Project Elements and Design

I don’t ride the bus. How will I benefit from the project?

A new modern signal system will be installed that has the ability to adapt to changing traffic conditions. This improvement will reduce congestion delays for both drivers and bus passengers.

Can Intelligent Signal System improve traffic operations?

Yes, the Intelligent Signal System will adjust signal timing based on actual traffic patterns in real time. The system can be updated to adjust to traffic demands as conditions change frequently.

What is a Transit Signal Priority (TSP) System?

The Transit Signal Priority System can respond to a bus requesting an extended green light signal or early green light as it approaches an intersection. The signal controller receiving the request may grant or deny the request. The TSP system will not shorten green light time for pedestrians.

Will a “far-side” bus stop relocation eliminate existing parking?

When relocating bus stops from near to far-side, loss of parking is typically addressed by reclaiming parking spaces from the previous near-side bus stops. A near-side bus stop usually requires a longer curb space in order for a bus to pull into the bus stop. A bus will use an intersection to pull into a far-side bus stop. Thus, a far-side stop requires shorter length than a near-side bus stop.

How does a “far-side” bus stop reduce transit travel times?

When bus stops are on the near side of an intersection with a traffic signal, buses may have to stop before reaching the stop due to possible traffic congestion. Also, after passengers boarding, buses stopping at near-side stops have to merge back into traffic and may catch the next red light. Additionally, far-side stops allow buses to use the transit signal priority for faster travel through signalized intersections.

Will lengthening bus stops remove existing parking?

Lengthening bus stops may eliminate some parking throughout the corridor. Please check the Line 97 Project Improvement page on the AC Transit website for details of the proposed changes and parking impacts at specific locations.
How do you define bus stop improvements?

Bus stops improvements can include widening sidewalks, paving dirt planter strips, and rebuilding curb ramps. The proposed improvements changes will help address passenger safety at bus stops. Please check the Line 97 Project Improvement page on the AC Transit website for details of the proposed improvements at specific locations.

Construction Impacts

How will the bus schedule be affected?

Buses will run on regular schedule, however, bus stop closures may occur near sites of construction work. Dates and locations of these sites will be posted on the website two weeks in advance or as soon as vendors and contractors notify AC Transit.

Will there be alternate bus stops during construction?

Buses will run on our regular schedule; however bus stop closures may occur near sites of construction work. Dates and locations of these sites will be posted on the AC Transit website.

What is Transit Signal Priority?

Transit Signal Priority is an add-on to the traffic signals of the computer controller. The system enables buses to announce their arrival and the signal can grant a few seconds of additional green light to reduce the time spent by waiting at red lights.

How do I find out where construction will occur and for how long?

Construction notices and traffic advisories will be posted on the website or as soon as vendors and contractors notify AC Transit. Business owners and residents fronting construction activities will be notified approximately two weeks before the proposed construction activities.

Information

How do I get more information about the proposed project?

Details of the proposed project are posted on the Line 97 Improvement Project page. If you need additional information or questions, please contact us at planning@actransit.org or by calling 510-891-4854.