



We're planning a new way to ride on Vermont.



VERMONT TRANSIT CORRIDOR

March 6, 2025

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- ✓ Maintain a conversational tone
- ✓ Treat fellow attendees, community members, agency representatives, and Metro staff with respect
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Agenda

- > Project Overview
- > Project Updates
- > Q & A



Project Background & Overview

Corridor Overview

12.4 miles from
Sunset Bl to 120th
St

36,000 daily boardings .

Connects to 4
Metro rail lines and
several other bus
lines.



Serves many health care, educational and cultural institutions.

Heavily congested
and high ridership.

Densely populated,
diverse and highly
transit dependent
corridor.

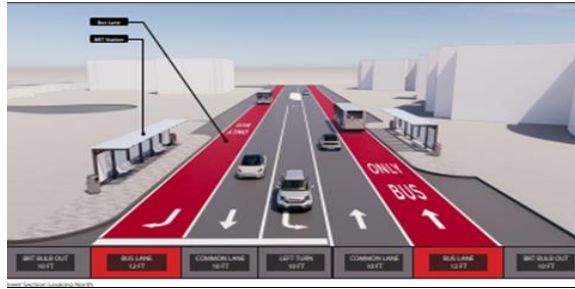
Building a Better Future Together

The Vermont Transit Corridor is a Multi-phased Project that will revolutionize transit.



Phase 1

Near-Term Improvements – 2025
Dedicated bus lanes and upgraded transit signal priority for all transit buses.



Phase 2

Mid-Term Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project - 2028
Further corridor enhancements include end-to-end, all-day dedicated bus lanes, enhanced rail-like stations with several passenger amenities (shelters, benches, lighting), and safety improvements.



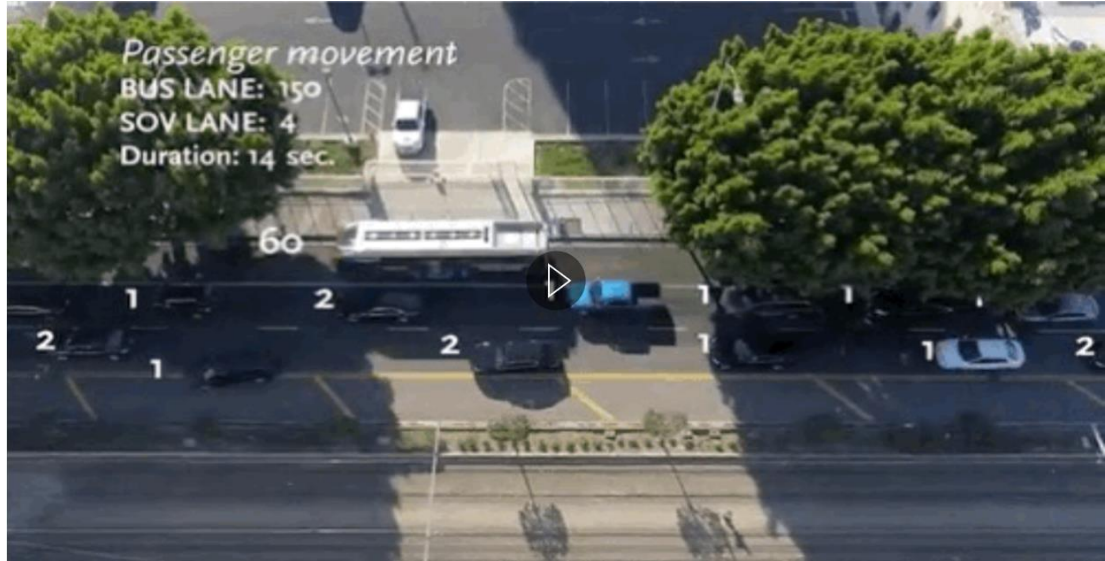
Phase 3

Long-Term Improvements -TBD
Longer term rail line pending funding availability.

