

**Western Riverside County
Transportation NOW**

Principal Headquarters
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Chair: **Jonathan Vaughn**

Vice-Chair: **David Marquez**

Secretary: **Renee Bryant**

T-NOW Goals

1. Enhance customer's experience
2. Promote ridership benefits
3. Enhance Riverside Transit Agency's name recognition

The Mission of the Moreno Valley/Perris Chapter of T-NOW is to safely move people in an energy efficient manner through advocacy, public awareness and community input.

Western Riverside County
Transportation NOW
is dedicated to promoting
and expanding transportation
alternatives.

Moreno Valley / Perris Transportation NOW Coalition

April 15, 2021
11:30 a.m.

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Meeting Agenda

- A. Welcome / Call to Order / Introductions**
- B. Microtransit – Melissa Sather, Transportation Management & Design**
- C. Updates**
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
 - c. County
 - d. City
 - e. Transportation
- D. Ridership Report/RTA Update**
- E. Announcements**
- F. Items for Future Agendas**
- G. Adjourn – The next virtual meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021**

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Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021

Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Vaughn at 11:33 a.m. The following were in attendance and self-introductions were made:

David Marquez	City of Moreno Valley Councilmember
Jonathan Vaughn	Bridging Community Gaps
Boomer Shannon	Supervisor Jeff Hewitt's Office
Linda Molina	City of Calimesa Council Member
Bridgette Moore	City of Wildomar Council member
Todd Warden	South Coast Air Quality Management District
Evan Ismail	City of Moreno Valley
Brad Weaver	Riverside Transit Agency
Jim Kneepkens	Riverside Transit Agency
Renee Bryant	RTA T-Now Secretary

Updates:

- Jim Kneepkens discussed the upcoming COVID relief bill and mentioned that there is a ~~proposedn-anticipated \$13-15 million~~ \$20 billion in funding for public transportation.
- Council Member Molina stated that the National League of Cities and Cal Cities are working with to get the state and federal government to obtain more funding for local municipalities and removing population restrictions.
- Jim Kneepkens advised that the state budget for 2022 is being prepared to include several ~~T~~ransit ~~R~~relief ~~B~~bills, and that the California Transit Association will prepare letters of support.
- Chair Vaughn inquired whether local agencies such as ~~a~~st T-Now can prepare letters of support as well, Jim Kneepkens replied in the affirmative.
- Boomer Shannon provided an update regarding county COVID rates and the possibility of schools reopening as soon as April, which would increase ridership. He further elaborated that Riverside County received vaccinations at a lower rate per capita than neighboring counties, and that Supervisor Hewitt's office supported vaccinating the more vulnerable populations first. He further congratulated the City of Moreno Valley on its recent Innovation Award for digital inclusivity.
- Boomer Shannon also mentioned that the Dracaea Ave sustainable transportation project is available for public comment next week and remarked on the completion of the Phase 3 bike lanes using CDBG funds in Perris.
- Jim Kneepkens inquired about the Innovation Award provided to Moreno Valley. Council Member Marquez advised that Moreno Valley was recognized for a program whereby the City and the School Districts purchased mobile hot spots to provide to internet access to students of all income levels.

- Council Member Molina inquired about the vendor working with ~~the~~ Moreno Valley on the program. Council Member Marquez responded that he believed it was Spectrum, but he would provide more detailed information later.
- Council Member Marquez praised Moreno Valley staff for their hard work applying for grants, and discussed grants recently awarded to Moreno Valley, the amphitheater, and the General Plan update.
- Council Member Molina inquired about the Moreno Valley District 2 vacancy. Council Member Marquez responded that the City Council began the process of accepting applications to appoint a new Council Member, and that the Council has until March 22 to appoint someone or the vacancy will have to go to special election in November.
- Council Member Marquez further advised that he met with Tracey Vackar of the Riverside County Office of Education and that schools for the Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts are expected to open for grades K-8 by April 1.

Ridership Report/RTA Update:

- RTA advised that due to the ongoing pandemic and recent rain, ridership was down 72% from 2020 levels.

Announcements:

- Council Member Molina inquired as to whether Moreno Valley will have a Memorial Day Ceremony, Council Member Marquez responded that he was not aware of any planned events, though there have been discussions on the Fourth of July events. He encouraged everyone to wear masks and wash their hands so the Fourth of July events can take place.
- Council Member Molina mentioned concerns regarding side effects from the second dose of the COVID vaccine and the importance of continued vigilance. Council Member Marquez advised that the Riverside County Office of Aging can provide accurate and current information on vaccines.
- Todd Warden of the South Coast Air Quality District announced that Omnitrans received their first four EV busses, and that the busses are running on the yard and in the streets. He announced several RFPs that will be closing soon, and that the AQMD recently held two workshops and community meetings to discuss warehouse rules.
- Todd Warden further discussed that Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority held a workshop on EV chargers at bus stations and commented that this could be a potential source of additional revenue for transit agencies.
- Council Member Molina inquired whether the South Coast Air Quality Management District could have representation at meetings for other T-Now Chapters. Todd Warden responded in the affirmative provided there was not a scheduling conflict.

Items for Future Agendas:

- Council Member Marquez requested that RTA T-Now advertise to students returning to school to increase awareness of ridership programs. Chair Vaughn communicated his support.
- Council Member Molina inquired how the board intended to incentivize students to participate in T-Now, Bradly Weaver indicated that in addition to being informative, it

would be a good source of community service hours and would help students applying for college.

- Evan Ismail recommended inviting PTA representatives to T-Now meetings, Todd Warden advised that Orange County wraps buses with school information to increase ridership. Jim Kneepkens advised that wrapping buses may not be possible at this point due to cost.
- As RTA does not have a recent advertising video, the chapter discussed various ways that RTA can increase ridership through a social media presence.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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