

# Fiscal Year 2022

# **Service Plan**



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#### 1. Introduction

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY2022) Service Plan continues Omnitrans' strategy of utilizing a flexible, data-driven, triggers-based approach to align service with ridership demand and funding as the Agency rebounds from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The service plan lays out a 7-step resumption path that may take up to two years to fully implement with multiple milestones rather than a prescriptive approach to the service changes expected during the year.

Omnitrans developed a series of Health & Safety, Ridership/Demand, Financial, and Employee Recall service resumption triggers for FY2021. These resumption triggers have been updated for FY2022. Using these triggers combined with information available today, the FY2022 Service Plan proposes service resumption associated with student trips and morning service on the core network in August 2021. This would be followed by morning and evening peak service resumption on Omnitrans' secondary tier routes in January 2022.

Currently, Omnitrans is operating 72% of the planned ConnectForward fixed route service level. With the proposed service resumption in August 2021 and January 2022, service levels will increase to 78% and 83% of ConnectForward planned service, respectively. Should there be a significant change in ridership demand, Omnitrans will come back to the Board to further adjust service in line with the triggers outlined in this report.

The Annual Service Plan defines the Family of Service offerings, changes to services or service polices, and sets fare policy for the year. Omnitrans proposes no change to the Family of Services, service policy or fare policy during FY2022. Service changes proposed are in line with resuming previously approved ConnectForward service levels.

Omnitrans proposes implementing a second OmniRide MicroTransit service in Upland in August 2021. This OmniRide service will replace the planned Route 383 service as the implementation of Route 383 was delayed due to low ridership on related previously existing service during the pandemic. The cost of OmniRide Upland mirrors the planned Route 383 service and is in line with the objectives laid out in the ConnectForward plan.

Lastly, Omnitrans has applied for a Clean Mobility Options grant for OmniRide Bloomington. Initial indications have been positive on this grant application. Should the grant be awarded, Omnitrans will complete the required planning processes and come back to the Board for approval to implement OmniRide Bloomington as an addendum to this annual service plan.



#### 2. OMNITRANS FAMILY OF SERVICES

Omnitrans' Family of Services includes Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Express and Local Bus service, Community Circulator service, MicroTransit service and ADA Paratransit service. These can be seen in Exhibit 1.

			Omnitrans Family of Service O	
Service	Type	Brand	Image	Description
	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	sbX	ON THE	BRT service mirrors light-rail service with dedicated lanes, amenities, stations and vehicles.
Route	Express	Omnitrans		Freeway bus service connecting two or more areas of highly concentrated activity.
Fixed Route	Local	Omnitrans	Condens 2	Traditional large bus service operating on a set route with a set schedule at defined frequencies.
	Community Circulator	Omnitrans	Onntan	Smaller bus service designed to offer mobility for areas with relatively low population and employment density.
Demand Response	MicroTransit	OmniRide		Real-time customer requested, technology-enabled, automatically dispatched demand responsive service
Demand	ADA Paratransit	OmniAccess	Constant Con	Curb-to-curb service provided to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that is provided within ¾-mile of a fixed route service.
Sp	ecial Transit	Services	Clean	As the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA), Omnitrans offers a variety of mobility services including Travel Training, Volunteer Driver programs, a Lyft & Taxi program, and many Regional Mobility Partnership programs.

Omnitrans proposes no changes to the overall Family of Services in FY2022.



#### 3. COVID-19 PANDEMIC SERVICE RESPONSE & RIDERSHIP LEVELS

Typically, the annual service plan's service recommendations are built upon systemwide ridership trends and route-by-route performance reviews. This is combined with before and after analyses of recent service changes to determine which changes were successful and which changes need to be further adjusted based on actual performance.

"Regular" performance analyses and before and after analyses of the impact of the September 2020 ConnectForward service changes were rendered effectively meaningless by the overall changes in travel and ridership patterns caused by the pandemic. Fiscal year-to-date through February, Omnitrans systemwide ridership was down 63.0%, with fixed route ridership down 62.4% and demand response ridership down 82.1%. Considering these trends, Omnitrans made multiple service adjustments during the pandemic. These changes can be seen in Exhibit 2.

Exhibit 2: Timeline of Omnitrans COVID Related Service & Fare Changes



The changes implemented above were based on the Service Resumption Triggers (Exhibit 3) and the service resumption plan approved in the FY2021 Service Plan and FY2021 Budget (Scenario C). The comparison of the budget to what was actually implemented is shown in Exhibit 4.

Exhibit 3: FY2021 Service Resumption Triggers

# Health & Safety Triggers Purpose: Determine when to begin fare collection, open front-door, full bus boarding

- Driver PPE readily available/installed
- State Stay at Home Order Lifted (Phase 2)
- Specific CDC/State/County Transit / Transportation Guidelines

#### **Financial Triggers**

**Purpose:** Determine what services / staffing can be supported

- Adopt revised budget
- · CARES Act funding flow
- Monthly reports to Administrative & Finance Committee

#### Ridership/Demand Triggers

**Purpose:** Determine when to restore service, routes & frequency.....(System & Route specific)

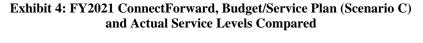
- Colleges & High Schools reopen inperson
- Routes routinely exceeding 15 max passengers on board (Load factor >0.4). 20 for sbX w/ FTA Consultation

