Transit System Study

Finding new ways to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our transit system

TRANSIT SYSTEM STUDY UPDATE



Status Update

We Are Here.

Develop Framework and Approach

Research and Data Collection **Develop Alternatives** and Recommendations

Develop Implementation Strategies

Spring 2011

Present Draft Plan

Summer 2011

conduct public outreach and gather feedback

Market Findings

- Core area is the focal point
- Focus on attracting and retaining riders
 - High-quality, spontaneous use network
- Consider cost-effective options for non-Core market regions
- General transit network = not competitive, not cost-effective
 - Target services only to specific markets where transit can be a viable mobility choice

Service Findings

- Highest overall performance in Core
- Core is key to raising overall system performance
- Investment in top corridors to benefit majority of riders
- Increasing speeds will benefit riders and decrease operating costs
- Increasing farebox recovery supports financial sustainability
- Routes with high subsidy per boarding warrant reconsideration and rationalization

Core

- High population and employment density (24 people per parcel acre)
- High productivity (45 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- Low subsidy per passenger boarding (\$1.69)
- High farebox recovery (34%)

Outer Core

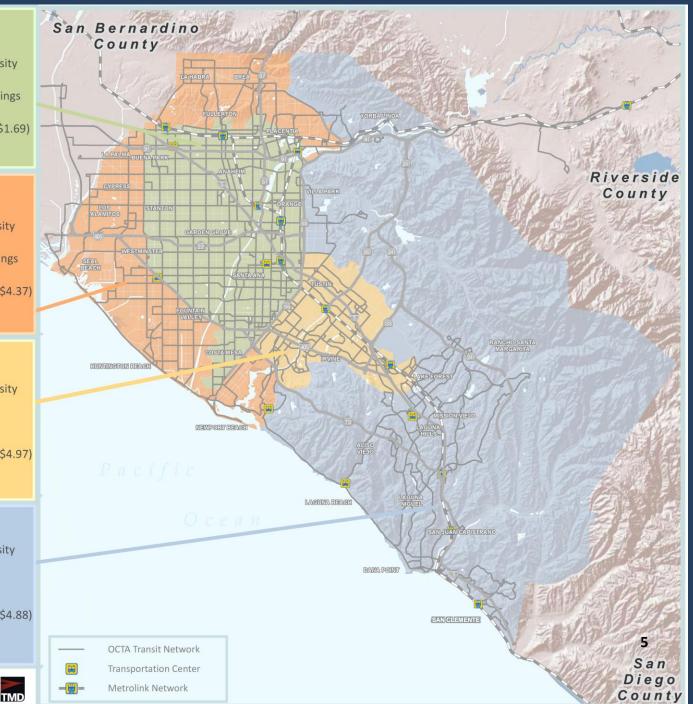
- Low population and employment density (10 people per parcel acre)
- Low productivity (23 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- High subsidy per passenger boarding (\$4.37)
- Low farebox recovery (18%)

Emerging Core

- High population and employment density (18 people per parcel acre)
- Very Low productivity (20 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- High subsidy per passenger boarding (\$4.97)
- Low farebox recovery (15%)

Suburbs

- Low population and employment density (8 people per parcel acre)
- Very low productivity (20 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- High subsidy per passenger boarding (\$4.88)
- Low farebox recovery (18%)



Service Products







Corridors

- Express / Freeway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- BRT/Rapid Bus
- Local Bus
- Regional Rail
- Commuter Rail

Community

- Circulators
- Shuttles
- Flex Routes
- Dial A Ride
- Trip-based Services

Destination

- Shuttles
- Station Vans

Systemwide Redevelopment Principles

- Invest in high performing services
- Substitute lower performing services with lower cost services
- Evaluate Go Local/Circulators as option for fixed-route service
- Design services to attract dependent/choice riders
- Match service products to markets
- Improve service speed
- Transition Metrolink service to regional rail
- Utilize freeway corridors (HOV/HOT) by implementing freeway bus rapid transit/express

Study's Guiding Principles

- Recognize financial limitations, opportunities towards achieving financial sustainability
- Match products and competitive markets to attract dependent and choice customers
- Focus transit investment:
 - Meet financial sustainability mandate
 - Prioritize sustainable markets that meet farebox ratio thresholds

Next Steps

• Continue to collect feedback from:

- Stakeholder Groups
- Cities
- Customers
- Public



Return to Board of Directors
in April with draft service recommendations