

Six-Month Project Update



Service Background

 An on-demand service offered as a one-year pilot in two test areas

A service operated under contract

A service operated with a new vehicle type

A service that is testing new rider markets

A part of the OC Bus 360° Program

Identify opportunities to improve productivity by matching resources to demand

 Filling a service gap between regular fixed-route service and ride-hailing options



Pilot Zones



Service Characteristics

- Operates on:
 - Monday through Thursday: 6am 9pm (11pm on Fridays)
 - Saturdays: 9am 11pm
 - Sundays: 9am 9pm
- Allows customers to request rides to/from anywhere inside the zone
 - Will serve key destinations within zones (hubs)
- Offers first/last mile connections for riders entering or leaving zones

Fares

- Cost \$4.50 for pre-paid fare media (mobile app)
- Cost \$5.00 for onboard cash paying customers
- Consistent with the cost of a Day Pass for fixed-route service and OCTA fare policy
 - Allows up to three children under five years of age to ride for free with a fare-paying passenger
- Allows five free transfers to/from an OC Bus stop or Metrolink Station with a valid full fare OC Bus Day Pass, Metrolink ticket, or Amtrak ticket



Board Adopted Goals/Measures

- Provide public transit mobility in lower-demand areas
 - As measured by boardings per revenue vehicle hour (b/rvh): six b/rvh
- Reduce total operating and capital costs
 - As measured by subsidy per boarding: \$9.00 per boarding
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - As measured by percent of bookings sharing a vehicle: 25% Shared Rides
- Extend reach of OC Bus and Metrolink services
 - As measured by percent of trips to/from transit hubs: 25% of trips
- Meet customer needs
 - As measured by customer satisfaction: 85% of riders "likely"/"very likely" to recommend OC Flex

Boardings

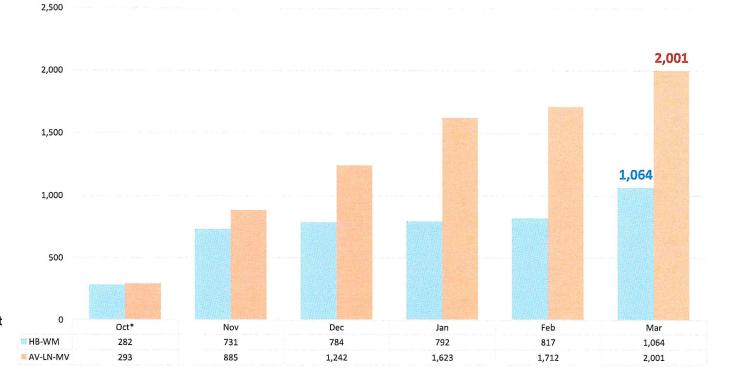
• Total Boardings: 12,226

700 weekly boardings

- 100+ weekdays rides (January through March)
 - Saturdays: <u>58</u>; Sundays: <u>40</u>
- Highest daily ridership: 150

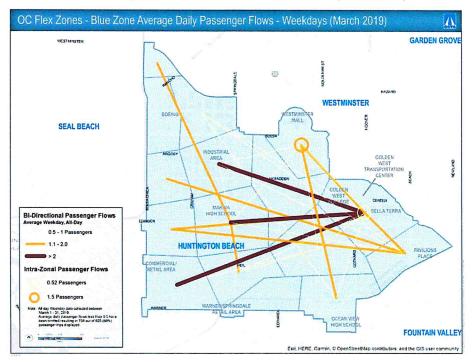
Zone trends

- Ridership increases since November
 - 41% (Blue); 104% (Orange)
- High peak demand
 - First/Last mile connections to transit hubs, town centers/employers, and shopping

