
Rural Transit Planning in Monterey County

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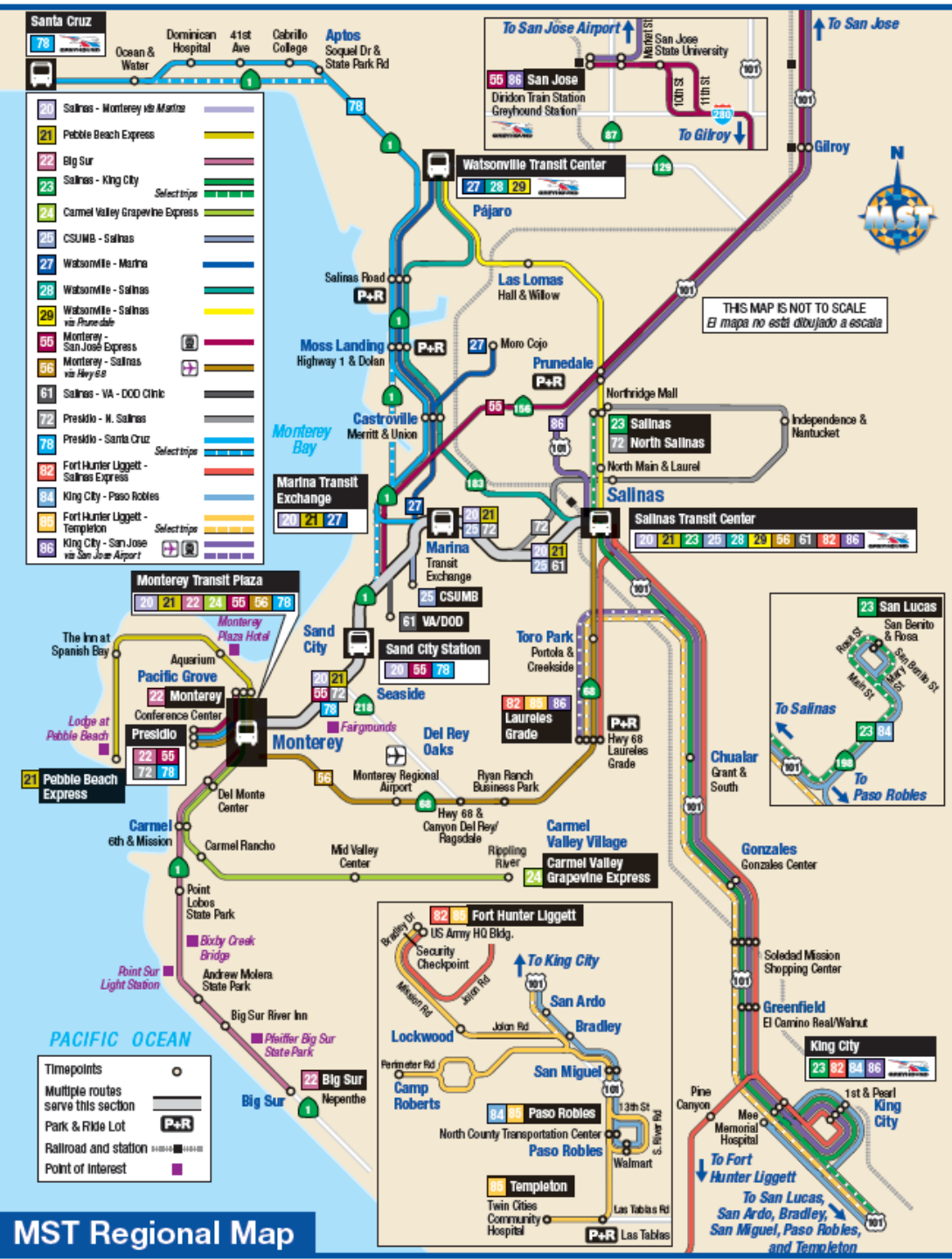
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MST SERVICE AREA

