



Realign Project Overview

City of San Leandro Facilities & Transportation Committee

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At a Glance

- California's largest public bus-only system
- 3rd largest bus only transit agency in U.S.
- 364 sq. miles, 1.5 million people

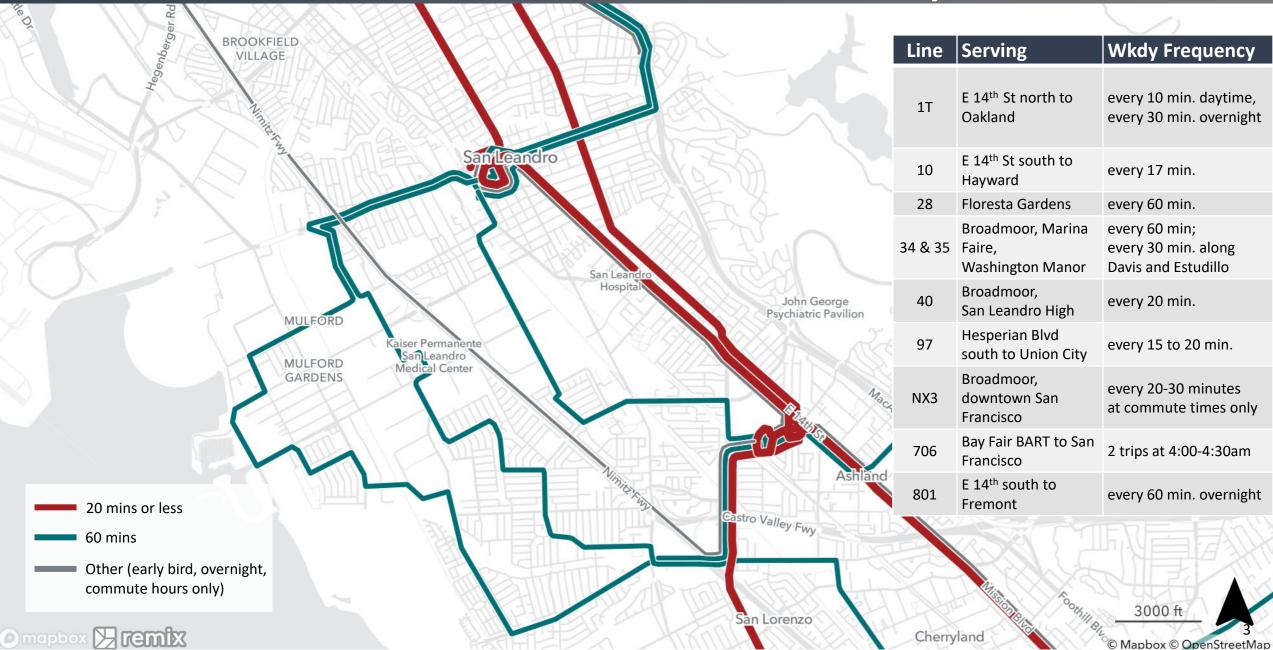
Our riders...

- 65% low income
- 75% people of color
- 43% riders do not have access to a car
- 30,000 students every school day



Transit Service in San Leandro Today







What is Realign?

It's a review of our routes and schedules.

Prioritize where and when transit service is offered

Align service with customer needs and equity goals



Realign's Expectations

- Hard Choices
- Proactive public engagement and feedback
- Opportunity for an unconstrained scenario



Realign Project Phasing

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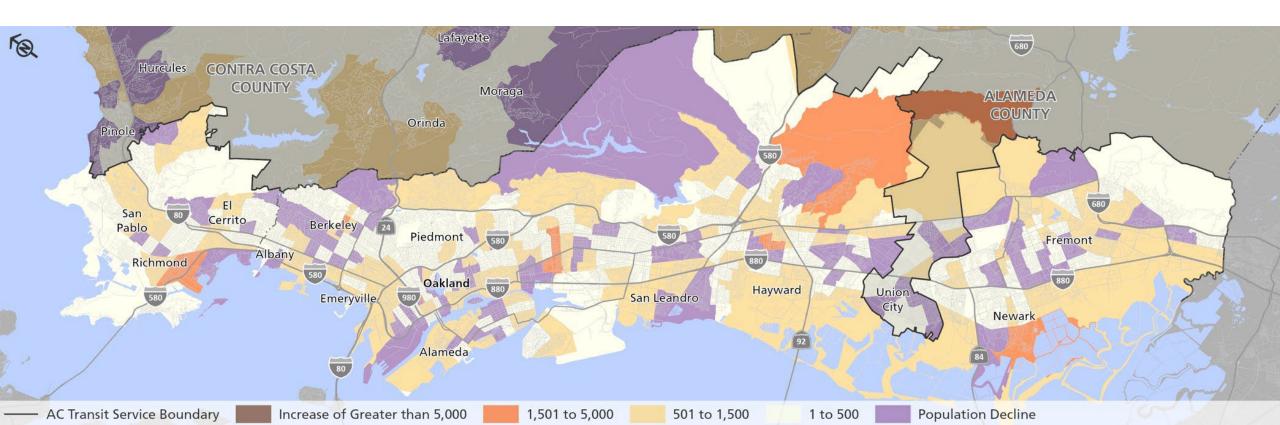


