



# The RTA Reader

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

**Norco College to Join the Go-Pass Program**

Board members approved a three-year contract with the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) to include Norco College in the popular Go-Pass program. The move provides unlimited bus rides for the campus' 13,000 students. The RTA action follows separate votes from Norco College students and RCCD trustees to bring the program to the campus. The program, which will be paid for by student tuition fees, takes effect August 23. Similar student ride programs are already offered at Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, Moreno Valley College, Mt. San Jacinto College, Riverside City College and UC Riverside.

**Independence Day Holiday Schedule**

On Monday, July 4, buses will operate a Sunday schedule, the Customer Service Center will be open 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. and administrative offices will be closed.

**Ride RTA for Only 25 Cents this Summer**

Through September 10, 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.

**Beach Bus Rolling to Oceanside**

RTA is making it easier to reach the beach thanks to expanded summer service on CommuterLink Route 202. The express route is now providing additional weekday and weekend trips to the Oceanside Transit Center through September 5. Round-trip cost is only \$6 with discounts available for seniors, disabled customers, veterans and students. Buses leave the Murrieta Walmart and Temecula Promenade Mall.

**Buses Now Connecting with New Metrolink Service**

The 91/Perris Valley Line Metrolink extension kicked off 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) have been adjusted to serve the new stations, plus two new routes (26 and 52) have been 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.

**City Pass Program Renewed for Five Years**

The RTA Board of Directors has approved the expansion of the popular City Pass Program through 2021. That means City of Riverside employees will have at least five more years of riding the bus for free. The program, which is paid for by the City of Riverside, is designed to offer employees an alternative way to get around town and reduce the number of vehicles in the downtown area. Over the years, ridership has remained steady, averaging roughly 11,600 trips annually.