

TRANSIT SYSTEM STUDY UPDATE



Status Update



We Are Here.

Develop Framework and Approach

Research and Data Collection **Develop Alternatives** and Recommendations

Develop Implementation Strategies

Present Draft Plan

Summer 2011



Overview



- Market Region Overview
- Study Goals
- Service Strategies and Concepts
 - Systemwide
 - By market region
- Service Phases
- Next Steps

Core

- High population and employment density (24 people per parcel acre)
- High productivity (45 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- Low subsidy per passenger boarding (\$1.69)
- High farebox recovery (34%)

Outer Core

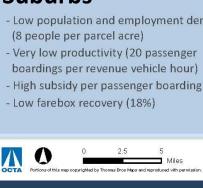
- Low population and employment density (10 people per parcel acre)
- Low productivity (23 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- High subsidy per passenger boarding (\$4.37)
- Low farebox recovery (18%)

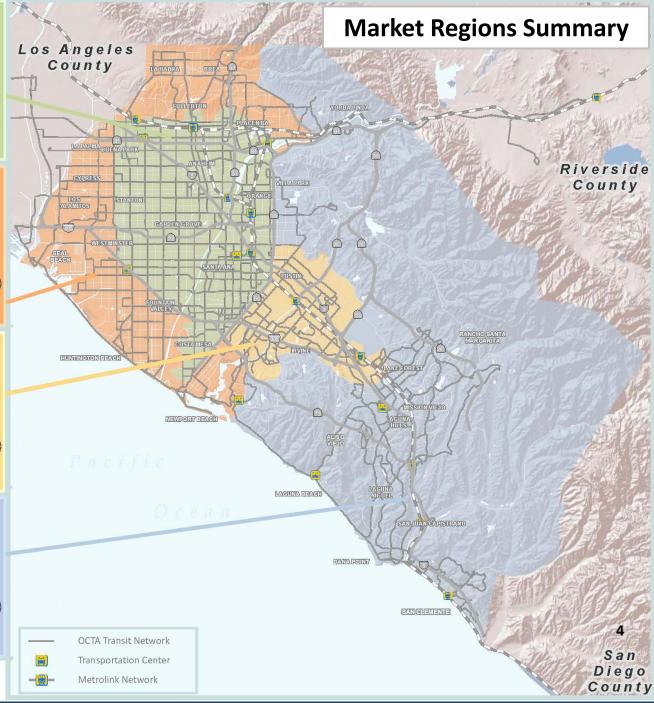
Emerging Core

- High population and employment density (18 people per parcel acre)
- Very Low productivity (20 passenger boardings per revenue vehicle hour)
- High subsidy per passenger boarding (\$4.97)
- Low farebox recovery (15%)

Suburbs

- Low population and employment density (8 people per parcel acre)
- High subsidy per passenger boarding (\$4.88)





Study Goals



- Achieve financial sustainability and provide options for growth with additional funding
- Improve fixed-route and paratransit service efficiency and effectiveness
- Increase ridership by attracting both dependent and choice customers
- Focus Transit Investment:
 - Meet financial sustainability mandate
 - Prioritize sustainable markets that meet farebox ratio thresholds

Service Strategies and Concepts







Systemwide Restructuring Principles



- Develop service tiers into an integrated network
- Reinvest in high performing services
- Replace lower performing services with lower cost services
- Integrate Go Local with the fixed-route network
- Match service products to markets
- Improve service efficiency and service speeds



Core Guiding Principles





Core

- High densities
- Transit-centric
- Pedestrian friendly
- Mix of trips
- Linear corridor grid
- High transit expectation

"Transit First" Solution

- Transit-oriented lifestyle
- High transit utilization

Focus on "Supply-Side"

- Build the network, focus on structural spines (current BRT proposals plus others)
- Short waits (spontaneous use frequencies)
- Move people quickly
- Provide capacity

Core Concepts



Create a network of Rapid bus

- Introduce Bravo! service incrementally
- Build a network of rapid bus routes
- Investing in a rapid bus network will benefit a majority of system riders





Core Concepts

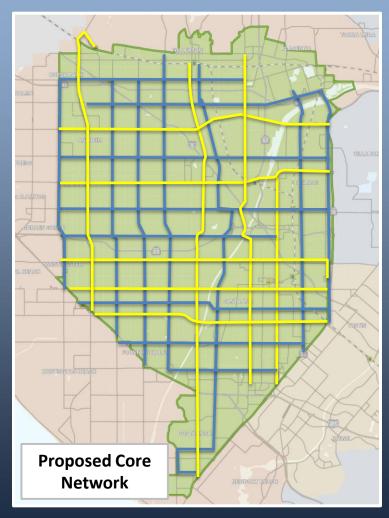


Supporting local network

 Invest in overall Core network to foster spontaneous use and faster journey times



Discussion?





