

**Emeryville ILC Notes  
September 12, 2024  
Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and  
In Person at Emeryville City Hall, Council Chambers  
1333 Park Avenue  
Emeryville, CA 94608**

**Attendees:** Councilmember Bauters (chair), Councilmember Kaur, Director Walsh, Director Peebles *(via teleconference from 13328 San Pablo Avenue, Room 33B, San Pablo, CA 94806)*

**AC Transit Staff:** Robert Del Rosario, Carissa Lee, Ryan Lau, Michael Eshleman, Tammy Kylo, Howard Der

**Emeryville Staff:** Amber Evans, Miroo Desai, Mohamed Alaoui, April Richardson, Adam Politzer

Meeting called to order 9:36 a.m.

2A. Eshleman gave the presentation on the technical elements of Realign. The project began March 2023 (Phase I) and is now in Phase IV (Draft Plan/Draft Final Plan and Service Standards, and Plan Adoption). Draft plans were presented at various times in 2024. Public hearing closed the day before (September 10, 2024). The implementation phase will follow, no sooner than March 2025.

For Emeryville, changes in prior plans include a new Line 7 terminal, having Line 27 provide service on Ashby instead of Line 7, extension of Line 29 via Alcatraz to Downtown Berkeley, extension of Line 36 to Rockridge, and reduction in frequency for Line 72R. Eshleman acknowledged receipt of comments from City staff, especially with respect to frequency reductions.

Also in the workplan is Realign Plus, which envisions what services would be enhanced should resources permit ramping back up to 100% pre-pandemic service levels. In addition, there is an unconstrained plan called the Vision Plan that is under development. Through Realign Plus, many lines serving Emeryville such as Lines 27, 72R, and F will benefit through upgrade to a service level of every 15 minutes or less on weekdays and every 20 minutes or less on weekends.

Lau gave an overview of the Realign outreach efforts, which began in in Spring 2023. The outreach used various methods, including social media, in-person contact at bus stops, advertisements both inside and outside buses. In addition, meetings were conducted with city councils, advisory committees, and community based organizations. During Phase III, the outreach efforts engaged 23,000 through the website; 45,000 through social media; and 5,700 through 200 community events.

Bauters asked about when Realign Plus might occur. Eshleman said it was dependent on when operator numbers become robust enough to begin implementation and that it would be within the time frames of the standard signup periods.

Bauters inquired specifically how the “pecking order” would occur. Eshleman stated that it would go in order listed in the slide, so all the improvements would happen to Line 72R first before Line 1T. He also stated that it could also be staggered; using Line 72R as an example, frequency could be increased from 30 minutes down to 25 minutes or 20 minutes before going to 15 minutes.

Bauters asked for clarification on service to Emeryville Amtrak. Eshleman responded that Line 7 would continue to the Emeryville Market instead of terminating at Emeryville Amtrak, while Line 27 would terminate at Emeryville Amtrak.

Bauters reiterated his disappointment in the reduction of frequency for Line 72R, given the advocacy being done by various partners to improve infrastructure in the San Pablo corridor.

Walsh asked about the pace of operator increases towards realizing Realign Plus. Eshleman stated that it would be about two years out, given the rate of operator hiring, training, and graduation.

Director Peoples joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

3A. Lee gave the presentation. Current systemwide ridership is up to approximately 142,000 each weekday, up from 134,000 this time last year. Seasonal variations impacted ridership during the summer. On-time performance increased between June and July, and the number of missed trips also declined. City and District Staff continue to work together on various projects.

Bauters asked about the current headway on Line 72R. Lee stated it was every 12 minutes. Bauters commented that the reduction in Line 72R frequency under Realign would increase wait times.

Bauters mentioned his last day as a councilmember is December 10, and the city may not be able to appoint his replacement to the ILC in time for the next scheduled meeting on December 12.

The Committee came to a consensus to hold the next ILC meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.