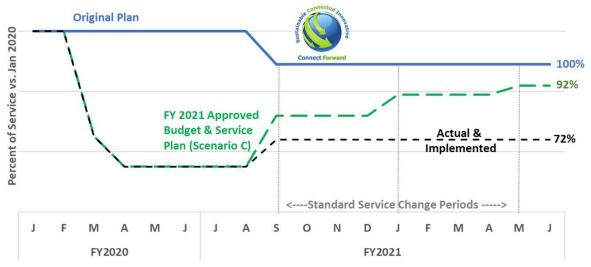
#### **Employee Recall Triggers**

**Purpose:** Determine when to begin to recall operators and mechanics

- Driven by revenue hours and demand in conjunction with other three triggers
- · Aligning workforces with service levels

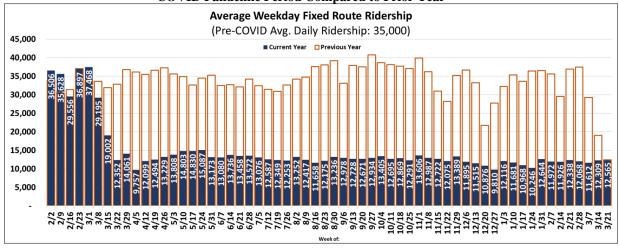






Omnitrans intentionally chose to remain below the budgeted service levels as ridership remained low but stable during the year. Exhibit 5 shows weekly fixed route ridership trend compared to the prior year and Exhibit 6 shows weekly OmniAccess ridership during the year. Since neither fixed route service, nor OmniAccess service demonstrated significant increases leading up to the service changes shown in Scenario C, service levels were kept flat.

Exhibit 5: Average Weekday Fixed Route Ridership by Week COVID Pandemic Period Compared to Prior Year





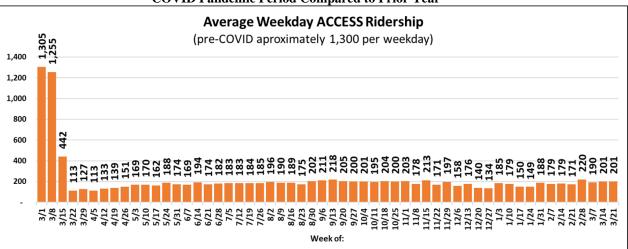
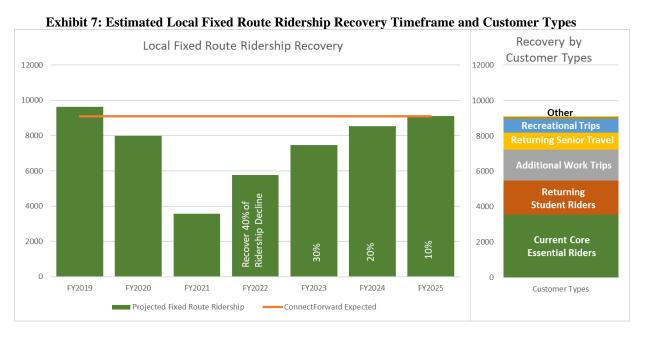


Exhibit 6: Average Weekday OmniAccess Ridership by Week COVID Pandemic Period Compared to Prior Year

As FY2021 comes to a close, significant portions of the population are getting vaccinated and schools throughout the service area are beginning to open to a modest level of in person learning. As these trends continue, Omnitrans anticipates that ridership will gradually begin to grow. While there remains a great deal of uncertainty, Omnitrans anticipates that approximately 40% of lost ridership may be back within the year. If this pace of ridership resumption is accurate, it will likely be three to four years before Omnitrans ridership levels approach pre-pandemic levels.

Exhibit 7 illustrates a likely estimated ridership recovery path that approaches pre-pandemic levels. If this estimate holds, Omnitrans would not return to pre-pandemic ridership levels until FY2025. In order to accomplish this, Omnitrans must focus on reaching out to customers by customer type. The initial focus is on returning student riders who previously accounted for 20% of ridership and has fallen to effectively no ridership during the pandemic. This would be followed by additional work trips as the economy rebounds, trips taken by seniors and recreational travel.





#### 4. SUMMARY OF SERVICE RESUMPTION AND SERVICE CHANGES

The FY2022 Service Plan is built on the Revised Service Resumption Triggers shown in Exhibit 8. The triggers remain built upon Health & Safety, Ridership/Demand, Financial and Employee Recall triggers.

The Health and Safety Triggers are designed to support employee safety and determine when bus capacity should change. Omnitrans successfully implemented many initiatives to ensure the Agency has met these triggers. These have been embodied by the Agency participating in APTA's Health and Safety Commitments program. Currently, Omnitrans utilizes a planning capacity of 15 people per 40-foot bus, and an actual capacity of 20 people per 40-foot bus. As the risk tiers improve, the Health and Safety Trigger will allow for additional capacity onboard buses.

The Ridership/Demand triggers are based on evaluating routes that are nearing or exceeding the capacity limits set during the Health & Safety Triggers. Ridership and Demand have been low but stable during the last year. As vaccination rates increase, schools reopen, and travel increases, Omnitrans anticipates seeing additional demand, which the agency will meet by gradually increasing service.

While Ridership and Demand may increase the need for service, Omnitrans will ensure to align service levels with funding levels. The purpose of the Financial Triggers is to ensure Omnitrans only reintroduces service that can be sustained long-term.

