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

### Norco Students Vote Yes on Go-Pass Program

The Go-Pass is likely headed to Norco College, following a student vote last week to bring the popular program to the campus. Eighty-seven percent of voting students approved the initiative during two days of voting. The vote is expected to be ratified next month by Riverside Community College District trustees. The program would provide unlimited rides for the campus' 13,000 students.

### Buses to Connect with New Metrolink Service

Get ready for expanded service to four new Metrolink train stations. The 24-mile 91/Perris Valley Line Metrolink extension begins June 6 with service to stations at Riverside-Hunter Park/UCR, Moreno Valley/March Field, Downtown Perris and South Perris. Ten RTA bus routes (13, 19, 20, 22, 27, 30, 61, 74, 208 and 212) will be adjusted to serve the new stations, plus two new routes (26 and 52) will be introduced. Many of these changes cannot be found in the existing Ride Guide. Details can be found inside on-board brochures or visit [RiversideTransit.com](http://RiversideTransit.com) or [MetrolinkTrains.com](http://MetrolinkTrains.com).

### Ride RTA for Only 25 Cents

Hey elementary, middle school and high school students! Get out there this summer and experience the best of Riverside County aboard an RTA bus. From June 1 till September 11, RTA will offer 25 cent fares aboard any bus to students in grades 1-12. Just show your student ID and ride for a quarter to the movies, the mall, the beach --- anywhere we go, anytime we operate. And parents, rest assured that we'll get your kids where they need to go safely. With trained drivers and a clean environment, passenger safety is our number one priority. Plus, with comfortable seating, free Wi-Fi service and USB ports in most buses, there's never been a better time to ride the bus.

### Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

On Monday, May 30, in recognition of the Memorial Day Holiday, buses will operate a Sunday schedule, the Customer Information Center will be open from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. and administrative offices will be closed.

### Beach Bus Begins Summer Service on June 13

This summer, RTA is making it easier to reach the beach thanks to expanded seasonal service on CommuterLink Route 202. The express route provides additional weekday and weekend trips to the Oceanside Transit Center through September 5. Round-trip cost is only \$6 with discounted rates for students, seniors, disabled customers and veterans. Buses depart from the Murrieta Walmart and Temecula Promenade Mall. See Ride Guide pages 184-186 or go to [RiversideTransit.com](http://RiversideTransit.com) for details.

### Dump the Pump Week is June 13-17

Don't forget that national Dump the Pump week is June 13-17. Take a stand against rising fuel costs by leaving your car at home at least one day that week and riding public transportation. Riding the bus is a great way to save money and help in the environment. In fact, one RTA bus is capable of taking more than 40 cars and their harmful emissions off the road. Stay tuned for RTA's Dump the Pump promotions and activities.

### **Contract Awarded for Construction of Downtown Riverside Stop Improvement Project**

RTA's Board of Directors unanimously supported a contract with PTM General Engineering Services for construction of two major projects. The Riverside-based firm will provide construction services for RTA's efforts to install new stops and upgrade existing ones in downtown Riverside. The Downtown Riverside Stop Improvement Project would shift service away from the soon-to-be-defunct downtown terminal in favor of on-street boardings and transfers that flow with existing travel patterns. The project also calls for a bus layover facility on Vine Street. PTM General Engineering will also manage the construction of bus stops linked to RapidLink service, which is expected to launch in late 2017 with premium service between UC Riverside and Corona along Magnolia Boulevard and University Avenue.

### **Board Adopts FY17 Budget, SRTP**

Following a public hearing on the matter, RTA's Board of Directors has approved the Agency's FY17 Budget and Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). Highlights of the adopted \$76 million operating budget include new bus service to accommodate the Metrolink 91/Perris Valley Line, which will connect Riverside to Perris beginning June 6; the second year of a pilot program called Dial-A-Ride Plus, which expands paratransit service to qualified customers; the expansion of express bus service on Highway 91 between Riverside and Orange County; and Sunday service on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The adopted \$11 million capital budget includes funding for new vehicles and bus stop enhancements.