Key Project Elements (Phases 1 and 2)

Population Change (2013-2021)

American Community Survey 5-Year dataset

- 2013 Population: 1,522,000
- 2021 Population: 1,589,000
- 2022 2023 showing population decline



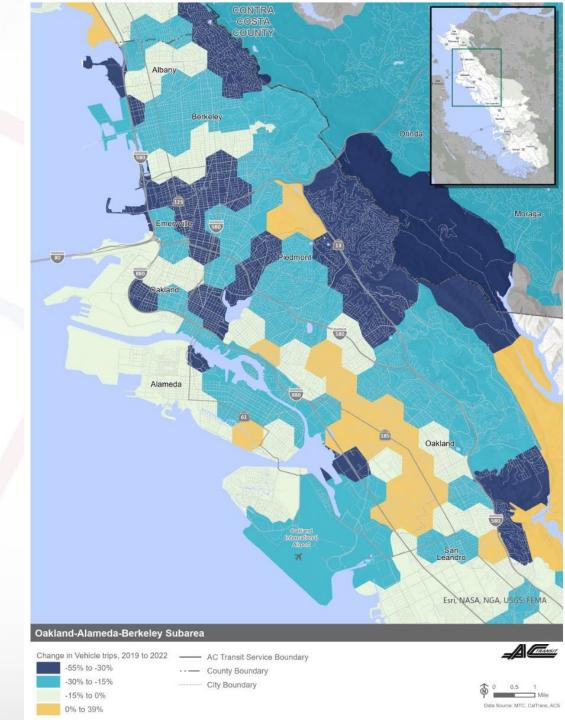


Travel Markets 2019-22

Overall Trips, StreetLight Data

- Fewer overall vehicle trips made throughout AC Transit service area, and especially in job centers.
- Notable exceptions with density:
 - Richmond, San Pablo, Int'l Corridor, South Hayward, Cherryland

Note: Vehicle trips include buses and heavy vehicles but not rail.





Overall Vehicle Trips, 2019-22

Geography

- Most vehicle trips in AC Transit service area start and end within (over 90%).
- This holds true in smaller geographies to a lesser degree. (~ 60-70%)
- Bus trips skew extra-local as compared to general travel.

Time of Day

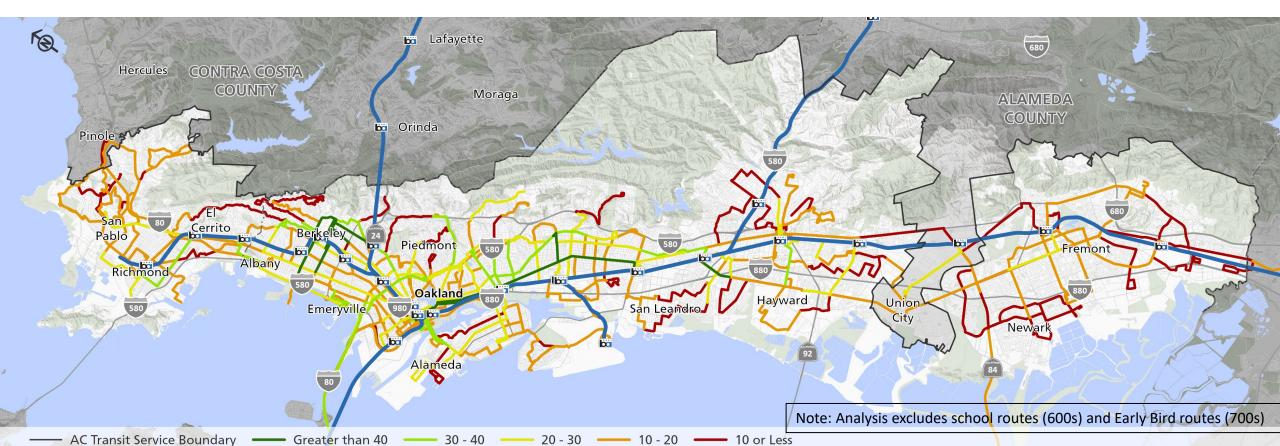
- Seeing declines across all weekday time periods, with midday travel declining least compared to pre-pandemic.
- % drops greatest overnight and in late evenings on weekdays.
- Weekend travel declines spread more uniformly across time periods.

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2022 Productivity by Segment

(passengers per revenue hour)

- Highest productivity: Oakland and Berkeley
- Lower productivity: Suburban and low-density areas
- Line 51B is the highest performing route in the system, with a weekday productivity of over 60 passengers per hour.



