Draft Express Bus Feasibility Study

Board of Directors Update

November 7, 2018



Project Purpose

Provide a direct, fast, frequent and reliable transportation choice for long-distance commute trips within and between San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties.



Project Goals

9,00	Goal 1:	Provide Mobility Options for Regional Trips	20%
	Goal 2:	Increase Transit Market Share in Corridor	20%
\$	Goal 3:	Develop a Cost-Effective Service	30%
	Goal 4:	Improve Transportation Equity	10%
	Goal 5:	Enhance Access to Jobs and Population Centers	10%
(2)	Goal 6:	Support Sustainable Land Use and Transportation Policies	10%



Route Development and Evaluation

Develop Initial Routes

15 route concepts based on market analysis



Initial Qualitative Screening

Result: Shortlisted 10 routes

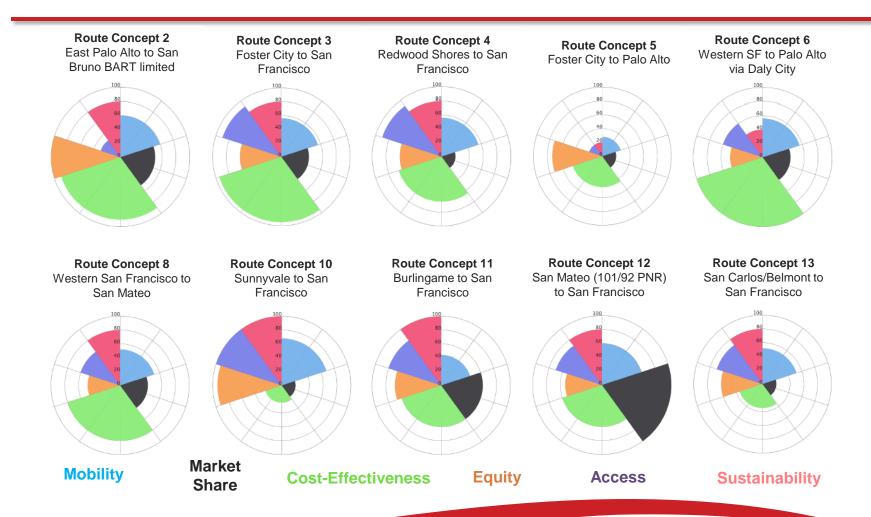


Detailed Evaluation and Route Comparison

Result: Six top performing routes

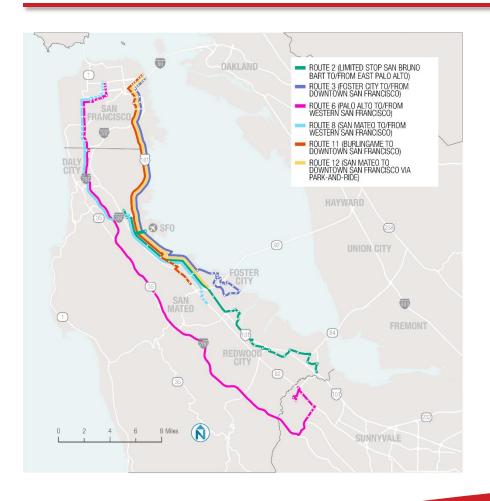


Detailed Evaluation Results





Proposed Express Bus Network



- Four bidirectional routes, two one-directional routes
- One limited stop route from East Palo Alto to San Bruno
- Three routes into downtown San Francisco from Foster City, San Mateo, Burlingame
- Two routes into Western SF from Palo Alto, San Mateo



Implementation Strategy

Phase 1: Pilot Project (Summer 2019)

Two routes (Route 3 and Route 6)

Phase 2: With Managed Lanes Opening (2022)

Two more routes (Route 2 and Route 12)

Phase 3: Further Growth (2023)

Two more routes (Route 8 and Route 11)



Costs

Phase 1: Pilot Project (June 2019)

- Annual O&M: \$5.5M
- Capital in 2019: \$470K for existing bus retrofit, secure bike parking (seeking partners), marketing, bus stops as needed
- Capital in 2022: \$17.3M in electric buses + chargers (17)

Phase 2: With Managed Lanes Opening (2022)

- Annual O&M: \$5.9M
- Capital: \$17.1M for 92/101 PNR, electric buses + chargers (13), secure bike parking, marketing, bus stops as needed

Phase 3: Further Growth (2023)

- Annual O&M: \$4.8M
- Capital: \$11.4M for electric buses + chargers (11), secure bike parking, marketing, bus stops as needed



Funding Sources

O&M:

- Reallocation of existing resources (amount available TBD)
- External partners
- RM3 (competitive process)
- Other state and regional sources

Capital:

- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant: electric buses, PNR improvements, secure bike parking, stop facilities
- Low Carbon Transit Operations Program
- Bond against future Managed Lanes toll revenue



Evaluation Metrics

- What is success?
 - System-wide ridership increases
 - Farebox recovery above 20% (required by some funding sources)
 - <\$15 cost / passenger
 - Reliable service (85%+ OTP)
 - Mode shift from auto to transit, VMT/GHG reduction
 - Partners support and promote the service
 - Positive customer feedback



Next Steps: Study

- Draft Express Bus Feasibility Study on project website, soliciting feedback from Board, public, stakeholders until November 16
- Tentatively seek Board adoption in December



Next Steps: Bus Service

- Phase 1 Implementation Working Group has been formed; convenes monthly toward launch of Phase 1 route(s) in June 2019
- Define fare products as part of SamTrans
 Fare Study
- Work with partners along routes to support and promote service

