



# MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL

Governing Body Reports:

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*February 6, 2024*

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Attended the Riverside Transit Authority Board of Directors Meeting.

RTA TNOW updates

Total ridership for December was 436,183, which is up 10.2% compared to the same time last year. Fiscal Year 2024 total ridership is up 13.3% compared to Fiscal Year 2023. Service changes went live on January 14th. Minor changes to about 20 routes have been made to ensure service efficiency, better connections and improved on-time performance.

Vine Street Mobility Hub is now open in downtown Riverside near the Metrolink station. This mobile hub has 16 bus bays, a community plaza, shade structures, and more.

In honor of Equity Day on February 4th, RTA will be offering free rides on all local, CommuterLink and GoMicro buses.

Free Ride Fridays continue through June 28 on all local, CommuterLink, and GoMicro buses.

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### RTA Board Of Director and Committee Updates

The Board awarded an agreement to Creative Bus Sales and A-Z Bus Sales for the purchase of Dial-A-Ride fleet vehicles.

To help ensure service is met, RTA agreed to sell 15 retired 40-foot Gillig buses to Sunline Transit Agency.

RTA will become a signatory to the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) initiative and increase efforts to educate employees and passengers on the warning signs.

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Attended the Riverside County Transportation Commission Annual Commission Workshop.

Coachella Valley Rail Project was unanimously affirmed to move forward

State Route 79 Realignment project was unanimously voted to move forward directing staff to:

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1) Direct staff to develop the necessary agreement(s) with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify the State Route 79 (SR-79) Realignment Project (Project) from a State Route to a future County expressway;

2) Direct staff to develop the necessary agreements or documentation to designate the Commission the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency;

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- 3) Adopt the proposed segments of the Project identified by the Corridor Analysis Study; and
- 4) Directed staff to proceed with Alternative A:
  - a. Direct staff to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Project's Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase and continue the acquisition of right of way for the SR-79 Segment 3 Modified Limits, 0.35 miles south of Newport Road to Simpson Road, or SR-79 Segment 3, 0.35 miles south of Newport Road to Domenigoni Parkway.
  - b. Amend the 2019-2029 Measure A Western County Highway Delivery Plan to add SR-79 Segment 3 Modified or Segment 3 to "Group 2: Partially Funding Likely Available" of the Commission-adopted Delivery Plan;
  - c. Direct staff to identify and recommend funding sources and any other prioritization changes necessary to the 2019-2029 Measure A Western County Highway Delivery Plan to complete PS&E and Right of Way (ROW) phases for the segment selected.