



# CONNECTIONS

Riverside County Transportation Commission

## Construction Remains on Track for Start of Service in Late 2015

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is continuing construction on the extension of Metrolink's 91 Line to Perris. Construction began in October 2013; service is anticipated to begin by late 2015.

The 24-mile Perris Valley Line extension includes construction of four new stations with parking, nine miles of double-tracking in the middle segment of the project, track rehabilitation and installation of continuously welded rail for a quiet ride. The project also features at-grade rail crossing enhancements, sound walls and safety upgrades.



New stations include Riverside Hunter Park, Moreno Valley/March Field, Downtown Perris and South Perris. At each emerging station, crews are coordinating utilities, installing drainage and fencing, erecting station canopies and working on parking lots and lighting.

Rail crossing upgrades at Mt. Vernon Avenue, Spruce Street, Blaine Street and River Crest Drive in Riverside are underway, with upgrades to Citrus Avenue and Palmyrita Avenue planned for late May-June. Crews also are building sidewalks and driveways along 4th Street, San Jacinto Avenue, D Street, 7th Street and South Perris Boulevard in Perris.

Once completed, the Perris Valley Line is expected to enhance connections and mobility, increase safety, reduce noise and enhance air quality.

### FAST FACTS

- **Construction start:**  
October 2013
- **Construction end:**  
Late 2015
- **Investment:**  
\$248.3 million
- **Estimated passengers:**  
4,350 per day
- **Lead agency:**  
Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- **Project website:**  
perrisvalleyline.info

### PROJECT PARTNERS

- Riverside County Transportation Commission
- Federal Transit Administration
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink)
- March Joint Powers Authority
- County of Riverside
- City of Perris
- City of Riverside
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway



## Operation Lifesaver Campaign Promotes Railroad Safety

With Perris Valley Line service coming soon to Riverside and Perris, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is working to educate students and other community members about the importance of railroad safety.

After years of infrequent freight train service through the area, residents are reminded that train traffic will increase and occur on a regular basis. With the advent of new Metrolink service, community members young and old alike are reminded to think, "See Tracks? Think Train," which is the slogan for the national Operation Lifesaver campaign.

RCTC has been promoting Operation Lifesaver messages in a variety of forums, including information booths at the Riverside Chamber Mega Mixer, UC Riverside Community Partner Fair, Orange Empire Railway Museum Festival, Riverside Spring into Health Fair, and the Perris Health & Wellness Fair. An Operation Lifesaver message also was placed on the Railway Museum billboard alongside Interstate 215.

Representatives also have visited 14 elementary, middle and high school campuses to remind students and school staff to:

- Cross railroad tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings
- Never walk around or behind lowered gates and crossings
- Wait until you can see around the train in both directions before crossing
- Stay away from construction sites

For more information on Operation Lifesaver, please visit [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org).

