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

City Council Meeting February 2, 2016

Recommendation

Recommend City Council Approval of the Buena Vista Avenue/Line 19 Alternative (Staff Report: Title, Page 1)

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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
- (Staff Report: Background)

Timeline (cont.)

2016

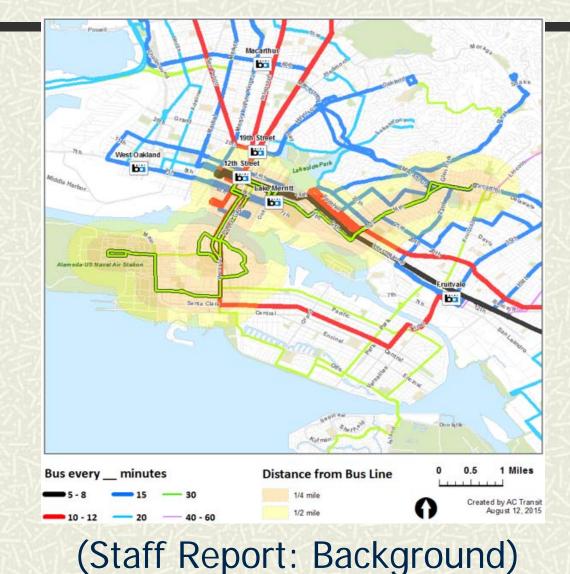
- January:
 - AC Transit/City Interagency Liaison Committee
 - AC Transit Board (postponed alternatives)
 - Transportation Commission (on postponed alts)
- February:
 - City Council (on postponed alternatives)
- March/April:
 - AC Transit Board (on postponed alternatives)
- Summer or December implementation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

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

(Staff Report: Background)

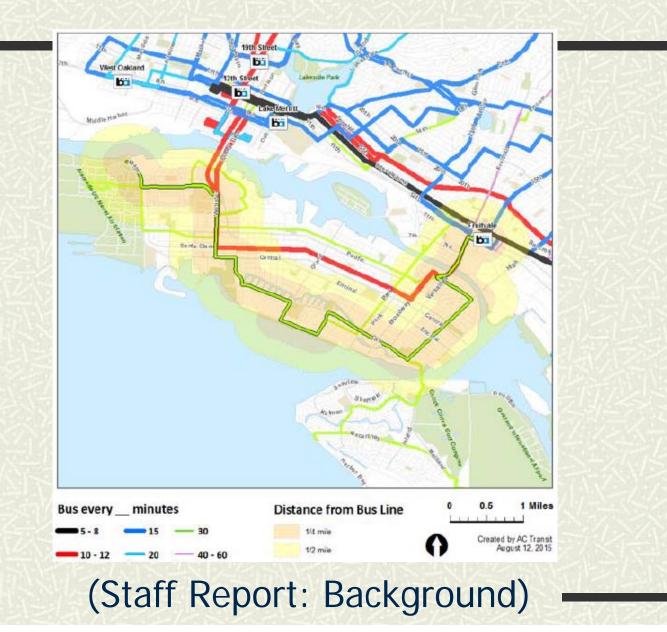
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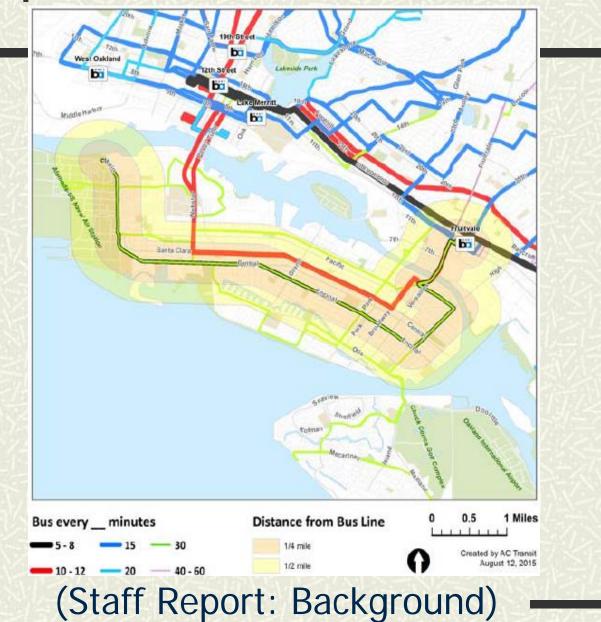
Postponed Alternatives

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) (Staff Report: Background)

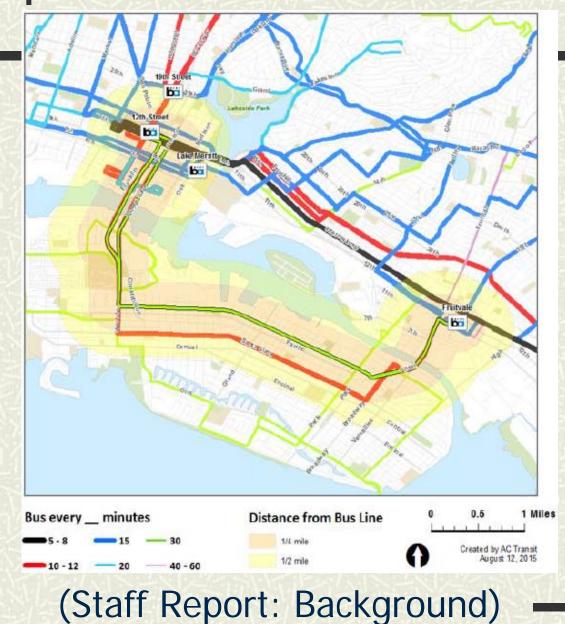
Postponed Alternative #1



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)

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