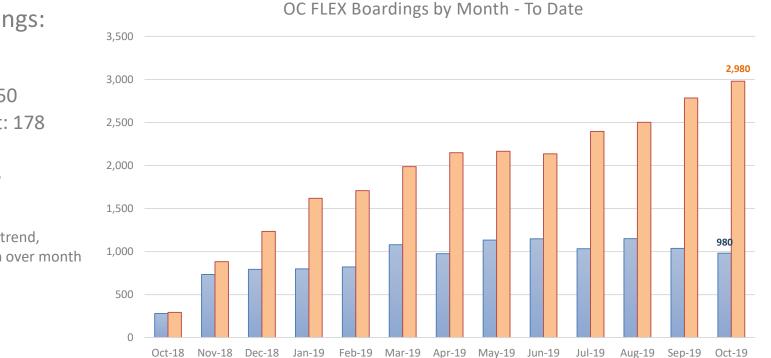




### **Microtransit Pilot Project: 12-Month Update**







- Total Boardings: 36,789
  - Weekly\*: ~850
  - Daily Highest: 178
- Zone trends
  - Blue: Static
  - Orange: Positive trend, increasing month over month

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 As measured by customer satisfaction: 85% of riders "likely"/"very likely" to recommend OC Flex

- As measured by boardings per revenue vehicle hour (B/RVH): 6 B/RVH
- Reduce total operating and capital costs
  - As measured by subsidy per boarding: \$9.00 per boarding

Provide public transit mobility in lower-demand areas

- Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (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% transfer trips
- Meet customer needs





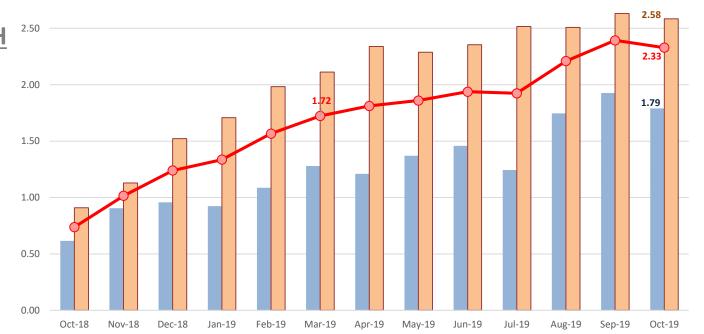


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# PRODUCTIVITY (B/RVH)

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- Target: 6 B/RVH
- System: 2.3 B/RVH
  - Blue: 1.79 B/RVH
  - Orange: 2.58 B/RVH
- Trend: <u>Positive</u>

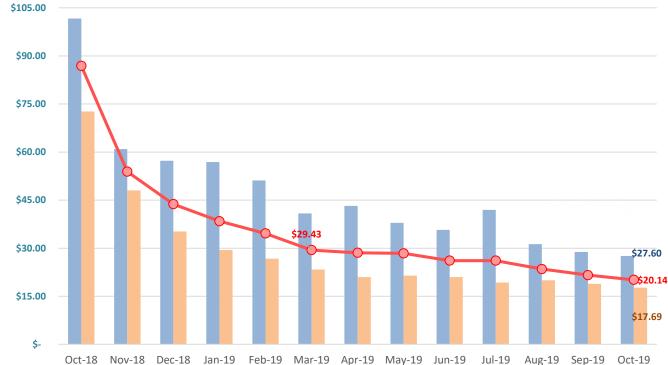




Target: \$9/Boarding

SUBSIDY PER BOARDING

- System: <u>\$20.14</u>
  - Blue: \$27.60 B/RVH
  - Orange: \$17.69 B/RVH
- Trend: Positive





SUBSIDY PER BOARDING – ALL MODES (Q1 FY2019-20)



