



# The RTA Reader

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

### Additional Schedule Changes Begin October 3

On Monday, October 3, RTA will make weekday schedule adjustments to several routes to better connect with Metrolink trains serving stations in Corona, Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris. RTA will also introduce the new Route 54, a free route funded by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) that connects downtown Riverside with the Riverside-Downtown Metrolink Station. Details can be found inside on-board brochures and at [RiversideTransit.com](http://RiversideTransit.com).

### Downtown Bus Stops Continue to Get Upgraded

This fall, RTA will continue to install new stops and upgrade existing ones in downtown Riverside. During that time, some stops will temporarily close as crews perform work. The project, which is expected to end by December, will shift service away from the Riverside Downtown Terminal in favor of on-street boardings and transfers beginning January 8.

### Need a Lift to the Fair?

RTA is making it easy to get to the Lake Perris Fairgrounds to experience the Southern California Fair. During the fair, which runs October 1-9, Route 19F will offer daily service to the event. On weekdays, buses will depart the Perris Station Transit Center every hour beginning at 3:30 p.m. and leave the fairgrounds every hour until 11 p.m. On weekends, buses will depart the Perris Station Transit Center every hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. and leave the fairgrounds every hour until 11 p.m. For fair information, call (951) 657-4221. And while you're there, don't forget to check out RTA's CommuterLink Express bus on display.

### RTA Gets Glowing Feedback from Major Audit

Propelled by a recovering economy, RTA expanded service, boosted ridership and planned for future growth, according to a new audit that inspected virtually every area of operation over a three-year period. The Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Performance Audit, commissioned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), found the Agency in compliance with all areas of inspection, including administration; scheduling and dispatch; maintenance; marketing and public information; service planning; and general management and organization. The audit covered fiscal years 2013 through 2015.

### RTA Bus Serves as Cool Center

Two RTA buses were recently converted into cool centers for County Office of Emergency Services employees who vacated their Banning offices due to a maintenance issue. With temperatures soaring above 102 degrees, dozens of employees had a safe, cool, comfortable place to rest and surf the Internet with free Wi-Fi until their building re-opened.



### **RTA Trolley to Host Spooky Stories During Ghost Walk**

Have a scary good time aboard the trolley during Ghost Walk 2016, Riverside's annual spooky event held the weekend prior to Halloween. Now in its 25th year, the guided walking tour of downtown Riverside includes a stop aboard RTA's haunted trolley. Ghost Walk Riverside tours begin at the Main Street Pedestrian Mall October 28-29 from 6 p.m. till 10 p.m. For information, call (951) 787-7850. Can't make it to Riverside? Then look for RTA at Wildomar's Trunk or Treat, on October 22 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Marna O'Brien Park, 20505 Palomar St.

### **Welcome Back, Students!**

RTA Board members and staff were pleased to be on college campuses this month to celebrate the return of school. Thanks to the Go-Pass and U-Pass programs, students at Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, Moreno Valley College, Mt. San Jacinto College, Riverside City College and UC Riverside get unlimited rides on RTA buses. Plus, this fall RTA proudly welcomes Norco College to the fold, giving more students than ever unlimited rides on RTA buses. Whether it's a local bus to class, work or the movies, or a CommuterLink Express bus to the beach, simply swipe your college ID and enjoy the ride.



*Celebrating the arrival of the Go-Pass at Norco College were RTA Board members (from left): Jerry Sincich (standing), Donna Johnston, Chairman Frank Johnston, and Berwin Hanna (seated with hat).*