# **ENVISION RIVERSIDE** 2025 CITY OF RIVERSIDE STRATEGIC PLAN

FINAL SUMMARY REPORT





**UPDATED JUNE 2025** 







### **PARKS REFRESH PROJECTS**

- Refresh Projects (\$3.5M):
- Bergamont Park
- Castleview Park
- Collett Park
- Dario Vasquez Park
- Harrison Park

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- Hunt Park
- Nichols
  Park
  - Taft Park

### LIBRARY

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- One-Time
  \$600k for Books
- \$500K Annual Increase for Books
- e-Mobile Library Launched







CURRENT PLANS

**INCREASED** 

INVESTMENT

Fairmount<br/>ParkArmory\$2.5M inFed Funds

Playgrounds

Parking

Lots

**HVAC** 

**Updates** 

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César Chávez Community Center \$25M Out to BID in State Funds

SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library

Secured \$14.5M in State Grants for Construction

Gage Canal Trail Conversion Projects \$5.1M in Grants BID Issued Tim Strack Park

Patterson Park Award of BID

Harada House Rehabilitation Museum of Riverside \$42M BID Awarded

> Bordwell Gym \$8M BID Awarded















- 28-Bed Mental Health Recuperative Facility (Helping Hearts)
- 49-Bed Transitional Housing (Project Legacy)



- 25-Bed Transitional Housing (Walden Homekey)
- 80-Unit Affordable Rental Housing (Vista De La Sierra)
- 33-Unit Supportive Housing for Aged out Foster Youth (The Aspire)

#### Reduced Type 1 Crime by 2.7% Over 4 years

- Reduced Theft of Vehicles by 24.5% Over 4 Years
- Reduced Burglary by 22.3% Over 4 Years

Reduced Type 2 Crime by 11.9% in 2024

### Maintained Broad Community Policing & Education Programs:

- Public Safety
  Engagement Team
- School Resource Officers
- Blue Elf
- Citizen/Teen
  Academies
- Law & Protective Services
  Academy
- You Are Not Alone
- Chief's Advisory
- Neighborhood/Business Watch

- Police Explorers
- Opportunities With Education
- 74 Police Officers Hired in 2024
- Started Park and Neighborhood Specialists Program
- Since 2020 Hired 189 Officers
- Lowest Vacancy Rate in Decades With 30 Vacant Positions (6%)



- The City launched a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) combining AI, surveillance, license plate readers, and crime data to enhance public safety. Serving as a centralized hub, the RTCC provides real-time intelligence to support officers, detectives, and analysts with timely, actionable insights.
- Partnered with other agencies to create an Inland SoCal Fusion Center.
- Partnered with Feeding America to rescue food for redistribution.
- Launched Riverside **Blue Zones Initiative** in partnership with Inland Empire Health Plan, RUHS, and Kaiser Permanente.

INCREASED SAFETY

KICKED OFF

**INITIATIVES** 

MAJOR

PROJECTS



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- Biotech, Aerospace, and
  Defense Marketing Materials
- Incentives and Rebates
  Promotional Efforts
- Streamline Riverside Refresh
- Developed Concierge
  Programs
- Created Self Certification
  Program
- Employee On-Boarding Toolkit

- Adaptive Reuse Ordinance: Alternative Standards for Existing Buildings
- Voluntary Expedited Plan Checks via Public Works and RPU
- Rivy Chatbot Launched to Support
  Customer Questions
- Enhanced Public Portal with Real-Time Response Features
- Ongoing Collaboration with Chambers of Commerce and Community for Feedback

### PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

### MAJOR PROJECTS

**GREEN TECH HUB** 

INVESTMENT





Northside Agricultural Innovation Center First of Its Kind in the U.S.

