

SunLine Transit Agency October 27, 2021

10:25 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

AGENDA

STRATEGIC PLANNING & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE Regular Meeting

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<u>ITEM</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

In compliance with the Brown Act and Government Code Section 54957.5, agenda materials distributed 72 hours prior to the meeting, which are public records relating to open session agenda items, will be available for inspection by members of the public prior to the meeting at SunLine Transit Agency's Administration Building, 32505 Harry Oliver Trail, Thousand Palms, CA 92276 and on the Agency's website, www.sunline.org.

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<u>ITEM</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. FLAG SALUTE
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. PRESENTATIONS
- 5. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECEIVE COMMENTS

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public may address the Committee regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized. Comments shall be limited to matters not listed on the agenda. Members of the public may comment on any matter listed on the agenda at the time that the Board considers that matter. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes in length.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

RECEIVE COMMENTS

8. CENTRAL AND WEST COACHELLA VALLEY TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY TO 10 COMMUTER LINK SERVICE – PROGRESS REPORT

INFORMATION (PAGE 3-13)

(Staff: Rohan Kuruppu, Chief Planning Consultant)

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SunLine Transit Agency

DATE: October 27, 2021 INFORMATION

TO: Strategic Planning & Operational Committee

FROM: Rohan Kuruppu, Chief Planning Consultant

RE: Central and West Coachella Valley Transit Connectivity to 10

Commuter Link Service – Progress Report

Background

Staff initiated an analysis to improve connectivity to the 10 Commuter Link service from central and western Coachella Valley. 10 Commuter Link provides service between Indio/California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) - Palm Desert Campus (PDC) and San Bernardino. Since this is a regionally significant bus route intersecting multiple counties, modes and transit operators, a formal approach is taken to develop information necessary for regional coordination and planning.

Based on the planning efforts thus far, the following improvements have been implemented or are in progress:

- Establish a free, reservation based, general public park-and-ride facility at CSUSB
 PDC to enhance general public connectivity to 10 Commuter Link (completed)
- Strategically relocate FlixBus bus stop in Palm Springs at Bus Stop #26 located on Indian Canyon Drive at Tachevah Drive to Bus Stop #128 Palm Canyon Drive at Baristo Road to better serve downtown Palm Springs (in progress)

As FlixBus increases their level of service during this post-pandemic period, they plan to establish additional FlixBus bus stops at the following locations to better connect the Coachella Valley to Riverside and San Bernardino:

- Bus Stop #835 at Highway 111 and Golf Center Parkway in Indio/SunLine Division 2. At this bus stop passengers can transfer between FlixBus and SunLine Routes 1, 10 and planned Route 1X limited stop service
- Bus Stop #1010, at the Thousand Palms Transit Hub on Varner Road in Thousand Palms
- Bus Stop #72, located on Highway 111 and Deep Canyon in Palm Desert
- Bus Stop #26, located on Indian Canyon Drive and Tachevah Drive in Palm Springs

SunLine already has an agreement with FlixBus for coordinating operations within SunLine's service area and it is renewed annually with appropriate amendments.

With the Committee's concurrence, staff would like to initiate a RCTC led dialogue with Caltrans, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside and the cities of Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, and Palm Springs to establish a park-and-ride facility and a new 10 Commuter Link bus stop at I-10 and Palm/Gene Autry with a bus turnaround. This is the most optimal location to connect west and central valley to 10 Commuter Link through transit (Routes 2, 5 and Route 4 with one additional transfer connection). Through this collaborative planning effort, the finer details of the park-and-ride facility such as the exact location, the number of parking spaces, project implementation schedule and its operation will be developed for consideration by the Board of Directors and other governing bodies.