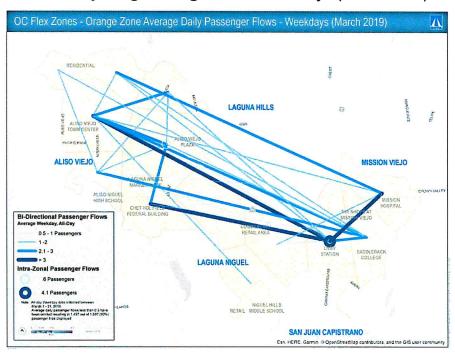


Popular Origins/Destinations

Huntington Beach - Westminster (HB-WM)



Aliso Viejo-Laguna Niguel-Mission Viejo (AV-LN-MV)



Blue Zone

Orange Zone

Productivity

• B/RVH: 1.69

• Slow but steady increase

- Below target of 6.0 b/rvh
- Weekday Avg:1.9+ b/rvh (March)1.1 on Saturdays; 0.9 on Sundays

Modal Reference

- OC Bus: 23.5 b/rvh

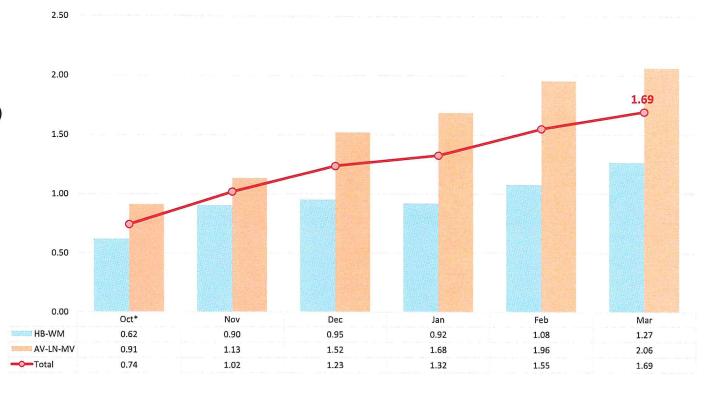
- OC ACCESS: 1.81 b/rvh

Zone trends

- Similar to ridership trend

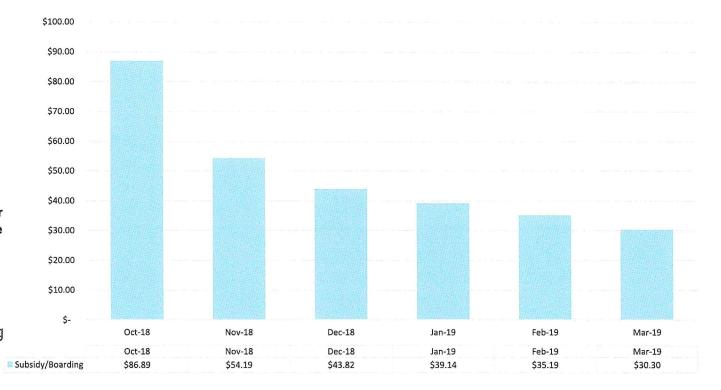
Peer watch

- Actual b/rvh: from 3.0 - 4.5



Cost Effectiveness

- Subsidy/Boarding: **\$41.12**
- Decreasing trend: good
 - \$9.00/boarding goal
 - 44% drop between November and March
 - Inversely related to productivity
 - As productivity improves, subsidy per boarding should continue to decrease
- Modal Reference (Fiscal Year 2018-19)
 - OC Bus*: \$5.39 \$9.56/boarding
 - OC ACCESS: \$35.25 /boarding



^{*} OC Bus - Community Circulators

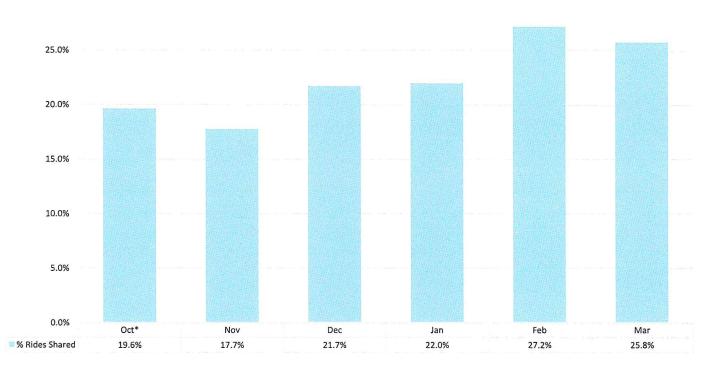
Trip Sharing

• Shared Rides: **23.2%**

- Favorable trend:
 - Just below the target of 25%
 - Exceeded target in February and March 2019