Once the first three triggers have been met, employees will be recalled to provide the service levels needed. Currently, approximately 100 coach operators remain on a recall list.

**Exhibit 8: FY2022 Revised Service Resumption Triggers** 

# Health & Safety Triggers Purpose: Employee Safety & Bus Capacity ✓ Employee PPE available & installed ✓ State Stay at Home Order Lifted ✓ CDC/State/County Transit Guidelines • Monitoring State's "County Risk Tier" Ridership/Demand Triggers Purpose: Service resumption: Routes/freq. ✓ Routes routinely exceeding 15 max passengers on board (20 for sbX) ✓ Resumption aimed at greatest passenger impact and ensuring social equity

## Financial Triggers

### Purpose: Financially sustainable services

Reduced social distancing guidelines

- ✓ Adopt budget with CARES Act funds
- ✓ Quarterly reports to A&F Committee
- ✓ Service resumption must be sustainable in both short and long run
- Additional Federal/State Funding Support

#### **Employee Recall Triggers**

Colleges & High Schools reopen in-person

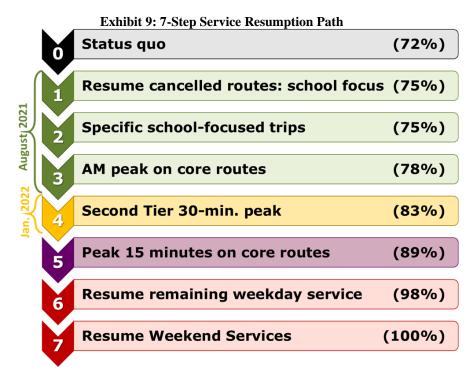
#### Purpose: Determine when to recall staff

- Driven by revenue hours and ridership demand
- ✓ Aligning workforces with service levels
- Continue based on service resumption



Based on the Service Resumption Triggers, Omnitrans developed the 7-step service resumption path shown in Exhibit 9. Omnitrans is currently operating 72% of the ConnectForward Planned Service level. This is shown in "Step 0: Status Quo."

The first three steps are aimed at preparing service for High Schools and Colleges resuming in-person education in earnest at beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Step 1 includes resuming services that were eliminated when schools were closed. An example of this is the return of Route 67, which connects the Chaffey College Main Campus in Rancho Cucamonga to the Chaffey College Fontana Campus. Step designed to add trips on existing routes to ensure that service aligns to High School bell times. Step 3 adds morning peak service to the six core routes that normally account for 50% of Omnitrans ridership. The core routes' mid-



day and PM peak service was already restored to 20-minute service in September 2020. These steps 1-3 are proposed for August 2021.

With the implementation of Steps 1-3, Omnitrans has improved service on the core network (Routes that previously operated at 15 minutes or better) to 20-minute service compared to the initial emergency service plan level of 30 minutes. Step 4 focuses on improving the next set of routes. These routes previously operated at 30-minute service all-day but are currently operating at 60 minutes. Step 4 improves the service to 30 minutes during the AM and PM peak. This is proposed for January 2022.

Step 5 resumes peak 15-minute weekday service on the core network. Steps 6 & 7 resume the remaining weekday and weekend service. Based on currently available information, these steps will be considered in FY2023.

Omnitrans will continue to evaluate innovative service opportunities that may modify the way service is brought back. An example of this can be seen in Section 4.1 of this report, where Omnitrans proposes to introduce a new OmniRide in Upland as part of Step 1 service resumption instead of implementing the previously planned Route 383.

Exhibits 9 through 13 provide maps that demonstrate the geographic impacts of this 7-step service resumption path.



Exhibit 10: Status Quo Map of Service (Step 0) N Rancho Cucamonga Upland Highland 10 Highland 88 Montclair 305 Loi Grand Terrace Yucaipa Loma Linda 319 Ontario Chino Legend Status Quo Chino Hills Steps 1, 2, and 3 Step 4 Step 5 Steps 6 and 7 0 2.5 5 10 Miles OmniRide Chino Hills Copyright:(c) 2014 Esri

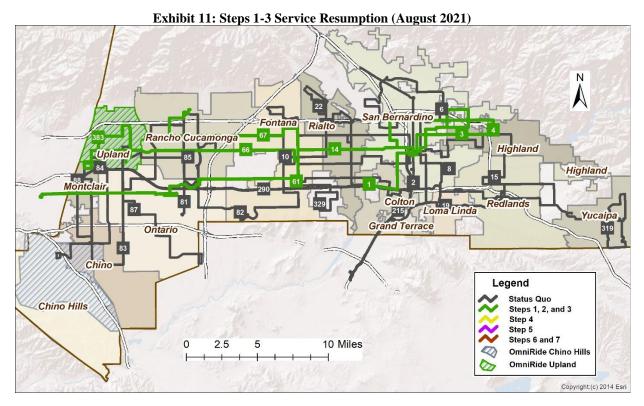
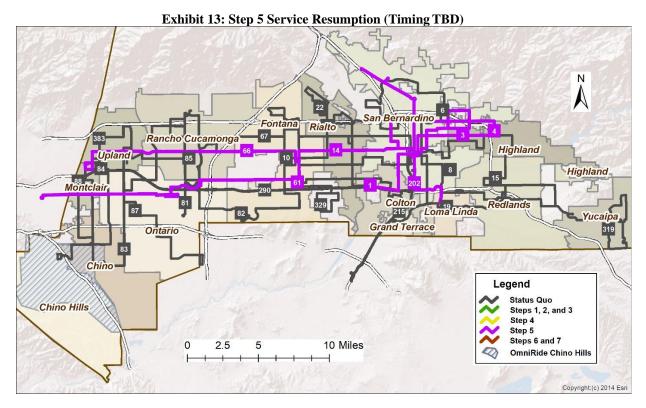




