

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DATE: Thursday, May 26, 2016

**LOCATION: Albert A. Chatigny Senior Community Recreation Center
Room 2-3
1310 Oak Valley Parkway, Beaumont, CA 92223**

🌀 COMMITTEE MEMBERS 🌀

Pamela Brown, City of Riverside Human Relations Commission, Riverside
Joe Forgiarini, Riverside Transit Agency, Western Riverside County
Laura Hernandez, T-Now, Western Riverside County
Jack Marty, Retired Citizen, Banning
Priscilla Ochoa, Blindness Support Services, Western Riverside County
Linda Samulski, Guide Dogs of the Desert, Coachella Valley
Richard Smith, Independent Living Partnership, Riverside County
Mary Venerable, Retired Citizen, Perris
Anita Petke, SunLine Transit Agency, Coachella Valley

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City of Banning
City of Beaumont
City of Corona
City of Riverside
Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency
Riverside County Transportation Commission – Commuter Rail
Riverside Transit Agency
SunLine Transit Agency

🌀 STAFF 🌀

Robert Yates, Multimodal Services Director
Josefina Clemente, Transit Manager
Martha Durbin, Management Analyst
Zilleah Ross, Interim Administrative Assistant

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AGENDA*

**Actions may be taken on any item listed on the agenda*

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2016**
- 5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Committee may add an item to the agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*
- 6. FISCAL YEARS 2016/17 – 2018/19 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANS**

Overview

This item is for the Committee to receive and file the Fiscal Years 2016/17 – 2018/19 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) for the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency (PVVTA); Riverside Transit Agency (RTA); SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine); and the Commission's Western Riverside County Rail Program and Coachella Valley Rail Program.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT

Overview

This item provides the opportunity for the Committee Members and staff to report on attended and upcoming meetings/conferences and issues related to Committee activities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next Citizens Advisory Committee/Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting is to be determined.

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes
January 26, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Robert Yates, Multimodal Services Director, called the Citizens Advisory Committee/Social Services Transportation Advisory Council to order at 11:36 a.m. in Conference Room A at the Riverside County Transportation Commission office, 4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor, Riverside, California 92501.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Pamela Brown
Joe Forgiarini
Semia Hackett
Laura Hernandez
Jack Marty
Linda Samulski
Richard Smith
Mary Venerable

Members Absent

Priscilla Ochoa

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the September 24, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

6. 2016 PUBLIC TRANSIT – HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN UPDATE

Heather Menninger, RCTC Transit Planning Consultant, gave a presentation on the 2016 Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (Coordination Plan) for Riverside County and discussed the CAC's role in the development of the draft plan and adoption. The Plan is required by federal law to be locally developed and address the

mobility needs of three groups: older adults, people with disabilities, and those with low income. The Commission added military veterans to the list as they have specific transit needs. The outcome of the Plan is to determine what can be done to improve the services offered to these identified groups and prioritize the list. This Plan is multi modal in its focus with the intention of getting agencies and communities to work together to improve the services offered.

The Commission is preparing an outreach effort to determine what is and is not working for the targeted populations. Coordination Plan hearings and workshops will take place throughout the county. CAC members received a flyer with dates, times, and locations. CAC members are encouraged to participate in the hearings and share outreach flyers with their communities. CAC Member Mary Venerable offered to attend the Coordination Workshop in Lake Elsinore. Heather Menninger stated Spanish translation would be available at all hearings and workshops.

Robert Yates encouraged all members to attend at least one non-mandatory workshop.

CAC Member Venerable asked if each location received flyers to distribute to the community. Robert Yates and Heather Menninger stated the flyers have been distributed. Individual workshop flyers will also be created for each location and will be available online.

CAC Member Linda Samulski expressed concern over pdf files not being accessible to individuals using screen readers. Heather Menninger stated both word processor and pdf format documents would be made available to address this issue.

7. RIVERSIDE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14

Martha Durbin, Management Analyst, presented the Riverside County Transportation Annual Countywide Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2013/14. The report focuses on mobility impacts throughout the county. It was presented to the Commission and approved at its July 8, 2015 meeting.

Martha Durbin explained the report focuses on mobility impacts throughout Riverside County during the fiscal year and looks at three measurements: farebox recovery ratio, trips per capita, and resources. Countywide, the farebox recovery ratio was 23.3 percent. Robert Yates explained the Transportation Development Act mandates a 20 percent farebox ratio in urbanized areas.

Martha Durbin stated the trips per capita rate for FY 2013/14 was 7.3; a two percent increase from the prior fiscal year. Trips per capita represent the annual trips taken per county resident. This indicator provides insight into how effectively the transit network keeps up with a population that grows in number and spreads geographically.

