



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RCTC to Close on Fridays**

With the County of Riverside's recent decision to close major facilities on Fridays, the Riverside County Transportation Commission will be adopting changes in its work schedule and availability to the public. This will include closing every Friday and keeping extended hours from Monday through Thursday. The changes will begin on August 14, 2009.

In spite of its name, RCTC is not a county agency. The Commission was created by state law in 1976 and is overseen by a 31-member governing body comprised of elected officials from every city in Riverside County and the five members of the Board of Supervisors. However, the Commission is a tenant in the County Administrative Center on Lemon Street in Downtown Riverside.

Due to severe budget pressures, the County will be closing the County Administrative Center every Friday. The building closure necessitates RCTC to make its own schedule changes.

As a result, RCTC will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The public will be able to continue contacting the

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Commission by phone at (951) 787-7141 or on the internet at [www.rctc.org](http://www.rctc.org).

Although the economic downturn has impacted transportation revenue, the Commission has not had to resort to pay cuts and layoffs. Instead, savings have been realized through a reduction in leave and holiday benefits, the elimination of merit raises and three positions left vacant via retirement will not be filled in this fiscal year. RCTC's current staff numbers 40 people.

"Every government agency in Riverside County must proactively respond to the current economic situation," said RCTC Chairman Bob Magee, who also serves as Mayor of Lake Elsinore. "The key is to save taxpayer dollars without diminishing service."

"RCTC will accomplish both of these goals and I expect that our workforce will continue its accomplishments and exceptional productivity."

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