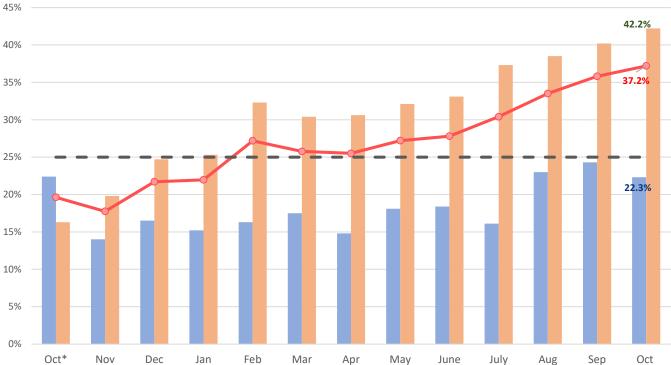
Service	Service Type	Subsidy/Boarding
OC Bus Local	Fixed-Route	\$ 2.60
OC Bus Community	Fixed-Route	\$ 3.74
OC Bus StationLink	Fixed-Route	\$ 5.70
Same Day Taxi	Taxi	\$ 14.30
OC Bus Express	Fixed-Route	\$ 14.41
OC Flex Orange	Microtransit	\$ 19.38
Special Agencies Agreements	ADA Paratransit	\$ 21.75
OC Flex Blue	Microtransit	\$ 33.95
OC ACCESS	ADA Paratransit	\$ 38.18
OC ACCESS (Supplemental Taxi)	ADA Paratransit	\$ 39.93

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

Orange County Transportation Authority

### • Target: 25%

- System: <u>37.2%</u>
  - Blue: 22.3%
  - Orange: 42.2%
- Trends:
  - Blue: Below target
  - Orange: Exceeded target every month since January
    - High volume of trips to/from Metrolink station



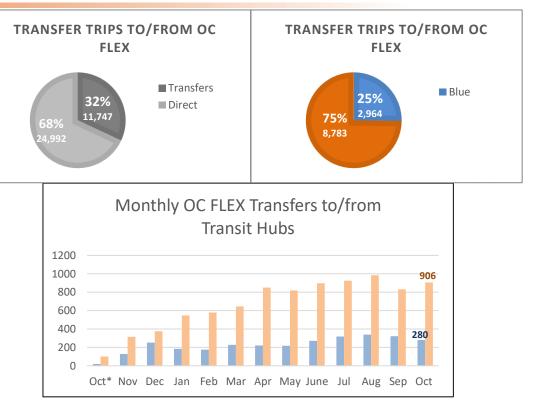




# CONNECTED TRIPS



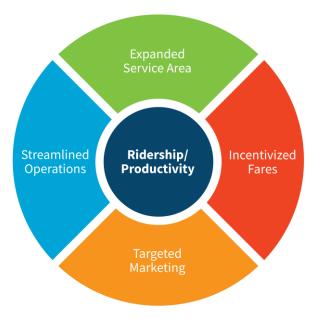
- Target: 25%
- System: <u>32%</u>
- Favorable trend:
  - Above 25% target for transfers
  - High transfer rate in the Orange Zone is due to high volume of trips to and from the Laguna Niguel-Mission Viejo Metrolink Station
  - First/Last mile connections to points east and west of station



# STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



- Extend Pilot through October 2020
  - Maintain service continuity
  - Test strategies considered to improve performance
  - Allow time for the procurement of a new service contract beyond October 2020 as approved.
- Strategies for Improvement
  - Zone Changes
  - Operational Improvements
  - Fare/Pass Considerations
  - Promotions



#### Orange County Transportation Authority

## **EXPANDED SERVICE AREA**

- GIS Zone Travel Analysis
  - Trip Activity
  - Home-Work Trips
- Added Adjacent High Demand Areas
- Removed Some Lower Demand Areas
- Anticipate Increase in Demand and Wait Time