Exhibit 12: Step 4 Service Resumption (January 2021) N San Bernardino Rancho Cucamonga Upland Highland Highland 15 Montclair Colton 19 Redlands Grand Terrace Loma Linda Yucaipa 319 Ontario 83 Chino Legend Status Quo Chino Hills Steps 1, 2, and 3 Step 4 Step 5 Steps 6 and 7 0 2.5 5 10 Miles OmniRide Chino Hills Copyright:(c) 2014 Esri





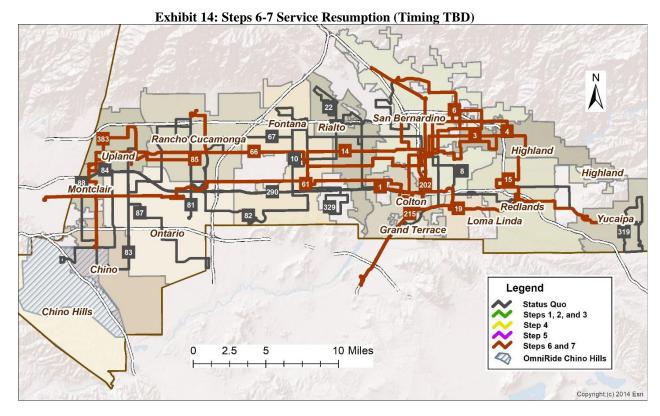
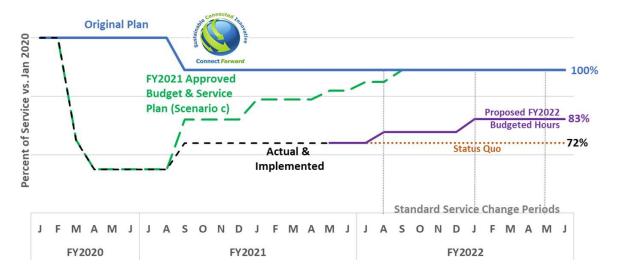


Exhibit 15 demonstrates the service levels operated during the pandemic and proposed for FY2022 by month compared to the planned service level.



**Exhibit 15: FY2022 Proposed Service Resumption** 



#### 4.1 OMNIRIDE UPLAND

Omnitrans implemented OmniRide Chino Hills in September 2020. OmniRide is a demand responsive MicroTransit service that operates like an agency operated Transportation Network Company (TNC) like UBER or Lyft. Agency operated MicroTransit service is preferred by Omnitrans to a TNC partnership as the Agency has greater control of safety and risk, can ensure compliance with FTA drug and alcohol regulations, and MicroTransit meets the FTA requirements to report ridership.

The OmniRide Chino Hills Pilot has proven that the technology works and the partnerships with First Transit and RideCo has worked. The Pilot has also expanded coverage and access to transportation options to residents in Chino Hills and Chino. Customer satisfaction on OmniRide has been high with customers giving OmniRide an average rating of 4.92 out of 5.

Lastly, OmniRide has allowed the agency to be responsive to changes in demand in Chino Hills. The service was planned to require three peak vehicles and started with three vehicles in September 2020. However, as demand has been lower than anticipated, Omnitrans reduced the vehicles needed to two in November 2020 and to effectively one-and-a-quarter vehicles in January 2021. As this change occurred, OmniRide has continued to meet service delivery goals. Had this service been operated as a traditional fixed route, the three vehicles would have remained in service to meet the schedule.

With the reduction of MicroTransit vehicles needed to support OmniRide Chino Hills, Omnitrans proposes placing an OmniRide vehicle in service in Upland. Should demand in either city pick up beyond current expectations, Omnitrans can utilize excess fleet from the OmniAccess program to meet the need.

The proposed service area for OmniRide Upland can be seen in Exhibit 16. The service area includes the entire city of Upland and a small outcropping in the southwest corner of the city to connect to the Montclair Transit Center. As such, OmniRide Upland is designed to be a first/last mile solution serving both the Montclair Metrolink Station and Upland Metrolink Station. It also provides access to an Omnitrans core Route 66 on Foothill Blvd.

OmniRide Upland was not in the ConnectForward Plan, but a fixed route service operated by a smaller vehicle was in the plan. OmniRide Upland is designed to replace that route, Route 383. In Exhibit 16, the map shows Route 383 in white compared to the OmniRide Upland service area shown in blue. Exhibit 17 quantifies the comparison between the two services.

OmniRide Upland and Route 383 have effectively the same annual operating cost at approximately \$350,000 per year. Upland OmniRide covers approximately 76,000 residents in Upland compared to 43,000 for Route 383. Additionally, by covering the entire city, OmniRide provides service to nearly twice the service area as Route 383 by serving 15.7 square miles compared to 7.9 square miles by Route 383. OmniRide also covers the local OmniAccess trips within north Upland. Lastly, if the pilot proves successful, OmniRide vehicles (Ford Transits) are approximately half the capital cost of contracted fixed route vehicles (CNG Cutaways).



