# ARTESIA GREAT BOULEVARD

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## PROJECT INTRODUCTION

• Multimodal improvements on Artesia Boulevard in City of Long Beach between complete corridor.

"Everything and the kitchen sink."

Harbor Ave and Downey Ave (approx. 3.25 miles). Blending of streetscape with active transportation, transit, and ITS to deliver a





# PROJECT NEED

- Traditional urban primary arterial – built to serve cars
- No major improvements, routine maintenance and spot improvements over time (intersection widening and Class II bike lanes)
- Land uses, primarily high density residential and frontage commercial zone with industrial by Paramount Blvd and UPRR tracks
- Schools adjacent to corridor
- Safety issues identified with the community, unfriendly to bicycles, pedestrians, and transit





### LEGEND Metro BRT Line TRANSIT NETWORK Metro Bus Line Local (CBD) Transit Stop Improvements Metro Bus Line (non-CBD) Metro Blue Line Station Long Beach Transit Line Long Beach Transit Stops ٠ Project Area 0 BRT Stops Artesia Blue Line (91) Station (¾ miles) ADTERU 710 • Artesia 4 Bus Lines Metro BRT PECCE CONTRACT Metro to Downtown LA • Metro local Long Beach • • Long Beach Transit Local



# PROJECT GOALS

- Improve safety (all users/ modes)
- Improve multimodal mobility and access
  - Promote transit
  - Promote active transportation
- Economic development and revitalization
- More attractive and livable





# PROJECT FUNDING

- Metro Call for Projects
  - Artesia Corridor ATCS Signal Enhancements (Metro CFP 2013)
  - Artesia Great Boulevard (Metro CFP 2015) Street lighting, Pedestrian-Transit Improvements, Street Furniture, and Landscaping
- Measure R Regional sales tax for LA County transportation project acceleration
- Measure A Local sales tax for infrastructure investments
- Total funding = \$36M

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority



### 2013 CALL FOR PROJECTS DRAFT

# **DESIGN TEAM**

## CITY OF LONG BEACH

**Owner** 

**Civil Lead (Prime)** 



**Traffic Engineering & ITS Lead** 



**Planning & Outreach Lead** 





### Jason Stack, TE, PTOE **Principal** +

### Christian Lambarth, PE, TE, PTOE

### **Project Manager**

# **IMPROVEMENT ELEMENTS**



**Roadway Improvements** 

**Class IV Bikeway** (Median Separated)

**Bus Stop Improvements** (Islands and Shelters)



**Curb Extensions** 



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Street Furniture/ Public Art

# CONCEPT VALIDATION

- Most critical part of the early engineering phase was concept validation
- Traffic Operations Analysis required
- Critical for consensus (owner, third party, public, design team)
  - Advanced bike facility design concepts
- Corridor Stats
  - 13 signalized and 22 unsignalized (two-way stop)
- Big challenge with median openings
  - Too many closely spaced openings
  - Closures needed to improve safety and operation





# **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ANALYSIS**

- No standard study guidelines for these specific improvements
- COVID conditions data collection
  - Complete corridor count during shutdown
  - Recount intersections near schools after back in session
  - Adjusted to pre-COVID conditions using a growth factor derived from historical and current counts – followed ITE "What a Transportation Professional Needs to Know about Counts and Studies during a Pandemic<sup>"</sup>. (0.65%)
- Existing (2021), project year (2026) and horizon year (2031) [no-build and build]
  - Chasing volumes around access closures.
- Analysis included delay, LOS, queue, travel time and speed, warrants (signal and phase), safety





# MEDIAN CLOSURE CRITERIA

### **Safety and Operations**



# MEDIAN CLOSURE CRITERIA

No.	Criteria	Full	Partial
1	A left turn lane on Artesia Boulevard exists on one approach only.	Х	Х
2	Opening is located too close to a signalized intersection.	Х	-
3	High crash history.	Х	Х
4	Low volume turning from or into the side street.	Х	Х
5	Rerouted traffic has no adverse effect on the adjacent intersection.	Х	Х
6	Opportunity to extend left turn pocket at adjacent signalized intersection.	Х	-

# CHASING THE VOLUMES

- Four corridor alternatives
  - Limited: few closures mostly near signals
  - Moderate: one full access
    midblock only
  - Restricted: partial median closures and few full
  - All: No unsignalized openings
- Traffic Reroutes



