



## **DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE TRANSIT OPERATING PLAN AND NEW MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT CENTER**

**Community & Economic Development  
Department**

Transportation Committee

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## **BACKGROUND**

- January 6, 2015: City Council adopted a resolution to support the Riverside Transit Agency's Downtown Transit Operating Plan (Operating Plan) and directed staff to coordinate implementation of the Operating Plan and collaborate with the Riverside Transit Agency, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Western Riverside Council of Governments, Caltrans, Greyhound and other interests (Key Stakeholders) to facilitate development of a state-of-the-art Multi-Modal Transit Center on Vine Street



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1. Recent update consists of the following:
  - a. Retaining 23 existing bus stops
    - 9 bus stops will be expanded
    - 5 bus stops will be revised
  - b. Adding 10 new bus stops
  - c. Eliminating existing stop #23 and proposed stop #15
  - d. Installing new shelters, benches and trash receptacles



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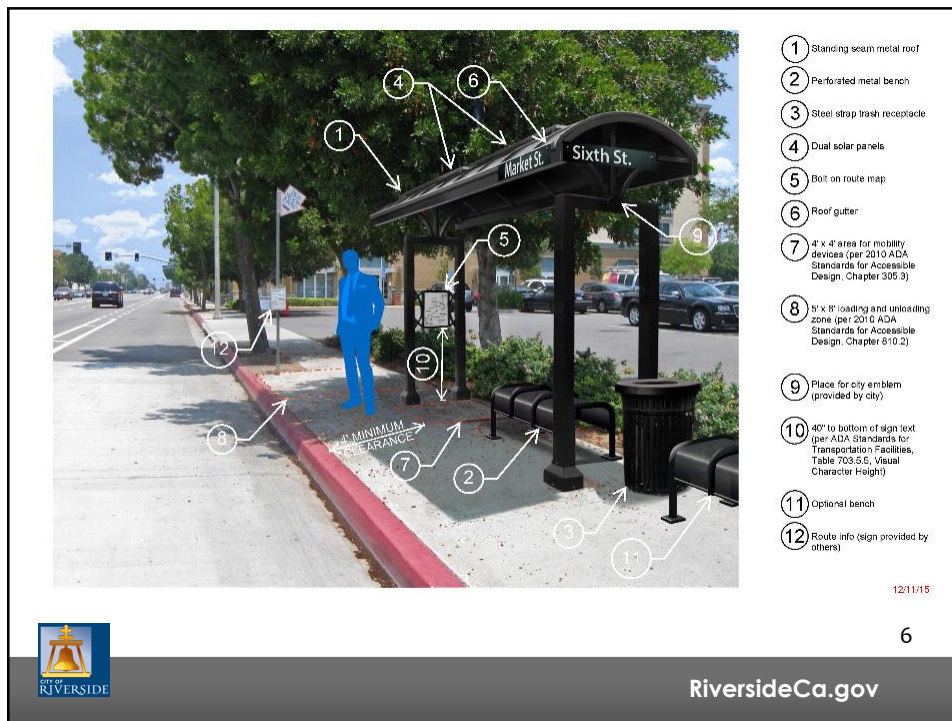
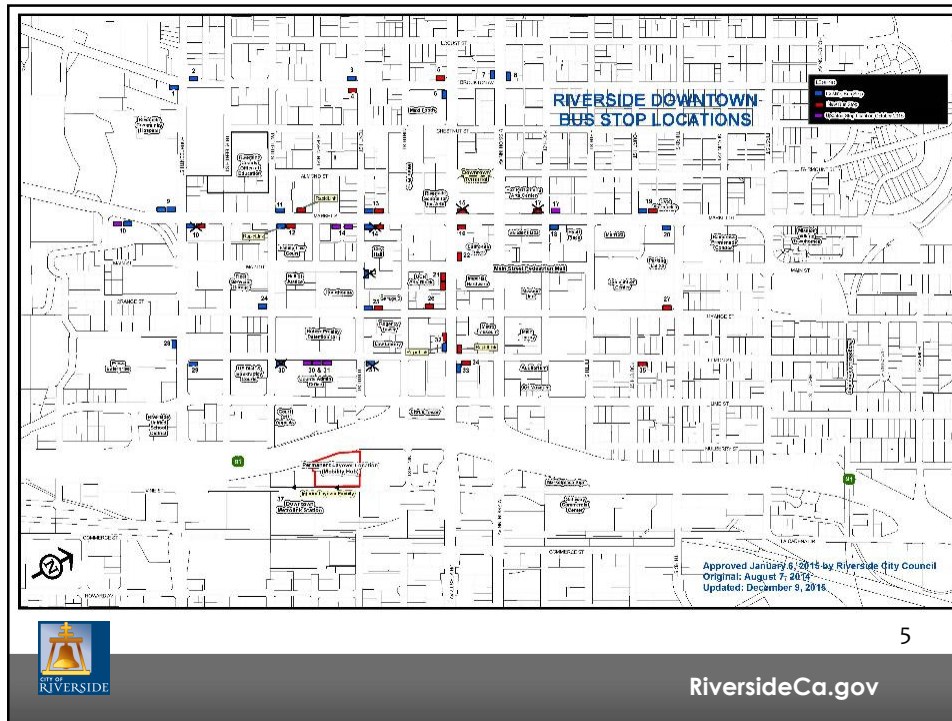
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2. Previously requires retaining 24 existing bus stops and adding 11 new bus stops for a total of 35 bus stops within Downtown
3. 44 parking spaces will be removed within Downtown
4. 27 parking spaces will be temporarily removed along Vine Street for Interim Layover Facility for RTA buses



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## ADVANTAGES OF THE OPERATING PLAN

Construction anticipated to commence in May 2016 and start of service to begin in January 2017 with the following advantages:

1. Provide optimal routing alignments and bus stops
2. Improve traffic circulation and service
3. Provide better service to Downtown Riverside
4. Develop a larger facility to provide sufficient layover
5. Facilitate connectivity options between routes
6. Ensure appropriate bus capacity at all bus stops
7. Reduce bus layovers in the Downtown core area



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## NEXT STEPS

1. City conveys 4015 and 4085 Vine Street to RTA for development of a state-of-the-art Multi-Modal Transit Center that will provide an opportunity for a quality development of transit use and other service-oriented uses
2. City and RTA to obtain approval from FTA to transfer the transit use and the grant interest from Downtown Terminal to Vine Street property



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## NEXT STEPS

3. Key Stakeholders undertake a study in collaboration with the community to define the overall future vision for the Marketplace Specific Plan and provide clear guidance of development along Vine Street including the design for a new state-of-the-art Multi-Modal Transit Center in order to capture business opportunities coming from the large college student population and Millennial, GenX and empty-nester Baby Boomer urban dweller markets



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## RECOMMENDATION

- The Transportation Committee receive a status update on the implementation of the Downtown Operating Plan and future development of the new Multi-Modal Transit Center on Vine Street



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