As a result of providing greater access to transit and improved first/last mile solutions in Upland at a lower cost than the planned Route 383, Omnitrans proposes implementing OmniRide Upland in August 2021. This times with Step 1 of the service resumption plan.

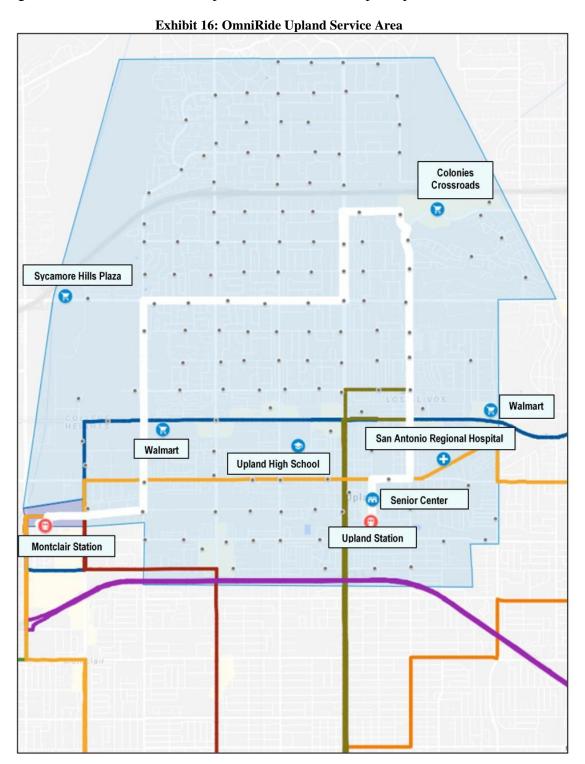




Exhibit 17: Comparison of Route 383 to OmniRide Upland

	Route 383	OmniRide Upland
Service Type	Fixed	Microtransit
Area Served: Population & Sq. Miles	43,699 population 7.96 sq. miles	76,595 population 15.7 sq. miles
Days/Hours	14 hours weekday	14 hours weekday
Metrolink Connections: Upland & Montclair	Both	Both
Agency Cost	Same Cost (\$350k/year)	Same Cost (\$350k/year)
Passenger Fare	\$2.00 / \$0.90 Full S&D	\$4.00 / \$2.00 Full S&D Include day pass for transfer onto other services
OmniAccess Coverage	Only 3/4 mile around the fixed route	All city provided by OmniRide Upland service boundary
Vehicles	1 (Cutaway)	1 (Ford Transit)

#### **4.2 OMNIRIDE BLOOMINGTON**

Omnitrans applied for a Clean Mobility Options grant for OmniRide Bloomington in 2020. Initial indications have been positive on this grant application. Should the grant be awarded, Omnitrans will complete the required planning processes and come back to the Board for approval to implement OmniRide Bloomington as an addendum to this annual service plan.



#### 5. Proposed FY2021 Service Levels

This section provides FY2022 projections for key service characteristics at systemwide, fixed route and demand response services levels. The service characteristics are based on implementing service resumptions Steps 1-3 in August 2021 and Step 4 in January 2022. Should the service resumption triggers indicate that service should be resumed faster or slower than anticipated, these recommendations will be brought to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Board will be provided a minimum of a quarterly update on Omnitrans progress on service resumption as part of the quarterly reports brought to the Board regarding the Annual Management Plan and key performance indicators.

#### **5.1 Systemwide Service**

Systemwide service characteristics are the summation of the fixed route (sbX, Local, Express, Contracted) and demand response (OmniAccess, OmniRide) service characteristics provided in the sections below. Traditional fixed route service dominates systemwide service characteristics because 72% of Omnitrans' FY2022 revenue hours are directly operated 40-foot bus service, compared to 4% for sbX, 6% for contracted fixed route service, 17% for ADA paratransit service and 1% for OmniRide. From a ridership perspective, traditional fixed route service dominates the service characteristics by an even larger share accounting for 89% of boardings compared to 8% for sbX, 1% for contracted fixed route, 2% for OmniAccess and <1% for OmniRide.

Exhibit 18 shows that Omnitrans' revenue hours are projected to grow 20.8% during FY2022, rising from 497,0000 hours in FY2021 to 601,000 hours in FY2022. This remains 28% below FY2019, which was the last year not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ridership levels are projected to reach 6.5 million riders up 62.7% compared to 3.9 million in FY2021 as described in Section 3 of this report. The FY2022 ridership projections remains down 40% compared to systemwide ridership in FY2019 levels of 10.8 million.