# FINAL CONCEPT

### Medians

- 11 full closures
- 7 partial access
- 3 partial access with new pedestrian traffic signals
- 1 new full traffic signal
- 10 U-Turn Restrictions
  - Wherever there are bulb-outs (Class 4 median island buffer)
  - Impacts evaluated based on volume, destination, alternate route
- **Traffic Signal Phasing** 
  - 6 permissive phasing to PPLT FYA phased signals
  - 1 permissive phase to protected
  - 7 new right turn overlaps
  - FY RTA at Right Turn Lanes
- Lane Modifications
  - 37 Right-turn movements (dedicated and de-facto) removed (island buffer)
  - 1 right turn pocket extension
  - 14 left turn pocket extensions
  - 2 second left turn pockets (dual lefts)
- Performance Analysis Results:
  - Existing travel time is 9 to 10 minutes and average speed 20 to 22 MPH
  - Horizon Year without 9 to 12 minutes and average speed 19 to 21 MPH
  - Horizon Year with 10 to 12 minutes and average speed 18 to 20 MPH



# TRAFFIC SIGNAL & ITS DESIGN

- ITS system is a core feature and focus of first Metro grant.
  - Bus travel time improvements.
- Implement concept recommendations and a build ready plan set.
  - Modify and install new traffic signals, pedestrian traffic signals, and modified traffic signals.
- Integrate the traffic signal ITS and bus signal priority improvements.
- Key Elements
  - Communications system
  - Traffic signal control, management, and operation
  - Traveler information system
  - Transit signal priority
  - Adaptive traffic signal operation
- Starting Point
  - Meet with City to discuss goals and available record data
  - Extensive field review of existing traffic signal and ITS infrastructure
  - Basis of Design for traffic signal and ITS systems





### ARTESIA GREAT BOULEVARD INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS BASIS OF DESIGN

November 2021 Final



### Prepared For: City of Long Beach 411 Ocean Boulevard ong Beach, California, 90802

# **EXISTING ITS ELEMENTS**



# PROPOSED ITS ELEMENTS



• 288-strand SMFOC in dedicated conduit.

- 17 traffic signals connected to new fiber.
- 3 new hub cabinets.
- 4 new CMS signs.
- 5 new CCTV cameras.

 Connection to City Hall via Atlantic Ave and Cherry Ave (physical ring).

# **PROPOSED ITS ELEMENTS**

### **Fiber Splicing**



### **Cable Routing**



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1-96SM TO SC (EB TO CHERRY), I-12SM TO SC (BREAK-OUT TO MYRTLE TS)

-1-12SM TO SC (CCTV BREAK-OUT TO MYRTLE TS) -1-12SM TO SC (BREAK-OUT TO ATLANTIC TS) -1-96SM TO SC (SB TO LIBRARY) -1-96SM TO SC (EB TO CHERRY)

# TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM





CMS signs placed strategically on segments with high volumes prior to decision points.

# TRAFFIC SIGNAL ELEMENTS

- Existing Infrastructure
  - Type 332 or Type R (NEMA) cabinets
  - 170E (11), ASC/3-2100 (1), and 2070LX (1) controllers
  - 3 locations with EVP equipment
  - 5 locations with battery backup systems
  - 2 signals managed by City's Transparity system
- Proposed Infrastructure
  - 352i ATC cabinets (350i for 3 new hubs)
  - 2070 ATC controller with Omni eX software
  - IR receivers and Opticom 764 phase selector cards for all signals
  - Battery backup systems for all signals
  - Loop detection sufficient for adaptive operation
  - Single camera data collector for SPM's
  - APS push buttons
  - LED Countdown pedestrian heads









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Proposed



Existing Signal Carrying Fiber Pair	
Proposed Signal Carrying Fiber Pair	TS CA
Proposed Signal Carrying Fiber Pair (Redundant)	TS CA
Proposed TSP Wireless Point-to-Point Communications	TS CA
Proposed TSP Carrying Fiber Pair (Redundant)	CMS
Existing Security/LBPD CCTV Camera	1
Proposed City CCTV Camera	
Proposed Data Collector	1
Proposed Wireless Radio (Transit Signal Priority)	E
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# TRANSIT OPERATIONS

- 11 LBT Stops, 8 Metro Stops
- 5 routes with 15-to-30-minute headways
- 5 AM to 11 PM
- High ridership



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# TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

- 8 bus stop relocations
- 1 route consolidation (Metro 130 and LBT 141)
- 19 new stops and 8 bus islands



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# BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS

- Side Boarding Island Stop
- High-Viz Crosswalks with Yield Lines
- Bike Channel with Separation Rail
- Bike Parking Near Transit
- Street Trees for Shade
- Flowering Trees for Local Identity
- Parkway Landscape Buffering
- Sustainable Stormwater Strategies
- New or Repurposed Transit Info Boards



TRANSIT ISLAND



RECONFIGURED + REHABILITATED ROADWAY

# TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY

### Legend



**Signal Cabinet** 

Bus





# **TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY**



# ULEVARD BOI **ONG BEACH**





# LEWIS AVENUE





# INDIANA AVENUE

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