## Ohmio: Opened All-Electric Autonomous Shuttle HQ, Research & Development Center and Manufacturing Facility

- Voltu: Committed to Open Manufacturing Facility
- Hyundai Rotem: Secured Site to Build 180 Hydrogen Trains for LA Olympics
- GreenPower: Established U.S. e-Bus Manufacturing Hub

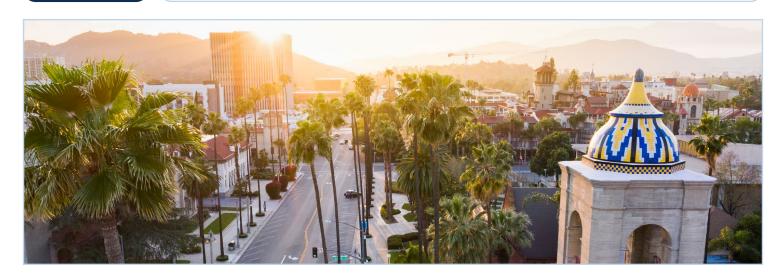
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• CARB: Opened Largest LEED Platinum Net Zero Building in US and So Cal HQ, Creating 400+ Jobs



CURRENT PLANS

Visit Riverside Brand Audit Strategic Marketing Plan and Implementation Continued Marketing of "Why Choose Riverside"









Entered into Public Private Partnership with Anaergia to Construct a Regional Facility to Convert Organic Waste to Gas Project Approved 3.5 MW Solar for New CARB Facility; Enrolled in RPU's 100% Renewable Energy Tariff, Securing LEED Platinum and Largest Zero Net Energy Building Status in the U.S. Ability to Recharge Up to 26 Billion Gallons/Year to Groundwater Aquifer via 7 Oaks Dam Recharge Project

Installed Award-Winning Phoenix Storm Drain Partnered on EIR to Facilitate \$100M Habitat Restoration to Facilitate \$1B in Water Projects

### **INITIATIVES**

MAJOR

PROJECTS

Expanded Rebates Available for Efficient HVACs and Heat Pumps

### INCREASED INVESTMENT

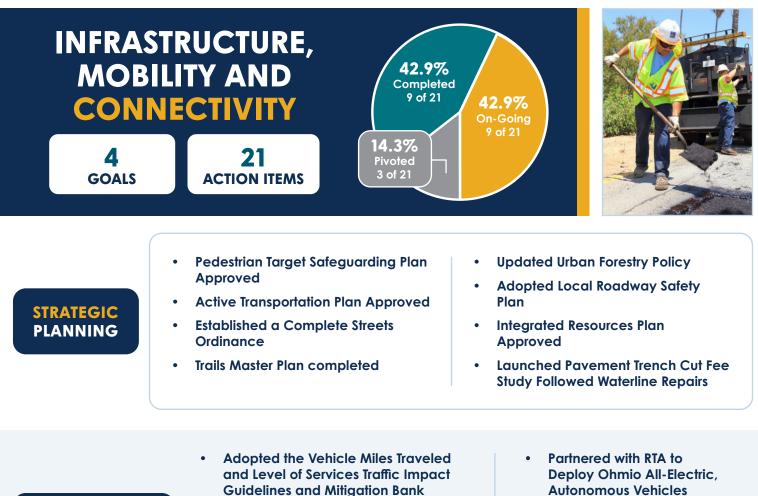
Increased Renewable Portfolio From 37% (2019) to 69% (2027) Through Power Purchase Agreements Purchased Thirty Zero Emission Vehicles to Transition City Fleet

Secured Citywide Tree Inventory Grant (\$1M) Implemented \$30M TCC Grant in Eastside Including Planting 2,000 Trees, No Cost Solar and Drought Tolerant Turf Installation at Dozens of Residences



FUTURE PLANS

Planning an Extreme Heat Summit (Fall 2025) and Sustainability Conference (April 2026)



### RAMPED UP PROGRAMMING

- Launch the Clean Air Car Share • in Partnership with Mobility **Development Operations, UCR's Center for Environmental Research** and Technology, CALSTART, and CARB
- **Autonomous Vehicles**
- Secured Grant Fundina to Study Increased Energy Efficiency and Electrification
- **Hosted First Aerospace** Community Expo







