

ARTIC Accessibility Compliance Assessment

Today's Presentation

- To share progress to date in complying with new USDOT requirements for level-boarding at ARTIC
- To receive comments regarding the project approach and alternatives

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- ARTIC Overview
- Level-Boarding Requirements
- ARTIC Railroad Operations
 - Amtrak
 - Metrolink
- ARTIC Level-Boarding Approach
- Comments

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ARTIC Overview

A Consolidated
Point of Presence for:

- Metrolink
- Amtrak
- OCTA Bus
- Anaheim Resort Transit
- Taxi Services
- Intercity Buses
- International Buses
- Tour and Charter Buses
- Private Vehicles/Parking
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Access



ARTIC Overview

The Need for ARTIC



> AMTRAK

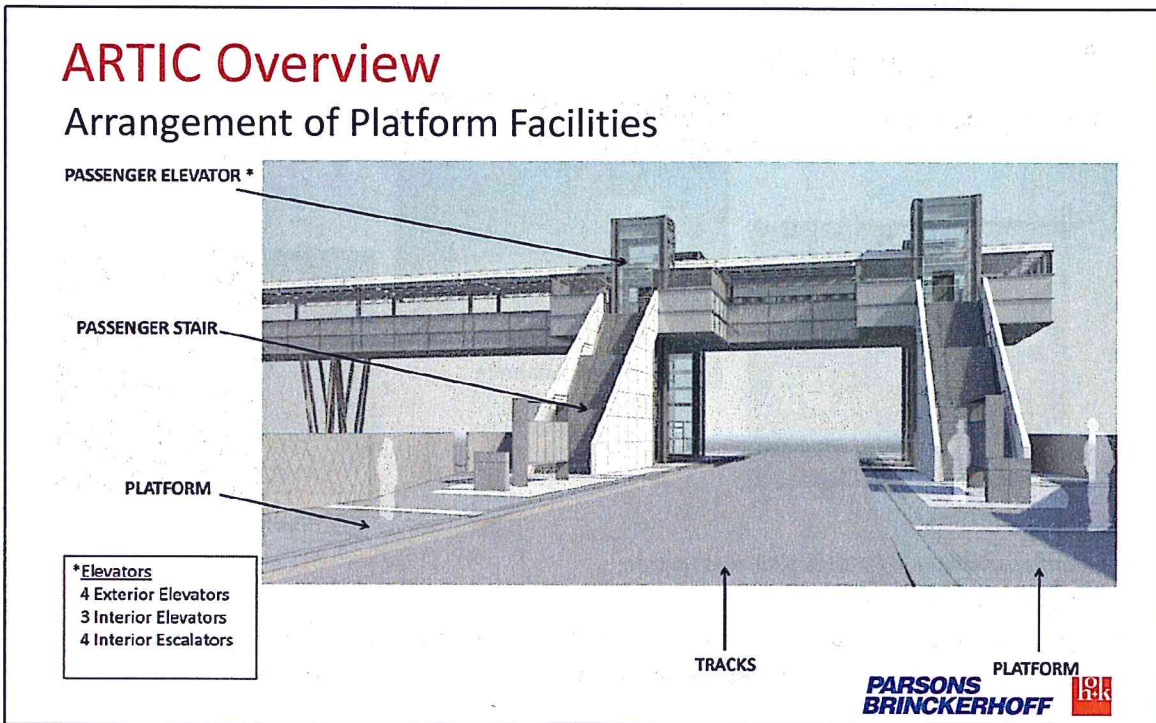
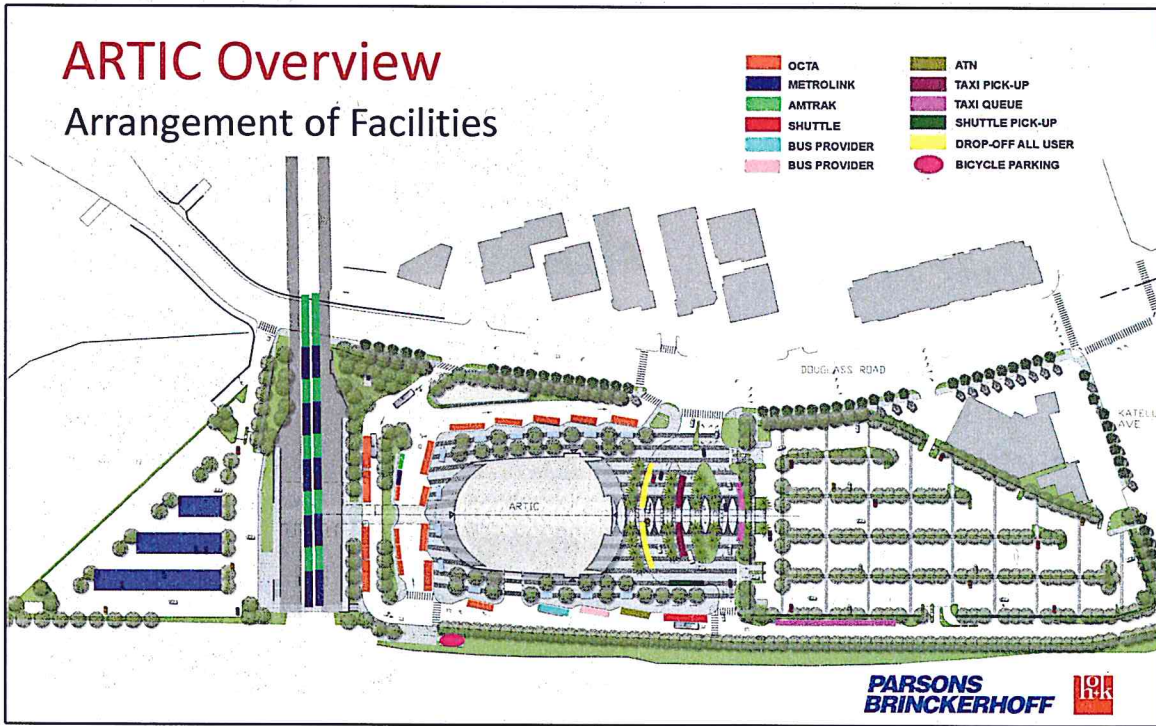


