

AGENDA

PASTACC

PUBLIC AND SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY AND COORDINATION COUNCIL

*An advisory body to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
addressing public transit and specialized transportation needs, issues and opportunities.*

December 8, 2025

10:00 AM

LOCATION:

Omnitrans

1700 W. Fifth Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411

- I. PASTACC CALL TO ORDER, Introductions**
PASTACC Chair / Vice-Chair
- II. APPROVAL OF PASTACC MINUTES, September 8, 2025**
Approve minutes for PASTACC meeting dated September 8, 2025.
Chair / Vice Chair *Action*
- III. APPROVAL OF 2026 PASTACC MEETING SCHEDULE**
Approve the PASTACC meeting schedule for 2026.
Chair / Vice Chair *Action*
- IV. PASTACC BYLAWS**
Create an Ad Hoc Committee to create recommendations to PASTACC Bylaws.
Sandy Benson, PASTAC Chair & Dennis Brookes AMMA Transit Planning *Information, Action*
- V. SAN BERNARDINO ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN**
Receive a presentation and update on the San Bernardino Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning *Information*
- VI. SAN BERNARDINO COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN**
Receive a presentation and update on the San Bernardino Coordinated Transportation Plan.
Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning *Information*

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| VII. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION §5310 GRANT PROGRAM
Receive an update on the §5310 Grant Program Call-for-Projects.
<i>Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| VIII. MOUNTAIN TRANSIT SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (SRTP)
Receive an update on Mountain Transit's SRTP.
<i>Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| IX. SBCTA TRANSIT PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS
Receive an update on Basin Transit's promotional event.
<i>Nicole Soto, SBCTA</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| X. METROLINK UPDATE
Receive an update on Metrolink matters.
<i>Nicole Soto, SBCTA</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| XI. OMNITRANS MEASURE I REGIONAL MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP (RMP) CALL-FOR-PROJECTS WORKSHOP
Receive an announcement for Omnitrans' RMP Call-for-Projects workshop.
<i>Arianna Maldonado, Omnitrans</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST
<i>All</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
<i>Comments related to PASTACC Agenda</i> | |

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

**March 9, 2026
June 8, 2026
September 14, 2026
December 14, 2026**

NEXT PASTACC MEETING:

MARCH 9, 2026

LOCATION:

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FIRST FLOOR LOBBY BOARD ROOM
1170 W. 3RD STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410**

Generally, quarterly at 10:00 a.m. with some variation, now on the second Monday of the month.

To confirm PASTACC meeting dates and locations, please call SBCTA: (909) 884-8276
Meeting dates will be noticed to those registered for PASTACC mailings.

To register for PASTACC mailings, please contact:
Dennis Brooks: Dbrooks@AmmaTransitPlanning.com

We are happy to make reasonable accommodations for participants attending PASTACC meetings in need of such.

Please advise us of special needs no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

Contact AMMA Transit Planning at Mail@AmmaTransitPlanning.com

**Public and Specialized Transportation and Coordination Council (PASTACC)
Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2025, at the San Bernardino SBCTA Board Room**

Attendees:

Voting Member Participants:

Anthesis - Shawn Prokopec
Basin Transit – Cheri Holsclaw
Department of Aging and Adult Services - Danielle De Los Santos
Foothill AIDS Project (FAP) – LaMonica Stowers
Loma Linda Medical Center – Whitney Henderson
Mountain Transit – Sandy Benson
Needles – Cheryl Sallis (attending remotely)
Omnitrans – Arianna Maldonado, Jeremiah Bryant
Reach Out Morongo Basin – Robin Schlosser
Victor Valley Transportation Authority (VVTa) – Marie Downing (remotely)

Other Participants:

Staff Support:

SBCTA – Mairany Anaya, Nicole Soto
AMMA Transit Planning – Dennis Brooks

I. PASTACC Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Sandy Benson, PASTACC Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF PASTACC MINUTES June 9, 2025

Approval of the minutes was moved by Robin Schlosser first and Marie Downing second.