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85 Templeton

Weekdays*/Días de la semana*

Notes	Hwy 68 & Laureles Grade Park & Ride	Soledad Mission Shopping Center	Fort Hunter Liggett Infantry & HQ Bldg	Lockwood Interlake	Camp Roberts New Mexico & Arizona	Arrive Camp Roberts SATCOM	Depart Camp Roberts SATCOM	Camp Roberts California & Gate	San Miguel Mission & 14th St	Paso Robles Niblick Rd & Woodland Plaza	Paso Robles North County Transportation Center	Templeton Twin Cities Hospital	Templeton Las Tablas Park & Ride
A,B	4:05	4:50	--	--	--	--	--	--	5:50	6:15	6:22	--	--
B	--	--	5:56	6:12	6:39	6:52	7:00	7:16	7:23	--	--	--	--
C	--	--	7:40	7:57	--	--	--	--	8:27	8:45	8:52	--	--
	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11:53	12:11	12:18	--	--
	--	--	1:00	1:17	1:42	--	--	--	--	--	1:55	2:05	2:08
	--	--	4:10	4:27	4:52	--	--	5:05	5:11	5:29	5:35	--	--
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Saturdays & Sundays*/Sábados y Domingos*

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Notes:
 *Line 85 does not operate on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day
 A Non-stop Express between Hwy 68 & Laureles Grade Park & Ride and Soledad Mission Shopping Center. Then operates non-stop express to San Miguel.
 B Does not serve Camp Roberts
 C Trip operates as Line 84
 For entry onto the Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts military installations, you must present your valid military/DOD employee badge or identification card to security personnel at the gate entrance.

Light Type = AM **Bold Type = PM**

System map | Mapa del sistema

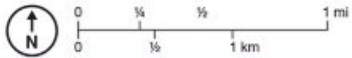
Bus routes | Rutas de autobuses

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., a bus comes every...
De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m., un autobús pasa cada...

- 15 minutes | 15 minutos
- 30 minutes | 30 minutos
- 60 minutes | 60 minutos
- More than 60 minutes | Más de 60 minutos
- Special service direct to Rancho Cielo
Servicio especial directo a Rancho Cielo

timed transfer | transbordo programado

See timed transfers map for more information
Vea el mapa de transbordos programados para más información



Timed Transfers Transbordos Programados

- Transfer location
Ubicación de transbordo**
- From 7am to 7pm, a bus comes every...
De 7am a 7pm, un autobús pasa cada...
- 15 minutes | 15 minutos
No timed transfer | No hay transbordo programado
 - 30 minutes | 30 minutos
 - 60 minutes | 60 minutos



Every 30 minutes, dark blue lines meet at transfer points.
Passengers can easily connect to other dark blue lines.
Cada 30 minutos, las líneas azul oscuro se encuentran en los puntos de transbordo.
Los pasajeros pueden conectar fácilmente con otras líneas azul oscuro.

Every 60 minutes, dark blue and light blue lines meet at transfer points.
Passengers can easily connect to dark blue and light blue lines.
Cada 60 minutos, las líneas azul oscuro y azul claro se encuentran en los puntos de transbordo.
Los pasajeros pueden conectar fácilmente con otras líneas azul oscuro y azul claro.

Salinas Transit Center

41/42 48/49 20 43
23 25 44 45 46
47 96 23x 28 29
59 61 40

Sand City Station

A/B 17/18 20
94

Monterey Transit Plaza

A/B 1/2 5 20
7 8 91 94

Marina Transit Exchange

17/18 20 61

Northridge Mall

41 48 95

Regular Service | Servicio Regular

During this period, a bus comes every...
Durante este periodo, un autobús pasa cada...