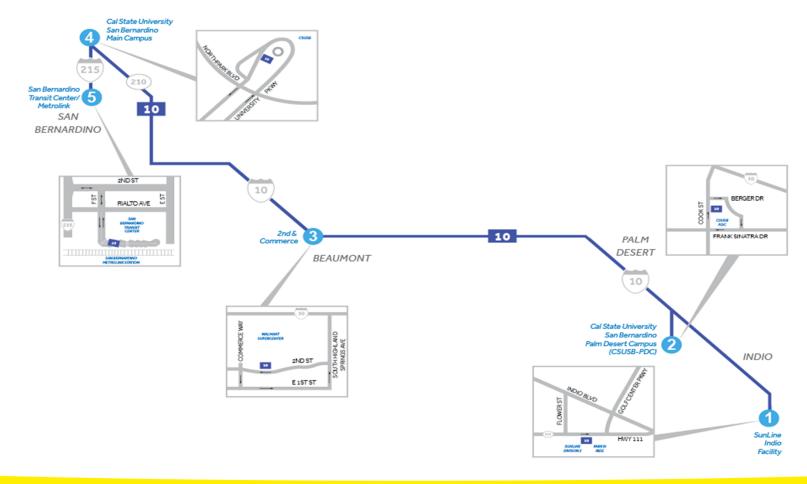
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Item 8a – Central and West Coachella Valley Transit Connectivity to 10 Commuter
 Link Service – Presentation



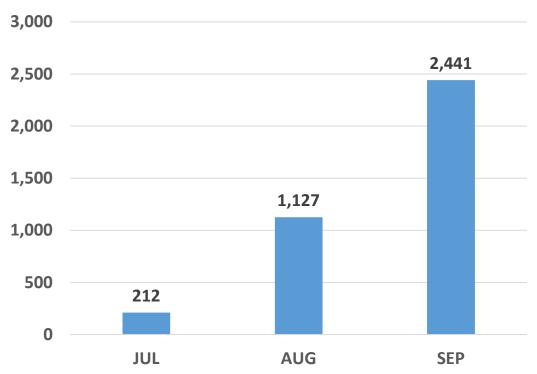
CENTRAL AND WEST COACHELLA VALLEY TO 10 COMMUTER LINK – PROGRESS REPORT

10 COMMUTER LINK





10 COMMUTER LINK MONTHLY RIDERSHIP (FY22)







STRATEGIES

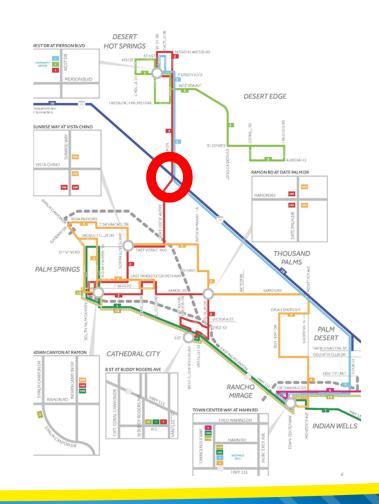
- 1. Established a general public park-and-ride facility at CSUSB PDC
- 2. Add better located FlixBus bus stops

3. Establish a park-and-ride facility at I-10 and Palm/Gene Autry



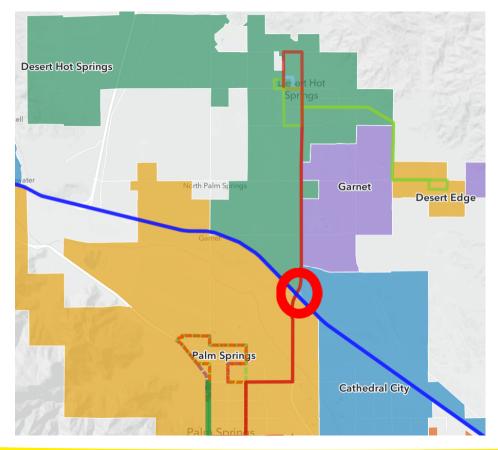
I-10 AND PALM/GENE AUTRY

- 1. Add a new bus stop at I-10 and Palm
- 2. Establish a park-and-ride with a bus turnaround
- 3. Excellent west and central valley transit connectivity from:
 - Cathedral City
 - Desert Hot Springs
 - Palm Springs
- 4. Bus stop will be beneficial to CSUSB





JURISDICTIONS AROUND I-10 AND PALM/GENE AUTRY





PLANNING

- 1. Regionally significant project
- 2. Intersecting multiple counties, modes and transit operators
- 3. Park-and-ride facilities planning, construction and operation RCTC and Caltrans

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Initiate a RCTC led dialogue with Caltrans, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside and the cities of Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, and Palm Springs to establish a park-and-ride facility
- 2. Identify optimal location
- 3. Committee/Board consideration of recommendation

Thank You



Questions?