Emerging Core Guiding Principles





Emerging Core

- Foster sustainable mobility
- Auto-centric development
- Incomplete pedestrian accommodations
- Multiple trip purposes
- High transit expectation

Stronger Transit-Orientation Required

- Mixed-use development
- Accessible, walkable streets
- Linear rather than nodal development
- Street-front development

Focus on "Demand-Side"

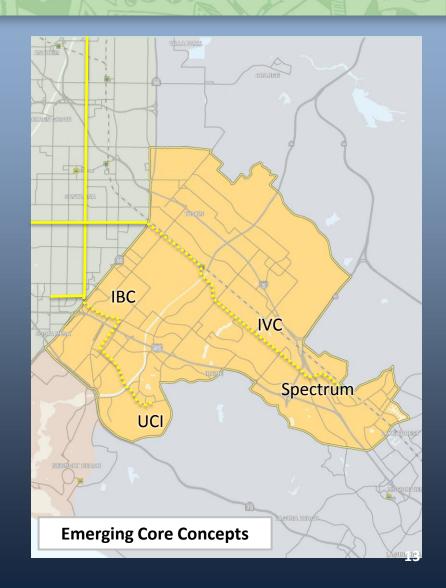
- Extend the Core network as transit corridors are developed
- Short waits and easy transfers
- Fast travel times
- Make transit a competitive product



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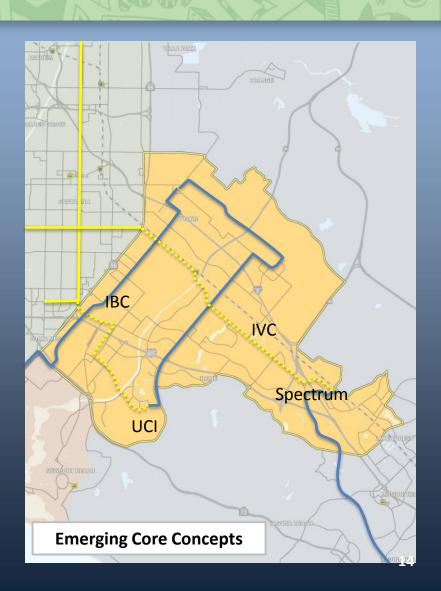
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 - Irvine Valley College (IVC)/ Spectrum







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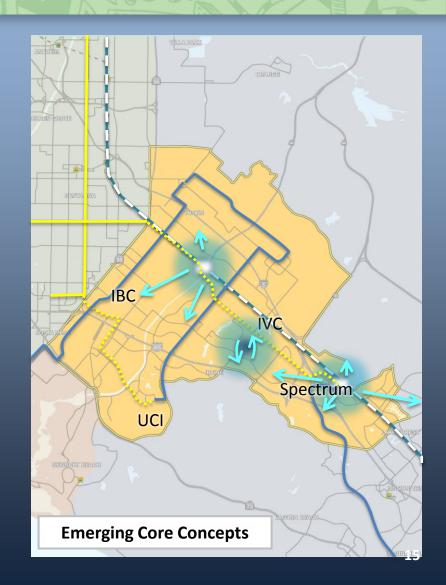






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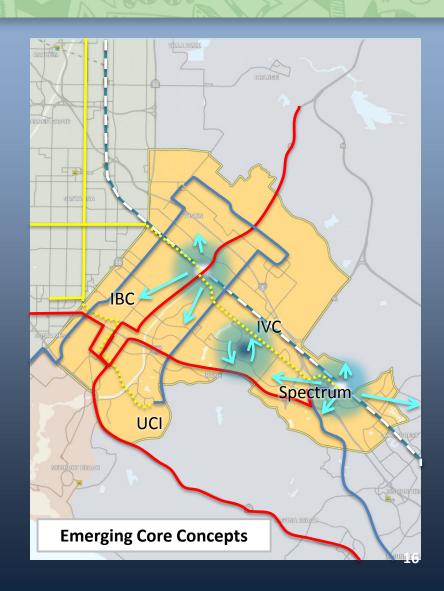




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- Freeway express service









Outer Core Guiding Principles





Outer Core

- Lacks major concentrations
- Linear corridors with reduced densities
- Long travel to central Core areas and major destinations
- Split OC-LA orientation
- Geographic service barriers

Transit Part of Mobility Solution

 Match transit levels and options with market conditions

Focus on Where Transit can be Successful ("demand-side")

- Compete with auto travel
- Focus on favorable market segments, need for continued infill development
- Recognize need for partnerships



Outer Core Concepts



Integrate with Core network

Extend rapid network





Outer Core Concepts



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- Extend rapid network •••••••
- Extension of local routes





Outer Core Concepts



Integrate with Core network

- Extend rapid network
- Extension of local routes
- Introduce new fixed-route or flexible community options
- Integrate Go Local proposals



Discussion?



Suburbs Principles





Suburbs

- Low density with pockets of demand
- Auto-centric
- Long trips to Core area
- Higher income
- Dispersed trip-making

Auto-Centric Mobility

- Transit not part of basic mobility solution for residents
- Transit has a role for certain travel needs

Transit Challenges

- Difficult to meet performance targets for regular all-day transit
- Work/school commute and senior mobility focus
- Connecting Core residents to jobs
- Destination partnerships necessary for route success





Match service to markets

 Enhance connections to the Core







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- Express service to Emerging
 Core destinations







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- Retain productive fixed-route local bus service







Match service to markets

- Enhance connections to the Core
- Express service to Emerging
 Core destinations
- Retain productive fixed-route local bus service
- Augment with flexible community based services



Discussion?



Service Restructuring Strategy Recap



- Recognize financial limitations, opportunities towards achieving financial sustainability
- Match products and competitive markets to attract dependent and choice customers
- Focus transit investment:
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Service Phasing



Short Term (1 – 3 Years)

Mid-Term (4 – 6 Years)

Long Term (7 – 10 Years)

Next Steps



- Continue to Gather Feedback from:
 - Board of Directors
 - Stakeholder Groups
 - Cities
 - Customers
 - Public
- Continue Developing Service Recommendations