III. PASTACC Membership Matters

Received an update on upcoming At-Large Membership vacancies from Nancy Strickert, SBCTA. Nancy showed a chart of the voting results for PASTACC Vice Chair. Nancy announced the voting selection of Reach Out Morongo Basin for Vice Chair.

IV. SAN BERNARDINO COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Dennis Brooks of AMMA Transit Planning presented on SBCTA's Coordinated Plan. Dennis spoke on the Coordinated Plan requirements, the targeted populations the Plan serves, and the phases of the Plan. SBCTA is currently surveying agencies and the general public on mobility needs and gaps. He also asked for PASTACC's help in promoting the survey and how to utilize the media "tool kit." Lastly, he reviewed the timeline of the Plan.

V. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION §5310 GRANT PROGRAM

Dennis Brooks of AMMA Transit Planning presented on the Federal 5310 Grant Program. He presented the following information:

BlackCat - Grants Management Platform	
Application Released	6/30/2025
Applications Due	9/3/2025
# of Applications Submitted	9
# of Agencies Submitting Applications	7
# of Traditional Applications	3
Amount of Vehicle Requests	\$1,739,100
# of Expanded Applications	6
# of Vehicles Requested	7 vans, 6 buses
Amount of Expanded Requests	\$2,273,958
Total Amount Requested	\$4,013,064
# of Large Urban Applications	5
# of Rural Applications	4

VI. TRANSIT OPERATOR UPDATES

Sandy Benson, General Manager of Mountain Transit provided an updated-on Mountain Transit's Premium Service. Rachael Settjie of Mountain Transit displayed a PowerPoint presentation. The Premium Service is Zoned based, 1 through 3. The color purple represents the ¾ mile boundary for both the RIM area and the Big Bear Lake area. The Premium DAR service requires an ID and expires every 3 years. Recertification is also required for ADA service. Mountain Transit reached out to stakeholders prior to the fare changes – senior centers, rotary clubs etc and sent out materials to all seniors. The ADA and veteran community were also reached out to regarding the new changes. Many have reached out to requalify for paratransit service, as a result.

Nancy Strickert of SBCTA asked how the first/last mile going. Sandy said it hasn't been widely used yet. Nancy mentioned that SBCTA would like to help with the promotion and see if more data can be collected as the service moves along.

VII. SBCTA TRANSIT EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Mairany Anaya of SBCTA provided an update on senior and persons with disabilities transportation resources. Mairany spoke about the Senior Brochure available for the County and Morongo Basin. She asked if any agencies would like physical copies and also spoke of where to go on the website for a digital brochure. www.gosbcta.com/gotransit

VIII. SBCTA TRANSIT PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Nicole Soto of SBCTA provided an update on promotional campaigns.

1. Rider Appreciation and Promotional Events

City of Needles – Rider Appreciation Event

- Nicole provided an update on the recent Rider Appreciation Day in the City of Needles.
- The event celebrated the launch of the new shuttle service that now operates twice per week, providing access to Arizona for shopping and essential needs.
- All shuttle trips—and all Needles Transit System (NTS) services—were fare-free during the event.
- SBCTA staff distributed promotional items and rider appreciation giveaways.

Upcoming Events

- Morongo Basin Event (Partnering with Basin Transit):
 - Scheduled for November 22.
 - Will serve as the next rider outreach and promotional opportunity.
- Future Potential Events:
 - Hope to host an event in the Victor Valley area in the spring.
 - Exploring the possibility of an event in the Mountain communities later in the year.

2. Free Fare Day Campaigns

- SBCTA’s annual free fare days will continue through the following designated observances:
 - Car-Free Day: September 22
 - Clean Air Day: October 1
 - Election Day: November 4
- These events conclude the free fare day promotions for the 2025 calendar year.
- Free fare days are expected to resume with Transit Equity Day (TED) at the start of the following year.

IX. METROLINK UPDATE

Nicole Soto of SBCTA presented on Metrolink updates.