**Exhibit 18: System-wide Service Characteristics Summary** 

		Actuals									Year-End Estimate		Projection		Percent Change	
(in Thousands except vehicles and ratios)		ı	FY2016		FY2017		FY2018		FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		Y2022	FY2022
Financial	Fare Revenue	\$	14,193	\$	13,314	\$	13,078	\$	13,595	\$	11,544	\$	6,304	\$	7,599	20.5%
Data	Operating Cost	\$	68,401	\$	77,037	\$	83,332	\$	94,814	\$	87,588	\$	73,311	\$	83,346	13.7%
	Revenue Miles		11,320		11,389		11,415		11,425		10,146		6,744		8,154	20.9%
Operating	Total Miles		12,741		12,742		12,805		12,818		11,320		7,466		9,143	22.5%
Data	Revenue Hours		831		832		830		833		738		497		601	20.8%
Data	Total Hours		900		897		898		898		793		537		651	21.2%
	Passengers		12,813		11,653		11,210		10,864		9,024		3,997		6,503	62.7%
	Peak Revenue Fleet		248		250		251		251		252		134		191	42.5%
Fleet Data	Spare Fleet		32		31		31		32		31		40		51	27.5%
	Total Fleet		280		281		282		283		283		174		242	39.1%
Key Stats	Passengers per Hour		15.4		14.0		13.5		13.0		12.2		8.0		10.8	34.7%

Omnitrans' total fleet needs begin to rebound as service levels resume. The vehicles needed to fully resume service are currently kept in contingency so that the Agency can resume service as needed.



#### **5.2 FIXED ROUTE SERVICE**

The projected fixed route service characteristics are based on the 7-step service resumption path described in Section 4 of this report. Fixed route services include sbX, local, express and contracted fixed route services.

Exhibit 19 describes the annualized change in total revenue hours of 10.1% reaching 492,000 revenue hours. While this is a 10.1% increase compared to FY2021, it remains down 27% compared to FY2019, the last Fiscal Year not impacted by the pandemic. Ridership is projected to increase 61.1% to 6.3 million riders, up from 3.9 million riders in FY2021. This remains down 40% compared to ridership level in FY2019, which was 10.5 million riders.

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Total Fixed Route (In Thousands except vehicles and ratios)			Actuals										Year-End Estimate		ojection	Percent Change
			FY2016		FY2017		FY2018		FY2019		Y2020	FY2021		FY2022		FY2022
Financial	Fare Revenue	\$	12,439	\$	11,577	\$	11,463	\$	12,150	\$	10,361	\$	5,779	\$	6,993	21.0%
Data	Operating Cost	\$	55,778	\$	64,313	\$	69,764	\$	78,286	\$	74,213	\$	64,393	\$	70,000	8.7%
	Revenue Miles		8,733		8,833		8,985		9,111		8,259		6,025		6,615	9.8%
Operating	Total Miles		9,452		9,568		9,769		9,917		8,971		6,561		7,214	10.0%
Operating Data	Revenue Hours		661		665		673		676		612		447		492	10.1%
Data	Total Hours		691		697		705		709		641		468		516	10.2%
	Passengers		12,380		11,220		10,832		10,503		8,778		3,936		6,341	61.1%
	Peak Revenue Fleet		152		154		155		155		156		102		124	21.6%
Fleet Data	Spare Fleet		32		31		31		32		31		33		38	15.2%
	Total Fleet		184		185		186		187		187		135		162	20.0%
Key Stats	Passengers per Hour		18.7		16.9		16.1		15.5		14.3		8.8		12.9	46.3%

**Exhibit 19: Total Fixed Route Service Characteristics Summary** 

#### **5.3 DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE**

Demand response service includes OmniAccess ADA paratransit service and OmniRide MicroTransit Service. Service characteristic details can be seen in Exhibit 20.

**Exhibit 20: Demand Response Service Characteristics Summary** 

Total Demand Response			Actuals									Year-End Estimate		Projection		Percent Change
(in Thousands except vehicles and ratios)		18	FY2016	F	Y2017	FY2018		FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2022
Financial	Fare Revenue	\$	1,754	\$	1,736	\$	1,614	\$	1,445	\$	1,184	\$	525	\$	605	15.3%
Data	Operating Cost	\$	12,623	\$	12,725	\$	13,568	\$	16,528	\$	13,374	\$	8,919	\$	13,346	49.6%
	Revenue Miles		2,587		2,556		2,431		2,314		1,887		719		1,539	114.0%
Operating	Total Miles		3,290		3,174		3,036		2,901		2,349		905		1,929	113.1%
Data	Revenue Hours		170		167		158		157		126		50		108	116.0%
Data	Total Hours		209		200	27305.706.700	193		189	200000000	152		68		134	96.3%
	Passengers		434		432		378		360		247		61		162	167.3%
	Peak Revenue Fleet		96		96		96		96		96		32		67	109.4%
Fleet Data	Spare Fleet		0	. Vondandand	0		0		0		0		7		13	0.0%
	Total Fleet		96		96		96		96		96		39		80	105.1%
Key Stats	Passengers per Hour		2.5		2.6		2.4		2.3		2.0		1.2		1.5	23.7%

OmniAccess service was the service that experienced the greatest impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. OmniAccess ridership was down 82% during the pandemic, from approximately 1,300 riders per weekday pre-pandemic to approximately 200 average weekday riders during the pandemic. Omnitrans estimates that during FY2022, ridership on OmniAccess will increase to approximately 550 average weekday riders as workshops begin to reopen. While this increase in





ridership is a large 167.3% increase in ridership, this is based on the small current base of ridership. Overall Demand Response ridership is projected to remain down 55% compared to pre-pandemic levels.