30.0%

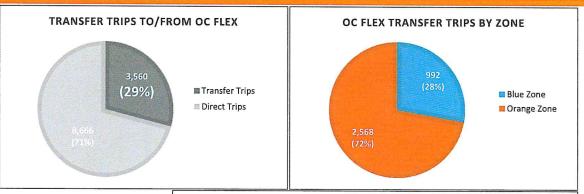
- Increase likely due to changes in software parameters
- Additional modifications under consideration to increase trip sharing

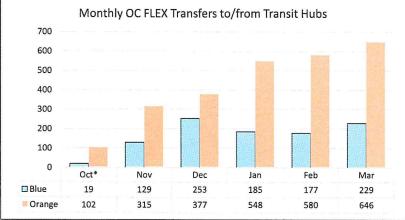


Connecting to Transit

• Transfer Trips: 29%

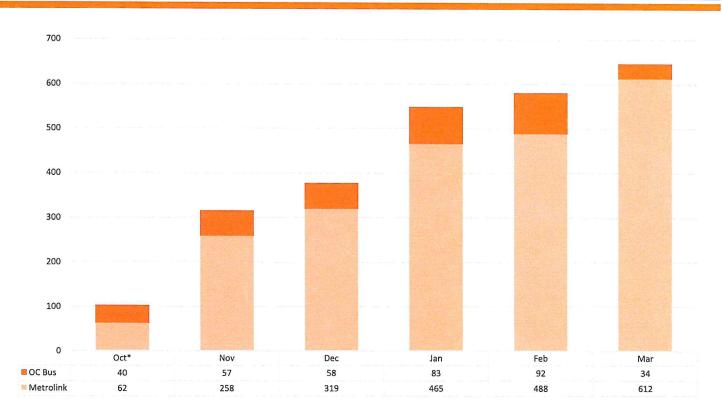
- Favorable trend:
 - Above 25% target for transfers
 - High transfer rate in the Orange Zone is due to high volume of trips to and from the LN-MV Metrolink Station
 - First/last mile connections to points east and west of station





Transfers in the Orange Zone

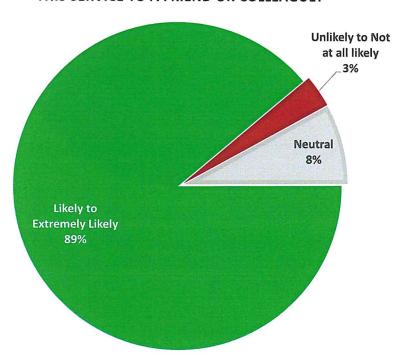
- Orange Zone: 72% of all OC Flex transfers
- Transfers to/from Metrolink rail station increased in each successive month
- March transfers to/from Metrolink rail station totaled 612:
 - 70% of all OC Flex transfers
 - 95% of transfers in the Orange Zone.



Customer Satisfaction

- Customer Satisfaction: 89%
- Favorable Experience:
 - Above 85% target
- Informal qualitative customer survey
 - Open for three weeks in January through February 2019
 - Emailed to all active OC Flex riders
 - 32% response rate (133 out of 422)

HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND THIS SERVICE TO A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE?

