

Chapter 1 | Introduction

1.1 Plan Overview

Yuba-Sutter Transit has been awarded a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to develop a Corridor Enhancement Plan for Route 1—the eight-mile-long key transit route that links all other routes in the system, and carries 34 percent of the total Local Fixed Route ridership. The Corridor Enhancement Plan (Plan) provides analysis and conceptual site designs, focused on supporting capital improvements to the route’s five key transit centers and other bus facilities along Route 1. The five key transit centers include:

- Walton Terminal
- Alturas & Shasta Terminal
- Yuba County Government Center
- North Beale Transit Center
- Yuba College Transit Center

1.1.1 Plan Organization

The Plan is comprised of the following five chapters:

- Chapter 1 – Introduction
 - Provides an overview of the Plan and the community outreach activities.
- Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions
 - Presents the existing bus routes, ridership and the 53 bus stops along Route 1. A detailed description is included for each of the five key transit centers, including passenger amenities and operational conditions. Related plans and projects in the City of Yuba City, City of Marysville and Yuba County are also discussed.
- Chapter 3 – Design Parameters
 - Summarizes design parameters to be applied to the Plan for bus stop and transit center improvements, including sidewalks, bicycle facilities, bus pull-outs, passenger facilities and bus turning path requirements.

- Chapter 4 – Route 1 Transit Center and Bus Stops Program and Design Options
 - Presents the recommended transit center program and improvements; preferred options for a future Alturas & Shasta transit center including site plans and illustrative conceptual views; recommended improvements for Route 1 bus stops; explores the feasibility of installing a real-time transit arrival information system; and discusses the impact of the 5th Street bridge improvements on Route 1 operations.
- Chapter 5 – Battery Electric Bus Feasibility
 - Outlines the infrastructure and spatial requirements for conversion of Yuba-Sutter Transit’s bus fleet to battery electric buses to meet the California Air Resources Board’s direction to transition to zero emission vehicles.

1.2 Community Outreach

Community input is a critical component of the Corridor Enhancement Plan. Yuba-Sutter Transit invited riders, local jurisdictions, Caltrans, property owners, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors (Board) and other stakeholders to participate in the planning process. In an effort to engage the community early in the planning process, Yuba-Sutter Transit held a community open house and bus tour on September 20, 2017 and conducted a public survey between August 29 and September 30, 2017. A second community workshop and presentation to the Board was held on February 15, 2018 to receive input on preliminary findings. The draft Corridor Enhancement Plan will be presented to the Board on September 20, 2018.

1.2.1 Community Workshops



Community Workshop #1, September 20, 2017.

Community Workshop # 2

The second community workshop was held on February 15, 2018 during the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors meeting. The focus of this workshop was to provide a summary of community input received to-date from the first community workshop and public survey; present preliminary transit center design options and improvements that were developed for the Alturas & Shasta Terminal and receive input on preferred site options; and provide information and examples of real-time sign display systems at the Route I transit centers.

1.2.2 Public Survey

Yuba-Sutter Transit also conducted a public survey to gain input on priorities for physical improvements to Route I key transit centers and other Route I bus stops. The survey was conducted between August 29th and September 30th, 2017. The survey was available at Yuba-Sutter Transit's website and could be completed in-person during the September 20th open house. Over the course of the month, 27 surveys were completed. The survey results helped inform the recommend improvements described in the Route I Corridor Enhancement Plan. A detailed summary of the survey results are attached as Appendix B.