OmniAccess service levels are exclusively driven by customer demand for service and therefore revenue hours only increase with the increase in demand. Based on the estimated ridership demand, revenue hours are projected to also see significant increase of 114% rising to 108,000 revenue hours, compared to 50,000 revenue hours in FY2021. This remains down 31% compared to pre-pandemic levels. The increase in revenue hours is less than the increase in riders as there is an expected increase in productivity from 1.2 passengers per hour to 1.5 passengers per hour.

OmniRide accounts for less than 5% of the demand response service and as a result the small changes in OmniRide Upland dwarfed by the pandemic-based changes on OmniAccess.



#### **6. FARE STRUCTURE**

Omnitrans raised fares in FY2020 and proposes no fare change during FY2022.

Exhibit 21, Exhibit 22 and Exhibit 23 provide details of Omnitrans' FY2022 fare structure.

**Exhibit 21: Fixed Route Fares** 

	Full-Fare	Senior/Disability/Medicare	Youth	Veteran			
31-Day	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00			
7-Day	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00 \$ 15.00				
1-Day	·		·				
Single Day Pass	\$ 6.00	\$2.75	n/a full-fare	\$ 2.75			
Packs of Ten	\$ 54.00	\$ 25.00	n/a full-fare	\$ 25.00			
Single Ride							
Individually	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.90	n/a full-fare	\$ 0.90			
Packs of Ten	\$ 18.00	\$ 8.50	n/a full-fare	\$ 8.50			
	Children: Height Personal Care A Omnitrans Empl RTA Employees LAMTA, Foothi Promotional Far Uniformed activ Interagency Tra Transit Agency, S	e military, police and fire personnel nsfers: Omnitrans accepts multi-use public Transit, Mountain Transit, Vic	lers er; Employee/Family ID; yee/Family ID; and, nsit Employees: With I  coasses from Foothill Tractor Valley Transit Autl	Employee ID ansit, Riverside nority and			
Go Smart Fare	Beaumont Transit for one free transfer on Omnitrans fixed route services at points of connection.  The Go Smart fare is a pre-negotiated fare for any student, employee, member or client of a partner organization. Participants must have an active, valid Omnitrans-compatible ID card as proof of fare						

**Exhibit 22: Access Fares** 

	Cash
1-3 zone	\$ 3.75
4 zone	\$ 4.75
5 zone	\$ 5.75
6 zone	\$ 6.75

**Exhibit 23: MicroTransit Fares** 

	Full-Fare	Senior/Disability/Medicare	Youth	Veteran
One-Ride	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00
(includes day pass on fixed route)				

#### 6.1 K-12 STUDENT FREE FARE PILOT PROGRAM

During FY2022 Omnitrans proposes a six-month pilot free student fare program beginning in August 2021. The pilot will be supported by grant funding and will be used to determine the financial viability of an expanded program or determine the level of partnerships needed to continue to program. If the pilot is successful and the Board chooses to continue it after six months, a subsequent fare policy change including public hearing and fare equity analysis will be needed.



#### 7. Public Input and Title VI Service Equity Analysis

Best practices in transit planning are built upon thorough public input. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Omnitrans staff held public meetings virtually. The public meetings included three discussion items: COVID-related Emergency Service Changes that were implemented in March and April 2020; the Service Resumption Plan; and the FY21-FY25 Short Range Transit Plan. The Strategic Development Department also tracks and considers all service requests that are received. These inputs inform Omnitrans' recommendations for service changes.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations require public hearings and Title VI Service Equity Analyses for any major service change or any fare increase. The FTA requires that agencies define a major service change. Omnitrans has defined this as a change to any route's hours, miles or passengers by 25% or more on any day of service. Given the unanticipated implementation of the Emergency Service Plan due to the pandemic, this service change was deemed a major service change and required a public hearing. Additionally, the FTA allows an emergency service deployment plan to be implemented for up to one-year. The pandemic has had Omnitrans on an emergency service deployment footing for more than one-year and a related service equity analysis was completed and public input was gathered.

#### 7.1 Public Input

Omnitrans held four virtual public hearings related to the above items. To maximize the potential for public input, Omnitrans posted a recording of the public hearing presentation online. The public was able to download the presentation material if they desired. An online comment form was also made available on the same webpage. This allowed the public to provide feedback prior to the first scheduled hearing and after the last scheduled hearing. The video was viewed 70 times and the website promoting the public hearings was viewed 230 times. The public hearing schedule is shown in Exhibit 24.

**Exhibit 24: Virtual Public Meetings** 

DATE	TIME
Monday, March 22, 2021	6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday, March 26, 2021	12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 27, 2021	11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

During these meetings, Omnitrans staff interacted with 2 people. Omnitrans received 18 total comments at these meetings, via the electronic comment form, over email, over the phone and through social media. Six comments related to the Short-Range Transit Plan, two comments were related to the Service Resumption Plan and 10 comments were 'Other' category. The breakdown of the six SRTP related comments include: (4) route network expansions for Redlands, Upland, Ontario and Riverside; (2) increased P.M. service span for Route 329 and 'all' routes.



#### 7.2 SERVICE EQUITY ANALYSIS

Omnitrans is required to complete a Title VI service equity analysis for every fare and/or major service change before it occurs. These requirements are outlined in the FTA Circular 4702.1B, dated October 1, 2012, and more generally in Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This states that no person will be discriminated against, excluded from, or denied service based on race, color, or national origin. To abide by the Civil Rights Act, each transit agency must report on the services it provides in relation to the population in its service area. In this way, it must demonstrate that no group or groups are being denied service based on discriminatory planning.