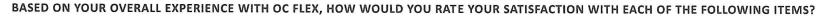


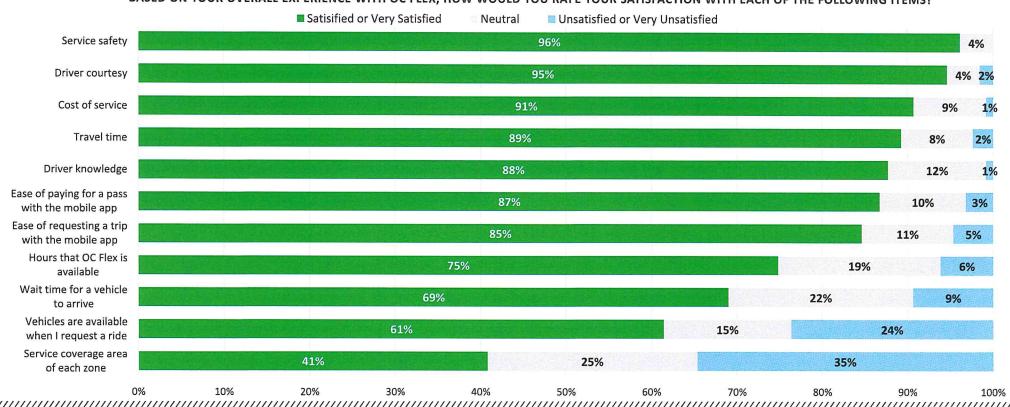
Performance Summary

Board Adopted Goals / Measures		Performance*	Goal Met?
Productivity <i>Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour</i>	6	1.7	X
Cost Effectiveness Subsidy per Boarding	\$9.00	\$41.12	X
Shared Rides % of Bookings sharing a vehicle, including groups	25%	23.2%	***************************************
Connecting Transit Trips % of transfer trips	25%	29%	
Customer Satisfaction % "likely"/"very likely" to recommend service	85%	89%	√

