

LINES F AND J: FACTS ABOUT FUTURE SERVICE

TODAY'S SERVICE

The existing F line is not an efficient route from Berkeley to Emeryville, or between those cities and San Francisco. The current line attempts to provide a local route around campus; links Berkeley and Emeryville; and acts as a Transbay route for Berkeley and Emeryville. It has become unreliable and difficult to manage effectively.

GOALS OF THE INITIAL PROPOSALS

As part of the Service Expansion Plan (SEP), AC Transit proposed changes to Transbay lines F and J as well as significant improvements to local service in the area.

TRANSBAY

The proposals included more direct local service between Emeryville and Berkeley and a quicker, higher frequency all-day connection from both Berkeley and Emeryville to San Francisco. Berkeley and Emeryville generate by far the highest ridership on lines F and J. That said, this proposal meant the loss of all-day Transbay service along 40th Street in Emeryville and Market Street in Oakland.

LOCAL SERVICE

The proposals improve local service in an effort to alleviate the reduction of service along Market and 40th streets. This will require some customers to transfer in order to use Transbay service off-peak and during weekends but will greatly improve reliability.

- **L22** – The proposed new line provides a direct 20-minute frequent service between Bancroft Way in Berkeley through to Christie and Hollis streets in Emeryville. This route provides a strong local service between Berkeley and Emeryville.
- **Line 52** – Increases in frequency to every 20 minutes in the off-peak, providing better all-day service around UC campus.
- **Line 57** – The existing route will extend to Public Market in Emeryville. This will create a 15-minute frequent service along 40th Street and will connect with the Transbay route proposed in Emeryville.

NEW ALTERNATIVES

AC Transit is currently seeking input on the following potential service alternatives for lines F and J.

Alternative 1: Modified Existing

Line F: Modified slightly to serve the area around 64th and Shellmound streets before getting on the freeway to cross the Bay Bridge. It will serve the same area in the reverse direction before continuing on its current path. There would be no loss of service along 40th or Market streets.

Line J: No changes.

Alternative 2: Current Proposal

Line F: Would travel southwest from Berkeley along Adeline Street before turning west on Alcatraz Avenue and 65th Street then south on Shellmound Street to access the freeway. Market and 40th streets will retain peak-hour Transbay service and have enhanced local service to access BART and Line F.

Line J: From Berkeley, would travel south along Sacramento and Market to access the freeway via Macarthur Blvd.

Alternative 3: Stanford/Powell

Line F: From Berkeley, Line F would travel along Adeline Street and onto Stanford Avenue/Powell Street. Prior to entering the freeway, it would loop north along Christie Avenue to 64th Street then Shellmound Street. It would do the same upon exiting the freeway in the reverse direction. Market and 40th streets would retain peak-hour Transbay service and have enhanced local service to access BART and Line F.

Line J: From Berkeley, would travel south along Sacramento and Market streets to access the freeway via Macarthur Blvd.

Alternative 4: Split Line F

Line F: Split Line F into a Transbay route originating at Powell Street in Emeryville, with direct access to the freeway. The remainder of the current Line F would become a local line that would provide timed connections with Line F. Areas currently served by Line F would continue to have either direct all-day Transbay access or would have all-day local service with a timed connection to all-day Transbay service.

Line J: No changes.

PROVIDE INPUT

AC Transit received more than 700 comments regarding the initial proposals for lines F and J. A decision on these lines has been delayed to provide additional time for public input. We will be working with Emeryville, Oakland, and UC Berkeley to adjust the initial proposal so that it will better meet the needs of the areas being served. Meetings to gather input will be held at the following days and locations:

- **Oakland:** Mon., Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
St. Columba Church,
6401 San Pablo Ave.
- **Emeryville:** Sat., Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
City of Emeryville Town Hall Council Chambers,
1333 Park Ave.

Interpretive services can be provided at the meetings, if requested five days in advance. Please leave a voicemail request, in any language, at (510) 891-7293.

