

# RIVCO ON THE GO! NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2026**

## **FREEWAY PROBLEMS? FSP TO THE RESCUE!**

One of the ways RCTC helps keep our community moving is through the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Program. Funded by RCTC since 1993, FSP provides free assistance to stranded motorists across Western Riverside County.

Patrolling local highways, the FSP crews offer fast help with flat tires, dead batteries, and fuel deliveries, while clearing minor accidents which is the cause of roughly half of all freeway congestion. Their work not only keeps traffic moving but also enhances safety and supports cleaner air throughout the region.

### **Freeway Service Patrol:**

#### **Morning Commute:**

- Monday – Friday, 6:00am – 8:30am

#### **Afternoon Commute:**

- Monday – Friday, 1:30pm – 6:00pm
- Friday, 11:30am – 6:00pm (*Closed on holidays*)

Learn more by visiting: <https://www.rctc.org/freeway-service-patrol/>

## **SR – 91 COMMUTERS: ROADWORK WILL IMPACT TRAVEL**

Starting this month, Caltrans will begin a \$31 million pavement rehabilitation project on State Route 91, spanning from west of Van Buren Boulevard to east of Madison Street. The project aims to enhance safety and improve long-term roadway conditions by replacing outside lanes, repairing deteriorated concrete, upgrading ramps, and installing new signs and guardrails.

Construction will occur during both daytime and nighttime hours and is scheduled to continue through summer 2027. Lane and ramp closures are expected, including overnight, weekend, and occasional extended closures. Areas impacted during the early phase will be the eastbound and westbound SR – 91 between Tyler Street and Madison Street, along with ramps at Indiana Avenue, Adams Street, Madison Street, and Van Buren Boulevard.

Drivers should anticipate potential delays and plan their routes accordingly. Please follow all posted detours and signage, as construction schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions or operational requirements.

Drivers are strongly encouraged to exercise extra caution when passing through construction zones. Reduce speed, stay alert for workers and equipment, and maintain safe following distances. Your attentiveness helps ensure the safety of both motorists and construction personnel.

Residents seeking updates on road construction and traffic impacts in the Inland Empire may visit <https://build.ca.gov/transportation> for statewide project details.

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## IRS PUBLICATION 15-B UPDATE FOR 2026

Did you know Riverside County employees can pay monthly parking structure fees or transit passes using pre-tax dollars through payroll deductions?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows both parking and public transit to qualify as transportation fringe benefits, and employees may use a combination of the two. For 2026, the IRS recently announced that the monthly pre-tax limit will increase to \$340, a \$15 increase from the current maximum.

Taking advantage of this benefit can help reduce your taxable income while covering everyday commuting costs. For more information, consult your tax advisor or visit the IRS website.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MONTHLY RIDESHARE PRIZE WINNERS!

Thank you for your continued participation in the RideShare Program and for being a part of our efforts toward a more sustainable Riverside County. By choosing to RideShare, you're helping to reduce emissions, ease traffic congestion, and promote a cleaner, greener environment.

Each winner will receive a gift of their choice from the Halo Gift Catalog as a token of our appreciation.

Winners, this is your opportunity to **"Share Your Story"** and highlight the benefits of RideSharing. Your experience could be featured in an upcoming newsletter to inspire others to also RideShare and make a difference!

### MONTHLY WINNERS

- Breeana Flores (Sheriff)
- Christina Tristan (DPSS)
- Gerardo Mendoza-Medina (RUHS – MC)
- Jaime Duenas (Waste)
- Jeanna Bauer (RUHS – BH)
- Jhamir Bautista (RUHS – MC)
- Joshua Bartlett (TLMA)
- Liza Arzola-Hinderliter (Treas/Tax)

## RTA SERVICE UPDATES: ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS

This January, Riverside Transit Agency rolled out new routes and updated schedules to make commuting faster, more reliable, and easier to navigate. The changes include expanded bus service, improved connections between key routes, and adjustments designed to keep the system running efficiently. These updates are part of RTA's ongoing efforts to respond to rider needs and provide a smoother, more convenient experience for everyone.

Routes Affected: 1, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31, 44, 61, 74, and 200 have all been adjusted.

For a complete list of all route changes and detailed schedules, please visit: <https://riversidetransit.com/index.php/news-a-publications/latest-news/993-january-11-2026-service-change>



## REMINDERS..



To qualify for RideShare Program incentives and benefits, employees must first complete the registration process with the HR – Commuter Services Division.



For more information on how to register, please contact our office for assistance at [icommute@rivco.org](mailto:icommute@rivco.org).



Falsely reporting RideShare participation to receive incentives is a violation of County Policy. Employees who engage in this practice may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include warnings, suspension, or other penalties as outlined in County regulations.