Phase 1

Your Commute is About to Get Better

Bus Priority Lanes: These special lanes make buses go faster (**by up to 15%**), allow for more frequent and reliable service, and help move more people without building new roads or infrastructure.



Video showing bus priority lane on Flower St.

Phase 1 (Near-Term) Improvements

North Segment Bus Lane

Bus Lanes

- Bus lanes between Sunset Bl and Wilshire Bl
- Weekday AM/PM hours
- People on bicycles can use bus lane
- Drivers can use bus lanes to make right turns

Parking

- Sunset Bl to Wilshire Bl
 - Extend existing weekday 4-7 PM by one extra hour, 3-7 PM
- Sunset Bl to Melrose Bl
 - Add new 7-10 AM weekday parking restriction
- Parking remains available midday, overnight, and on weekends



Phase 1 (Near-Term) Improvements

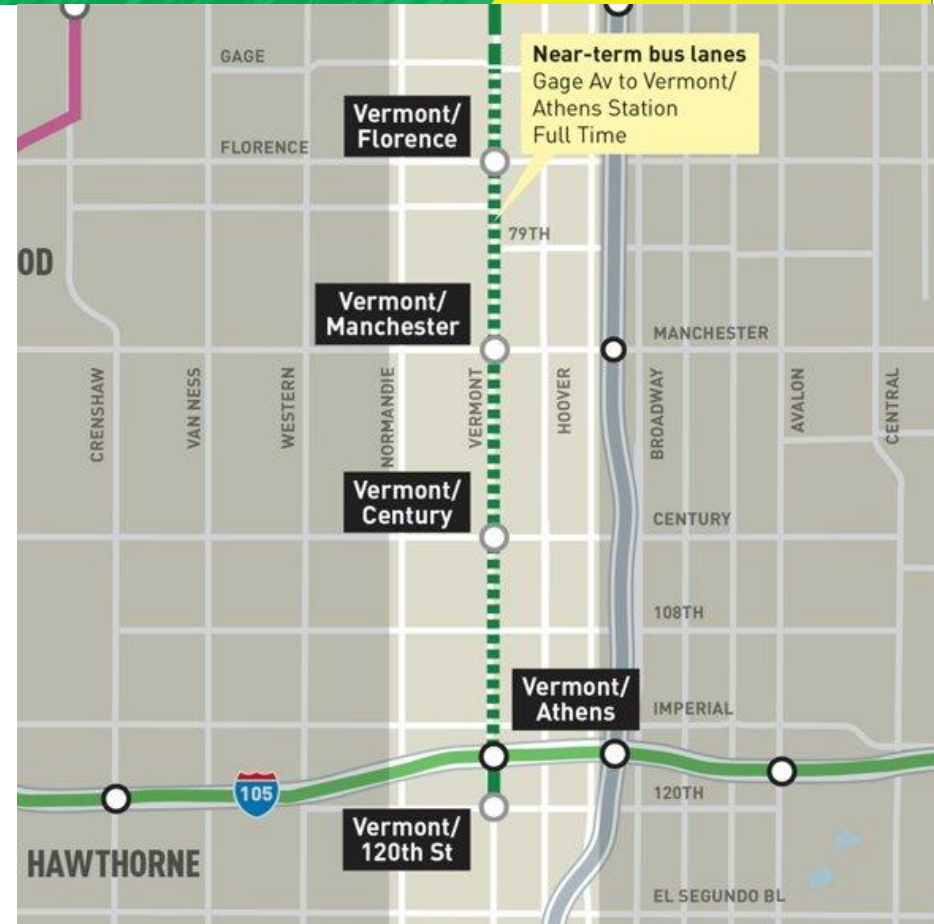
South Segment Bus Lane

Bus Lanes

- Full-time bus lanes between Gage Av and Vermont/Athens C Line Station (I-105 freeway)
- People on bicycles can use bus lanes when bike lanes aren't present
- Drivers can use bus lanes to make right turns