Line Línea	Weekday Entre semana		Weekend Fin de semana
	7am-7pm	7pm-10pm	
A/B	15	30	30
A	30	60	60
B	30	60	60
1/2	30	-	30
1	60	-	60
2	60	-	60
3	30	60	60
4	60	-	60
5	60	-	60
6	60	-	60
7/18	30	60	60
17	60	-	-
18	60	60	60
20	30	60	60
23	60	-	60
24	60	-	60
25	60	-	-
41/42	15	30	30
41	30	60	60
42	30	60	60
43	30	30	30
44	60	-	60
45	60	-	60
46	60	60	60
47	60	60	-
48/49	15	30	30
48	30	60	-
49	30	60	30
94	60	-	-

Check route schedules for more details.
Vea los horarios de las rutas para más detalles.

23x 28 29 28x 61 91 94
These routes operate less than once per hour.
Estas rutas operan menos de una vez por hora.



The Better Bus Network



Save
Time



Save
Money



Save
Our
Planet

DEC
10
2022

More
information
mst.org



Connecting Communities

- Faster Travel Time
- More Direct Routes
- More Service Where Needed The Most

Creating Opportunity

- Lower Fare \$2/2hr
- Lower Pass Prices
- Fare Capping

Being Kind To Our Planet

- 100% Renewable Fuels
- Zero Emission Buses

Trip Planner Tool Demonstration

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Explore the MST Better Bus Network

How Could Your Trip Change?




 King City, California, Un...
 Natividad Medical Cent...


