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

Hemet's Linda Krupa Elected New Board Chair

Board members unanimously elected Hemet Mayor Linda Krupa as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. As chair, Krupa will be responsible for leading the Board in setting policy, guiding Agency priorities, conducting the Agency's Board meetings and representing the Agency during public events. Krupa, who has been on the Board since 2011 and served as first vice chairwoman in 2016, fills the position most recently held by Jurupa Valley City Council member Frank Johnston. In addition to her responsibilities on the Board of Directors, Krupa also serves on RTA's Executive Committee and is the current chair of RTA's Budget and Finance Committee. She is also a long-standing member of the Hemet-San Jacinto Chapter of Transportation NOW, a grassroots group dedicated to promoting public transportation in the region. RTA Board members also voted Banning City Councilman Art Welch as first vice chair and Murrieta City Councilman Randon Lane as second vice chair.

Ride RTA for Only 25 Cents on Winter Break

From December 18 through January 8, 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!

Free Rides on New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, December 31, RTA will offer free rides to passengers after 2:30 p.m. on all fixed-routes. It's our way of providing a safe transportation alternative during the holiday and saying thank you to our customers for their year-round patronage.

Wi-Fi Expanded to All Buses

Good news for customers who like to surf the Internet during their trips: RTA has expanded its free Wi-Fi service to all fixed-route buses. So whether customers want to check the latest sports scores, do a little shopping or get some work done, RTA has them covered.

Holiday Schedule

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, RTA will provide Sunday service, the Customer Information Center will be open and administrative offices will be closed. On December 23 and 30, RTA will provide regular service and administrative offices will close at noon. On December 26 and January 2, RTA will provide regular service, the Customer Information Center will be open and administrative offices will be closed.

Service Changes Coming to Downtown Riverside

On January 8, RTA will launch a new way of serving downtown Riverside. The Riverside Downtown Terminal will close and customers will benefit from new and upgraded bus stops at more than 20 central locations. Customers can also look forward to a new bus layover location on Vine Street near the Riverside-Downtown Metrolink Station. In addition, RTA will upgrade several routes systemwide to boost productivity and enhance connections. Details inside on-board brochures, at RiversideTransit.com, and in new Ride Guides.

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Board Applauds Johnston for Service as 2016 Chairman of the Board

During their December 15 meeting, Board members thanked Jurupa Valley City Councilman Frank Johnston for his service as RTA chairman during 2016. Under his guidance, RTA remained under budget, ridership among college students flourished thanks to renewed Go-Pass and U-Pass programs, and the Agency continued to push forward on the Downtown Riverside Stop Improvement Project, which is being hailed as one of the most ambitious transit projects in Riverside in 40 years. Also during the year, RTA expanded Wi-Fi service to more buses and stretched service to new Metrolink stations in Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris. Under Johnston's leadership, RTA continued its award-winning Travel Training program that is teaching an entire generation of senior and disabled customers how to travel independently on RTA buses. Johnston, who often rides the bus to RTA meetings, is also a long-time member of the Northwest Chapter of Transportation NOW and made a point of attending all six chapters across the region during his tenure as chairman.