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

Holiday Schedule

RTA will provide normal bus service on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20. Administrative offices will be closed and the Customer Information Center will be open 6 a.m. till 10 p.m.

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.

Track Your Bus with Your Phone

Wondering when the next bus will arrive? Grab your phone and go to www.RTABus.com to view bus locations and arrival times at dozens of stops. BusWatch is free and easy to use on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The service includes the following routes: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 29, 49, 204, 206 and 216 --- with more routes and a BusWatch app coming soon. BusWatch shows in real-time where buses are on a map and estimates when they will arrive at your stop. Don't know your stop number? No problem. BusWatch signs are debuting this month in downtown Riverside --- with more locations coming soon --- so customers can easily identify their four-digit stop numbers when using the service.

New Service Launched in Downtown Riverside

On January 8, RTA closed the Riverside Downtown Terminal and launched an ambitious new way of serving downtown Riverside. The change, which introduced new and upgraded bus stops at more than 20 central locations, is designed to maintain world-class service during a time of expansion and growth. Downtown Riverside isn't the only place getting a facelift. RTA adjusted several routes across the region for improved connections with other buses and Metrolink trains. The Agency also adjusted various schedules to maintain on-time performance and efficiency.

RTA to Celebrate 40th Birthday

On Thursday, March 16, RTA will celebrate 40 years of service to our loyal customers across the region. In the four decades since we began service, our vehicles have handled an astonishing 220 million trips. So much has changed since 1977, but one thing has remained the same: RTA's pledge to deliver world-class service to every customer, every trip.

College Students Get Unlimited Rides

Thanks to the Go-Pass and U-Pass programs, students at Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, Moreno Valley College, Mt. San Jacinto College, Norco College, Riverside City College and UC Riverside get 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. Students aren't the only ones who get unlimited rides. City of Riverside employees and jurors with valid IDs ride RTA's fixed-route and CommuterLink express buses for free.

Join Transportation NOW

Members of the public are invited to join Transportation NOW to promote public transportation in their cities and beyond. Members of our grassroots group — ranging from elected officials to community activists to everyday transit users — are committed not only to addressing regional transportation issues but meeting the needs of our individual communities. Six chapters are located throughout the region with meetings held monthly. Contact RTA at (951) 565-5250 to sign up.