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## **OCTA Bus Restructuring Study**

OCTA Special Needs Advisory Committee July 27, 2021



- Last bus restructuring study completed in 2012
  - Last set of recommendations implemented as OC Bus 360 in 2016-2018
- Transit landscape has undergone major changes
  - Microtransit, TNCs
  - Ridership decline
  - COVID-19 Pandemic
- The recommendations from the study will integrate previous planning efforts, route performance and travel patterns and design a sustainable system based on constrained financial resources.

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Overview

- Consists of three phases
  - Phase 1: Research and data collection
    - Review recommendations from previous planning efforts
    - Fall 2019 Fixed Route Performance
    - Fall 2021 Fixed Route and Paratransit Trends
    - 2019 and 2021 Travel Data Analysis
  - Phase 2: Recommendation Development and Refinement
    - Develop Draft Service Plan
      - Includes Draft Route Recommendations, Rider Impacts, Initial Title VI Report, OC Access Rider Impacts, and Recommendation Information via Web Portal
    - Final Service Plan
    - Alternative Service Recommendations
  - Optional Phase 3: Implementation Assistance





- Phase 1: July December 2021
- Phase 2: January August 2022
- Optional Phase 3: August 2022 February 2023
- OCTA Board of Directors will approve service design framework, draft service plan, and final service plan
- Implement changes in starting in February 2023

## **Public Engagement**

- The OCTA and Consultant team are finalizing the public engagement plan
  - It will include Board presentations, Special Needs Advisory Committee presentations, stakeholder meetings, project website, public workshops
  - First round of outreach is anticipated to occur in January February 2022
  - Second round of outreach is anticipated to occur in late spring/early summer 2022



