



**Riverside-Downtown
STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

PROJECT UPDATE

City of Riverside
Cultural Heritage Board


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Questions from Last Meeting







- Graphic showing New Track, Platform and Parking should differentiate what is existing and what is proposed. Please show boundaries of the FMC property.
- The project started pre-pandemic and ridership has decreased. Are there reports for ridership projections? Are there reports that demonstrate train operations have been impeded and how the project will encourage transit use? If ridership is down, is the project necessary?
- Provide clarification on remediation requirements associated with the project and/or adaptive reuse scenarios. If the building remains in place, is remediation still required?
- Was FMC designated a County landmark?
- What is the grant funding for - planning or construction? Is the funding federal? What's driving this project? Metrolink is funding. Combo of funds.
- Has RCTC entered into a purchase agreement with private property owners? Will this information be available?


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QUESTIONS



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REFERENCE SLIDES



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FMC Complex

Historic development of FMC Complex



Plant 1 (1938)

Plant 2 (1942)



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FMC Plant 1

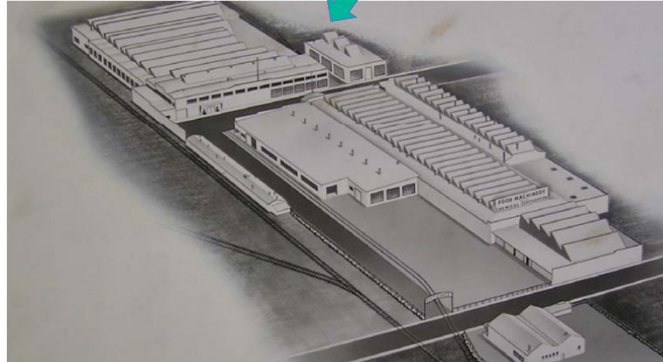
Historic development

- Completed in 1938
- Expanded Over Time
- SoCAL Gas Co. (1950s)
- Ancillary Structures Enveloped



SoCAL Gas Co.
Property

Smaller Buildings
now part of main
Plant 1 building



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FMC Complex Plant 2

Historic development



Plant 2
(1942)

- Completed in 1942-43
- Wartime Production of Amphibious Vehicles (LVT's)
- Altered Over Time
- Solarmax Adaptive Reuse (2012)

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FMC Plant 2

Landing Vehicle
Tracked (LVT)

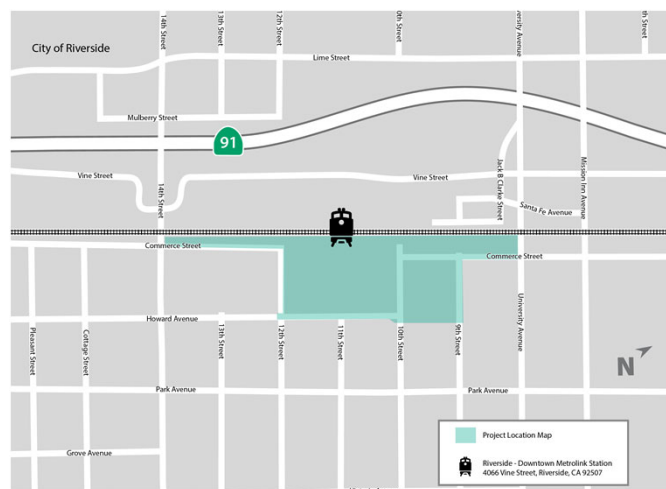


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Location

- Next to Eastside Neighborhood (Commerce St.)
- East of current railroad tracks



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Partners & Goals



Partners: RCTC, Metrolink, Federal Transit Administration

Goals:

- Improve train operations
- Enhance safety and access
- Encourage transit use

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Reducing Delays, Making Connections

- Metrolink shares tracks with freight trains
- Project separates freight and passenger trains
- Convenient connections to other train lines



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Safety & Parking Enhancements

- Well-lighted access on east side of station, sidewalks, crosswalks, landscaping
- Extending pedestrian bridge, new stairs and elevators, modifying bus drop-off area
- Relocating ADA parking
- Adding parking spaces



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Making Connections

- Station serves 3 Metrolink lines for travel to jobs, schools, entertainment in LA and OC
 - Riverside Line
 - IE/OC Line
 - 91/Perris Valley Line
- Connections to RTA, Omnitrans, Megabus, Amtrak