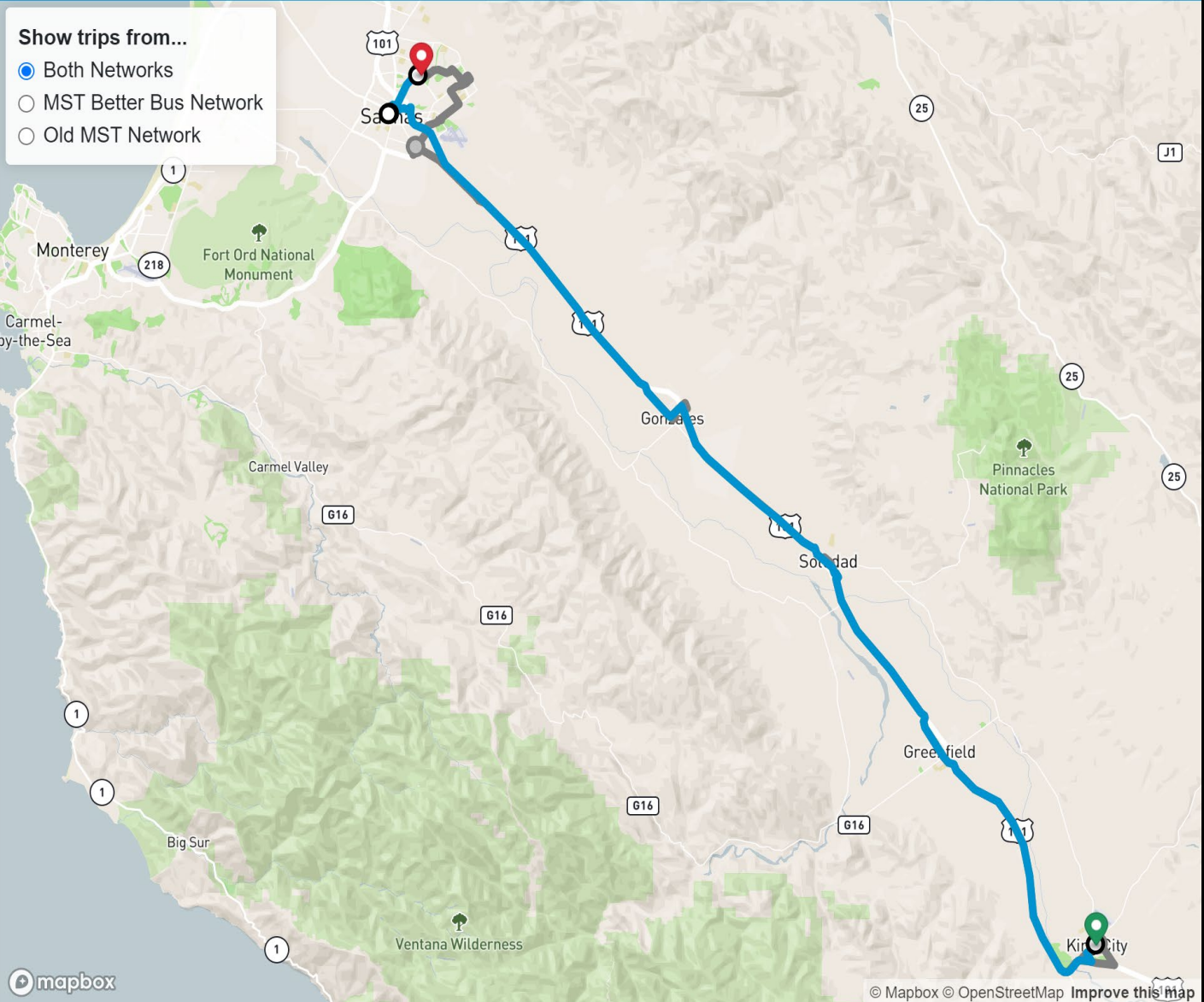
Arrive By 
 01:00 PM  Weekday 

Options with the MST Better Bus Network

-  10:48 am - 12:34 pm
Line 23 ▶ Line 46
1 hr 46 min
[Show Detail](#)
-  09:48 am - 11:50 am
Line 23 ▶ Line 41
2 hr 2 min
-  08:48 am - 10:50 am
Line 23 ▶ Line 41
2 hr 2 min

Options with the Old MST Network

-  10:31 am - 12:56 pm
Line 23 ▶ Line 95
2 hr 25 min
[Show Detail](#)
-  09:31 am - 12:55 pm
Line 23 ▶ Line 41
3 hr 24 min
-  08:30 am - 11:50 am