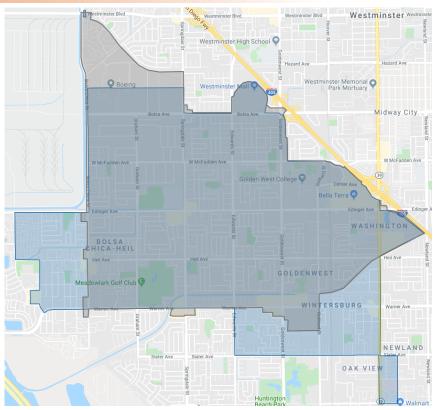




## HUNTINGTON BEACH / WESTMINSTER ZONE

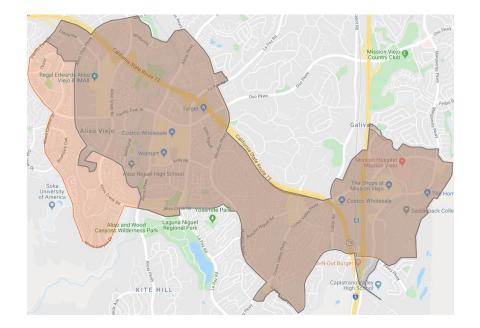


- Zone Size
  - Increased from 6.45 to 7.51 square miles (+16.4%)
- New Areas
  - High-density trip area west of zone
  - High-density trip area south to Slater Avenue
  - Huntington Beach Hospital area
- Reduced Areas
  - Area north of Boeing
  - New "Island" for connection to Route 60/560
  - Minor changes at edges



# ALISO VIEJO / LAGUNA NIGUEL / MISSION VIEJO ZONE

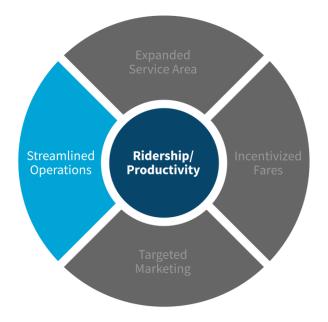
- Zone Size
  - Increased from 6.16 to 7.22 square miles (+17.2%)
- New Areas
  - High-density trip area west of zone
  - Adjacent to SOKA Campus
- Reduced Areas
  - South of Avery to Capistrano Valley High School



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## **STREAMLINED OPERATIONS**

- Goals
  - Improve productivity
  - Maintain quality of service
- Proposed Changes
  - Reduce span of service hours due to low ridership (stop earlier)
    - Monday thru Friday: 6 AM to 9 PM
    - $\circ~$  Saturday and Sunday: 9 AM to 9 PM
  - Increase the number of Virtual Stops to maintain and/or improve service response time
  - Increase revenue vehicle hours in the Blue Zone during anticipated peak hours of service to accommodate zone changes and other efforts

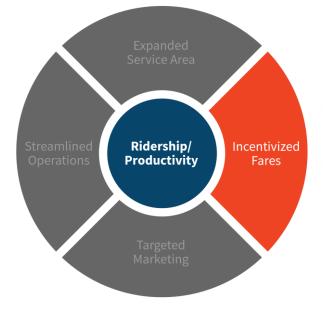




## PASS CONSIDERATIONS

- Goals:
  - Increase ridership
  - Encourage shared rides
- Proposed Changes
  - Introduce "Train Buddies" program
    - Metrolink riders to use transfer passes so multiple riders can be scheduled together
  - Expand current weekend BOGO program to all days
  - Allow free transfers for OC Bus 30-day passholders



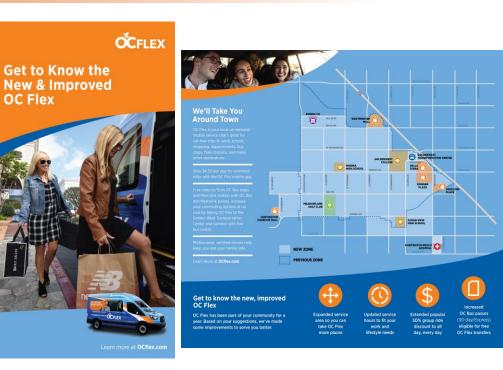


## TARGETED MARKETING



### • Target Audiences and Tactics

- Zone residents
  - o Promote new enhancements
  - Direct mail/digital ads/outreach
  - Gather feedback from non-users (survey link)
- Business and schools
  - **o** New organizations in the expanded areas
  - Promote new enhancements
  - In-person meetings
  - **OC Flex business cards with promo codes**



## TARGETED MARKETING



- Current OC Bus and Metrolink customers
  - Position OC Flex as part of OC transit family, providing easy connections to/from bus and trains
  - Promote NEW free transfers via regular OC Bus passes
- Potential off-peak users
  - 50% off group ride fare (at all times)
  - Seniors, stay-at-home parents, students
  - Free hands-on group travel training/tours
- Current customers \_
  - Promote new enhancements
  - **Communicate benefits of changes** 0
  - Remind of referral promotion
- Inactive account holders \_
  - Try us now, FREE!



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