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North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT Corridor Technical Study Planning & Programming Committee March 15, 2017



## Outline

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#### North Hollywood to Pasadena Corridor Overview

#### 16-mile corridor from North Hollywood to Pasadena



## There Are Two Distinct Travel Markets



# Key Challenge

- > Busy corridor with 700,000 daily trips
- > Trips are overwhelmingly single occupant auto trips
- > Transit carries just 2% of corridor trips
  - Lacks convenient access to key activity centers
  - Does not offer competitive travel times
- > Improved transit service is needed to help balance the overall transportation system in the corridor

The primary challenge is to attract more choice riders through a premium bus service that is more competitive with automobiles



## Five Project Goals

- > Design a premium transit service that is more competitive with auto travel to attract choice riders
- > Improve transit access to major activity centers and employment sites
- > Enhance connectivity to Metro and regional rail services
- > Provide improved passenger comfort and convenience
- > Support community plans and transit-oriented development goals



## **BRT Elements**



Running Ways



Stations & Stops



Vehicles



Fare Collection



Signal Priority/ Other Signal Improvements



Branding & Image

## What Makes a Good BRT Alignment?

- > Serves key activity centers, employment centers, and other destinations
- > Improves connectivity to other transit services
- > Provides an enhanced customer experience
- > Improves transit travel times
- > Offers sufficient street widths to accommodate dedicated bus lanes



#### The Process Started with 10 Alignment Concepts



## What We've Heard from the Corridor Cities

City of Burbank

- > Concerned with loss of bike path on Chandler
- > Desire to minimize parking loss
- > Olive has sufficient ROW for BRT and least impact to parking

City of Glendale

- > Desire to maintain parking on Brand
- > Potential for median running BRT on Glenoaks

City of Pasadena

> Any BRT station components on Colorado would need to be removable for annual Rose Parade

> Other city projects may preclude implementation of dedicated bus lanes City of Los Angeles

> Provide transit access along Colorado through Eagle Rock



## Concept 1: Primary Street Alignment

- Approximately 18 miles connecting the Metro Gold Line and Orange/Red Line via Colorado, Broadway, Brand, Glenoaks, Olive, and Lankershim
- Dedicated bus lanes along majority of alignment
- Street alignment options:
- Green/Union Couplet (Pasadena) Magnolia (Burbank) Central (Glendale) Alameda (Burbank) Chandler (Burbank) SAN FERNANDO VALLEY O Primary Alternative & Stations N One Other Potential Variations & Stations Astro Roll & Stational BURBANK GLENDALE Chandler Alternative COLORED S PASADENA Magnolia Alternative Olive Alternati Lexington TOLUCA LAKE â EAGLE ROCK **Universal City**

## Concept 2: Primary Freeway Alignment

- Approximately 16 miles of BRT connecting the Metro Gold Line and Red/Orange Line via SR-134
- Freeway alignment option: access to Burbank Airport via the SR-134/I-5 Freeways



## Assessment of Preferred BRT Concepts

	Travel Time (minutes) (2035)	Ridership (2035)	Capital Cost (\$ Millions) (2016)	O&M Cost (Annual – \$ Millions) (2016)
Primary Street Running	77	18,000	\$274 <b>-</b> \$448	\$14
Primary Freeway Running	52	10,300	\$123 - \$246	\$10

The Street Running Concept has the potential to attract more riders because it has more stations that serve key activity centers



# Key Findings

- > Substantial untapped transit market in the study area
- > A premium bus service has the potential to capture more choice riders
- > The Street Running and Freeway Running concepts serve different market segments
- > Both concepts are feasible BRT options to improve transit service and increase ridership in the study area





Street Running Concept



Freeway Running Concept