Monterey County Residents within 1/2 Mile of Fixed Route Service



TARGET

ACTUAL

50% of all county residents

75% of all county residents

65% of residents of the Salinas UZA

93% of residents of the Salinas UZA

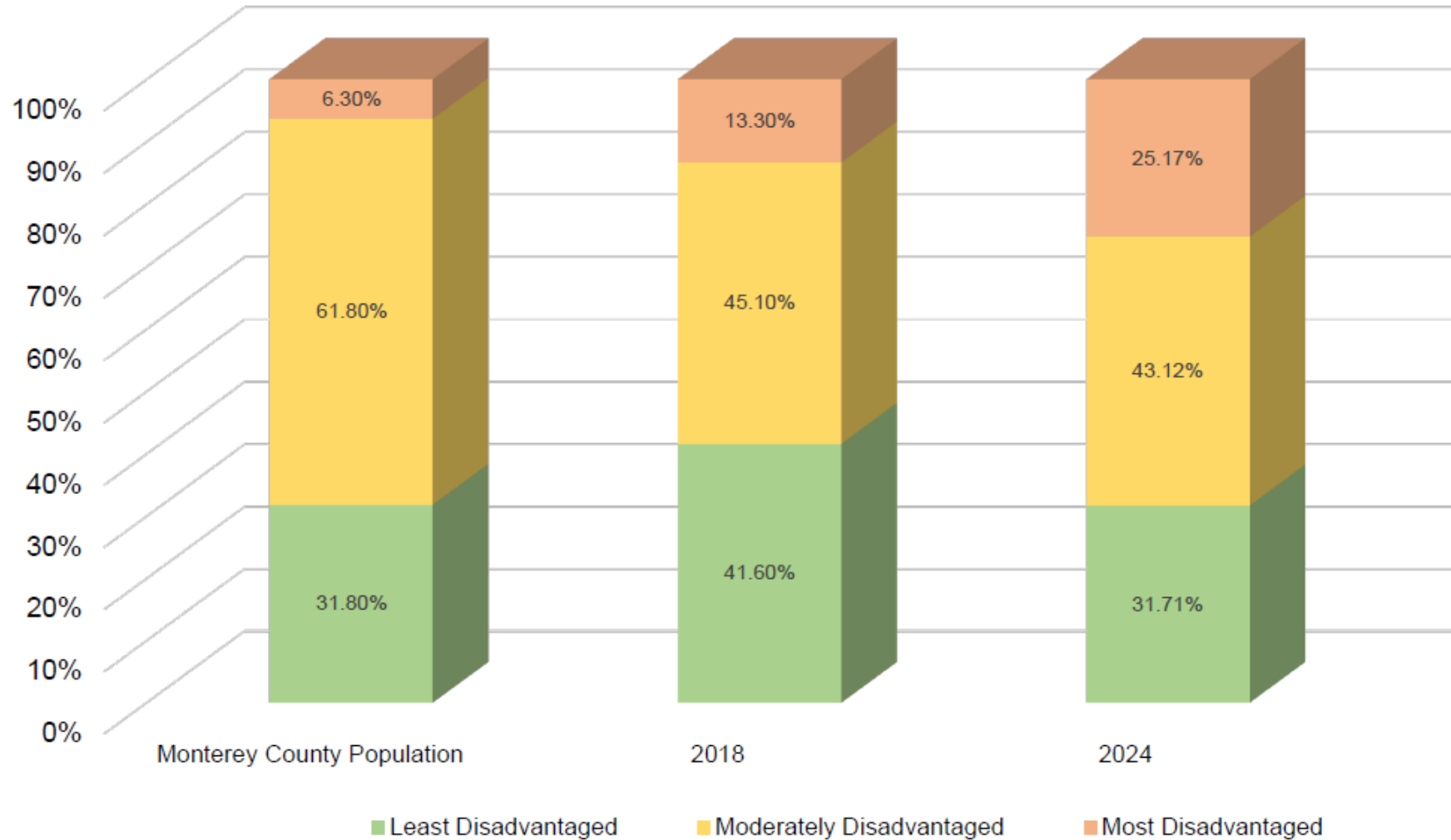
65% of residents of the Seaside-Monterey UZA

88% of residents of the Seaside-Monterey UZA

50% of all low-income county residents, defined as residents living in household with an income below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines

82% of all low-income county residents (2021 ACS data)

