

BRIEFING MEMO

AC TRANSIT DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Executive Summary

GM Memo No. 05-112

Meeting Date: May 4, 2005

Committees:

Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
External Affairs Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financing Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SUBJECT:

Final Update: Telegraph/International/East 14th Rapid related activities, implementation of Phase 1 in June 2005

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only Briefing Item Recommended Motion

Fiscal Impact:

Implementation of Phase 1 of the Telegraph/International/East 14 Rapid service will allow the District to apply for and receive \$3 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM-2) funds to offset annual operating costs for this service.

Background/Discussion:

The Board received GM Memo 04-364, **Telegraph-International Rapid update on activities related to implementation of Phase 1 by June 2005**, on December 8, 2004. Since that time some minor changes have occurred and some additional information is available.

BOARD ACTION: **Approved as Recommended** [] **Other** []
 Approved with Modification(s) []

[To be filled in by District Secretary after Board/Committee Meeting]

The above order was passed on _____, 2005.

Rose Martinez, District Secretary
By _____

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Phase 1 now includes:

1. The end-of-line terminal for the 82 local service will now be located at Hayward BART. This extension is more cost effective and less confusing to riders than the previously proposed extension of the 99 line from Hayward BART to BayFair BART.
2. Schedules for both the 82 local and the 82L limited have been completed and are in the process of being incorporated into the Summer Sign-up, scheduled for June 26, 2005. The new 82L schedule provides for relatively modest travel time improvements, a conservative adjustment reflective of the Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) data collected. This data indicates that current actual running times exceed the scheduled running times. It is anticipated that the enhanced 82L will experience considerably improved actual running times.
3. Work has been completed at both ends of the 82L line, to expand layover capacity in expectation of additional buses at layover. The 82L will be deployed using 60-foot Van Hool buses exclusively, with a 10-minute headway and a 14-minute layover to allow for variations in traffic. One "sawtooth" at the BayFair BART Transit Center has been removed and the area repaved, to add capacity at that site, and for the same reason, 100 feet of additional red curb has been added at Lafayette Park, on the Martin Luther King Avenue side. In addition, negotiations with the City of Oakland are ongoing to allow AC Transit to install electronic locks on the bathrooms in the Park, so that they will be available to drivers after 6 p.m.
4. In anticipation of Rapid operation in June 2006, a number of 82L stops have been adjusted, so that the total number, including the 11th and Jefferson Street terminal, has been reduced from 23 to 22 stops. These changes, generated in consultation with Operations staff, have come about since the last Board briefing in December 2004, and include:
 - (a) Shifting the 23rd Avenue stop to 26th Avenue
 - (b) Shifting the Begier Avenue stops to Dutton Avenue
 - (c) Shifting the Durant Avenue stops (in San Leandro) to 104th Avenue, and
 - (d) Combining the Fruitvale Avenue and 35th Avenue stops into a single stop at 34th Avenue/Avenida de la Fuente.
 - (e) A potential Rapid stop at 143rd Avenue has been reserved for a future date, rather than being implemented at this time.
5. In addition to the changes at the end-of-line terminals, construction work is about to begin at 34th Avenue for changes in existing outbound bus bulbs and creation of a new, inbound bus bulb. The contract, handled through our inter-agency agreement with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, also includes filling in an existing outbound bus bay at 11th Street between Broadway and Franklin Streets, creating additional curb space for extension of the existing bus stop at that

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site. The extension will allow 60-foot 82L buses to turn from Broadway onto 11th Street and clear the intersection, even if another bus is in the bus stop.

6. Nelson/Nygaard Associates will begin their Before & After Evaluation of the Telegraph/International/East 14th Rapid service with an initial "Before" study to be conducted this month. A second study will be conducted in May 2006, prior to implementation of the full Rapid service, and the final, "After" evaluation will be conducted in May 2007.
7. Installation of closed circuit cameras that pan, tilt and zoom, is being actively pursued. These cameras would be recommended for installation at the ends of the San Pablo Rapid line and the Telegraph/International/East 14th Rapid line. Images would be available to Central Dispatch and would be exclusively controlled by AC Transit personnel. Work for all four locations is progressing, but likely will not be complete prior to the Summer 2005 Signup.

Prior Relevant Board Actions/Policies:

GM Memo 04-364 Telegraph-International Rapid update on activities related to implementation of Phase 1 by June 2005

Attachments:

Attachment A: Rapid Bus Stops for International/Telegraph Rapid

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