Metrolink and Arrow Service Updates

ZEMU Launch – Arrow Route

- Nicole announced that the Zero-Emission Multiple Unit (ZEMU) will launch on the Arrow route on September 13.
- SBCTA will have ambassadors stationed at the Downtown San Bernardino Transit Center and Downtown Redlands during the launch to assist riders and provide information.
- Additional service launch details will be posted on SBCTA’s social media channels.
- The launch coincides with Rail Safety Month, and SBCTA is conducting outreach to raise public awareness.

Metrolink Fares

- Nicole previously provided an update regarding Metrolink fare changes.
- Anyone needing further details can contact SBCTA directly or reference the Metrolink website for the most current fare information.

X. SBCTA RIDESHARE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Mairany Anaya of SBCTA reminded the group about Experience Metrolink program that goes along with ZEMU – you can try Metrolink for free for 90 days. Zemu fares are free.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST

Jeremiah Bryant of Omnitrans – SBCTA is required to redesignate Omnitrans as the CTSA for the valley, which allows Omnitrans to continue to pass along Measure I dollars for the Valley. Omnitrans is going to Board for the next 2-year cycle for RMP with a CFP in November, applications due early to mid-January.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments related to PASTACC Agenda

No public comment

Adjourn meeting 10:50

SBCTA Management Services ADA Planning Effort Update

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What is an ADA Plan and why is it needed?

Summary of Americans with Disabilities Act Title II:

No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity (28 CFR Part 35.100 (a)).

Purpose:

- An ADA Plan ensures SBCTA's programs, policies, and facilities (Santa Fe Depot) are accessible, equitable, and compliant with federal civil rights requirements under the ADA.
- Ensures agency is striving towards equitable policies and programs
- Helps removes barriers to physical infrastructure (Santa Fe Depot)



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ADA Plan Elements

Self Evaluation

- Required internal assessment of how well SBCTA is meeting ADA requirements

Stakeholder Engagement

- Actively seek input from all interested parties, particularly those with disabilities

Transition Plan

- Required component of ADA Plan that outlines how SBCTA will remove barriers identified in Self Evaluation



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Self Evaluation Update

- SBCTA's Management Services and HR department conducted Self-Evaluation in June 2024
- Asked each department questions on various aspects of accessibility
- SBCTA departments provided feedback
- AMMA team created recommendations for increased accessibility among its programs, procurements, contracts and policies



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Stakeholder Engagement Update

AMMA team spoke with:

- Blindness Support – helps visually impaired become independent
- SB Department of Aging – helps adults w/disabilities age in place
- Anthesis – helps IDD community with home, work and community living
- OPARC – helps IDD community with training, employment and social opportunities



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Transition Plan Update

- SBCTA Management Services had a CASp assessment of the Santa Fe Depot
- CASp Assessment - an accessibility inspection performed by a Certified Access Specialist (CASp)—a professional certified by California to evaluate facilities comply with/accessibility laws - ADA, the California Building Code
- AMMA team is writing up the findings, updates, process and timing of barrier removals



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How PASTACC can get involved?

- Additional review of the SBCTA website
- Help recruit members from ADA community to attend a public meeting at the Santa Fe Depot
- Review draft ADA Plan (available in January/February)
- Serve as an annual resource for feedback on improvements
- Provide feedback to AMMA team



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How PASTACC can get involved? Continued...

- PASTACC to serve as voice for annual updates and improvements as needed
- Santa Fe Depot - facility updates will take a few years
- Want ADA Plan to be a 'living' document, where feedback and updates are made annually



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Coordinated Plan Update

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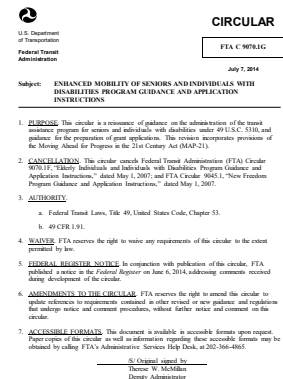
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Coordinated Plan Requirements

Federal statute requirement (FTA C9070.1H)

