



THE NEWSLETTER FOR OMNITRANS BRT



sbX E STREET BRT CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION BID DEADLINE MAY 5

Omnitrans, the public transit agency serving San Bernardino Valley, is currently accepting construction bids for the 15.7-mile sbX E Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor project, procurement number IFB-IPM011-5. Prospective bidders have until 12 p.m. on May 5, 2011 to submit bids for the construction contract, which spans between the cities of San Bernardino and Loma Linda.

On March 10, 2011, Omnitrans held a pre-bid construction meeting at its San Bernardino headquarters that attracted more than 50 attendees. In addition to addressing questions from prospective bidders, it provided a forum for companies and individuals to explore partnering opportunities. The sign-in sheet for this meeting as well as a contractors' outreach workshop held on January 12, 2011 are available through Omnitrans' Procurement Department. To access the sign-in sheet, bid packet, and addendums, interested parties will need to register as a vendor with Omnitrans.

If you have questions specific to contract IFB-IPM011-5, please contact Christine Van Matre, Contract Specialist, at (909) 379-7122 or via email at christine.vanmatre@omnitrans.org

Construction Bid Milestone Dates (Projected)

Activity	Date
Last Addendum	April 21, 2011
Bid Due	May 5, 2011
Bid Award	July 6, 2011
Notice to Proceed	Sept. 19, 2011

For the latest online information for this construction bid, go to www.omnitrans.info/purchase/purchase_index.cfm and click on the project link.



Omnitrans Contracts Specialist Christine Van Matre assists an attendee at the March 10 pre-bid construction meeting



BRT PROJECT ADDRESSES STATE LAW, RECEIVES FTA SUPPORT

The estimated \$191.7-million sbX E Street BRT Corridor project is a critical component to the long-range transit plans for the region that includes various modes of public transit such as bus, Metrolink, and light rail alternatives.

The project is key for cities' compliance with Senate Bill 375 – a state law that requires California's Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regional reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and prompts the creation of regional plans to reduce emissions from vehicle use throughout the state.

California's 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), which in this region is the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), have been tasked with creating Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS). The MPOs are required to develop the SCS through integrated land use and transportation planning and demonstrate an ability to attain the proposed reduction targets by 2020 and 2035, according to SCAG.

At the local level, the sbX E Street BRT Corridor service will provide a cost-effective transportation alternative that relieves traffic congestion by encouraging people to reduce vehicle usage – a contributor to air pollution. According to a report in March 2011 by

the The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, San Bernardino County ranks among the worst when it comes to air quality in California - www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Federal Support

At the federal level, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) appropriated \$32.37 million in fiscal year 2010 and has recommended to Congress to allocate an additional \$42.63 million for fiscal year 2011 for the sbX E Street BRT Corridor project – one of only nine projects in the nation that was recommended through the competitive selection process for Small Starts funding.

An important factor for FTA funding consideration was the ability for the sbX E Street BRT Corridor to address air quality mandates by the state, potential opportunities for transit oriented development (TOD) near its 16 stations, and have destinations throughout the corridor that are trip generators such as universities, medical centers, stadiums/event venues, office centers, and retail/restaurants.

The sbX E Street BRT Corridor is one of 10 corridors studied to better connect the San Bernardino Valley and provide increased mobility using public transit.





COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

When completed, the sbX BRT project is expected to help attract economic development and growth benefits experienced by operational BRTs throughout the United States.

Currently, the sbX team is working to adapt best management practices from three successful BRT projects in the nation – Los Angeles County’s Metro Orange Line, Greater Cleveland’s HealthLine Rapid Transit Service, and Eugene, Oregon’s Emerald Express (EmX) BRT operated by the Lane Transit District – that provide a cross-section of comparable conditions being experienced in San Bernardino and Loma Linda.

Peer review between the sbX team and other public transit agencies that have BRT service in their communities will help the team better prepare to address issues experienced by businesses and other stakeholders during construction.

Locally, Omnitrans and major stakeholders San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the City of San Bernardino and its Economic Development Agency, are already working together to develop communication protocols and information delivery methods that will allow construction-related issues to be addressed in a timely and effective

manner. Omnitrans will also work with the City of Loma Linda and its economic development department to minimize impacts to its business community.

The San Bernardino Economic Development Agency has made a commitment to assist businesses during construction using existing programs and resources. The newly opened facilities for the Office of Business Development (OBD) will be a key resource to the business community.

