

West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Project



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), in cooperation with the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana, proposes construction of the West Valley Connector Project (the WVC Project or the proposed project), a 35-mile-long bus rapid transit (BRT) project that would decrease travel times and improve the existing public transit system within the corridor.

The proposed project includes up to 60 station platforms at 33 locations/major intersections and associated improvements. A new operation and maintenance (O&M) facility for light maintenance activities would be constructed. The proposed project would be constructed in two phases, including the Phase I/Milliken Alignment, from the Pomona Regional Transit Center to Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga and Phase II/Haven Alignment, from Ontario International Airport to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana. Phase I is scheduled for operation in late 2023. Construction of Phase II/Haven Alignment is scheduled to occur after the completion of Phase I when funding is available. Regardless of Phase, Alternative A consists of side running stations spaced .5 to 1-mile apart along the alignment. Alternative B proposes approximately 3.5 miles of exclusive BRT lanes instead of side running stations along the same segment. Transit Signal Priority (TSP) and other transportation systems management improvements, such as queue jump lanes, would be included. The BRT system will be operated by Omnitrans.

PURPOSE

- Improve transit service by better accommodating existing high bus ridership.
- Improve ridership by providing a viable and competitive transit alternative to the automobile.
- Improve efficiency of transit service delivery while lowering Omnitrans' operating costs per rider.
- Support local and regional planning goals to organize development along transit corridors and around transit stations.



POTENTIAL IMPACT

- Alternatives A and B of the project would have no effect on agriculture and forestry resources, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, mineral resources, and recreation.
- With minimization and mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have no significant effect on most resources except for the following:
 - air quality emission during construction for both alternatives
 - future year traffic operations at four intersections for Alternative A and five intersections for Alternative B
 - partial acquisition of 4 nationally listed cultural resources and 11 locally designated cultural resources in Ontario
 - full acquisition of 7 locally designated cultural resources in Ontario

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Preliminary Design	January 2020
Environmental Clearance	January 2020
Final Design	June 2021
Right-Of-Way Acquisition	2020-2021
Construction of Phase I	Early 2021 to January 2023
System Operation	February 2023



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Public participation is a vital part of this study. Please plan on attending the public hearing to be held as part of the environmental review process at the following locations:

Date	Time	Location	Address
July 17, 2019	6-8pm	City of Fontana - Flex Conference Room, City Hall	8353 Sierra Ave Fontana, CA 92335
July 18, 2019	6-8pm	City of Ontario Senior Center MPR	225 East B Street, Ontario, CA 91764
July 31, 2019	6-8pm	City of Pomona City Council Chambers	505 Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766
August 1, 2019	6-8pm	City of Rancho Cucamonga Central Park - Etiwanda Room	11200 Base Line Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

A draft environmental document has been prepared to report the potential impacts this proposed project will have on the environment and is being circulated for public review beginning June 24, 2019 and ending August 8, 2019. Federal Transit Administration is a National Environmental Policy Act Lead Agency and SBCTA is the California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency. It can be downloaded at the SBCTA website: <http://www.gosbcta.com/sbcta/plans-projects/projects-rail-WestValleyConnector.html>. If you cannot attend the public hearing but would like submit comments, please send them to Tim Watkins, Chief of Legislative and Public Affairs, SBCTA, by August 8, 2019.

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