SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2001-2010 Short Range Transit Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Information Only ☒ Recommended Motion

1) Receive public testimony regarding the Draft 2001-2010 Short Range Transit Plan; and 2) Adopt the 2001-2010 Short Range Transit Plan

Fiscal Impact:
None

Background/Discussion:
The Draft Short Range Transit Plan was released for public review on January 24, 2002. Attachment A includes the letters, advertisements and flyers that were used to alert the public of the availability of the document.

To announce the SRTP and the public hearing, staff undertook the following activities:
- Placed advertisements in local papers announcing the public hearing (Attachment A, page 1-2)

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

The above order was passed and adopted on ____________________, 2002.
Rose Martinez, District Secretary
By ___________________________
Delivered letters to all elected officials of the local jurisdictions including: mayors, city council members and county supervisors (attachment A, page 3)

Mailed notices to local planning departments or other affected agencies—such as MTC, BART and ACTIA

Mailed over 5000 flyers to individuals and groups contained in the outreach database (attachment A, page 4)

Placed carcards on the District’s buses, announcing the public hearing to the passengers

The flyers and letters provided in Attachment A announced the availability of the SRTP on the District's website, and provided a telephone number to call to have a copy mailed. Copies were also placed in local main branch libraries and at the MTC library. However, many of the copies were missing from the libraries recently, requiring staff to replenish the copies. Several copies were also taken from the front desk of the G.O., where they were placed for viewing.

As a result of the mailing, several SRTPs were sent to people who requested them. In addition, the following elected officials or agencies requested and received copies:

- Oakland City Council member Larry Ried’s office (contact: Pat Mossberg)
- Oakland City Council member Jane Bruner
- The Port of Oakland (contact: Pam Kershon)
- Caltrans (contact: Rick Kuo)
- League of Women Voters

To date, only two comments have been received. However, they were both on the retention or change of specific routes, not on the content of the SRTP. Both letters have been forwarded to the Short Range Planning Department for consideration on service restructuring.

The Draft Short Range Transit Plan contained in Attachment B contains several corrections or additions that were suggested by the Board of Directors at their January 24th meeting. The following changes have been made:

- Pages 4-10/11: included additional language to amplify the District’s commitment to Environmental Justice issues
- Page 5-19: Eliminated the reference to $100 for the cost of the proposed annual student pass
- Page 3-10, Figure 3-4: Added “MacArthur/Airport” corridor to the table, which was missing
- Page 4-2: Added Neighborhood Appropriate Vehicle Policy to District Priority section as approved by the Board on February 21, 2002
- Page 5-1: Added paragraphs to strengthen the advocacy position of the chapter
- Page 5-9, figure 5-2: corrected frequencies of routes
At the January 24, 2002 meeting, the Board of Directors also expressed an interest in having a summary version of Chapter 5: Strategic Vision that could be used as an advocacy piece with elected officials or community activists. Staff will present this to the Board at the March 21, 2002 meeting for approval. Staff envisions that this brief yet concise piece will include not only projects reflected in the Optimal Plan, but also near-term projects that are currently in our Business Plan that may have additional funding needs.

Prior Relevant Board Actions/Policies:
GM Memo: 01-342a: Authorize staff to circulate Draft SRTP for Public Review and Consider Setting a Public Hearing on March 7, 2002 to receive public testimony
GM Memo: 01-240: Update on SRTP
GM Memo: 01-240: Review of Capital and Financial Plan
GM Memo: 01-261a: Review and Comment on various elements of the SRTP
GM Memo: 01-261b: Adoption of the Strategic Vision element

Attachments:
Attachment A: Materials advertising the Public Availability of the Draft SRTP
Attachment B: Final Draft SRTP

Approved by: Kathleen Kelly, Deputy General Manager, Service Development
Prepared by: Tina B Konvalinka, Long Range Planning Manager
Date Prepared: February 25, 2002

Ref: s/research/gm_memo/srtp adoption march 7 02.doc
Notice is hereby given that the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District has scheduled a public hearing for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2002, in the District’s Board Room, Second Floor, 1600 Franklin Street in downtown Oakland, to accept comments on the proposed Short Range Transit Plan for 2001 through 2010.

The 2001-2010 Short Range Transit Plan describes goals, policies and strategies to assist AC Transit in providing transit service that meets the needs of the community within the District’s existing budget. It also includes an un-funded “Strategic Vision” operating plan that would significantly increase service as well as increase ridership throughout the service area. The “Strategic Vision” represents the District’s response to the Consent Decree entered into in the case of Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates, et al. v. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (filed February 21, 2001) C-01-0750 TEH.

For more information and to review the draft Short Range Transit Plan, visit our Web site at www.actransit.org. The SRTP is also available for public inspection at many city offices and main branch libraries throughout the East Bay and at the AC Transit General Office, located at 1600 Franklin Street in Downtown Oakland.

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENTS

Public comment on this proposal is invited either in writing or at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Written comment may be submitted before the public hearing. Facsimiles or e-mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in order to be provided to the Board for consideration. Address written comment to AC Transit, District Secretary, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612, send it by facsimile to 510-891-7157 or send E-mail to planning@actransit.org.

Meeting site is wheelchair accessible.
A sign language interpreter will be provided, if needed. To arrange for an ASL translator, Please contact the District Secretary’s Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2002. Call 510-891-4851. (Hearing-impaired only, call TDD-ONLY 1-800-448-9790).

Please do not wear scented products to the meeting.
Dear:

AC Transit is pleased to announce the release of the Draft 2001-2010 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

Last year, we asked our riders, policy makers, community leaders and neighborhoods how we could provide better service to reach our goal of serving more than 85 million passengers a year in the next five years. Based on that feedback, we’ve developed a Short Range Transit Plan that is now available for your comment.

The SRTP not only contains information about how we intend to serve our community under the current financial conditions, but it also explains how we would like to operate the District if more money were available.

The Draft SRTP is available for review through several avenues: you can access the document via the web at www.actransit.org by clicking the SRTP tab under the “On The Horizon” section. Or, if you prefer, we can send you a copy for your review. We also will have copies in most main branch libraries, city halls and senior centers. AC Transit staff is also available to come to your group, city or organization’s meeting to present the draft plan. Please call me to schedule a time that works with your group.

If you want to comment on the Draft SRTP, you can either send email to tkonvali@actransit.org or you can provide comments in writing to:

Long Range Planning-SRTP comments
AC Transit
1600 Franklin Street
7th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

A public hearing before the AC Transit Board of Directors will be held to receive input prior to the adoption of the SRTP:

Thursday, March 7, 2002 6 p.m.
AC Transit Board Room-2nd floor
1600 Franklin Street
Oakland, CA 94612

If you need additional information about the 2001-2010 Draft Short Range Transit Plan, please feel free to call me at 510/891-4754.

Sincerely,

Tina B Konvalinka
Long Range Planning Manager
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