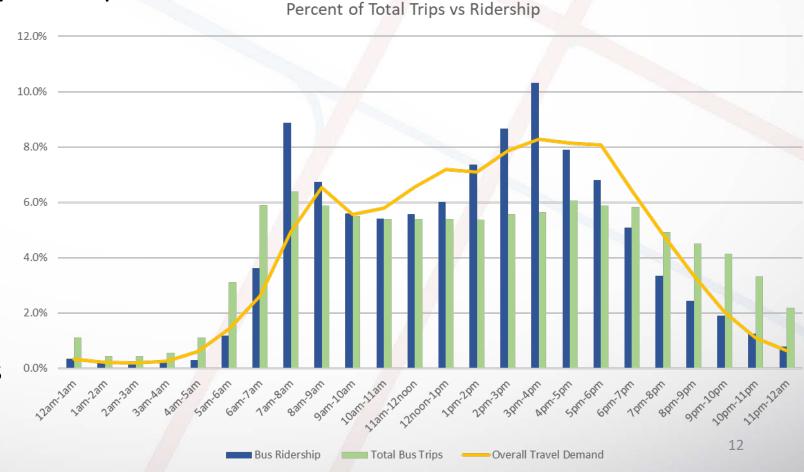


Travel Demand vs. Transit Use

Weekday time of day comparison

 Bus ridership is more concentrated in the AM and PM peaks

- Students traveling to and from school generate the heavy demand between 7 and 8 AM and 3 and 4 PM
- Overall travel demand has slight peaks





Key Existing Conditions Findings

- The AC Transit service area saw population growth during the last decade but is experiencing a slight decline postpandemic.
- The makeup of the AC Transit service area is changing due to factors such as an aging population and displacement.
- Travel to and from employment centers is lower today than pre-pandemic; the degree of change varies by location.



Key Existing Conditions Findings (cont.)

- Riders are using AC Transit less today than prior to the pandemic, but in general the trip purposes are the same.
- In general, customers value more frequent service when considering tradeoffs; however, results are mixed when accounting for demographics and subarea location.
- Customers value AC Transit's network coverage and mentioned more frequent and reliable bus service as areas for improvement.



Impressions

Phase 1 – Spring 2023 **OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT**







20,861

7,481

1,471









Phase 2 Outreach and Engagement Summary





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47 Events

914 Touchpoints

1 Trilingual digital workshop



Phase 2 Engagement Summary





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Realign Phase 2: Help Build our Future Transit Service

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ACT Updates

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Website Page views: 2,116 total

- ACT Transit Realign: 1,740
- Realign: What We've Learned: 376

Social Media Performance

(impressions/engagements)

- Twitter: 7,007/137
- Facebook: 4,565/167
- Instagram: 510/22

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Guiding Principles

Equity

Provide a network that prioritizes services for communities who need it the most.

Reliability

Provide bus service that is reliable and predictable.

Frequency

Provide frequent service to the most people; frequency's importance will vary by location and be balanced against geographic coverage and community needs.



What we've heard from the Board

- Reliability: this is critical!
- Access: consider access to destinations, opportunity, healthcare?
- Sustainability: consider service that gets people out of their cars?
- Connections: mixed opinions about reconciling interconnected network efforts
- Incorporate Visionary plan



What we've heard from outreach

- Reliability: this is critical!
- Frequency: not enough service!
- Recovery: bringing back pre-pandemic service levels
- Safety: wait experience, or walk experience.
- Connectivity: improved connections between routes and with BART



Equity

Provide a network that prioritizes mobility for communities who need it the most.

Intent

 Provide the greatest level of service where the greatest concentrations of mobility need exist.

Goal and Metric

- Focus service within MTC Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) within AC Transit service area.
- Improve access to jobs, groceries, medical facilities for Equity Priority Communities, comparing peoples' access to destinations for existing and proposed networks.



Frequency

Provide frequent service to the most people; frequency's importance will vary by location and be balanced against geographic coverage and community needs.

Intent

 Provide the greatest level of service where the greatest concentrations of mobility need exist.

Goal and Metric

- Focus service on higherdensity areas according to ridership demand.
- Improve peoples' access to the frequent network (every 15 minutes or better) for existing and proposed networks.



Reliability

Provide bus service that is reliable and predictable.

Intent

 Provide adequate redundancy in operating resources to ensure that trips that are scheduled are operated.

Goal and Metric

- Added buffer in schedules to account for traffic congestion or unforeseen delays.
- Match scheduled service levels to real-world operator availability, even if that means service reductions.
- Codify standard operating procedures for delay management.



Three Plan Options

by revenue and ridership/coverage focus

Cost-Neutral

- Stay the Course
- More Frequency, Less Coverage

Visionary Unconstrained

- More Frequency, More Coverage



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Important Upcoming Milestones

Wed. Nov 1, 2023 AC Transit Board Workshop on Network Options

Tues. Nov 7, 2023 | San Leandro City Council Presentation

Thu. Dec 7, 2023 Online District-wide Community Workshop

Wed. Dec 13, 2023 AC Transit Board Meeting

Wed. Jan 24, 2024 AC Transit Board Meeting

April 2024 AC Transit Board Meeting on Final Realign Plan

August 2024 Plan Implementation begins



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