**Fast Facts:** SamTrans US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study

**What is an express bus?**

An express bus is a transit service that is designed to travel faster than traditional “local” services to popular commuter destinations. They typically offer faster travel times by using managed lanes (such as carpool or express lanes) on freeways and making fewer stops. The most likely passengers of express buses are weekday commuters or other passengers traveling somewhat long distances between cities. The express bus services SamTrans is exploring would be open to all passengers.

**What is this study?**

SamTrans is studying the possibility of new express bus service on the US-101 freeway through San Mateo County, to San Francisco and Santa Clara counties, potentially running in managed lanes for buses and high-occupancy vehicles. This study includes research and analysis of the potential bus service, as well as a public engagement process to hear from potential riders, advocacy organizations, and other local stakeholders. The study team will compile research, analysis, and the results of the community input into a Final Report, anticipated in mid- to late-2018.

**Why are we doing this study?**

US-101 is one of the most congested freeways in the Bay Area, and express buses can play a role in providing an easy alternative to driving alone and strengthening connectivity to jobs and housing hubs. Express buses would be just one part of the solution to easing commutes on US-101. Together with other transportation improvements along the corridor, express bus service has the potential to help improve travel conditions and options.

**Is this the same as the San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project?**

No. While the projects are related, the US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study complements but is separate from the San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project. The San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project is a feasibility study for implementing a continuous managed traffic lane along the US-101 corridor, whereas the US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study will examine the financial and operational feasibility of long-distance express buses operating on US-101, serving San Mateo County and adjacent counties. Ultimately, new express bus services along US-101 might be one of several transportation options that helps to maximize the benefit of managed lanes on 101.
What’s happening and when?

SamTrans launched background data collection and analysis in April 2017. The study team will conduct community outreach in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties in Summer 2017. The final report is anticipated to be published by mid- to late- 2018.

The first round of public involvement meetings will be held in July and August:

- **Booth at Sunday Streets SF in San Francisco**
  Valencia Street (between 15th & 16th Streets) Sunday, July 16, 2017, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- **Community Open House at SamTrans Headquarters**
  1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos on Monday, July 17, 2017, 6:30 PM

- **Booth at San Jose Flea Market**
  1590 Berryessa Road, San Jose on Saturday, August 5, 2017, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

How can I find out more or submit a comment?

Please visit the project website at: [www.samtrans.com/expressbusstudy](http://www.samtrans.com/expressbusstudy)

You can submit a comment there, or:

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