

## PERRIS VALLEY LINE PROJECT UNDERWAY

Over the past 15 years, Metrolink has proven itself as Riverside County's best alternative to driving congested freeways. Thousands of people each day take the train from stations in Riverside, Corona, and Pedley to locations in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. With gasoline prices continuing to rise, the number of commuters turning to the train instead of their cars is continuing to grow.

In spite of the strong support, the biggest challenge that faces Metrolink and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is in bringing the service to more people in order to attract new riders and provide another option to driving. The good news is that help is on the way and Metrolink trains should soon be traveling an additional 23 miles into Riverside County in order to serve more communities, residents and employers.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently gave the Riverside County Transportation Commission the go

ahead to move forward with the next stage of project development to advance the Perris Valley Line (PVL). The Perris Valley Line will extend existing Metrolink service 23 miles further into Riverside County directly serving the communities of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris. The train service would extend the existing Metrolink 91 Line, which currently runs to Fullerton and Los Angeles, along existing freight train tracks that are located near the I-215. Potential new train stations could serve major employers such as UC Riverside and March Air Reserve Base.

The next step in the project is to launch the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. As part of this effort, RCTC has hosted a series of public information meetings to share the latest plans for the project and to obtain public input. We are interested in your views regarding the service and station locations and their potential impacts. For more information and project updates visit [www.perrisvalleyline.info](http://www.perrisvalleyline.info).

## RIVERSIDE LINE TO BE AFFECTED BY TIE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Union Pacific Railroad will continue with the ongoing Tie Replacement Project on the Riverside Line beginning on June 2, 2008. Metrolink will operate Bus Bridge services for affected passengers. The schedule and corresponding affected trains are listed below. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during the course of this very important work.

### RIVERSIDE LINE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

**July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8**

### BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE

TRAIN 402 (Departs LAUS 1:15 pm)	TRAIN 411 (Departs Riverside 3:07 pm)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will terminate at Industry</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will depart Industry on time</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two buses from Industry to Riverside<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o One express bus to Riverside</li><li>o One bus making all stops</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One bus from Riverside to LAUS<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Regular 3:07 pm departure</li><li>o Pick up at stations between Industry</li><li>o Drop off at all stations to LAUS</li></ul></li></ul>

## DISCOVER COMMUTESMART.INFO

CommuteSmart.info is a free service that makes it easy for Southern Californians to share the ride and improve your commute. If you're looking for a faster, cheaper and less stressful way to get where you're going, this is where you will find it. Locate a carpool partner, a vanpool, Park & Ride lots, carpool lanes and more. Get fast, on-line bus or rail routing information anywhere in Southern California. Simply plug in start and end locations and your arrival time.

The site also provides employers with tools needed to develop and manage effective rideshare programs and information regarding the generous benefits of rideshare clubs. It is a way to not only say thank you but deliver services you need and want, from discounts at restaurants to construction updates and newsletters. CommuteSmart.info is your gateway to a smarter commute.

## MAY 17 RIDE FREE DAY KICKS OFF SUMMER IEOC WEEKEND SERVICE

RCTC recently partnered with OCTA to provide a free ride day on Saturday May 17th. Passengers who boarded the IEOC Line at the Riverside Downtown Station were provided one of 1,500 special tickets allowing roundtrip travel to any destination on the IEOC Line between Riverside Downtown station and Oceanside, departing on any of the two morning trains. The result was the single greatest IEOC Saturday ridership on record, with 4,658 total trips. The event served to highlight increased awareness of the IEOC Weekend Service and demand in light of increasing gas prices. For more information regarding Metrolink Weekends visit [www.metrolinkweekends.com](http://www.metrolinkweekends.com).

## RCTC INSTALLS BIKELIDS AT RIVERSIDE DOWNTOWN AND NORTH MAIN CORONA



If you ride your bicycle to the Metrolink Station, you are in luck! All Metrolink Stations in Riverside County now have designated and secure facilities for bicycles. Meeting the needs of our Metrolink passengers is a priority at RCTC, no

matter how they travel to connect with Metrolink. Moreover, RCTC encourages the idea of "going green", lowering passenger vehicle emissions and congestion by encouraging alternative modes of transportation to and from the stations. This includes providing secure bicycle storage facilities. As transportation accounts for more than 30 percent of the pollution attributed to global warming in the United States and 40 percent in California, bicycling is a healthy, economical and responsible alternative to driving. By encouraging greater bicycle usage through designated and secure bicycle storage facilities, RCTC seeks to both improve the environment while accommodating a more physically beneficial commuting alternative.

