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RTD Launches "Next Gen" Study

Stockton, CA — To advance its vision of being the transportation service of choice for the residents it serves, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is launching *RTD Next Gen*, a system redesign study that will evaluate and identify improvements for its current service offerings—fixed-route, paratransit, on-demand, and commuter services.

"To remain responsive to the changing needs of our community," said newly-elected Board Chair Michael Restuccia, "this project could not have come at a better time. So much has already changed due to COVID-19. We need to continue to reassess our organization in order to stay relevant."

"This project will prepare us for the future of transit," said CEO Gloria Salazar. "Our vision says it. In order to be the transportation of choice to the residents we serve, we must be attentive, responsive, and nimble to the changing needs of the community."

The purpose of this project is to truly understand the needs of the community. "A main goal of the study is to obtain key input from current and future riders and stakeholders on how best to improve transit connections," said Paul Jewel, the Project Manager at Fehr & Peers. The community engagement efforts portion of the study is expected to kick off in April 2021.

Through community engagement, the Next Gen team will ensure that RTD's future transit system will address the evolving demographics and needs of the region as well as challenges and residual changes created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is the regional transit provider for San Joaquin County. RTD's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region. For more information, visit sjRTD.com, follow RTD on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or call (209) 943-1111.

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