

# TELEGRAPH AVENUE RAPID CORRIDORS PROJECT FAQs



## Overview

### 1. What is the purpose of the Rapid Corridors Project?

The Rapid Corridors Project intends to improve reliability and travel time along Grand/West Grand Avenues, San Pablo Avenue, and Telegraph Avenue.

## Public Input Information

### 2. How can I provide input?

We will hold a virtual community meeting in Spring 2021 for the Telegraph Avenue Rapid Corridors Project. A survey will also be made available, electronically and in printed form, to provide feedback. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this community meeting will be held virtually through Zoom using the following link: <http://www.tinyurl.com/RapidCorridors>. The meeting will be held on June 3rd, 6:00 to 7:30pm. To participate by phone, call (877) 369-0926 and use webinar ID 956 0091 3364. The project survey can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/rc-telegraph>. Please provide input on the project by June 25<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, we will send letters to those who work, live, and/or own businesses or property close to the proposed bus stop changes. Please check the [actransit.org](http://actransit.org) for project details.

You can submit your comments by:

Email: [planning@actransit.org](mailto:planning@actransit.org)

Phone: 510-591-7262

Mail: AC Transit, Service Planning and Development Department, 1600 Franklin Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

## Traffic Signal Improvements

### 3. What is a Transit Signal Priority (TSP) System?

Transit Signal Priority System (TSP) allows buses to request priority upon arrival at the traffic signal and the signal can grant additional seconds of green light or turn lights green earlier when needed to reduce time spent waiting at red lights.

### 4. Will these signal modifications benefit cyclists and motorists as well?

Buses can slow the flow of traffic due to frequent stops and reentering traffic along a street. As a result, traffic behind the buses must yield, which can result in congestion. If buses can move more effectively in and out of bus stops, traffic will be improved for all modalities. In addition, the retiming and synchronization of traffic signals will help provide adequate crossing time for people walking and bicycling through an intersection. Motorists will also benefit from reduced delay at traffic signals, improving travel time along the streets. Improved traffic signals will help buses travel more efficiently. Buses approaching traffic signals can request either an early green time or for the traffic signal to hold green for buses to cross the intersection to the far side stop. This will minimize delay to the buses and enhance traffic safety to pedestrians as they will be crossing the intersection behind the buses. The project will retime the traffic signals to provide more clearance timing for pedestrian crossing and more crossing timing for bicyclists.

## Bus Stop Changes

### 5. How does AC Transit staff make decisions about bus stop relocation?

There are several factors that determine changes to an existing bus stop. Considerations include several elements, such as changes in land use policy, bus operations, safety, and stop spacing (i.e., how close was the previous stop and how far is the next stop). Bus stop relocation helps achieve stop spacing for local and rapid bus service types as defined by AC Transit [Board Policy No. 501](#). In addition, stops proposed to be removed are close to neighboring stops with higher ridership activity.

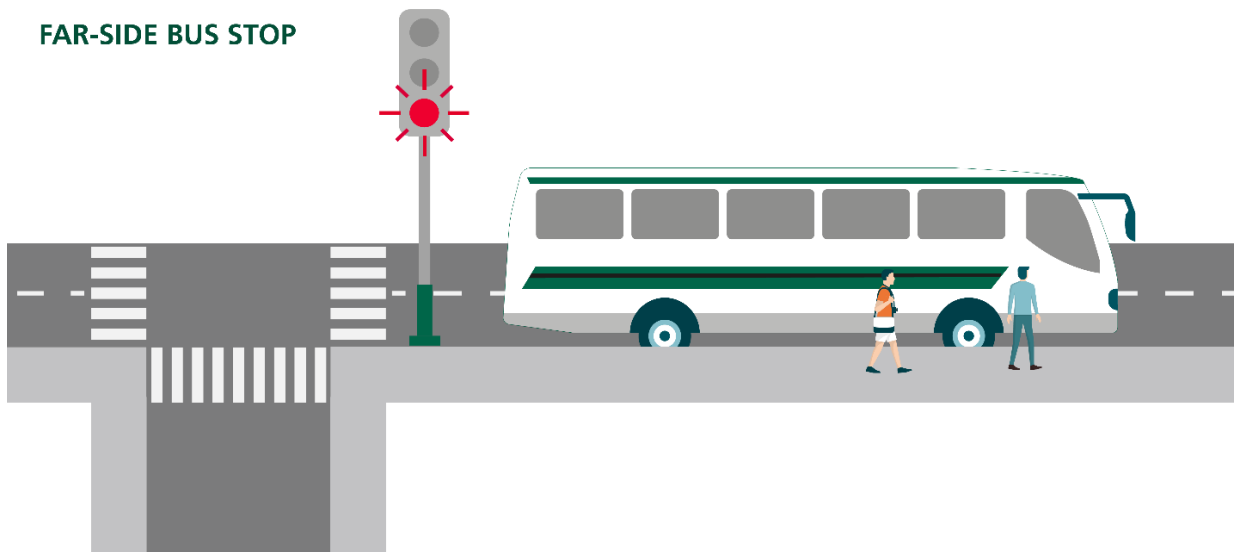
### 6. What are “near-side” bus stops and “far-side” bus stops?

Near-side bus stops are located immediately before crossing an intersection. Far-side bus stops are located immediately after crossing an intersection.

#### NEAR-SIDE BUS STOP



#### FAR-SIDE BUS STOP



**7. Why are “far-side” bus stops preferred to “near-side” stops?**

When stops are on the near-side of an intersection with a traffic signal, buses may have to halt before reaching the stop due to possible traffic congestion. After passengers board, buses at near-side stops have to merge back into traffic and may be stopped by a red light. By placing a bus stop on the far-side, buses can use the transit signal priority for faster travel through signalized intersections. Relocating the bus stops to the far-side of the intersections is expected to increase safety and promote healthy, and equitable mobility for all. This supports policies recently adopted by the cities of Berkeley and Oakland.

**Changes to On-Street Parking****8. Will bus stops improvements affect existing parking?**

Expanding and creating new bus stops will improve service and reduce transit delays and remove some parking throughout the corridor. On the other hand, bus stops removals can create the opportunity to add parking or loading spaces. These improvements can include longer bus stops, relocations, consolidations, pavement of dirt planter strips, and the rebuilding of some sidewalk areas. The proposed improvements will enhance rider safety and access at bus stops. Please check the [www.actransit.org](http://www.actransit.org) for potential parking impacts at specific locations.

**9. Will a “far-side” bus stop relocation affect existing parking?**

When relocating bus stops from near to far-side, parking is adjusted by reclaiming spaces from the previous near-side stops. A near-side stop usually requires a longer curb space for operations, while a bus will use an intersection to pull into a far-side bus stop, needing shorter length than a near-side bus stop. These can also result in a “net” parking gain.

**Construction Impacts****10. How will the bus schedule be affected?**

Buses will run on our regular schedule; however, bus stop closures may occur near sites of construction work. Please subscribe to [eNews](#) for bus line information and check notices posted at your stop.

**11. Will there be an alternate bus stop during construction?**

Residents, business owners and property owners affected by construction activities will be notified approximately two weeks before the proposed construction activities. Please subscribe to [eNews](#) for bus line information and check notices posted at your bus stop.