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

Free Wi-Fi Coming to RTA Buses

RTA is pleased to announce the arrival of free Wi-Fi on our fleet of large and small fixed-route buses. Whether you want to check the latest news or sports scores, do a little shopping or post to your favorite social media site, we've got you covered. Until now, this amenity was only available on our CommuterLink Express buses. But beginning this month, RTA will unveil the Wi-Fi service on more than half of our nearly 100 large buses. In all, more than 200 buses, excluding Dial-A-Ride, will have the free service by this fall. Look for the Wi-Fi logo to see if your bus carries this special amenity.

Bus Riders Ski for Free at Mountain High

RTA has partnered with Mountain High Ski Resort to offer a limited number of free lift tickets to bus riders. Customers who ride any fixed-route RTA bus on any Friday through March 18 will receive a coupon for a lift ticket good for any Wednesday night until the end of the ski season. In addition, customers who visit RTA's website, RiversideTransit.com, can enter for the chance to win a family four-pack to Mountain High's North Pole Tubing Park. Winners are picked every week.

RTA Endorses Plan to Create Transit Hub at UCR

RTA's Board of Directors has endorsed a conceptual plan to build a transit hub at UC Riverside at the intersection of Canyon Crest Drive and University Avenue. The proposed UCR Mobility Hub would allow for up to six RTA buses to stop and layover concurrently, giving students easier access to bus service and convenient transfers. The project would include bus shelters, benches, landscaping and better integration with existing bike lanes. The plan is still in the developmental stage and UCR and RTA are exploring funding opportunities.

Hemet's Linda Krupa Honored for Five Years of Service

Board members recognized First Vice-Chairwoman Linda Krupa for her five years of service. Krupa joined RTA in January 2011, representing the City of Hemet. In addition to her responsibilities on the Board, Krupa serves as a member of the Executive Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. She also serves on RTA's Transportation NOW Executive Committee, and is also chairwoman of the Hemet / San Jacinto Transportation NOW chapter. During Linda's tenure on the Board, RTA has remained under budget, maintained its fiscal integrity and continued to make good use of taxpayer dollars. Also, during her tenure, the Agency installed solar-powered lighting at more than two dozen stops in rural areas, and concluded a test period for RapidLink, which will connect Corona and Riverside with a system of fast-moving buses.

New Pass Outlet in Wildomar

Be sure to buy your next bus pass at one of our official pass outlets. RTA is pleased to welcome our newest outlet, the Wildomar Chamber of Commerce, 33751 Mission Trail, (951) 245-0437. For a complete list of pass outlets, visit RiversideTransit.com. To become a pass outlet, contact RTA at (951) 565-5172.