- Extended Paving Moratorium (3-5 Years)
- Issued \$1.5M/Year RPU Contract for Faster Street Repairs
- Replaced 260 Traffic Controls; Funded 160 More
- Paved/Resurfaced 164 Miles of Streets (~20%) Since 2020
- Expanded Vine St. Mobility Hub with 3–4 Bus Bays
- Bike Lanes: Maintained 156 Miles and Secured Funding for 225 More Miles
- Constructed 7 Oaks Dam Water Recharge Project (28B Gal/Year)
- Upgraded Wood Streets Sewer (Phase 1)

- Began the Van Buren Blvd.
  Sewer Project from Wood Rd. to King Ave.
- Initiated Airport Taxiway A Rehabilitation (\$791K grant)
- Advanced a Project to Repaint Riverside Airport Terminal.
- Issued a \$1.5M/Year RPU Contract to Replace Temporary Asphalt Patches
- Expanded the Quiet Zone to Panorama Rd. and Soon to Cridge St., Brockton Ave., and Palm Ave.
- Installed Traffic Signal Fiber Optic Communications on Magnolia Ave./Market St.



CAPITAL

PROJECTS



- Replaced 120+ Public Safety
  Cameras
- Implemented Real Time Crime Center to Improve Quality of Life and Improve Public Safety
- Replaced 2,000 City Computers
- Upgraded the City's Internet
  Connection to Improve Internet and
  Public Facing Digital Services



- 911 System Hardware Replacement
- Implemented Active-Active Multi-Data Center Disaster Recovery Architecture.
- Replaced the City's 15 Year Old Network Infrastructure
- Established Infrastructure
  Reserve Fund

### CURRENT PLANS

DIGITAL

**INFRASTRUCTURE** 

Entered into Public Private Partnership with Anaergia to Construct a Regional Facility to Convert Organic Waste to Gas Project

Applied to Upgrade Bike Friendly City Recognition to Silver City

### FUTURE PLANS

Digital Transformation Initiatives to Include:

- Enterprise Resource Planning
  - Asset Management System Utility
- Permitting System Upgrade
  - Utility Billing System Upgrade
- 311 Modernization



 Selected by Harvard University/ Bloomberg Foundation to Help Improve Use of Data, Innovate, Improve Communication and Tackle Complex Problems

INITIATIVES

- Selected to Participate in Accelerator for America Cohort to Assist with Innovation Infrastructure Initiatives
- EOC Completed 22 Months of Continuous Operation During Pandemic and Managed Over a Dozen Additional Activations

- Approved Community Engagement Plan to Boost Public Involvement
- Held Annual Town Hall Meetings to Share City Milestones and Challenges with Staff
- Boosted Transparency with a Public One Stop Shop Portal, Letting Customers Track Development Progress at Every Stage
- City Hall and Libraries Certified Blue Zones Workplace



 Adopted General Fund and Maintained Measure Z reserve Policy (Adopted in 2019)

### FINANCIAL

- Updated Fees and Charges
- Updated Rates
  (Water, Electric, Refuse)
- Expanded SHARE Program
- Started Annual Financial Health Indicator Reports to Benchmark the City Against Peers

**(5)** GRANTS

- Implemented Reserve Funds:
  - Infrastructure Reserve Funds
  - Maintained General Fund Reserve Policy (adopted in 2016)
- Sewer Fund: A1 to Aa3 Rating Reflects Strong Growth & Policies
- POBs: AA to AA- Rating Lower Borrowing Costs
- RPU Water: AA+ Affirmed Rating Backed by Solid Financials

- Secured \$300M+ in grants (2023)
- Hired first Grants Administrator, Established Consultant Bench, and Secured Grant Management System
- Boosted Grant success rate to 80%

- Received \$30M TCC Grant (Largest in City's History) Benefiting Eastside
- Received Grants for Tree Inventory (\$1M), Energy Efficiency (\$325K), Healthy Neighborhoods (\$1M) and Clean Air Car Share (\$1M)



Received Federal Grant to Host City's First Extreme Heat Table Top Exercise



