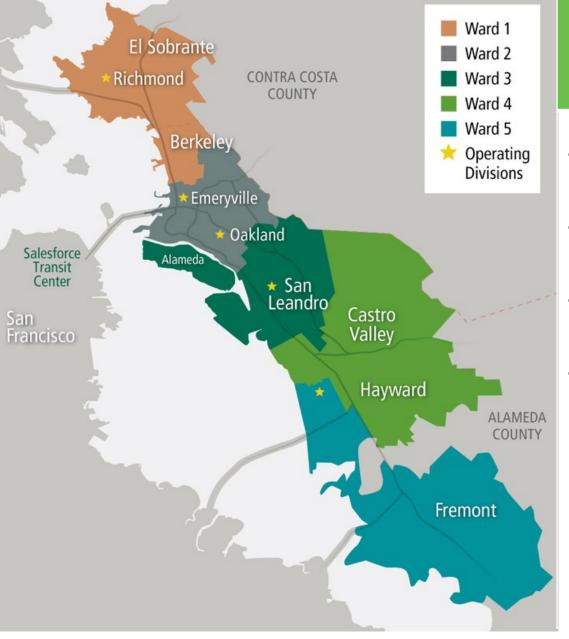
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TRANSIT

# State of AC Transit



#### Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)

- California's largest public bus-only system
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest bus only transit agency in U.S.
- 364 sq. miles, 1.5 million people
- Our riders...
  - 65% low income
  - $\circ$  75% people of color
  - $\circ$  43% riders do not have access to a car
  - 30,000 students every school day

Recovery Priorities Rank Bus Lines on Three Weighted Factors:

- 1. Pre-COVID Weekday Productivity
- 2. People with Low Incomes within ¼ mile
- 3. People of Color within ¼ mile

Service across Bay Area bridges delayed until demand increases





#### Improved Reliability, Greater Connectivity

- Paused reactivating low ridership lines
- Reducing operator overtime (and stress)
- Adjusted schedules and frequencies
  - Enhanced reliability
  - 97% of scheduled trips completed in March
- Transit 2050+
  - Projects to improve transit
  - Dedicated program staff
  - Deeper regional coordination

### **Building & Retaining Our Workforce**



Recruiting and retaining bus operators is the greatest barrier to delivering our service.

- \$2,000 operator hiring bonus
- \$500 referral bonus
- Hosting in-person recruiting events
  - May 20 "Spring Into Your New Career"
  - Recruiting bus
  - Conditional on-site offers
- Award-winning recruitment advertising campaigns (*TV, radio, billboards, social media, and more*)

For more information or to apply, visit www.actransit.org/careers

#### **Ongoing Ridership Recovery Efforts**

- "Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan" to protect riders from COVID
- "All Aboard Bay Area Transit!" to encourage riders back to transit
- Suspended scheduled fare increases
- Offered fare-free rides
- Joined the **Clipper START** pilot program (20% discount on fares)
- Reactivated service to schools
- Launched **rider app** with real-time arrival info and contactless payment
- Released **new system map**, making it easier to explore where buses go
- Piloted all-door boarding, plus new ferry and BART connections
- Conducted several virtual **community town halls** to update riders
- Launched **AC Transit Realign** to update service network



# Realign

# **AC Transit Realign Overview**

Pinole City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023



# What is Realign?

#### It's a review of our routes and schedules.

Prioritize where and when transit service is offered Align service with customer needs and equity goals



# Why is Realign necessary?

- Resource Constraints (FY 24-25 fiscal cliff & staffing)
- Respond to changing travel patterns with a focus on people and equity



#### **Project Phases and Timeline**

1	2	3	4	5
Develop Plans + Learn Rider Needs	Aligning Guiding Principles with Community Assessment	Develop Service Scenarios and Gather Feedback	Draft Final Service Plan and Plan Adoption	Develop Service Standards and Inform Riders about Service Changes
Mar-Jun 2023	Jul-Aug 2023	Sep-Dec 2023	Jan-Apr 2024	Apr-Sep 2024

On-going emphasis on equity and transparency in all project phases and communications

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## Take our Survey!

Help us plan for the future.



- Share survey with your networks.
- Visit www.actransit.org/realign to find out more.
- Survey to close 5/31







# Realign

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