



Item 27:
**Berkeley Transit-First Policy
Implementation Plan**

Berkeley City Council

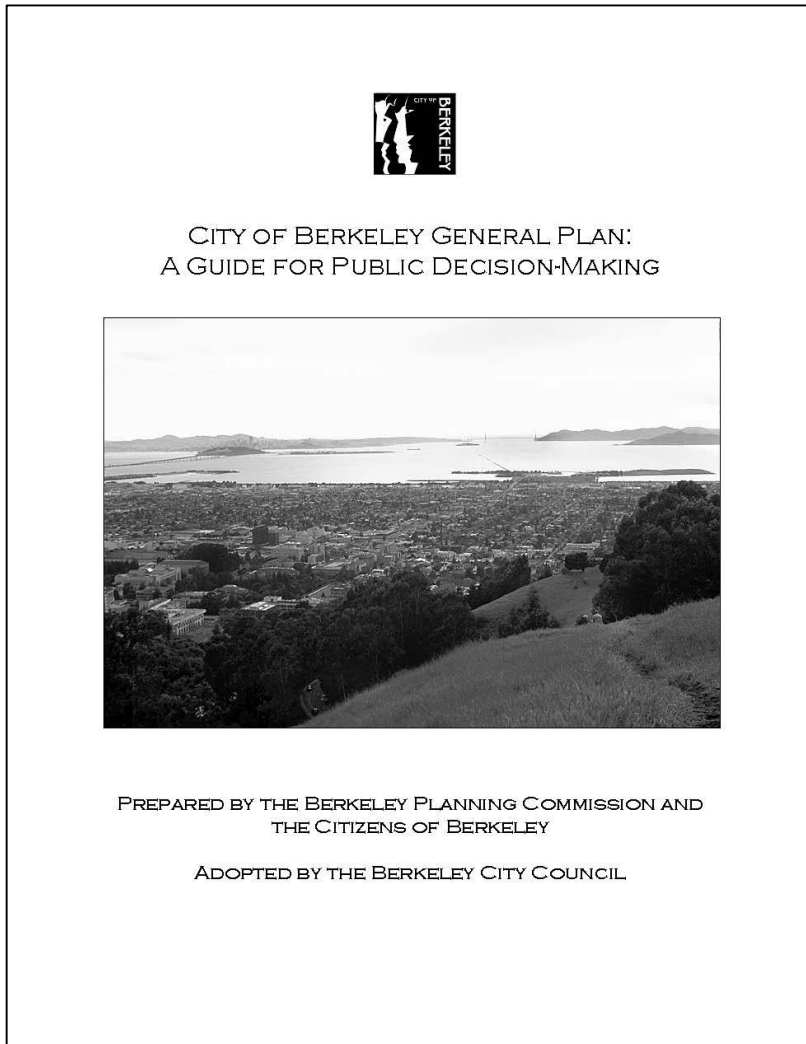
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Public Works Department

Recommendations

1. Adopt a resolution approving the Berkeley Transit-First Policy Implementation Plan (Plan) and authorize the City Manager to pursue implementation of the Plan
2. Appoint two members and one alternate to serve on the Inter-Agency Liaison Committee between the City of Berkeley and AC Transit

Transit-First Policy History



- First introduced in 1996
- Included in the Transportation Element of the 2001 General Plan

Policy T-4

Give priority to alternative transportation and transit over single-occupant vehicles on Transit Routes identified on the Transit Network map.

Transit-First Policy Implementation Plan

- **Purpose**

- Create a set of **design guidelines, policies,** and **actions** for implementing the Transit-First Policy and planning the City's existing transit primary routes

- **Objectives**

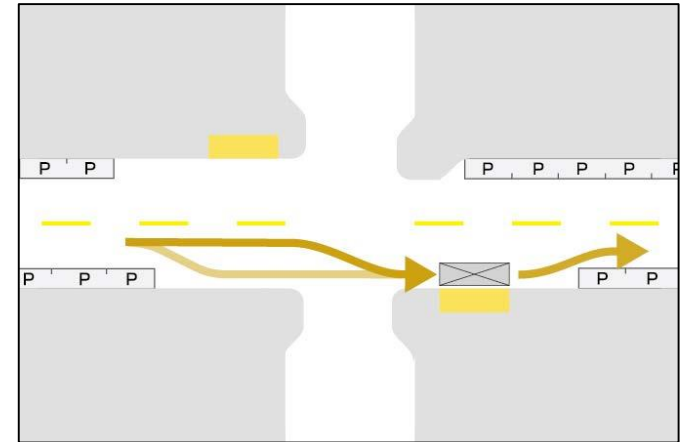
- Improve transit efficiency, reliability, and accessibility;
- Increase transit ridership; and
- Prioritize transit corridors for future planning.