> Metrolink Anaheim Train Station



> Anaheim Station

- Continued demand for Metrolink and Amtrak.
- Anticipated increased rail service
- Anaheim Station is 3rd busiest for combined ridership with approximately 540,000 riders in FY2010-11.
- Need a transit facility to serve the growing population and number of workers and visitors.



Federal Level-Boarding Requirements

49 CFR §37.42 provides that passenger railroads must ensure that people with disabilities have access to all accessible cars available to people without disabilities in each train using a station.

- Where no platform track is shared with freight trains, full-length, level-entry boarding is required
- Where platform tracks are shared with freight trains, the passenger railroad must meet an equivalent performance standard for accessibility

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Level-Boarding Requirements

An acceptable performance standard provides a means of access for people with disabilities that is:

- Integrated
- Safe
- Reliable
- Timely
- Effective

Maximum gap allowable between platform edge and door:

3 inches horizontally and 5/8th of an inch vertically

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Level-Boarding Requirements

Performance standards can be met through:

- Car-borne mechanical devices (lifts)
- Car-borne manual devices (bridge plates, portable ramps)
- Track-based mechanical devices (gauntlet tracks)
- Platform-based mechanical devices (lifts, retractable platform edges)
- Platform-based manual devices (mini-highs, portable ramps, portable lifts)

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Level-Boarding Requirements

Acceptable means of achieving performance standards are influenced by:

- Rolling stock characteristics
- System characteristics
- Railroad operating practices

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ARTIC Railroad Operations

Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center

- Existing freight trains operated by BNSF Railway
 - Freight trains operate on both platform tracks
- Passenger railroad operations
 - National Rail Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)
 - Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink)
 - California High Speed Rail Authority (*future*)
 - High speed trains will employ separate tracks and platforms
 - To be considered later at the time of HSR construction

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Amtrak

- *Pacific Surfliner* consists mostly “California Cars”
 - 18-inch car floor above top of rail (ATOR)
 - One door per car designated accessible
 - Conductors deploy portable ramps as needed



Amtrak

- Manual portable lifts available at Anaheim
 - Manually operated by train crew and/or station personnel
 - Stored on platforms
 - Lift/lower passengers with disabilities ± 10 inches



Amtrak

- 52-inch folding ramp carried on board every car
 - Stowed in a special compartment next to accessible doors
 - 10-inch gap to an 8-inch platform edge
 - Creates an ADA unacceptable slope (19% or 1:5)
- Next Generation Amtrak cars will have on-board lifts



Metrolink

- Operates mixed fleet of Bombardier and newer Rotem cars
 - 25-inch ATOR floor
 - Lower intermediate step located about 18 inches ATOR
 - One door per car designated accessible