- **Locally developed**, coordinated transportation plan, to address:
 - Assessment of **available existing transportation** services
 - Assessment of **transportation needs** for the target populations
 - Develop **strategies and projects** to address identified needs and gaps in service
 - Develop **priorities for implementation** of strategies and projects

San Bernardino County Coordinated Public Transportation-Human Services Plan



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Coordinated Plan Populations

Key populations targeted across San Bernardino County

- Older adults
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons of low income
- Additional populations
 - Veterans
 - Tribal members
 - Persons of limited English proficiency



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Coordinated Plan Purposes

- Coordinated Plan is a requirement for some grant applications
 - FTA Section 5310
 - San Bernardino County Measure I Specialized Transit
 - Other discretionary grant programs



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Coordinated Plan Participation – Outreach Summary

- April 2025 – Transit Operator Interviews (3)
- May 2025 – Stakeholder Interviews (13)
- September/October 2025 – Mobility Survey (over 750 responses)
 - Agency staff and the general public responses



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Coordinated Plan Participation – Outreach Summary

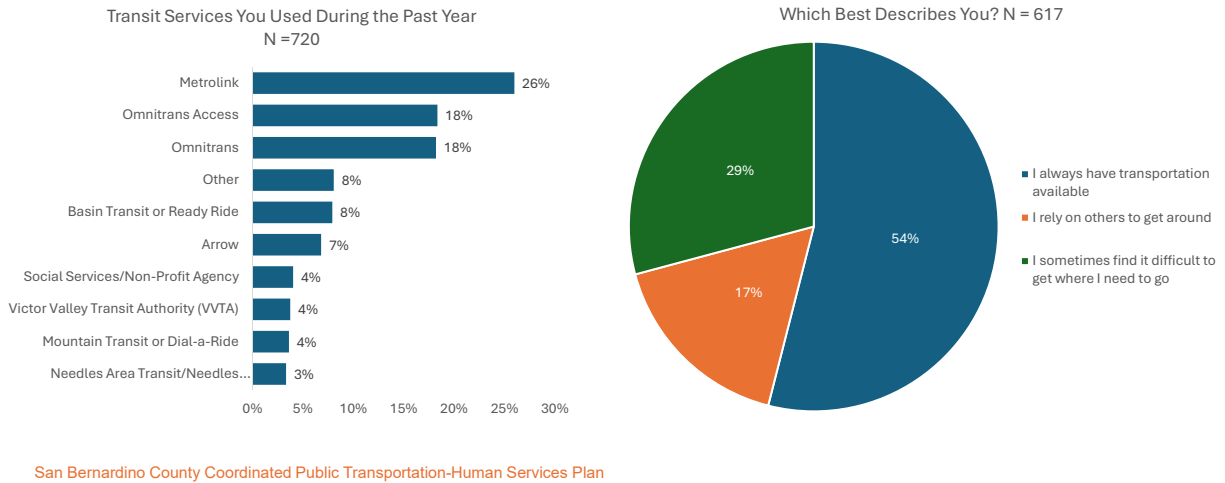
- Survey Promotional Activities:
 - 250 email contact blast (multiple rounds)
 - 8 Unpaid Social Media Post (English/Spanish)
 - Paid Social Media Post (261,000 views – 40,000 accounts)
 - Follow-up communications with all stakeholder agencies
 - Paper copies for seniors



