



# Fast Facts: SamTrans US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study

## What is an express bus?

An express bus is a transit service that is designed to travel faster than traditional “local” services to popular commuter destinations. They typically offer faster travel times by traveling on freeways and making fewer stops. The most likely passengers of express buses are weekday commuters or other passengers traveling somewhat long distances between cities. The express bus services SamTrans is exploring would be open to all passengers.


## What is this study?

SamTrans is studying the possibility of new express bus service through San Mateo County, to San Francisco and Santa Clara counties, with some routes potentially running in a managed lane on US-101. This study includes research and analysis of the potential bus service, as well as a public engagement process to hear from potential riders, advocacy organizations, and other local stakeholders. The study team will compile research, analysis, and the results of the community input into a Final Report, anticipated in Fall 2018.

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## What is a Managed Lane, also known as an Express Lane?

- » Carpools, buses, motorcycles and eligible clean air vehicles free
- » Other drivers can choose to pay
- » Electronic toll collection using transponders in vehicle
- » Dynamic tolls (congestion pricing) keep lane free flowing

-  **Goal 1** Provide **Mobility Options** and Improved **Connections** for **Regional Trips**
-  **Goal 2** Increase **Transit Market Share** in Corridor
-  **Goal 3** Develop a **Cost-Effective Service**
-  **Goal 4** Improve Transportation **Equity**
-  **Goal 5** Enhance **Access to Jobs** and Population Centers
-  **Goal 6** Support Sustainable **Land Use** and **Transportation Policies**

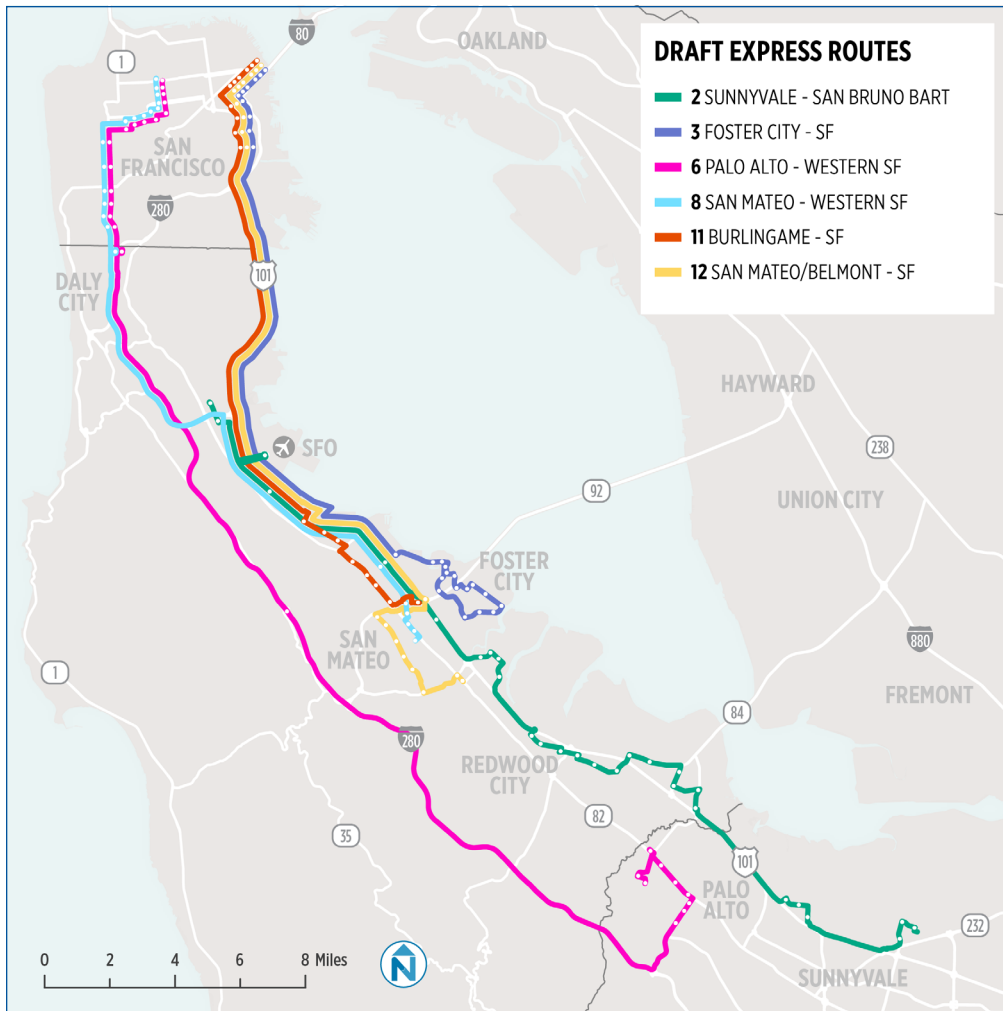
## Why are we doing this study?

US-101 is one of the most congested freeways in the Bay Area, and express buses can play a role in providing an easy alternative to driving alone and strengthening connectivity to jobs and housing hubs. Express buses would be just one part of the solution to easing commutes on US-101. Together with other transportation improvements along the corridor, express bus service has the potential to help improve travel conditions and options.

## Is this the same as the San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project?

No. While the projects are related, the US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study complements but is separate from the San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project. The San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project is a feasibility study for implementing a continuous managed traffic lane along the US-101 corridor, whereas the US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study will examine the financial and operational feasibility of long-distance express buses operating on US-101, serving San Mateo County and adjacent counties. Ultimately, new express bus services along US-101 might be one of several transportation options that helps to maximize the benefit of managed lanes on 101.





- DRAFT EXPRESS ROUTES**
- 2 SUNNYVALE - SAN BRUNO BART
  - 3 FOSTER CITY - SF
  - 6 PALO ALTO - WESTERN SF
  - 8 SAN MATEO - WESTERN SF
  - 11 BURLINGAME - SF
  - 12 SAN MATEO/BELMONT - SF



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## Upcoming Events

### Booth at San Mateo Farmers' Market

**Saturday, June 2**  
**9 AM - Noon**

College of San Mateo, 1700 W Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo

### Booth at Sunday Streets SF in the Sunset / Golden Gate Park

**Sunday, June 3**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**

Sprekels Lake Activity Hub at JFK Dr and 36th Ave, by Sprekels Lake, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

### Booth at Palo Alto Downtown Farmers' Market

**Saturday, June 9**  
**10 AM - Noon**

601 Gilman St, Palo Alto

### Booth at Facebook Festival "Bayou on the Bayfront"

**Saturday, June 9**  
**1 PM - 3 PM**

1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park

### Community Open House

**Wednesday, June 13**  
**6 PM - 7:30 PM**

SamTrans Headquarters, 1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos

## What's happening and when?

SamTrans launched this study in April 2017. The Study team has since completed a detailed market analysis and identified an initial set of 15 potential express bus routes throughout the three-county study area. The initial routes were evaluated against a set of goals and performance metrics such as anticipated ridership.

The study team is currently completing a detailed evaluation process of the routes, after which the team anticipates recommending a network of four to six express bus routes to be implemented in phases. The study's final report is anticipated to be published in Fall 2018. SamTrans is exploring a potential pilot launch of express buses prior to the year 2021 with a full launch in conjunction with the completion of the US-101 Managed Lanes project. The new express service will be funded in part through SB1 funds.

We welcome stakeholder input throughout the project. The study team held a round of outreach in Summer 2017 and is holding a second round in Summer 2018 with the events to the right.

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