AC Transit Service Expansion Plan – Recommend Buena Vista Avenue/Line 19

City Council Meeting February 2, 2016

Recommendation

★ Recommend City Council Approval of the AC Transit Service Expansion Plan's Buena Vista Avenue/Line 19 Alternative

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SEP Goals

Improve the existing service network by:

- Trying to better meet demand
- Providing frequent and reliable service to the densest residential and commercial neighborhoods

(Staff Report: Background, Page 1)

Timeline

#2015

- October:
 - AC Transit community meeting in Alameda
 - AC Transit/City Interagency Liaison Committee
- November:
 - City Council comments
 - TC Transit Committee memo
 - City staff letter to AC Transit
 - AC Transit Public Hearings
- December: Postponed AC Transit Board Mtg

Timeline (cont.)

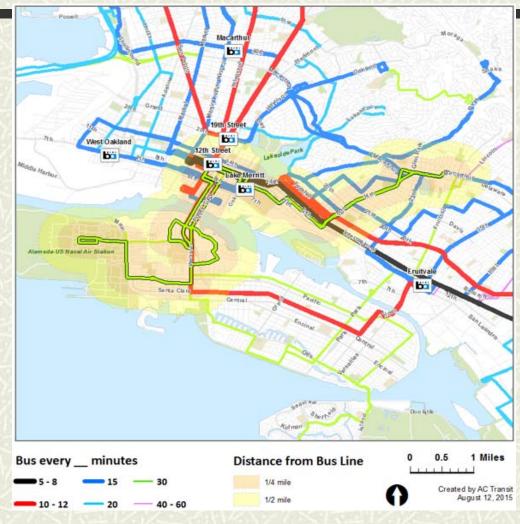
2016

- January:
 - AC Transit/City Interagency Liaison Committee
 - AC Transit Board (postponed alternatives)
 - Transportation Commission (on postponed alts)
- February:
 - City Council (on postponed alternatives)
- March/April:
 - AC Transit Board (on postponed alternatives)
- Summer or December implementation

Approved Routes

- **★ Maintain Existing Line O**: AC
 Transit Board did not proceed with the T1 proposal
- ★ Modify Line 31 (L28 14th
 Avenue): Provides service between the College of Alameda and Laney College/Lake Merritt BART

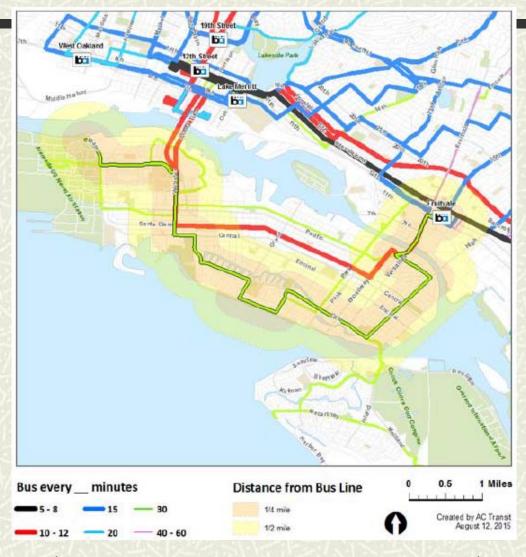
Approved Routes (cont.)



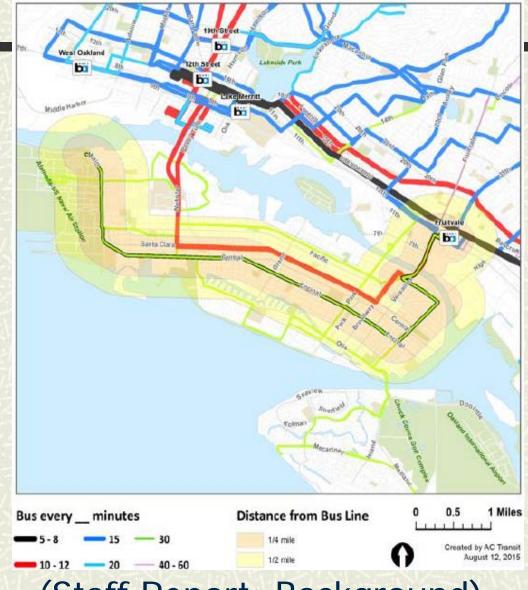
Postponed Alternatives

- **#** Allows Alameda time to obtain TC and City Council approvals
- **#** AC Transit only has funding to implement one:
 - #1: Shoreline area (Main Street Ferry Fruitvale BART)
 - #2: Encinal Avenue (Main Street Ferry Fruitvale BART)
 - #3: Buena Vista Avenue / Restore Line 19 (Downtown Oakland Fruitvale BART)

Postponed Alternative #1



Postponed Alternative #2



Postponed Alternative #3



Alternatives Analysis

- **★** Recommend Alternative #3 (Buena Vista Avenue/Restored Line 19)
 - More potential to relieve congestion
 - Partnership opportunity between AC
 Transit, the City and the developments
 - Could encompass the Estuary Crossing Shuttle services, ridership and funding
 - Benefits existing Northern Waterfront residents

(Staff Report: Discussion)

Alternatives Analysis (cont.)

- **♯** Support further efforts to create a cross island connection to the Main Street Ferry Terminal
- **#** Identify
 - Potential revenue sources
 - Routing preferences based on community consensus
 - Cost-efficient ways to implement the service

(Staff Report: Discussion)

Budget

- ★ Transit operations are funded by AC Transit and potentially developer contributions
- **#** City will pay for the costs of restoring the bus stops and making them accessible

(Staff Report: Budget)

Recommendation

- ★ City Council approval of the AC Transit SEP's Buena Vista Avenue/Line 19 (SEP Alternative #3) as the highest priority
- **#** Continue the partnership with AC Transit and WETA to provide a new cross island service to the Main Street Ferry Terminal as soon as possible

(Staff Report: Recommendation)