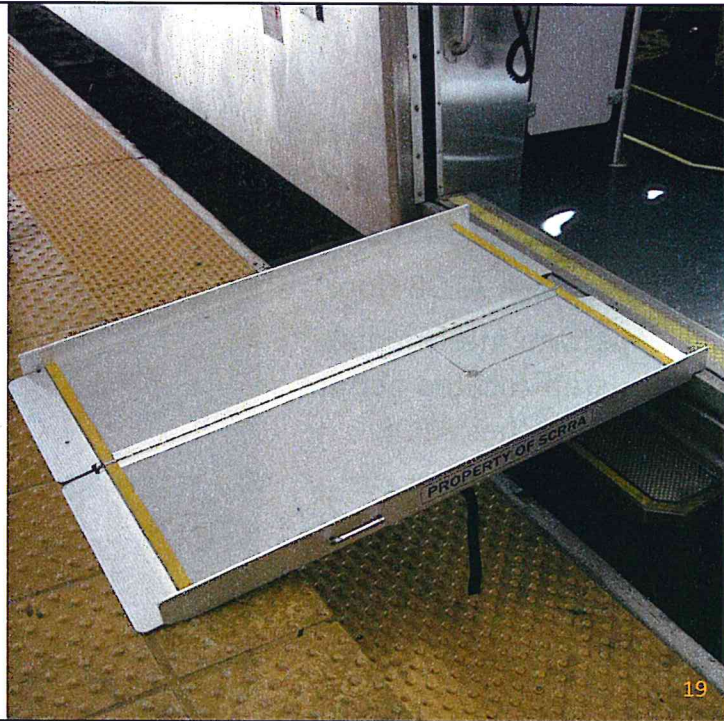
Metrolink

- Use mini-high platforms for access
 - At Los Angeles end of every platform
 - Train is repositioned as needed to access other cars
 - 21 inches ATOR
 - 7'-11" (95-inch) setback from the center line of track



Metrolink

- Approximate 34-inch gap horizontal from car body to mini-high platforms edge
 - Gap spanned by folding bridge plate deployed by train crew



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ARTIC Level-Boarding Approach

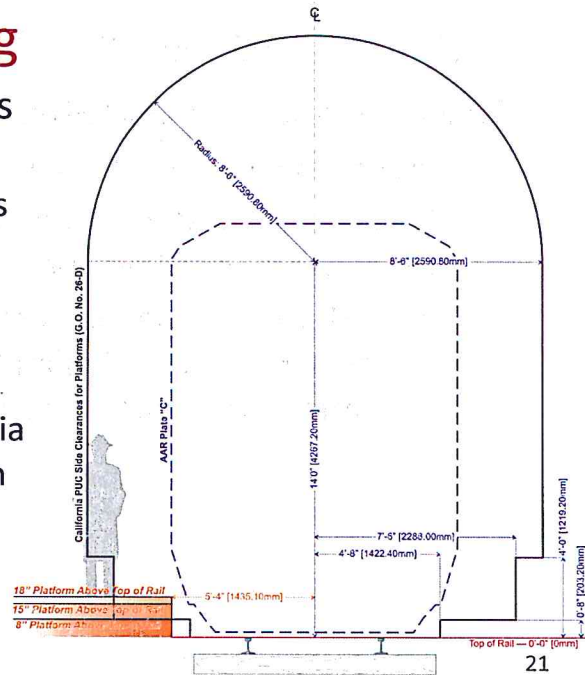
- Full-length, level-entry boarding not an option
 - Platform tracks are shared with freight trains
 - Amtrak and Metrolink trains are not equipped with on-board mechanical lifts
 - Amtrak and Metrolink floor heights and door configurations are not compatible with a single platform design



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ARTIC Level-Boarding

- Alternate platform heights were considered
 - Only 8-inch ATOR platforms would be:
 - Compatible with current Amtrak and Metrolink operating practices
 - Compatible with California Public Utility Commission clearance standards



ARTIC Level-Boarding Approach

- Level-boarding performance measures are proposed to be met through:
 - Amtrak: Portable platform lifts deployed by conductor
 - Supplemented by car-borne ramps
 - Metrolink: Mini-high platforms combined with car-borne bridge plate deployed by conductor
 - Train will be repositioned as needed to access all cars



ARTIC Level-Boarding Approach

- Recommendation/Next Step
 - Proceed with 8-inch ATOR platforms
 - Submit a *Request for Determination* to the FRA and FTA for the recommended platform height
 - Performance measures to be met through portable car-borne ramps (Amtrak) or a combination of mini-high platforms and car-borne bridge plates (Metrolink)

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