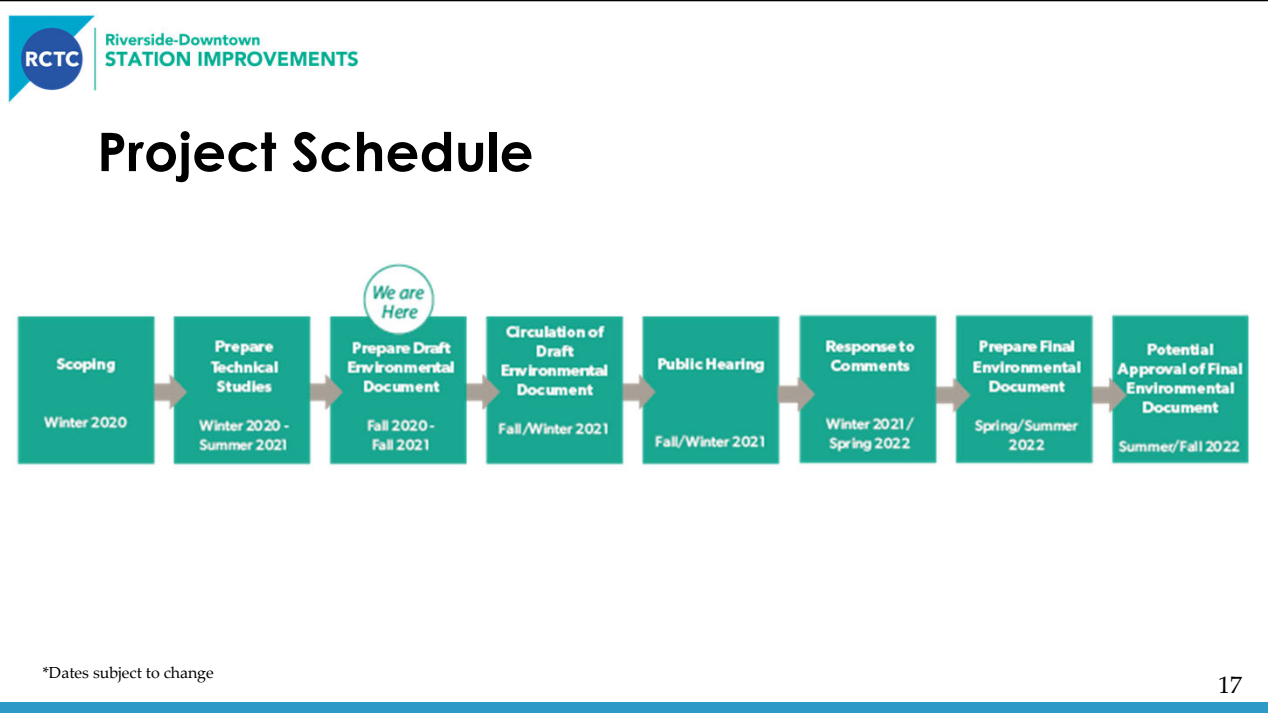


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Section 106 Process

- Identification of Historic Properties
 - Area of Potential Effects
 - Cultural resources identified
 - Resources potentially impacted

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Plant 1: Adaptive Reuse - Full and Partial Reuse

- Timber frame construction with timber trusses pinned to concrete slab foundation:
 - Alterations required
 - Fireproof materials
 - SOIS standards for rehabilitation
 - All historic character-defining features would be lost



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Plant 1: Adaptive Reuse - Full and Partial Reuse

- Nearly 100 years of previous industrial uses left behind hazardous materials
- Extensive environmental remediation would be required
- Partial Reuse would have similar challenges



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Plant 1: Mitigation Measures Considered

- HABS Recordation
- Interpretive Displays
- Recycle Building Materials
- Design Features of Plant 1 Incorporated into New Platform Structures
- Oral Histories



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FMC Complex

- SHPO concurrence received on NRHP Eligibility
 - FMC Complex is NRHP-eligible under Criteria A, B, C and D
- Section 106 Process
 - Avoidance Alternatives under consideration
 - FTA and RCTC will continue consultation on avoidance and minimization of harm and mitigation

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Summary

- Historic properties in the APE determined NRHP-eligible w/ SHPO Concurrence:
 - FMC Complex
 - Howard Ave. Worker's Houses
- Historic resources impacts are being evaluated
- Avoidance Alternatives are being considered
 - Seven avoidance alternatives
 - Full and Partial Adaptive Reuse
- Draft Environmental Document
 - Public Circulation of Draft EIR/EA: Fall/Winter 2021

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