournment

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**Northwest Transportation NOW
Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022
9 a.m.**

Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Sincich at 9:00 a.m. The following were in attendance and self-introductions were made:

Melissa Balderama	Riverside Transit Agency
Brian Berkson	City of Jurupa Valley Councilmember
Delfino Cuevas	Corona Norco Unified School District
Hector Davila	County of Riverside
Ted Hoffman	City of Norco Councilmember
Jim Kneepkens	Riverside Transit Agency
Colin Markovich	Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes' Office
Beatris Megerdichian	Riverside County Transportation Commission
Sudesh Paul	City of Corona
Jessica Sanchez	Connect and Company
Zak Schwank	City of Temecula Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Sincich	Temescal Municipal Advisory Committee
Joseph Smith	Connect and Company
Jim Steiner	City of Corona Councilmember
Andrea Suarez	Connect and Company
Jocelyn Yow	City of Eastvale Councilmember

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved with 14 ayes and two abstentions.

Public Comments – Non agenda items:

None

Presentation

Jurupa Valley Grade Separation Project – Andrea Suarez, Connect and Company

- Connect and Company made a presentation on the Jurupa Valley Grade Separation Project. The presentation included details on the construction of a new, four-lane underpass on Jurupa Road under Van Buren Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad bridge. The underpass will improve safety and traffic circulation by separating train traffic from vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. The project ultimately improves the quality of life for Jurupa Valley residents by eliminating waiting for trains, train whistles and pollution from idling vehicles.

Legislative Updates:

- (Markovich): AB-2466 – This bill would prohibit placing agencies from declining to place a child with a resource family because a resource family parent identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ). The bill would also remove various uses of the phrase “hard-to-place children.”

- (Hoffman): AB-2438 – This bill requires all transportation projects to be funded at the state or local level. Director Hoffman shares his opinion that the bill needs to be amended or stopped.
- (Yow): SB-1161 – This bill would require transit agencies to develop initiatives to reduce the street harassment experienced by its riders.

Ridership Reports:

RTA:

- RTA's March ridership is up 69 percent compared to March 2021. The 25-cent fare promotion is available now through April 30. Most college students and youth ride free through July. Service changes will be effective on May 8.

Corona Transit:

- March ridership is up 30 percent compared to March 2021.

RCTC:

- Four trains were added to the Riverside line. Metrolink's Riverside line had a 61 percent increase in ridership for April. Metrolink is providing free fares on April 22 in honor of Earth Day.

Open Discussion/Announcements

- (Delfino): Late start for Corona Unified School District will affect traffic due to start times.
- (Hoffman): Shared that he toured several elementary schools and would like Corona Unified School District and Riverside Transit Agency to create a possible bus program or additional routes to assist with teaching students how to use the bus.
- (Balderama): RTA's trolley will be strolling through the Norco Horse Week Parade on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m.

Future Meeting Topics

- Hamner Avenue Bridge and Widening Project

Next Meeting Via Teleconference

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.
- Next meeting: May 12, 2022.

Melissa Balderama
Riverside Transit Agency