In March & April 2020, the agency implemented its Emergency Service Plan which included the following steps:

- Reduce 15- and 20-minute frequencies to 30 minutes
- Reduce 30-minute frequencies to 60 minutes
- Reduce Service Plans judiciously
- Eliminate lowest impact routes

These steps were taken to minimize the impact of ridership and to maintain some level of service wherever possible. Exhibit 14 shows the route affected by the Emergency Service Plan. Since more than 25% of service hours, miles or riders were impacted Omnitrans conducted a Service Equity Analysis of the Emergency Service Changes. Results demonstrate that Omnitrans remains compliant with its Title VI obligations in adopting its COVID-related Emergency Service Plan.

A service equity analysis was also completed for the proposed Service Resumption Plan. The Service Resumption Plan is explained in detail in Section 4 of this report. A summary of the steps is shown below in Exhibit 9.

**Exhibit 25: Summary of Service Resumption Steps** 

	Steps to Return to Full Service							
Stage 1:	Resume canceled routes, e.g., Route 67, with a focus on schools.							
Stage 2:	Resume specific school tripper service.							
Stage 3:	Return AM peak frequencies on core routes							
Stage 4:	Second Tier routes (which were reduced to 60-minute frequencies) will be returned to 30-minute peak frequency service.							
Stage 5:	Return 15-minute peak service on core routes.							
Stage 6:	Resume remaining weekday service.							
Stage 7:	Resume Weekend Services that had been reduced.							

For every step in the Service Resumption Plan that goes into effect, those who benefit by returning services will be in communities with Low-Income or Minority (LIM) proportions which are higher than that within in our service area overall. Details of the Determination of LIM proportions in our service area in relation to our proposed Resumption Steps are in Exhibit 26. As each step in the Service Resumption Plan has a positive effect on a greater proportion of LIM ridership than that



seen in the service area overall, there is no disparate impact or disproportionate burden placed LIM population. Omnitrans remains in compliance with its Title VI mandate.

Exhibit 26: Determination of Minority and Low-Income or Minority to Proposed Resumption Steps

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Demographic Buffer	TOTAL POP	Minority *	% Minority	Low-Income White (Adiusted)	Income or  Minority (LIM)	% LIM
Population of County (2019)	2,180,085	1,584,922	72.7%	68,274	1,653,196	75.8%
Population of Service Area (Includes Area within ALL JPA Cities' Limits)	1,556,579	1,194,514	76.7%	33,614	1,228,128	78.9%
3/4-Mile of Any Fixed Route Stops (September 2020 Alignment)						
Within (ADA / Access Area Served) Not-Within County Total	1,352,319 827,766 2,180,085	1,063,812 521,110 1,584,922	78.7% 63.0% 72.7%	29,490 38,784 68,274	1,093,302 559,894 1,653,196	80.8% 67.6% 75.8%
1/2-Mile of Any Service Stops (includes 60- Minute or greater service)						
Within Not Within	1,213,144 966,941	965,457 619,465	79.6% 64.1%	25,242 43,032	990,699 662,497	81.7% 68.5%
1/2-Mile of Stage 0 for RESUMPTION OF SERVICE STATUS QUO						
Within Not Within	1,200,392 979,693	960,683 624,239	80.0% 63.7%	25,209 43,065	985,892 667,304	82.1% 68.1%
1/2-Mile of Green Group for RESUMPTION OF SERVICE STEPS 1, 2, 3						
Within Not Within	543,116 1,636,969	445,564 1,139,358	82.0% 69.6%	10,910 57,364	456,474 1,196,722	84.0% 73.1%
1/2-Mile of Yellow Group for RESUMPTION OF SERVICE STEPS 4						
Within Not Within	693,650 1,486,435	555,996 1,028,926	80.2% 69.2%	14,731 53,543	570,727 1,082,469	82.3% 72.8%
1/2-Mile of Purple Group for RESUMPTION OF SERVICE STEPS 5						
Within Not Within	470,325 1,709,760	397,707 1,187,215	84.6% 69.4%	10,022 58,252	407,729 1,245,467	86.7% 72.8%
1/2-Mile of Amber Group for RESUMPTION OF SERVICE STEPS 6 & 7						
Within Not Within	760,268 1,419,817	615,371 969,551	80.9% 68.3%	16,011 52,263	631,382 1,021,814	83.0% 72.0%
1/2-Mile of Green and Yellow Group Concatenated Steps 1-4						
Within Not Within	965,819 1,214,266	776,307 808,615	80.4% 66.6%	19,951 48,323	796,258 856,938	82.4% 70.6%
1/2-Mile of Green, Yellow, Purple Group Concatenated Steps 1-5						
Within Not Within	984,061 1,196,024	791,036 793,886	80.4% 66.4%	20,480 47,794	811,516 841,680	82.5% 70.4%
1/2-Mile of Green, Yellow, Purple, Amber Group Concatenated Steps 1-7						
Within Not Within	984,061 1,196,024	791,036 793,886	80.4% 66.4%	20,480 47,794	811,516 841,680	82.5% 70.4%

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as total population minus White Alone (not Hispanic or Latino). By default, all not white alone equal "minority".

All population estimates derived by GIS selection of block group data, except for determination of Low Income Whites, which is at the tract level.