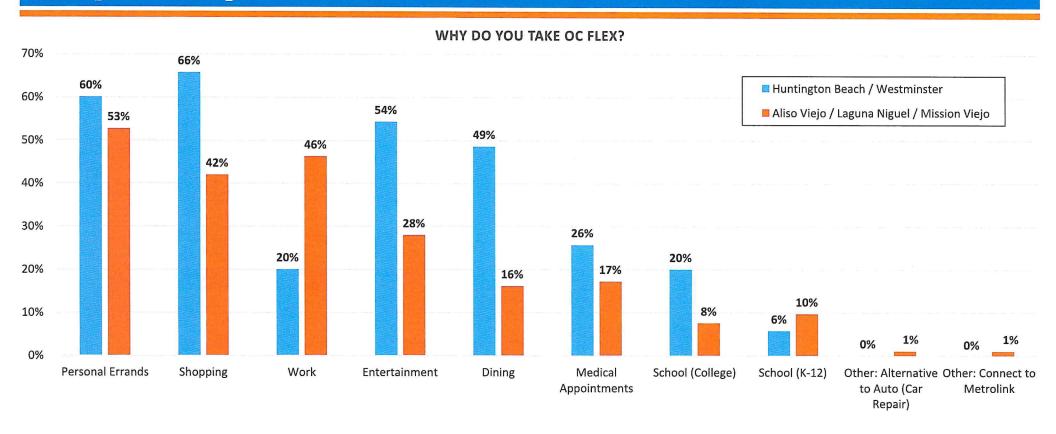
^{*} Performance as of March 31, 2019

Customer Feedback



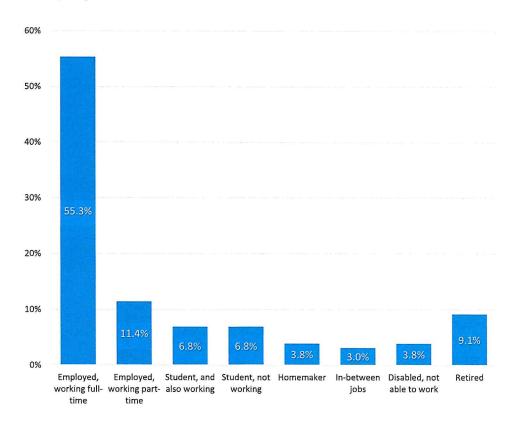


Trip Purpose

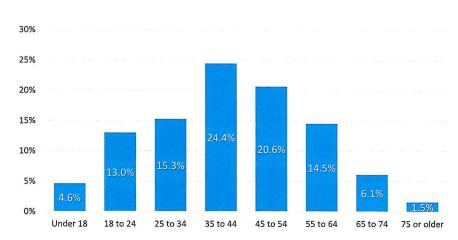


Customer Demographics

Employment Status



Age



Gender

57 percent female overall

- 62 percent in Huntington Beach zone
- 55 percent in Aliso Viejo zone

Marketing Activities

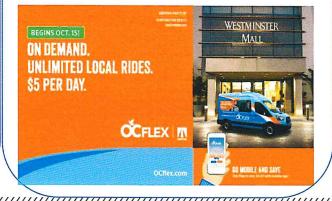
Research





Launch





Promotion



STARTING OCTOBER 20: Enjoy unlimited local rides throughout parts of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, and Mission Viejo for \$5 per day. Download the mobile app and save even more!



On Demand. Unlimited local rides! \$5 per day.
Learn all about OC Flext

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Weekend Fare Promotion

162,112 Individuals reached

2,661
Clicks, likes and reactions, post shares, and comments

Sounds better than Uber!

My daughter just tried for the first time today and said it was easy and cool to use! Great way to get to and from the mall for a teenager!!

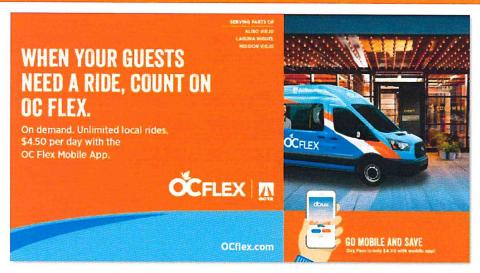
Lifesaver!!!!! My son has been using this week to get to school in the rain. Thank you.

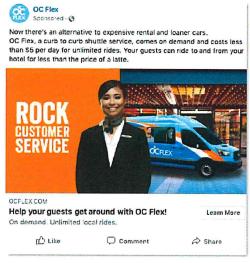






B2B and Partnerships





















15% off

70% off

5% off purchase

15% off purchase

20% off purchase

rchase Free 55 Fun card

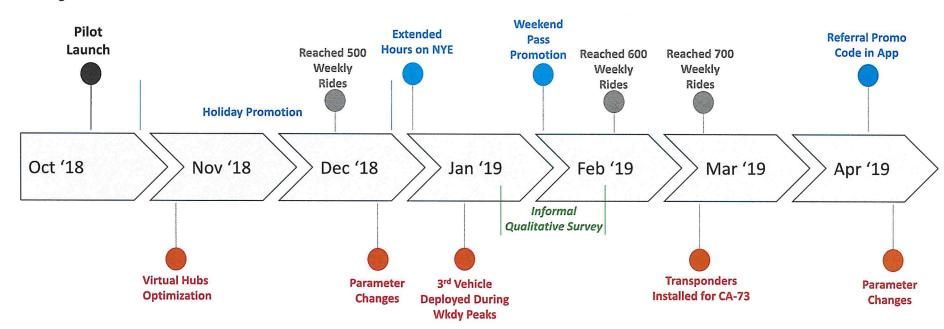
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10% off lessons

VIEW DETAILS

Keeping it Flex-ible...

Adjustments/Actions taken to date to meet the customer need:



Next Steps

- Continue promotions to encourage ridership
 - Weekend 50% Off Group Rides
 - Referral program
 - Weekday Off-Peak Fare Promotion
- Continue to track performance
 - Five Performance Targets
- Refine service as needed to maintain/improve customer satisfaction
 - Software Parameters
 - Promotions
- Complete pilot evaluation
 - Service to continue beyond October 2019
 - Staff to evaluate data and develop Final Report and Recommendations in Early 2020