You can choose to store your bicycle in a bicycle locker, rack, or BikeLid, depending on the station. Riverside Downtown and North Main Corona Stations provide BikeLids on a first come first served basis. Both bicycle lockers and BikeLids offer optimal security and protection from the elements. Currently, bicycle lockers are installed at Pedley, West Corona, and La Sierra Metrolink Stations. Bicycle lockers are currently assigned and require an initial \$25 deposit and annual renewal fee. For more information visit [www.rctc.org](http://www.rctc.org) or contact the station customer service line at (951) 778-1092.

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## PARKING STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS AS ANTICIPATED AT NORTH MAIN CORONA



Construction of the new six story parking structure at the North Main Corona Metrolink Station is continuing as anticipated. The project is on schedule for completion in the Fall of 2009. Currently the contractor is driving the pilings and preparing the foundation.

Since January 4, the affected portion of the parking has been closed. To compensate for this decrease 239 spaces, RCTC has leased 300 spaces as an auxiliary parking lot at the former Edwards Movie theater. Both Corona Cruiser and RTA are providing shuttle services, transporting morning and evening Metrolink commuters riders to and from the station and auxiliary lot. Nearly 200 daily passengers are using this service. RCTC appreciates the cooperation and understanding of our passengers as we expand and enhance facilities at this station.



## RIVERSIDE DOWNTOWN STATION CONNECTING TRANSIT

Is parking a hassle? Are you feeling the pinch of gas prices on your wallet? Is morning traffic stressing you out? Start your commute by using the FREE connections offered by the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA). Valid Metrolink passes for the day of travel are accepted for full fare on trips to and from Metrolink stations in Riverside County. This means all you have to do is show the transit operator your valid Metrolink ticket or pass, and enjoy a free ride to or from your station.

### Stations and connecting transit options:

- Riverside-Downtown: RTA (Routes 1, 16, 208 and 210)
- Riverside-La Sierra: RTA (Route 15)
- Pedley: RTA (Routes 21, 29, 38)
- West Corona: RTA (Route 1)
- North Main Corona: RTA (Routes 3, 206) and Corona Cruiser (Lines Red and Blue)

Line	Train/Time	FIXED ROUTE					COMMUTERLINK		
		Route 1		Route 16		Route 52	208	210	
		EAST	WEST	SOUTH	NORTH	TROLLEY	NORTH	WEST	
<b>MORNING DEPARTURE</b>									
IEOC	803 5:11a	4:55a	-	-	-	-	4:36a	5:01a	
	805 5:41a	5:20a	-	5:14a	5:26a	-	5:14a	5:01a	
	807 6:16a	5:50a	-	5:44a	5:56a	\$0.25*	5:57a	5:53a	
	809 7:26a	7:09a	-	7:14a	6:57a	\$0.25*	7:08a	7:05a	
	91	701 5:29a	5:20a	-	5:14a	5:26a	-	5:14a	5:01a
		703 6:29a	6:23a	6:12a	6:14a	5:56a	-	5:57a	5:53a
	Riverside	401 4:42a	-	-	-	-	-	4:36a	4:20a
		403 5:42a	5:20a	-	5:14a	5:26a	-	5:14a	5:01a
405 6:15a		5:50a	-	5:44a	5:56a	\$0.25*	5:57a	5:53a	
407 6:50a		6:23a	-	6:44a	6:26a	\$0.25*	5:57a	5:53a	
	409 8:15a	7:54a	7:25a	7:44a	7:57a	\$0.25*	7:31a	7:05a	
<b>EVENING RETURN</b>									
IEOC	804 5:18p	5:21p	5:33p	5:44p	5:41p	\$0.25*	5:25p	5:20p	
	806 6:03p	-	6:12p	6:14p	6:11p	\$0.25*	6:10p	6:10p	
	808 6:38p	-	7:06p	6:44p	6:41p	\$0.25*	6:45p	6:45p	
	810 7:51p	-	8:05p	8:09p	8:09p	\$0.25*	-	-	
	91	706 5:55p	-	6:12p	6:14p	6:11p	\$0.25*	6:10p	6:10p
708 7:00p		-	7:06p	7:14p	7:11p	\$0.25*	7:05p	7:35p	
Riverside	404 5:42p	-	5:53p	6:14p	6:11p	\$0.25*	6:10p	6:10p	
	406 6:22p	-	6:37p	6:44p	6:41p	\$0.25*	6:45p	6:45p	
	408 6:52p	-	7:06p	7:14p	7:11p	\$0.25*	7:05p	7:35p	
	410 7:30p	-	7:36p	8:09p	7:39p	\$0.25*	-	7:35p	
	412 8:02p	-	8:05p	8:09p	8:09p	-	-	-	

\* Operates every 8 to 12 minutes, \$0.25 fare required