A new and innovative bus service is coming to the East Bay: **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

BRT is often called “light rail on wheels” because it brings the frequency, safety and reliability of light rail to the bus rider. BRT will run the 9.5-mile corridor from downtown Oakland to San Leandro BART. Bringing the best of transit experiences from around the globe, BRT will revolutionize public transit in the East Bay.

**Benefits of Bus Rapid Transit**

**Frequent and Reliable** – This fleet of brand new hybrid-electric buses will arrive at least every 7 minutes during peak times, reducing wait times! Traveling mostly through a bus-only lane will result in improved transit speed. Emergency responders will have access to the bus-only lanes at all times.

**Accessible** – The bus floor and the station platform are at the same level to ease the boarding experience for people in wheelchairs or with strollers. Median stations will reduce street crossing distance.

**Innovative** – Transit signal technology helps buses and traffic flow. Clipper Card readers installed on the platforms will quicken the boarding process. Buses are hybrid-electric and low emission. Bicyclists will enjoy new bike lanes along the corridor, bike racks at bus stations and on board bike storage.

**Safe** – BRT riders and pedestrians along the corridor will enjoy the added features of improved lighting, state-of-the-art camera systems, new landscaped medians, sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks and new pavement.
Major BRT construction begins Fall 2016

In an effort to minimize disruptions to the community, underground sewer and utility services were previously relocated. New construction along the corridor will happen over six separately timed stages. To help address traffic congestion, we redesigned the intersection of Fruitvale Avenue and San Leandro Street and built two new parking lots in the Elmhurst and Fruitvale neighborhoods.

Our next step is to build BRT’s stations. There will be 21 center-median stations and another 12 curbside stations. Each station will feature hallmark artwork, new pavement, walkways and native landscaping. Crews will excavate and install nearly 10 miles of new blacktop—curb-to-curb—that’s expected to last as long as 20 years. Better BRT lanes means a better road to homes and businesses. BRT benefits the local economy and creates jobs and opportunities for local businesses during construction of the project as well as when the BRT is in service.

Residents and business owners along the route will be notified in advance of all construction activities in their neighborhood. To find out more: brt.actransit.org

This $178 million investment in the community will enhance regional connectivity and relieve traffic congestion while revitalizing one of the East Bay’s most diverse cultural corridors.

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