

**Emeryville ILC Notes
September 11, 2025
Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and
In Person at Emeryville City Hall, Council Chambers
1333 Park Avenue
Emeryville, CA 94608**

Attendees: Mayor Mourra, Councilmember Solomon (chair), Director Walsh

AC Transit Staff: Robert Del Rosario, Howard Der, Ryan Lau, Aaron Vogel, Tammy Kylo

Emeryville Staff: Mohamed Alaoui, Miroo Desai, Ryan O'Connell, Phillip Toste

Meeting called to order 1:03 p.m.

1. Opening

2A. Realign Update: Del Rosario gave the update. Realign was implemented August 10 following a 2-year planning process. Much anecdotal information being received on the changes it brought but more solid data is continuing to be collected for a later assessment. Staff is looking closely at 72L due to frequency change from 12 to 30 minutes and potential improvements in January, but the District is in a fiscally-constrained environment. Some bus stop still need to be changed and there will be continual review and evaluation of the new routes. Implementation itself went pretty smoothly compared to previous large-scale service changes undertaken by the District.

Lau commented on outreach efforts. They included social media engagements, e-news mailers, back-to-school events, and 5,000 hours of in-person outreach via tabling at events and key locations. Printed schedule information is still in the process of being produced and distributed.

Mayor Mourra asked about ability to revisit the changes, in light of the City's commitment to improve transit infrastructure and especially with consideration of reduction of San Pablo service. Del Rosario acknowledged that reduction but also that crosstown service has been improved with new service on Stanford/Powell and the creation of new connections to other destinations as a result. He also mentioned that if resources were available, San Pablo service would rank high on the list for improvements.

Councilmember Solomon asked if SB63 would help the financial situation. Del Rosario is not convinced that it would but Lau suggested it's uncertain because the situation surrounding SB63 is so fluid.

Director Walsh asked about the L and M nomenclature for the 72. Del Rosario responded that L represents limited stops and M is for the Macdonald Avenue variant.

Director Walsh inquired about the evaluation of the service changes. Del Rosario said that October data will be ideally used as the point of comparison to give the service enough time to mature and settle.

2B. Solar Lighting for Transit Stops: O'Connell gave the update. The project began about a year and half ago and started with a pilot at one location. The equipment includes an electronic white paper display that can be used to show passenger information. The lighting is installed on existing infrastructure e.g. bus stop poles. 25 of 38 lights have been installed so far and is expected to be completed by the end of November. He shared pictures of sample installations elsewhere and the footprint cast by the lighting.

Mayor Mourra asked about battery storage degradation. O'Connell mentioned the batteries have a warranty but they are expected to last five years and can be retrofitted. He anticipates the replacement cycle will probably be more of policy decision down the road.

Director Walsh asked about customer feedback and cost. O'Connell said he's received positive comments from the Marina area and the area around 65th. The cost is approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000 per site.

3A. AC Transit Service and Performance Update: Der gave the report. The report period goes through the end of July 2025, so it will not reflect the changes made in Realign; that will be part of the report at the December ILC meeting. He stated that the report shows the typical decrease in passenger activity that happens in the summer as students are out of school and individuals take vacations, along with the commensurate change in performance indicators. In addition, lower traffic as a result of the summer travel patterns typically results in better on-time performance.

Director Walsh asked if anything stood out in the report. Der replied that the amount of cancelled service went down noticeably during the past few months and the percentage of service operated increased. He stated that the aggressive bus operator recruitment efforts and reduction in absenteeism have contributed to the improvement these performance measures. Del Rosario also mentioned that the trunk line incentive program was implemented during those months, in which operators that completed a bus driving assignment on a trunk line earn a bonus; that has also likely contributed to reduced cancellations and increases in percentage of service operated.

Councilmember Solomon asked what kind of adjustments are made in the event of cancelled service. Del Rosario stated that extra board operators can fill in or in the case of Transbay service supervisors can shift resources around.

4. Future Agenda items.
 - None.
5. Committee Member comments.
 - None.
6. Proposed Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting
 - Next Meeting will be on December 11, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.