

7/17/19 City of Alameda-AC Transit ILC Meeting Notes

ILC Attendees –Knox White, Daysog, Peeples, Ortiz

Public Comment

- Member of the public asked for a short explanation for why AC Transit doesn't serve the Main Street ferry terminal

Alameda Short-Term Service Improvements

- Ortiz - what would happen to the remaining Line 96 to the diamond district
 - Staff - it would stay the same
- Alameda community meeting will be noticed as a Transportation Commission meeting to avoid Brown Act issues
- Thomas - Pleased with the AC proposal; hope to absorb Alameda Landing into city-wide TMA
- Ortiz - What happens if the revenue from the developer is not enough?
 - Staff - We have to make a decision once revenue amount is available
- Knox White - No decision on 8/7, correct? Correct.
 - Knox White - If AC can't operate the service, we should have input in the private shuttle service that would be palatable for AC to take over in the future
- Ortiz - EasyPass is only for public service? Yes
 - Thomas - Want to move alameda landing into easy pass instead of shuttle
- Knox White - Can we find out the through ridership at Downtown Oakland and if the routes can be split?
 - Knox White - Can we move the bus to RAMP from Lincoln. He recalls that the ridership was light. Can't move to Willie Stargell because it is too far away
 - Knox White - Follow the Alameda access plan
 - Knox White - Can the bus stay on Webster or go up 5th?
 - Knox White - Thanked staff for the outreach effort for the public hearing

Long-Term COA

- Ortiz - What is the goal of the COA?
- Knox White - No expectation that there are funds available; not willing to take from other cities
- Knox White - Wants to set goals in front of the plan and bring to council in september
- Knox White - Come up with a plan for developing the plan and staff resources
- Ortiz - Looking to make the ideal service plan for the city?
 - Knox White - Want to set the goals first
- Ortiz - Per city consultant - City doesn't realize how much AC Transit service already exists
- Ortiz - Glad to see bus stops on in the plan
- Thomas - Need a roadmap for when developers come into the city
- Ortiz - What is the schedule for alameda point
 - Thomas - 20-year build out
- Ortiz - Always use alameda as the model city for developers and transportation

- Daysog - Would like to see the city help with funding the planning and outreach process
- Payne - Bring the goals to the transportation commission in september before council

Local Rider Restrictions on Lines O and W

- Ortiz - What is the data telling us
 - Staff - We're slowing down by the rider restriction has maybe slowed us less
- Payne - Shottmeier's request
- Ortiz - Are we saying this helped?
 - Morris - Will come back with updated data in the fall
- Ortiz - Come back with more data for a future agenda item

Disabled seating awareness

- Ortiz - Does securing wheelchairs slow down the bus
 - Peeples - yes, but we could avoid lawsuit. Automatic restraint systems aren't great
- Hursh - Keep this on the agenda and new decals will be updated in the next 6-8 months
- Daysog - What will the announcement be like?
 - Hursh - A request for maybe every third door cycle
 - Daysog - Likes that the announcement is a moral encouragement
- Burgos - Rider kindness brochure campaign has existed for the last few months
- Knox White - Muni has good signage but they still get lots of complaints about this

Ridership and Missed Runs

- Ortiz - Why did some routes drop in ridership?
 - Staff - Hard to say give the small numbers and samples
- Knox White - Not surprised by ox and w changes given we adjust the number of trips
- Knox White - Acknowledge the workforce issue attributing to missed runs and thanked ac for the efforts to turn around
- Knox White - Line 19 ridership has a decrease but doesn't take away from the success of the route

EasyPass and Developments

- Thomas - New developments coming online with permits for this summer which will help line 19
 - 2-3 years before construction completion
- Ortiz - Where is alameda marina?
 - Staff - Northern waterfront on clement
- Thousands of residents coming online with built-in easy passes
- Ortiz - Can we get a dedicated transit lane through the tube?
 - Thomas - Looking at a contraflow possibility with caltrans
 - Ortiz - Only way we can be competitive with cars
- Thomas - Letter to A's identified transit impacts as primary concern
 - Knox White - Agencies should get together to have a unified approach to the A's
 - Ortiz - Has ac been involved?

- Hursh - Yes, sent a letter during the NOP phase of the project
- Payne - Possible development at Southshore that would affect Line 20

Transbay Holiday Service Adjustments

- Knox White - Appreciates the staff's efforts on this and looks forward to what can be done to increase ○ frequency to 30 minutes
 - Staff - Can we fund with RM3?

STC Status

- Hursh - 8/11 opening
- Ortiz - It past the testing in order to opening?
- Ortiz - Why are they still using paper wayfinding signs?
 - Hursh - Has commitment from the director to fix; may not be by 8/11, but they will fix it
 - Llamas - Reviewing every week via meetings; including getting signage working properly
 - Knox White - Compliment staff on outreach and information direction

Next Meeting: 10/16 at 9am at City of Alameda