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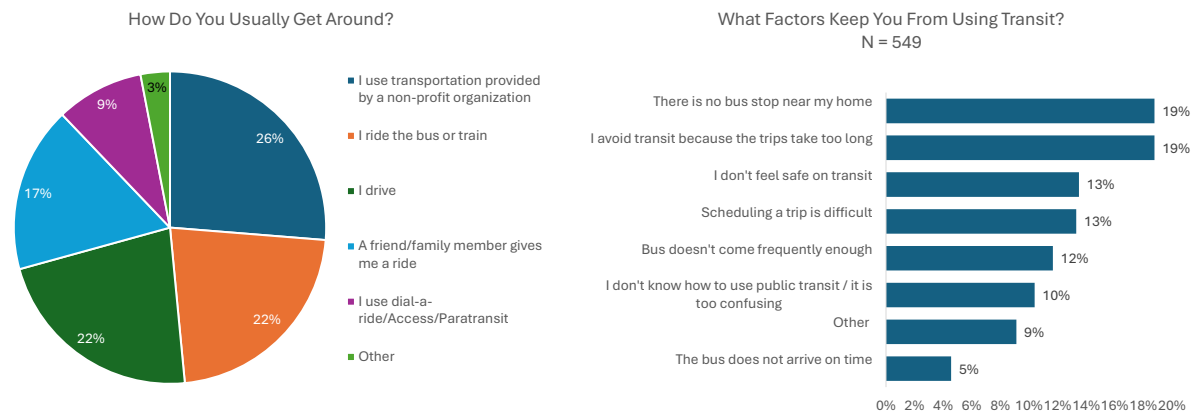
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Coordinated Plan Survey Highlights – General Public



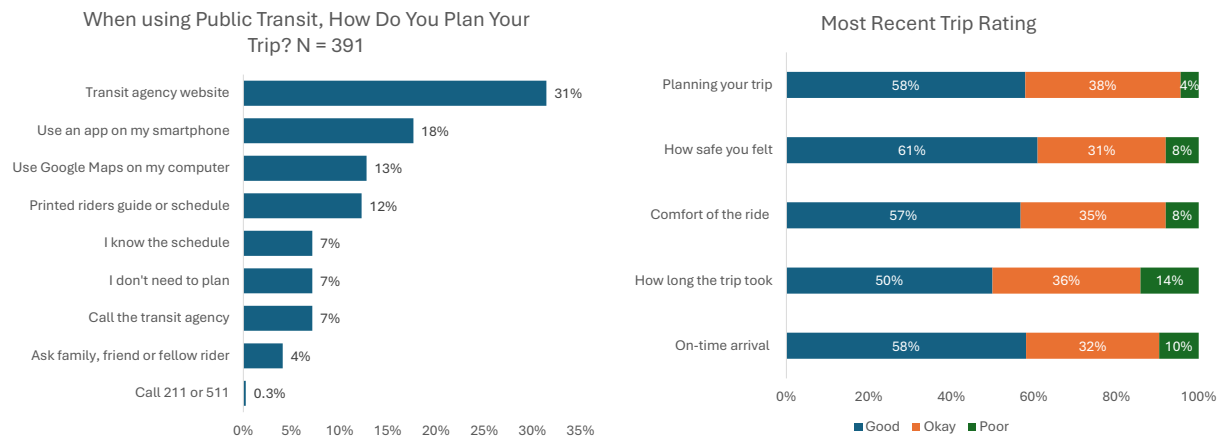
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Coordinated Plan Survey Highlights – General Public



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Coordinated Plan Survey Highlights – General Public



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Feedback Themes

- **Public Transit is Essential**
 - Transportation programs are being used, with transportation options beyond the personal vehicle viewed as essential.
- **Difficulty Making Routine Trips**
 - Trips in the County are difficult for some residents as they and their agency reps report challenges in making needed trips.
- **Service Quality and Safety**
 - Quality and safety of public transportation services are continuing concerns.

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Feedback Themes

- Secure and Continue Funding for Transit
 - Resources for and investment in public transportation are needed.
- Improving Access to Transit Information
 - Information about public transportation, in all its modes, is a continuing challenge.

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Next Steps...

