

Santa Ana/Garden Grove Streetcar Update

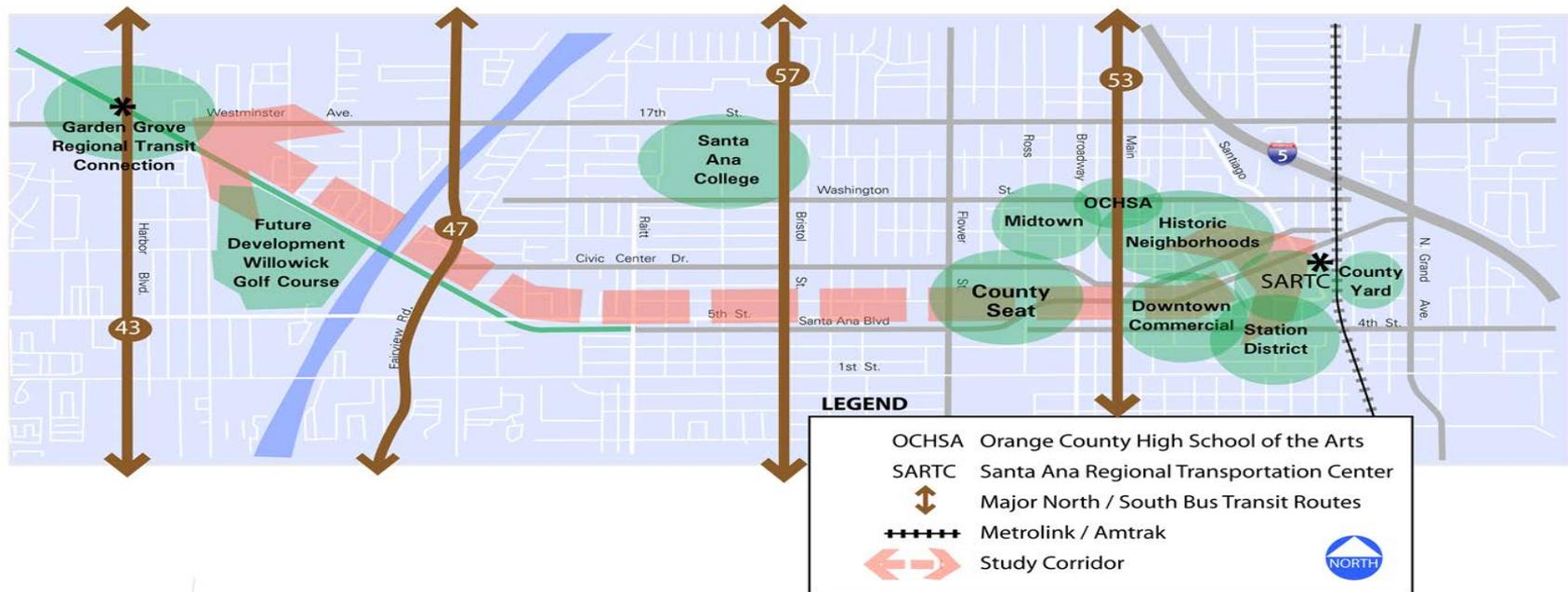
Citizens Advisory Committee
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Background

- **Initiated with Go Local Program in 2006- Transit Needs Assessment; broaden the reach of the Metrolink system by providing a link between Metrolink stations and major destinations.**
- **In 2008, the OCTA Board of Directors approved two fixed guideway projects, one in Anaheim and one in Santa Ana/Garden Grove, to the alternatives analysis (AA) and environmental clearance phase of project development**
- **M2 Project S: Transit Extensions to Metrolink: \$1.3 billion available for implementation**

SA/GG: Project Objective



Provide east-west transit service between the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and a new transportation hub in Garden Grove

SA/GG: Evaluation of Alternatives

- **Phase 1: Preliminary Definition of Alternatives - ten mode options and four route alignments**
- **Phase 2: Initial Screening - reduced to four Alternatives (no-build, bus, streetcar 1 on 4th Street, streetcar 2 on 5th Street)**
- **Phase 3: Evaluation and Draft Environmental Impact Report – completed in May 2014**
- **Phase 4: Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) selected by Santa Ana City Council in August 2014**

SA/GG: Locally Preferred Alternative



LEGEND

- Locally Preferred Alternative
- Proposed Stop
- O&M Site
- Study Area

- **At-grade, mostly street running with some exclusive right-of-way on PE ROW**
- **Westbound: SARTC > Santa Ana Blvd. > PE ROW at Raitt > Harbor/Westminster**
- **Eastbound: Harbor/Westminster > PE ROW > SA Blvd. > 4th St. > Mortimer St. > SA Blvd. > SARTC**

Key Features

Project Feature	Estimate
Route Length	4.15 miles
Station Stops	12
Ridership Estimate	Approx. 3,400 (opening day) 6100 (2035)
Capital Cost Estimate	\$250 Million (YOE)
Operating Cost Estimate	\$5.9 million (\$4.30 million net farebox and City of Santa Ana's contribution)
Design Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elevated structure over Westminster Ave. at Harbor Blvd.• Single track bridge over SA River
Maintenance Facility	2.4 acres between 5 th Ave and PE ROW, west of Raitt

SA/GG: EA/DEIR

- **EA/DEIR for the SA/GG Project, completed in May 2014, presents information on the environmental impacts of the set of four alternatives carried forward from the AA**
- **Responds to federal requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and to state requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
- **Streetcar Alternative 1, the LPA, would have no adverse effects:**
 - **Mitigation measures would eliminate adverse effects associated with hazardous materials and safety**
 - **Operational noise would be mitigated by noise barriers**
 - **Construction air quality impacts would be temporary and not adverse**

SA/GG: Public Review Process

- **EA/DEIR for the SA/GG Project was released for a 45-day public review period in May 2014**
- **Extensive public review process:**
 - 3,796 tri-lingual notices sent to residents
 - Three public meetings held to solicit comments from the community, interested agencies and key stakeholders. Interpretation in 3 languages
 - Seven news articles written
 - Personalized mailings to stakeholders
 - Printed copies at seven locations & online
 - Noticed at every Santa Ana Community Center
 - On City's website, with 100,000+ views in the first 30 days
 - Community alert to over 2,000 neighborhood leaders



OCTA Policy Decisions

- **In August 2014, the OCTA Board adopted the following recommendations:**
 - **Approve OCTA to serve as the lead agency for project development, implementation, operations and maintenance of the SA/GG Project**
 - **Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with the cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove to define roles and responsibilities for project development through construction**
 - **Direct staff to pursue federal New Starts funding and request entrance into project development from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**
 - **Approve the use of Measure M2 Project S revenues to fund operations and maintenance of future fixed-guideway projects**
 - **Direct staff to prepare a request for proposals for project management consultant services**

Next Steps

- **A Notice of Determination (NOD) is expected from the City of Santa Ana and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is expected from the FTA in Jan/Feb 2015 to complete the environmental process**
- **OCTA will request entry of the SA/GG Project into the Project Development phase of the FTA Section 5309 New Starts Program in Summer**
- **OCTA staff will procure Preliminary Engineering and Final Design work with oversight from PMC consultant in Fall**

Further Information

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