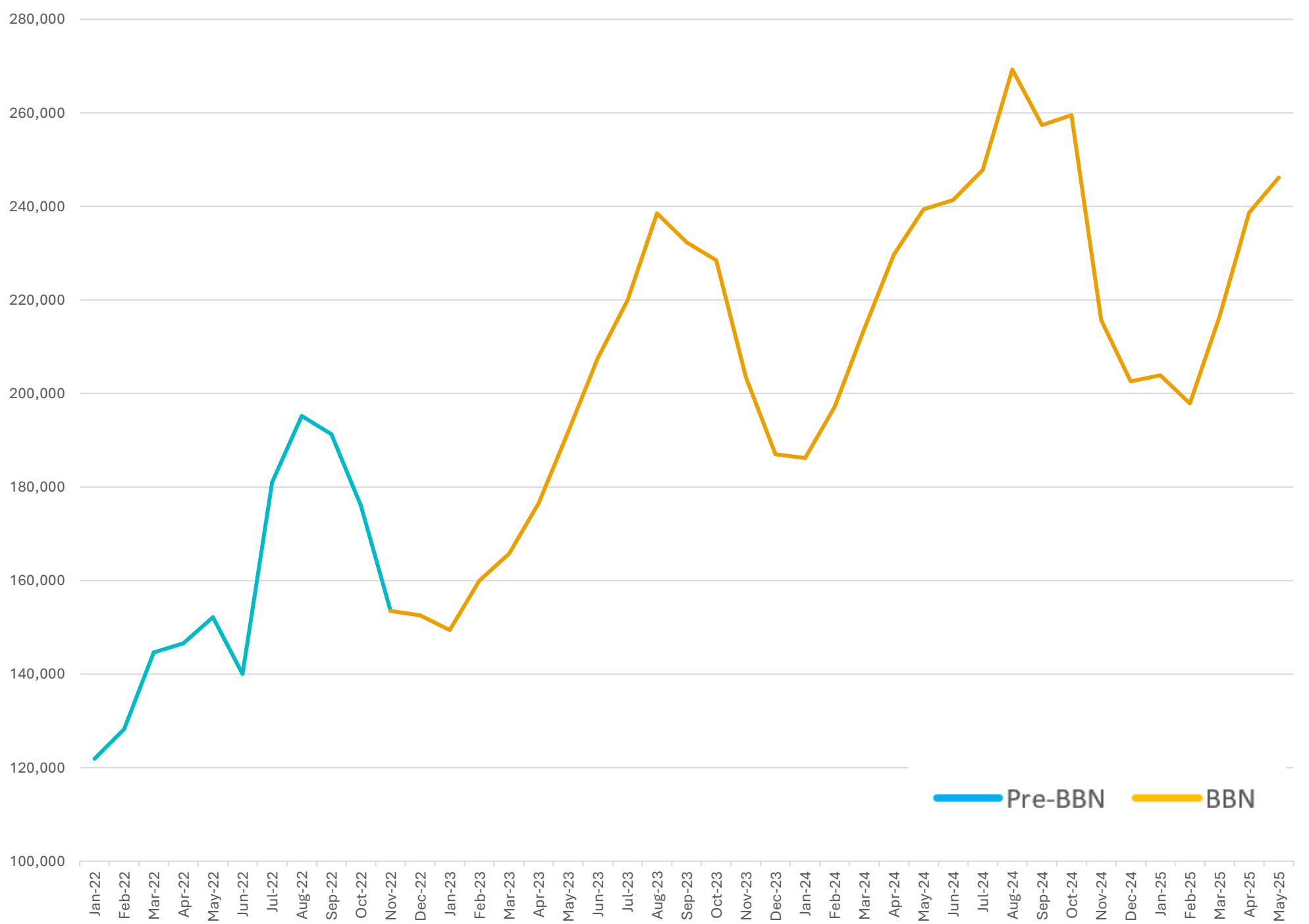
Departures in Disadvantaged Communities 2018 vs. 2024



Based on CalEnviroScreen Percentiles; 0-30th = Least; 31st-70th = Moderate; 71st-100th = Most

CalEnviroScreen was designed to help CalEPA identify disadvantaged communities based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria as required by SB 535. CalEnviroScreen percentiles are based on Pollution Score multiplied by Population Characteristics Score.
Chart does not add up to 100% due to tracts with no assigned CalEnviroScreen score.

Monthly Ridership





2017



2019



Bus Stop #1299 Gen Stilwell/ The Dunes (City of Marina)
Category 1 – No improvements needed



Bus Stop #2989 Prunedale North/ Highway 156 (County of Monterey)
Category 3 – Lacks sidewalk and passenger landing pad



Bus Stop #6781 Cass/ Hartnell (City of Monterey)
Category 2 – Sidewalk exists, but lacks passenger landing pad and clear path of travel



MST Master Bus Stop List

Bus Stop Location *
Take point safely at edge of sidewalk in line with bus stop pole.

36°35'N 121°49'W ± 13.5 m

Bus Stop Information

Bus Stop ID *
No leading zeros.