Martha Durbin explained the last measurement reported was resources, which focus on the types of funding provided to Riverside County transit operators. Approximately \$61.8 million in state and local funding resources were made available in FY 2013/14 to support the county's operators. This amount was sufficient to expand service and keep up with both population growth in Riverside County and the demand by residents for access to public transit. Generally, the public transit measures reported in the report were positive and overall represent good news for the Commission and the operators. CAC members were provided a copy of the report and encouraged to review it along with the Coordinated Plan.


8. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT

Fina Clemente, Transit Manager, informed members the next meeting would take place on May 26, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in Beaumont. The exact location is yet to be determined.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens Advisory Committee/Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Fina Clemente
Transit Manager

AGENDA ITEM 6

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	May 23, 2016
TO:	Citizens Advisory Committee/Social Services Technical Advisory Council
FROM:	Josefina Clemente, Transit Manager
THROUGH:	Robert Yates, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Years 2016/17 – 2018/19 Short Range Transit Plans

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to receive and file the Fiscal Years 2016/17 – 2018/19 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) for the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency (PVVTA); Riverside Transit Agency (RTA); SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine); and the Commission’s Western Riverside County Rail Program and Coachella Valley Rail Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Under state law, the Commission is tasked with the responsibility to identify, analyze, and recommend potential productivity improvements to ensure federal, state, and local funds allocated to transit operators provide services needed by county residents and are used in an efficient and effective manner. Through the SRTP planning process, the Commission and transit agencies analyze current transportation services, identify transit needs of the community, and determine the ability to meet those needs in a three-year time frame. The Riverside County (County) FYs 2016/17 – 2018/19 SRTPs cover the three apportionment areas of the County and are comprised of plans for the municipal operators, RTA, SunLine, PVVTA, and the Commission’s Commuter Rail Program in Western County and Coachella Valley.

The SRTPs serve as the County’s blueprint for continued operation and future development of transit services, operations, and infrastructure. The SRTP process also requires the transit operators to address recommendations made by regular performance audits. The recommendations that impact service and operations are then included in subsequent SRTP documents.

To meet the growing demand for transit services, the operators are focusing on implementing new routes, improving frequency, and refining schedules to develop a stronger intercity and regional network. Express bus route and CommuterLink route extensions to the Perris Valley Line (PVL) trains, which operate along the 91 Line, are planned for implementation this fiscal year. Procurement of needed vehicles is ongoing for both expansion and replacement of aging buses. To ensure service quality and reliability, other capital facilities such as transit centers, bus shelters, additional slow fill stations, and compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling dispensers

are planned for construction and installation. A sizable portion of each agency's capital plan also includes safety and security equipment such as video surveillance upgrades at Commission-owned stations, security lighting, upgraded camera system, enhanced illuminated bus stop devices, and automated external defibrillators safety response equipment, which help ensure safety of the region's transportation system. In addition, necessary access and mobility improvements are also being implemented to better serve the County's lower-income, elderly, and disabled populations.

While the SRTPs include projected financial needs, the actual allocation of funds will occur via the public hearing to be conducted at the July Commission meeting.

City of Banning

The city of Banning (Banning) works closely with the city of Beaumont (Beaumont) to provide a seamless transit system for the residents of Banning, Beaumont, and the unincorporated areas of Cabazon, Cherry Valley, and the commercial area of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians reservation. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Analyze and adjust times, as necessary, for Routes 1 and 6 to meet demand presented by the ridership growth at the Mt. San Jacinto Pass Campus;
- Purchase and implement the use of a software system to improve Dial-A-Ride scheduling and dispatching;
- Install auto display and enunciator equipment for fixed route fleet and purchase equipment for a camera system to enable wireless download of footage from vehicles; and
- Develop an advertisement program in conjunction with the Banning Chamber of Commerce to increase revenue.

City of Beaumont

Beaumont Transit provides both Dial-A-Ride and fixed route services and works closely with Banning to provide a seamless transit system in the Pass Area. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Increase service by providing an additional bus on Commuter Route 120 for the regional connection to San Bernardino County;
- Implement Calimesa Route 136 to provide transit service to City Hall, shopping centers, and connection to Route 120;
- Eliminate Sunday service on Route 3/4 and evaluate current Saturday service to increase productivity;
- Implement new Express Route 702, which will provide service to Casino Morongo with minimal stops in Banning; and

- Maintain and improve global positioning system tracking system and Google Transit to assist riders with route and vehicle information.

City of Corona

The city of Corona (Corona) operates a fixed route system known as the Corona Cruiser and a general public Dial-A-Ride program. Corona closely coordinates all transfers with both RTA and the Commission's Commuter Rail services. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Adjust the Corona Cruiser bus schedule to reflect actual trip times resulting from increased traffic flow impacted by the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project construction activities;
- Procure, test, and accept delivery of Dial-A-Ride replacement buses;
- Commence replacement of advertising passenger shelters; and
- Work with the Corona's contract transportation operator to improve operations, bus maintenance, and cleanliness and maintenance of bus stops.