Parking

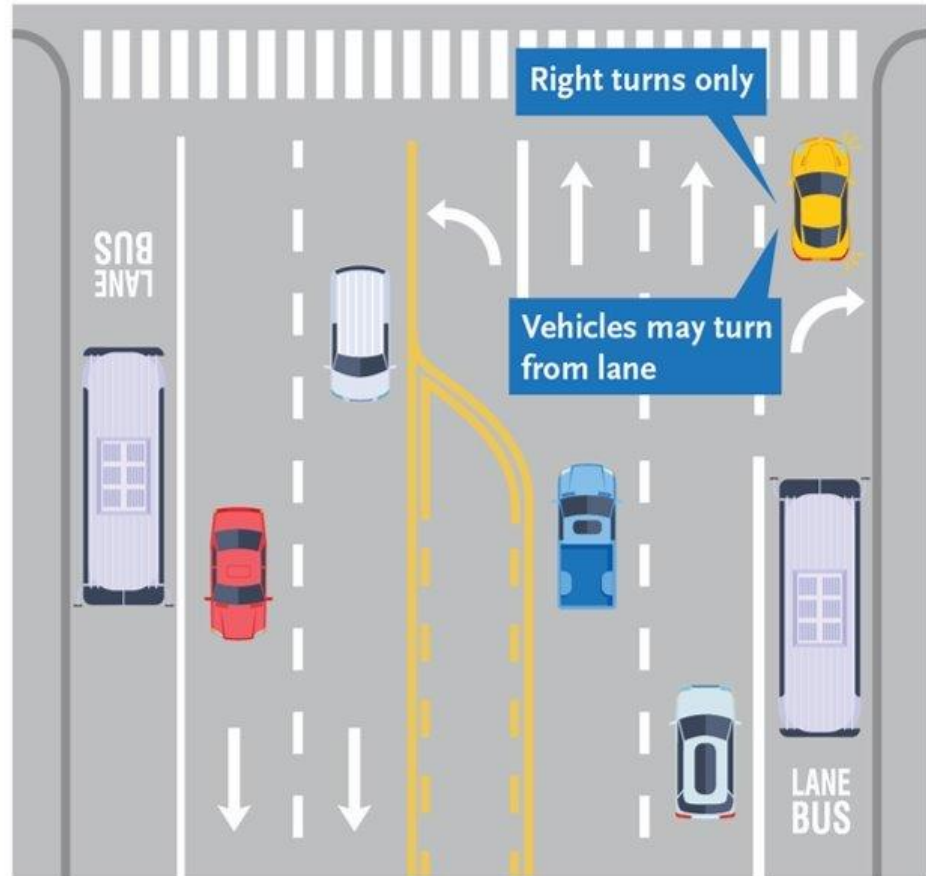
- No changes to existing parking. All existing parking will remain.



How Bus Lanes Work

Near-Term Bus Lanes

- Drivers can enter bus lanes to make right turns at driveways and intersections
- Bus lanes are marked with stripes only. No physical barriers anywhere.
- Access to parking, driveways, and private property always maintained



Phase 1 Engagement

Phase 1 Focused Engagement Process

Briefings October 2024 - December 2024

- Engagements with City Council and Supervisorial Offices
- Neighborhood councils and committees
- Business Districts and corridor community



Workshops, Community
Meetings, Conversations



Transit Rider Survey

Pre-implementation transit rider survey August -September 2024

- **371 Surveys** in 7 languages
- **Partnerships:** Community Based Organizations and Faith Based Organizations– WAWTF, Vermont Knolls Neighborhood Assn, Climate Resolve, St Mark UMC, KYCC, HOLA, Thai CDC, TrueLA, Anderson Munger YMCA

North Segment	Central Segment	South Segment
• Sunset/Vermont • Santa Monica/Vermont • Beverly/Vermont • 3rd/Vermont • Wilshire/Vermont	• Expo/Vermont • Washington/Vermont	• Gage/Vermont • Florence/Vermont • Manchester/Vermont • Century/Vermont • Athens/Vermont