1528

Jurisdiction *
Monterey 247

Bus Stop Name *
Upper Ragsdale / Lower Ragsdale

On
Upper Ragsdale Drive

At

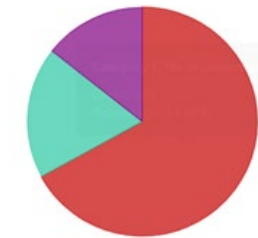


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ADA Category

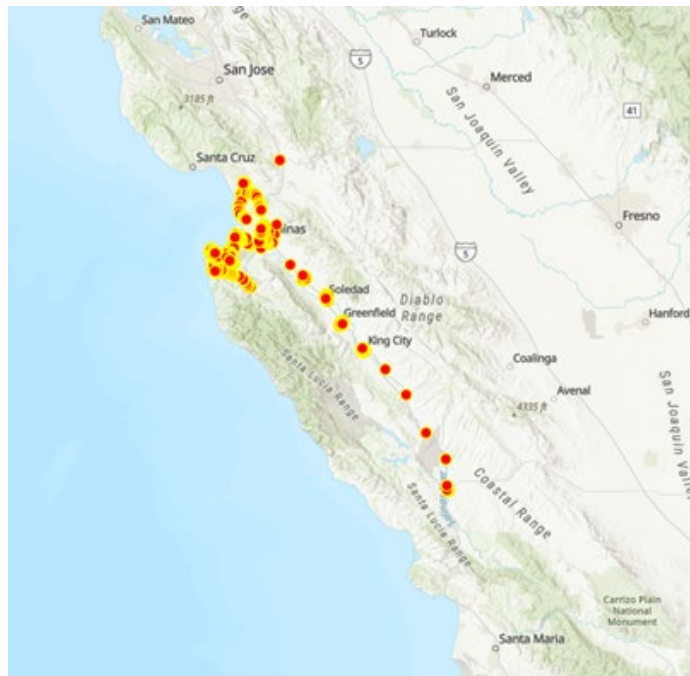


- Category 1: No Improvements
- Category 2: Sidewalk exists, but lacks passenger landing pad and clear path of travel
- Category 3: Lacks sidewalk, lacks passenger landing pad

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Answers	Count	Percentage
Category 1: No Improvements	699	67.02%
Category 2: Sidewalk exists, but lacks passenger landing pad and clear path of travel	150	14.38%
Category 3: Lacks sidewalk, lacks passenger landing pad	194	18.6%



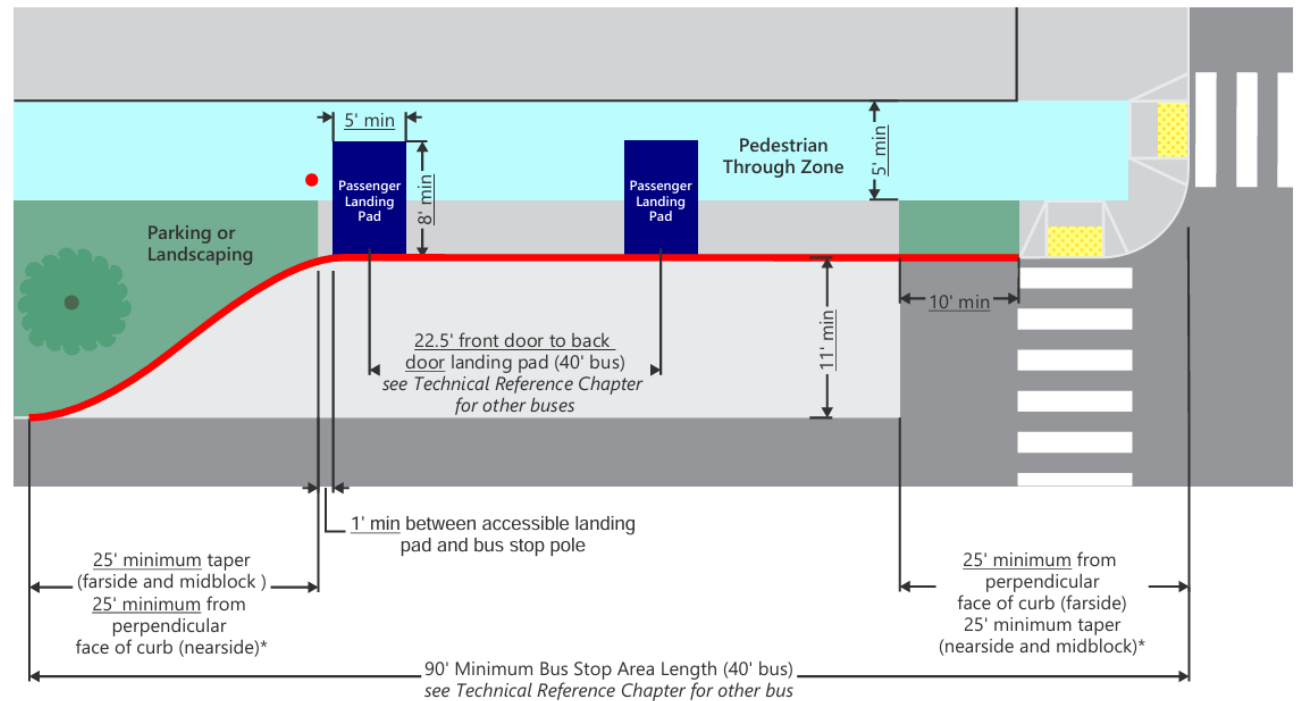
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Designing for Transit