Selection of Proposed Policies

Stops and Stations

Policy 1.1

Bus stops on the far side of intersections



Policy 1.3

Provide bus pads at stops served by 40-ft or longer buses

Selection of Proposed Policies

Lane and Intersection Treatments

Policy 2.1

Signal timing and transit signal priority



Operations and Other Policies



Policy 3.2

First-/last-mile shared mobility integration

Selection of Proposed Policies

Operations and Other Policies

Policy 3.7

Improve facilities for bus layovers



Policy 3.8

Improve reliability of lines serving Berkeley schools

Future Transit Corridor Studies

Corridor	AC Transit Long-Term Improvements (by 2040)*	Potential City Study Completion Year
San Pablo Ave	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) ?	**
Telegraph Ave	BRT ?	2024
Adeline St***	To be determined	2025
Shattuck Ave	Rapid Bus + Local ?	2027
University Ave	BRT ?	2029

* Per AC Transit Major Corridors Study (2016)

** Led by Alameda County Transportation Commission

*** Adjacent to Ashby BART station: 2023; south of Ashby BART station: 2024; north of Ashby Ave: 2025

Inter-Agency Liaison Committee (ILC) Meetings

- ILC meetings provide a collaborative means for the City of Berkeley and AC Transit to discuss transit service within the City
- ILC originally established in 2010
- For ILC meetings with AC Transit to resume, City Council needs to **appoint two new members and one alternative member** to the committee

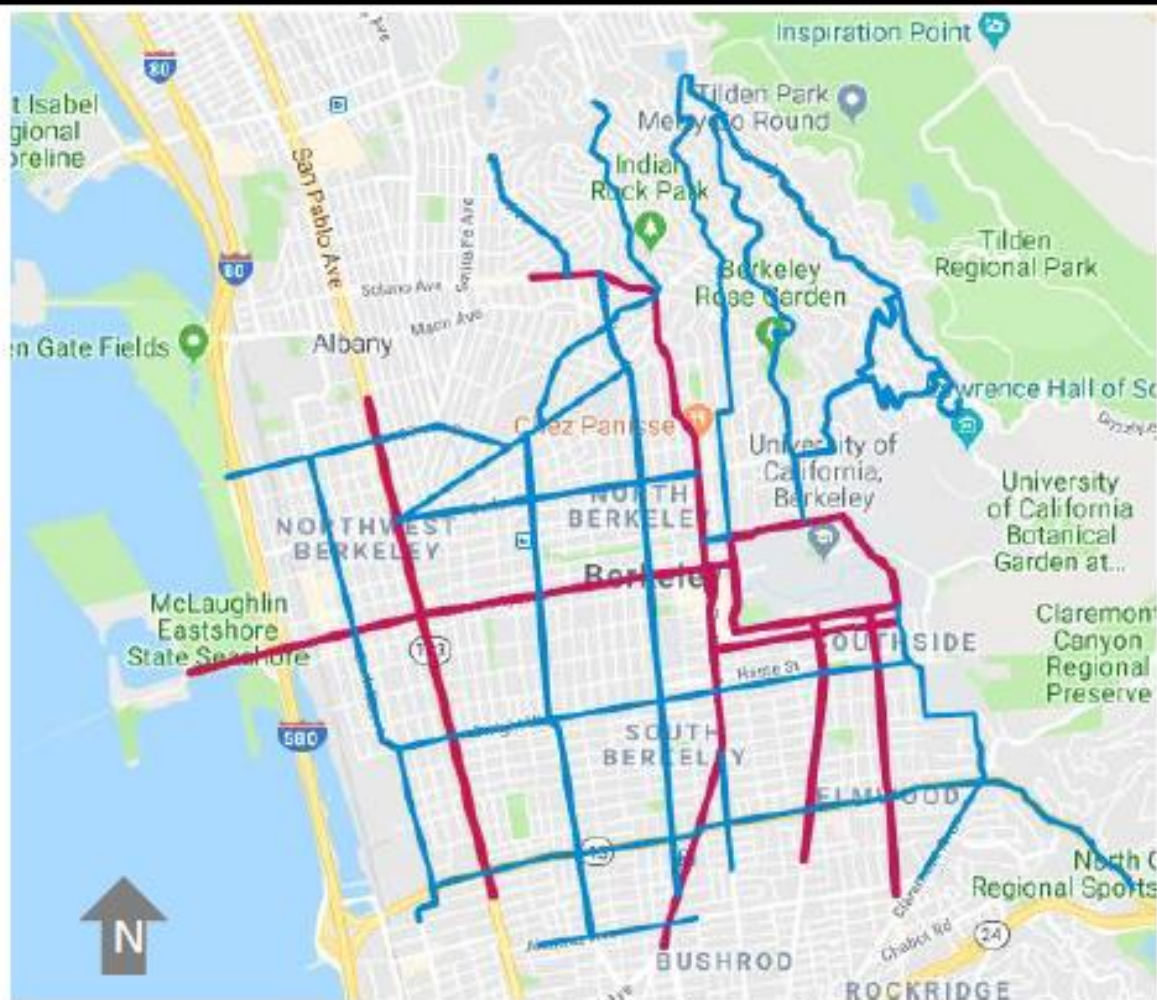
Fiscal Impacts

- This policy is estimated to have a fiscal impact of \$100,000 per year
- \$200,000 has been included in the FY 2023 – FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program for new concrete bus pads

Next Steps

- Approve Staff Recommendations
- Appoint two members and one alternate to serve on the Inter-Agency Liaison Committee (ILC)

Reference: Primary & Secondary Transit Routes from 2001 General Plan (Attachment 1)



Legend

Primary Routes



Secondary Routes



Primary and Secondary Route Details		
College	6th-7th	Glenview-Campus-Avenida
Durant	Ashby	Grizzly Peak
San Pablo	Alcatraz	Hearst
Solano-Shattuck-Adeline	Cedar	Hopkins
Telegraph	Claremont-Derby-Piedmont	La Loma-Cedar
University-Hearst-Bancroft	Colusa	MLK-The Alameda
	Dwight	Monterey-Arlington
	Euclid	Sacramento
	Gilman	Shattuck
		Spruce-Oxford