

# Realign

SR 23-502 Item 2.C.

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#### **Draft Service Scenarios** AC Transit/BART ILC

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#### What is Realign?

## It's a review of AC Transit's routes and schedules.

Where do routes go to and from? How often do buses run along each route? What times of day are routes running?



#### Why is Realign Happening?

Challenges with hiring and retaining enough bus operators AC Transit rider habits have shifted

Ridership is at 75% of prepandemic levels Post-pandemic budget challenges ongoing



#### **Realign Goals**

Redesigning the network to be more attractive for riders

#### Creating a network which:

- Incorporates what we heard from the public
- Reflects how people travel today
- Gets people where they want to go
- Works within available resources



#### **Service Scenarios Overview**



#### Unconstrained

(Pending funding availability)

More Frequency, More Coverage

Unconstrained Vision Scenario



### Balanced Coverage Scenario



#### **Balanced Coverage Scenario**

- Achievable based on existing resources (Cost-Neutral)
- Focus on making the network more attractive to riders:
  - Improves access to destinations throughout the District
  - Provides new coverage to areas where demand warrants
  - Simplifies select routes for improved reliability and shorter travel time
  - Better matches service frequency to customer demand





#### **Key Proposals – Balanced Scenario**

- Redesigned lines 6 and 51 provides improved, transfer-free service on Telegraph and College corridors
- Consolidates Line 72R into 72 and 72M to provide more reliable and straightforward service on San Pablo and doubles frequency on the MacDonald corridor
- Redesigned Line 29 provides new service on Alcatraz
- New Lines 27 and 61 provide service to Ashby and Maxwell Park, respectively
- Redesigned Line 96 now provides service to Brooklyn Basin
- Extends Line 10 to Union City reduce the number of transfers in Hayward
- Redesigned Line 239 connects Pacific Commons with both Warm Springs and Fremont BART
- Proposes Flex Service in Warm Springs
- Redesigned Line G and J use recommendations from the MTC I-80 Express Bus Assessment
- Lines L and LA are consolidated as well as lines OX and W are consolidated



#### Frequent Service Scenario



#### **Frequent Service Scenario**

- Achievable based on existing resources (Cost-Neutral)
- Focus on making the network more attractive to riders through frequency enhancements.
  - All local routes provide weekday service at least every 30 minutes
  - Enhances frequency on select trunk routes where demand warrants
  - Simplifies select routes for improved reliability and shorter travel time
  - Retains most access improvements of the Balanced Scenario but eliminates the least productive local routes or route segments.





#### **Key Proposals – Frequent Scenario**

- San Pablo & MacDonald services and Lines 6 and 51 are the same as Balanced Coverage but with better frequency
- Frequency increased in the MacDonald corridor
- Redesigned Line 74 enables resources to be reallocated to provide more frequent service on Line 71
- Redesigned Line 29 provides new service on Alcatraz
- New Lines **27** and **61** provide service to Ashby and Maxwell Park, respectively
- Redesigned Line 96 now provides service to Brooklyn Basin
- Extends Line 10 to Union City reduce the number of transfers in Hayward
- Redesigned Lines 20 & 39 provides dedicated service on Fruitvale Avenue and in Alameda
- Proposes Flex Service in Warm Springs
- Transbay proposals are the same as the Balanced Coverage Proposal
- Some lines have been realigned, shortened, or eliminated to allow for increased frequency system-wide



### Unconstrained Vision Scenario



#### **Unconstrained Vision Scenario**

- Combines the access and coverage improvements of the Balanced Coverage Scenario with the frequency enhancements of the Frequent Service Scenario
- Restores the services that were suspended during the pandemic, with modifications to better reflect new travel patterns and improve equity
- Recommends on demand microtransit zones where fixed route service expansion is less practical





#### **Service Scenario Comparison– Network Frequencies**

	Existing Network	Balanced Coverage Scenario	Frequent Service Scenario	Unconstrained Vision Scenario
10 minutes or less	2 routes	2 routes	4 routes	20 routes
10 - 15 minutes	9 routes	9 routes	10 routes	17 routes
15 – 30 minutes	28 routes	34 routes	39 routes	26 routes
Over 30 minutes	23 routes	14 routes	0 routes	0 routes
Total	62 routes	59 routes	53 routes	63 routes

Note: Table does not include Supplemental and Transbay Lines



#### **Service Scenario Comparison – Impacts**

	Balanced Coverage Scenario	Frequent Service Scenario	Unconstrained Vision Scenario
Change in population with access to 15-minute service	7.7%	31.9%	120.6%
Change in jobs with access to 15- minute service	3.7%	15%	77.3%
Change in jobs with access to 30- minute service	6.2%	14.4%	16.4%
Change in number of zero-vehicle households with access to 15- minute service	7.8%	20.8%	69.4%
Change in number of lines to improve reliability	20	28	39



#### **Scenario Tradeoffs**

#### **Balanced Coverage:**

- Buses will generally come no more often than they do today.
- Some new areas will be served (Brooklyn Basin, Maxwell Park, Alcatraz)
- Coverage to be maintained in almost all areas, often provided by new/different lines.
  Frequent Service:
- Buses will come no less often than every 30 minutes, system-wide.
- Some areas will lose coverage (Berkeley Hills, El Sobrante, portions of central county)



## Phase 3 Engagement



#### **Public Engagement: Phase 3**

November 1 – December 13, 2023



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## Public Engagement: Phase 3

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#### Public Engagement: Phase 3 November 1 – December 13, 2023

- 20+ Community Pop-Ups and Pop-Ins\*
- **30+** City Council/Commission Presentations
- 2 Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) Meetings
- 10 CBO Partnerships
- 7 CBO-led Open House events
- **1** Community Virtual Workshop on December 7, 2023
- 2 updates to AC Transit Board on November 1 and December 13

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