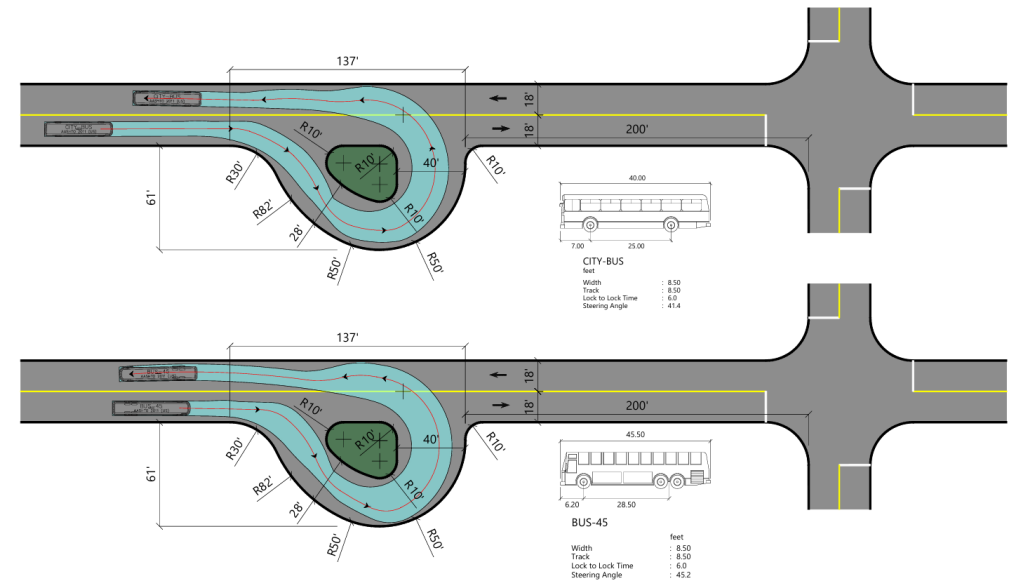
A Guide for Supporting Public Transit Through Complete Streets



2020 Edition



*Length of tapers into and out of bus stop depend on site conditions.



Lessons Learned



Opportunities

- Never waste a good crisis!
 - Use of Covid Relief funds; SB 125?
- Get your governing boards invested
- Free fares for transitional period

Challenges

- Working with multiple jurisdictions with constant staff turnover
- Educating the coach operators
- Facing the one-seat ride gold standard



Thank you

Questions?

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