Key Findings from Vermont Av Transit Rider Surveys

1. Reliability
2. Safety
3. Cleanliness
4. Equity
5. Fare Enforcement
6. Amenities



Phase 1 Improvement Canvassing Summary

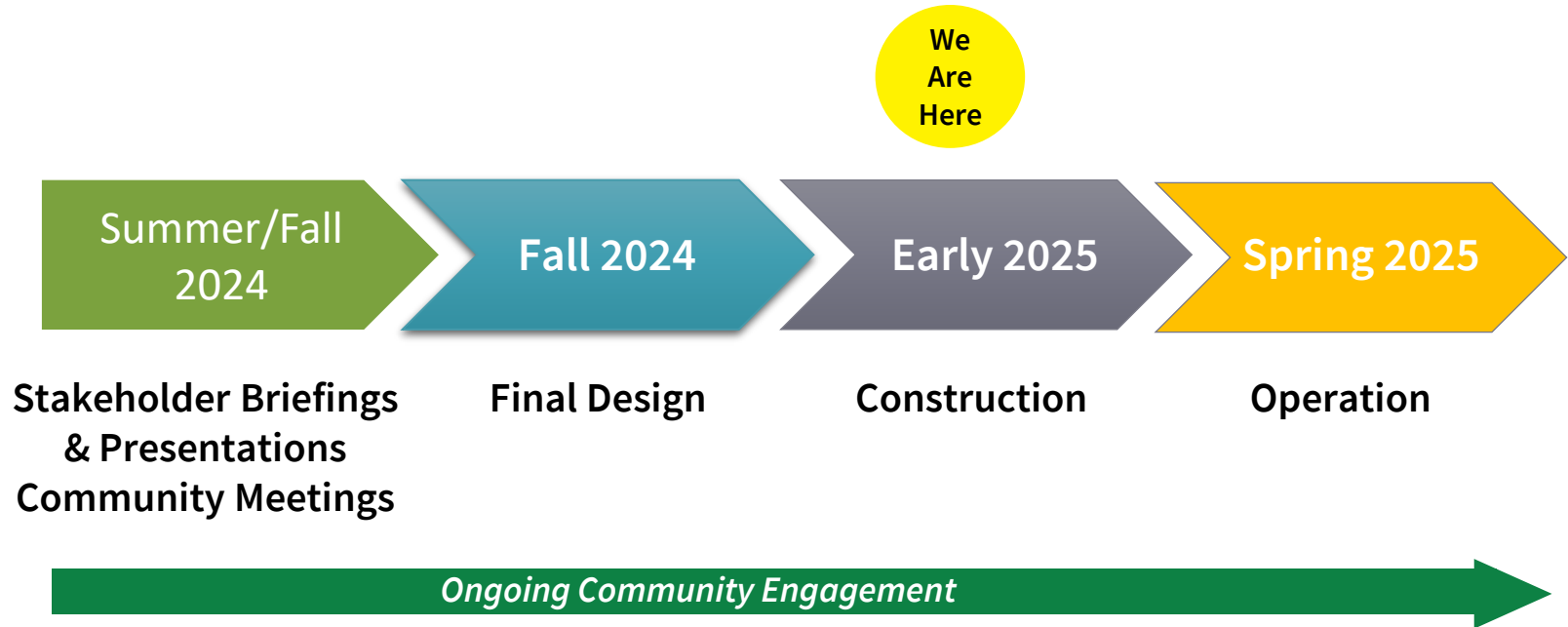
From November to December 2024, canvassers educated small business owners, residents, transit riders, and street vendors about the upcoming Near-Term Improvements along the northern and southern segments of the Vermont Transit Corridor.



The team canvassed on five different days, in the morning, afternoon, and evening, along with weekdays and weeknights, to ensure different groups of people were engaged.

Canvassers engaged over 628 people in English, Spanish, Korean, and Armenian.

Phase 1 Near Term Improvements – Schedule



Vermont Bl: Bus Lanes Striping

Work on Vermont Bl may begin as early as **Spring 2025** with anticipated completion in six months.