City of Riverside – Special Services

Riverside Special Services operates a 24-hour advance reservation Dial-A-Ride for seniors and persons with disabilities within the Riverside city limits. The program serves as an alternative to RTA's transit service for seniors and persons with disabilities unable to use fixed route service. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Procure eight paratransit vehicles for replacement using State Transit Assistance, Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, and Proposition 1B capital funds;
- Purchase and implement an electronic fare collection system;
- Install an electronic access system for the transit administrative offices, obtain a new electronic key box, and replace the automatic gate opener for the minibus yard; and
- Conduct a comprehensive operations analysis to identify potential areas of improving the current transit system.

Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency

The PVVTA provides fixed route service and a transportation reimbursement program for individuals who cannot ride the public bus system. The fixed route service can deviate up to three-quarters of a mile away from the actual fixed route. Service is provided within the city of Blythe (Blythe) and surrounding unincorporated county areas in the Palo Verde Valley. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Implement minor routing changes for Blue Route 1, Gold Route 2, Green Route 4; eliminate one PM trip from the state prisons to Blythe on Red Route 3 and improve frequency on Silver Route 5;

- Continue operation of XTend-A-Ride service, a demand-response service that addresses requests for special transit service that may not be available on the fixed-route system;
- Improve mobility to the Coachella Valley by participating in a human services and transportation coordination project to be undertaken jointly with the Commission; and
- Continue to monitor the CNG fueling station for efficiency.

Riverside Transit Agency

RTA provides local, intercity, and regional transportation services. As the consolidated transportation service agency (CTSA) for Western County, RTA is responsible for coordinating transit services throughout the service area and providing driver training and grant application assistance to operators in Western County. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Streamline downtown Riverside bus operations together with the closure of the existing downtown bus terminal;
- Implement the new SR-91 CommuterLink service on the 91 Express Lanes;
- Implement Sunday service on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day;
- Expand current Route 30 to link Perris with the May Ranch development; and
- Purchase 43 replacement vehicles for contracted fixed route and Dial-A-Ride services, associated transit improvements, and critical maintenance and administrative support equipment.

SunLine Transit Agency

SunLine is the CTSA for the Coachella Valley and is responsible for coordinating transit services in the valley, which covers a service area of approximately 1,120 square miles. SunLine provides both local and regional transportation services with 15 fixed routes and demand response Dial-A-Ride services known as SunDial. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Adjust schedule and terminus location for Lines 14 and 30; realign Lines 24, 32, 53, 90, 91, 95, and 111, and revise frequencies for Lines 24, 32, 70, 80, and 81;
- Implement new Line 92 as a community-based bus service in the city of Coachella to replace current Line 90;
- Study high capacity/bus rapid transit options in Coachella Valley;
- Introduce a transportation demand management program for vanpool programs for private and public sector workers; and
- Maintain collaborative efforts with local jurisdictions in the implementation of ongoing bus stop improvements and enhancements, including the procurement of bus shelters and site upgrades for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

Commission's Rail Program

Western County Commuter Rail

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority operates seven commuter rail lines with 52 locomotives and 150 commuter rail cars. Three routes – the Riverside Line to Los Angeles, the Inland Empire to Orange County Line, and the 91/PVL Line from Perris to Los Angeles via Fullerton Line – directly serve Western County with connecting service available to destinations on the other four Metrolink lines. Planned services for FY 2016/17 include:

- Complete construction of the PVL extension;
- Implement positive train control and start up operations for the PVL segment of the 91 Line extension, all of which will result in major cost increases; and
- Anticipate no fare increase for FY 2016/17.

Coachella Valley – San Geronio Pass Rail Corridor Service

The proposed 200-mile long rail corridor service in Coachella Valley will run from Los Angeles to Indio through the four Southern California counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino to provide a convenient scheduled link to the communities in the fast-growing Coachella Valley and Banning Pass areas. The Commission will lead the planning efforts for the service development plan of the corridor service in coordination with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments. Financial support will come primarily from state and federal grant funds that are deposited and maintained in the Coachella Valley rail fund. Planning efforts for FY 2016/17 include:

- Prepare the environmental documentation for the project;
- Develop a final service development plan; and
- Continue to keep the public engaged by encouraging feedback about service routes, stations, ridership, and other elements through the project website and social media.

Attachments: FYs 2016/17 – 2018/19 Operator SRTPs

- 1) City of Banning
- 2) City of Beaumont
- 3) City of Corona
- 4) City of Riverside
- 5) Coachella Valley Rail Program
- 6) PVVTA
- 7) RTA
- 8) SunLine
- 9) Western Riverside Rail Program

Below is the information to access the SRTPs through the RCTC site:

<http://rctc.org/rail/transit>

On the right hand side click on the
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