



Item #: E2

DATE: September 6, 2024
TO: Committee Chair Frank J. Navarro and Members of the Executive Committee
THROUGH: Erin Rogers, CEO/General Manager
FROM: Jeremiah P. Bryant, Chief Strategy & Planning Officer
SUBJECT: **Bus Rapid Transit/Express Bus Corridors and City Meetings Update**

Form Motion

Receive and forward to the Board of Directors this staff report updating the Board on recent meetings with City Managers on future Bus Rapid Transit/Express Bus Corridors.

Strategic Plan Alignment

This item aligns with Goal 5 – Long-Range Planning – *Strengthen our leadership in creating mobility solutions in local and regional planning.*

Initiative f) Implement new or modify existing services to take advantage of innovation, automation, and emerging transportation technology

Background

The Omnitrans and San Bernadino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Board of Directors have adopted a 10-corridor bus rapid transit (BRT)/express bus plan multiple times over the last approximately 15 years. SBCTA is developing the next Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (LRMTP). One element of the LRMTP is to revisit and potentially prioritize future BRT/Express bus corridors. To that end, SBCTA and Omnitrans invited each city to participate in a discussion about BRT/Express bus corridors within each city. These meetings occurred in July and August. The attached presentation provides a brief update on these meetings.

The next steps are for SBCTA to incorporate feedback from these meetings in the LRMTP, gather public feedback on the LRMTP, seek feedback from both policy Boards (Omnitrans and SBCTA) and ultimately seek SBCTA Board approval. Public input is planned for Fall 2024. The plan is anticipated to move to the SBCTA Board for approval in early 2025.

Conclusion

The ongoing discussion and prioritization of future BRT/Express Bus corridors may significantly impact how Omnitrans' service and ridership grows over the next decade. These types of service are the most effective way to grow ridership by focusing on expansion of Omnitrans' core network.

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Attachments

A. PowerPoint Presentation