Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study Summary of City Council Comments

City of Fullerton (January 16, 2018)

- Three of the five councilmembers articulated a position regarding the alternatives being evaluated.
 - Two did not support investing in a streetcar system and instead stated that focus should remain on bus service until there is a capacity issue.
 - One member stated support for continuing to evaluate streetcar and other options, noting the importance of improving connections to/from Anaheim Resort, Fullerton Transportation Center, and California State University, Fullerton.
- Specific comments:
 - Asked about the decline in transit ridership.
 - Inquired about farebox recovery.
 - One member noted support for bus as a safety net system, would like to see increased frequency on current routes.
 - Would like to keep focus on bus service until there is a capacity issue.

City of Garden Grove (January 23, 2018)

- Mayor noted support for extending the OC Streetcar system beyond its initial segment to other cities.
- Other councilmembers did not articulate a position on the alternatives but noted general support for the study.

City of Santa Ana (February 6, 2018))

- Council was unanimous in their support of extending the streetcar system and continuing to evaluate options to do this.
- Specific comments:
 - Would like to see the Orange County Transportation Authority increase investment in rail transit.
 - Supported the extension of the OC Streetcar beyond the initial segment.
 - Noted that focus should be on developing a regional transit network.
 - Noted the Olympics will prompt others to fast track transit projects on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way.
 - Stated preference for streetcar and rapid streetcar modes over Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and enhanced bus for long-term investment.
 - Suggested that if Harbor Boulevard lacks the necessary support, then maybe look towards Bristol Street.

City of Anaheim (March 6, 2018)

- Multiple councilmembers articulated concerns or opposition to streetcar system on Harbor Boulevard.
- In a subsequent meeting in April, the council voted 6-1 to adopt a new resolution opposing streetcar and rapid streetcar options as non-viable options.

- Specific comments:
 - Noted preference for enhanced bus alternatives.
 - Stated concerns about cost and safety of streetcar modes.
 - Asked about the evaluation criteria and scoring.
 - Asked about current transit ridership trends.
 - Favored some improvements to existing bus service, but not supportive of the dedicated transit lanes associated with BRT.
 - Asked for more data on streetcar accident rates versus other modes.
 - Asked about the online survey results and how they were factored into the scoring of the alternatives.