

**SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FOR THE
VAN NESS AVENUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

PROPOSED PROJECT

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Authority) proposes to implement the Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, for approximately 2 miles on Van Ness Avenue and South Van Ness Avenue, from Mission Street to Lombard Street. The Authority and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), have released a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed project, which is designed to improve the speed, reliability and quality of public transportation service along Van Ness Avenue. The Final EIS/EIR responds to comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR and identifies the locally preferred alternative (LPA) chosen by the Authority and SFMTA boards in May and June of 2012. A center-running alternative with limited left turns, which is a refinement of alternatives considered in the Draft EIS/EIR, was chosen based on technical analyses in the Draft EIS/EIR, as well as agency, stakeholder and public input.

The proposed project, and specifically the LPA, would incorporate:

- **Dedicated bus lanes** separated from regular (mixed-flow) traffic to reduce delays and unreliability due to congestion.
- **Level or Near Level boarding** to decrease passenger loading time, and improve access for all users.
- **Consolidated transit stops** to reduce delays due to existing stop spacing to better reflect Muni standards.
- **High-quality stations**, each with an elevated platform, canopy for weather protection, comfortable seating, vehicle arrival time information, landscaping, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.
- **Platform Proof of Payment** to reduce passenger loading time.
- **Traffic signal optimization** using technology upgrades to allow real-time traffic management.
- **Transit Signal Priority (TSP)** to provide additional green light time for buses approaching intersections.
- **Pedestrian safety enhancements** to reduce crossing distances at intersections and improve crossing signals.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The Final EIS/EIR is available at www.vannessbrt.org. CDs and hard copies of the Final EIS/EIR may be viewed and requested from the Authority at 1455 Market Street, 22nd Floor. Hard copies are also available to view at the following locations:

- San Francisco Public Library, Main Library Branch, 100 Larkin Street
- SFMTA Office, 1 South Van Ness Avenue
- Planning Information Center, 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), comments on the Final EIS/EIR that are submitted through August 12, 2013, will be considered in the FTA's decision regarding project approval. This is in addition to the opportunities for public comment that were offered during circulation of the Draft EIS/EIR. Please submit comments on the Final EIS/EIR via e-mail or letter to:

Van Ness Avenue BRT Final EIS/EIR
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Following this availability period, the Authority Board will consider certification of the Final EIS/EIR and project approval, and the SFMTA Board of Directors will consider project approval. Finally, the FTA will consider issuance of a Record of Decision. If you would like to be added to the project's email list to receive newsletters and learn about upcoming public meetings, including the certification hearing for the Final EIS/EIR, please contact Authority staff at the email or physical addresses shown above.

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