Notice is hereby given that the AC Transit Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m. to at least 6:30 p.m. at the AC Transit General Offices, Second Floor Board Room, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California, to receive public comment on the certification of the FEIR described below under “PROJECT DESCRIPTION”.

The East Bay BRT FEIR and appendices are available on AC Transit’s website at www.actransit.org/planning-focus/east-bay-bus-rapid-transit/ and in printed form at the District’s General Offices, located at 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California, and at a variety of other locations, including the main libraries in the Cities of Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro. For information on exact locations where the documents are available in your specific area, please telephone (510) 891-7175 or email planning@actransit.org.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, as studied in the Draft EIR (DEIR) and FEIR includes the following elements:

- Dedicated bus lanes that run in the median throughout most of the corridor
- Transit signal priority
- Service operating at 5-minute intervals during peak and midday periods
- Stations typically spaced 0.2 to 0.4 miles apart that have level-boarding platforms, shelter, seating, security cameras and real-time bus arrival information
- Pre-paid ticketing at the stations
- Low-floor, multi-door, low-emission vehicles with doors on both sides of the bus
Two alternatives are described in the FEIR:

- **The Proposed Project/Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)** is a 14.4-mile BRT line connecting Berkeley, Oakland, and San Leandro, with termini in downtown Berkeley near the BART station (north end of alignment) and in central San Leandro, at the San Leandro BART station (south end). The Proposed Project is a modified version of one of the alternatives in the DEIR.

- A lower cost alternative to the Proposed Project designated the **Downtown Oakland to San Leandro BART Alternative (DOSL)**, limits BRT improvements to a 9.5-mile segment from the Uptown Transit Center in downtown Oakland to the San Leandro BART station. In this segment, the DOSL includes all of the features of the Proposed Project and has generally the same environmental impacts. However, the DOSL does not have any of the environmental consequences (both benefits and impacts) identified for the Proposed Project in the north portion of the corridor, from Berkeley to downtown Oakland.

The FEIR describes the performance of each alternative with respect to ridership, operations, and other factors in addition to documenting environmental effects. Assuming the Board of Directors certifies the FEIR, it will select either the Proposed Project or alternative evaluated in the FEIR to advance into detailed design and ultimately construction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:**
A DEIR was prepared to assess potential environmental impacts and was made available and circulated for public review and comment, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The document was available for public comment for a 60-day public review period from May 4, 2007 to July 3, 2007. AC Transit held four public meetings to receive public testimony on the DEIR on June 7, June 12, June 13 and June 14 of 2007.

The FEIR incorporates new information not included in the DEIR that was developed in response to comments on the DEIR and direction obtained from consultation with the public, local officials, and local/regional/state agencies during the period between release of the DEIR and preparation of the FEIR. The FEIR was available for a 45-day review period from February 3, 2012 to March 19, 2012. Copies of the document were made available on line at [www.actransit.org/planning-focus/east-bay-bus-rapid-transit/](http://www.actransit.org/planning-focus/east-bay-bus-rapid-transit/) and in public libraries in Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro. Seven public meetings were held to receive input on the project: February 23, 27 and 29, and March 1, 5, 7 and 12 of 2012. Unlike the DEIR, responses to comments on the FEIR are not required. All written comments received will be provided to the AC Transit Board as part of the staff report.

**Your Comments Are Invited**

Public comment on the FEIR is invited either in writing or at the public hearing scheduled for 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until at least 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at the AC Transit General Offices, Second Floor Board Room, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California. The public is urged to submit written comments by letter, facsimile, or email, which must be received no later than Monday, April 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in order for the comments to be copied and provided to the Board of Directors for review. Written comments will receive the same attention as verbal comments received at the public hearing. Please address written comments to the AC Transit Board of Directors, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California, 94612; by facsimile at (510) 891-7157; or by email to planning@actransit.org. Comments may also be submitted by voicemail at (510) 891-7201. For the Spanish-language notice, call (510) 891-5408, and for the Chinese-language notice, call (510) 891-5409.

**Meeting site is wheelchair accessible.**

Upon request, a sign language interpreter will be present at the hearing. Foreign language interpreters can be provided, if needed. Please contact the District Secretary’s Office at (510) 891-7201 by Friday, April 20, 2012 at 12:00 p.m., to make arrangements. For TDD for hearing impaired, call 711, California Relay Service, and specify (510) 891-4700.

**Transit to the Hearing Site**

All AC Transit bus lines serving downtown Oakland stop within walking distance of the public hearing site. For trip-planning, visit [www.actransit.org](http://www.actransit.org) or call 511 (and say, “AC Transit”). The site can also be reached using BART via the 19th St. Oakland station.

**Questions?**

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