Monday to Friday – 9am to 3:30pm and 7pm to 7am

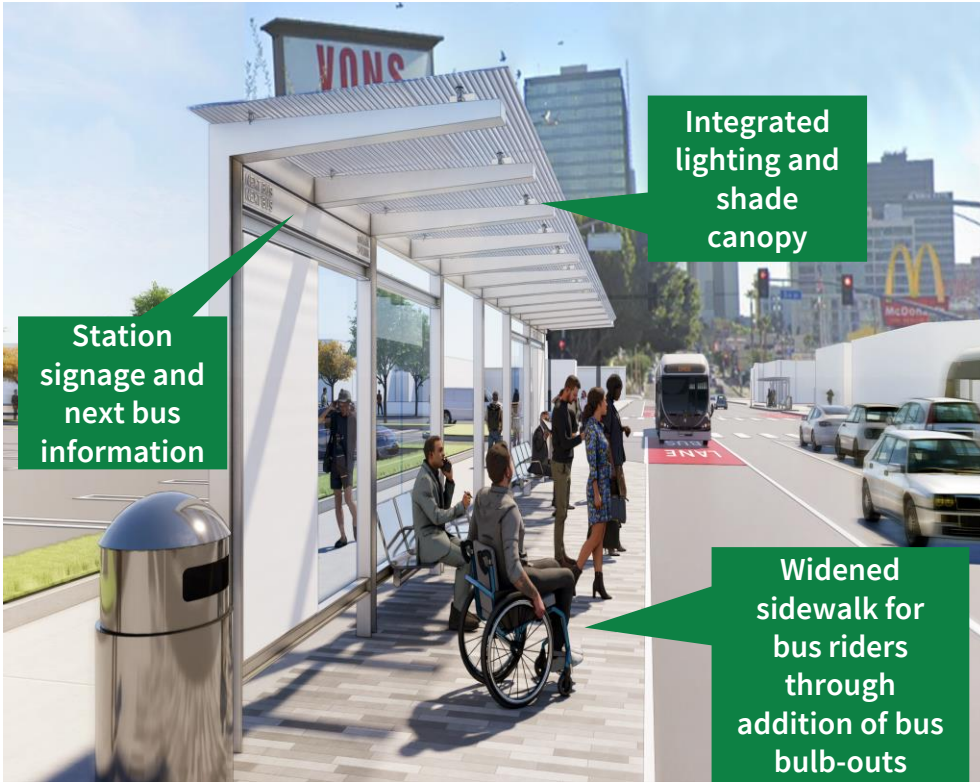
Saturday – 8am to 6pm

- Temporary parking restrictions will be enforced on a block-by-block basis.
- Temporary signage will offer detour information for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.



Phase 2

Key BRT Elements



- > Converts travel lane next to curbside parking to bus-only lane
- > Includes 12.4 miles of all-day dedicated side-running bus lanes
- > 26 enhanced stations at 13 station locations with enhanced shelters and several passenger amenities including enhanced lighting for improved safety and security
- > Other improvements include enhanced crosswalks for higher visibility and improved safety for pedestrians
- > Bus bulbs at stations extend pedestrian area and shorten crossings for pedestrians for improved safety
- > All within public ROW; no private property takes
- > Restriping and/or pavement repair

Phase 2 BRT - Project Schedule

2024

Early Planning

Environmental
Review

We
Are
Here

Engineering
& Design

Construction

2028

Operations &
Maintenance

- CEQA SB922 Exemption Studies
- ACE (15% Design)
- Preliminary Engineering (30% Design)

Ongoing Community Engagement

Next Steps

- > Spring 2025 – Near term bus lane installation in northern portion of corridor
- > Spring 2025 – BRT Project to seek Board approval of:
 - Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) (recommendation of end to end side-running BRT)
 - Receive Board concurrence that project is exempt from CEQA
 - File CEQA Notice of Exemption
- > Ongoing community engagement during next phases of final design and construction

Questions & Answers

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