What to Expect During Construction

As the project moves into the construction phase, the business community and other organizations will be invited to participate in monthly meetings with construction management staff to address issues and share best practices.

sbX representatives will be visiting businesses and residents regularly near construction zones to address concerns. Construction alerts will also be issued weekly as part of the communication process and the community will be encouraged to provide feedback on construction and

public outreach activities. Additionally, a new project helpline will be announced in the coming months, managed by bilingual project representatives committed to responding to calls.

From a business operations standpoint during construction, Omnitrans has already received valuable input from the community. The sbX construction management team has made addendums to construction bid requirements regarding the following areas:

- Providing access to businesses at all times during business hours

- Maintaining utility service during normal business hours
- No construction during certain times of the year in select areas
- Signage

Detailed specifics regarding the addendums can be provided upon request. To receive information regarding this and other project activities, please visit the sbX project website at sbx.omnitrans.org and click on the sign-up image.

SBX OUTREACH CALENDAR

Date: Wednesday, April 13

Event: Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Stater Bros. parking lot, Barton Road at Mt. View Street, Loma Linda

Date: Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17

Event: Railroad Days

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Santa Fe Depot, 1170 W. 3rd St., San Bernardino

Date: Friday, April 22

Event: Earth day Extravaganza

Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Community Hospital of San Bernardino, 1805 Medical Center Drive, San Bernardino

Date: Saturday, June 11

Event: Community Block Party hosted by Sustaining our Society (SOS)

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: 1214 W. Trenton St., San Bernardino

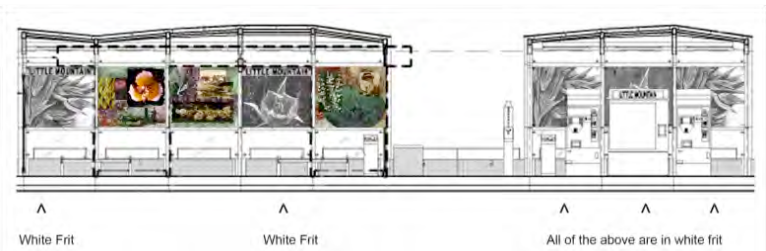
sbX STATION PROFILE: KENDALL DRIVE STATIONS AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN DRIVE AND SHANDIN HILLS DRIVE

Artists: Leticia Huerta

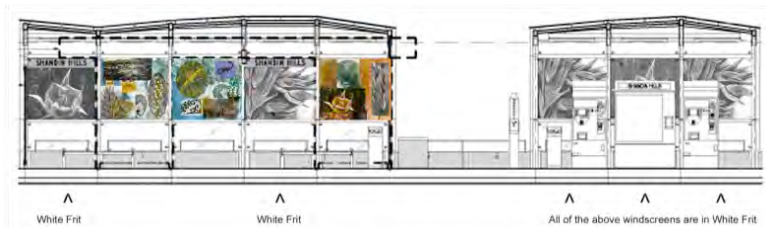
Material: Concrete Pavers and Ceramic Frit on Glass

Dimensions: Pavers at 18 x 18 inches, Windscreens (N/A), Shades (N/A)

Images/Visuals: Based on native plants and history of San Bernardino

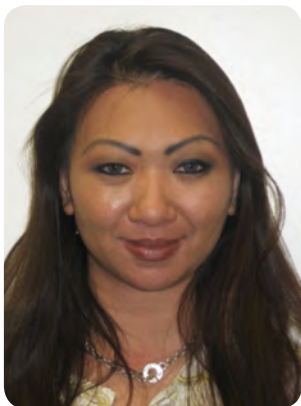


Kendall Drive and Little Mountain Drive Windscreen Designs.



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sbX TEAM ADDS PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST



Jackellyn Trinh, Public Relations Specialist – Jackellyn joins the Omnitrans Integrated Project Management Office (IPMO) staff to assist with public relations along the E Street corridor. Her primary task will involve business outreach in the area of exclusive lanes (10th and E Streets to Hospitality Lane and Tippecanoe Avenue).

A graduate of Drexel University, Jackellyn has done extensive contract work, representing numerous public, private and non-profit organizations, including San Bernardino City Unified School District,

San Bernardino Airport, County of San Bernardino, the City of San Bernardino, Los Angeles World Airports, Metro, Caltrans, OCTA, agencies She previously served as Regional Marketing Manager at STV Inc. and Director of Marketing and Business Development at DCC Architects. She resides in Rancho Cucamonga and has worked on a number of local projects related to marketing and advertising in the San Bernardino Valley.

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