- Develop goals and strategies
- Host prioritization workshop
- Incorporate feedback on goals and strategies
- Develop Draft Plan
- Public comment period
- Final Plan



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FTA Section 5310 Update

PASTACC
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5310 Update – Victor Valley Call-for-Projects

- 5310 projects for the Victor Valley will now be decided locally
- Coordination between VVTA and SBCTA
- Grantees will work with VVTA throughout the grant cycle
- Same program guidelines and eligibility – FTA Required

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5310 Update – Victor Valley Call-for-Projects

- Program will follow Caltrans format for familiarity
- Toll credits will be available
- Call-for-Projects will launch in January 2026

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5310 Update – Victor Valley Call-for-Projects

Calendar for the Victor Valley 5310 Call-for-Projects:

• §5310 grant application released by SBCTA	• Wednesday, January 7, 2026
• Final completed applications due to SBCTA	• Wednesday, March 4, 2026
• SBCTA Transit and Rail Committee for the recommendation of approval of §5310 allocations	• Thursday, April 9, 2026
• SBCTA Board approves §5310 allocations	• Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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5310 Update – Caltrans Process

- Expected to announce awards by February
- Still working on Toll Credit applicability
- Standards agreements expected August/September 2026



SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

December 8, 2025
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Short-Range Transit Plan Purpose

5-Year Transit Plan (SRTP):

- Develops Strategic Goals
- Current System Evaluation
- Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Market Analysis
- Operational Service Plan
- Capital Needs
- Financial Plan



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Short-Range Transit Plan Status

July 2025

- Kick-off meeting to start the 2026 – 2031 Short Range Transit Plan

August and September 2025

- Initial Stakeholder Outreach

October 2025

- Ride-along surveys, community survey, events

November 2025

- One-on-one meeting with Board Members



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Short-Range Transit Plan Engagement Summary

Conducted Stakeholder Engagement

- Agency interviews
- Public and non-profit

Performed onboard ride-along surveys

- Surveys and data collected for each route

Launched Community Mobility Survey

- 219 electronic surveys
- 43 paper surveys

Community Events

- Crest Forest Senior Center
- Big Bear Wyatt Dance Hall Pop Up
- Twin Peaks Farmers Market
- Big Bear Lake Farmers Market

Board Member Discussions

- Five Board members

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What We Have Learned

- Most riders are happy with Mountain Transit
- Free fares are very positive
- Road network is challenging
- Seasonal differences require flexibility
- Desire for late-night weekend service
- Public-private partnerships are important



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Current Activities

- Conducting current service evaluation
- Analyzing onboard ride-along survey data
- Summarizing community survey findings
- Summarizing community event feedback
- Conducting market analysis



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2026 Specialized Transportation Call for Projects

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CALL FOR PROJECTS - 2026

- Issued Call for Projects: November 2025
 - Funding for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028
- \$6 million included in this call (\$3 million/year)
- Goals
 - New and expanded projects that will improve mobility and transportation coordination as described in the Coordinated Plan and the Regional Mobility Partnership (RMP) Guidelines
- Funding limits
 - Two years of funding per applicant
 - \$300,000 operational funding limit per new applicant per year

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CALL FOR PROJECTS - TIMELINE

Date	Action
November 6, 2025	Call for Projects Applications Available
December 8, 2025, 12:30 pm – 2 pm	Pre-application workshop at Omnitrans
January 9, 2026, NLT 4:00 pm	Proposals due to Omnitrans
February 12, 2026	Funding recommendations presented to Omnitrans Administrative and Finance Committee
March 4, 2026	Funding recommendations submitted to Omnitrans Board of Directors for approval
March 5, 2026	Notification of projects funded; begin contract execution process
May 6, 2026	Technical workshop for successful applicants
July 1, 2026	Funded projects scheduled to begin

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Local Government Authorities
- Human and Social Services Agencies
- Tribal Governments
- Private non-profit organizations
- Charitable organizations

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APPLICATION BREAKDOWN

- Five required sections
 - Agency Profile-Project Summary
 - Organizational Capabilities
 - Proposed Project Narrative
 - Coordination
 - Proposed Project Budget
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered**

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DEADLINE

- **Due January 9th, NLT 4:00 pm**
 - 1 original application
 - 1 copy
 - 1 electronic copy on a flash drive
- Email ctsacallforprojects@omnitrans.org or call Arianna Maldonado, Mobility Services Manager at 909-379-7343

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THANK YOU