

Newport Transportation Center Relocation Feasibility Study Update





Background

- **NTC Opened for Service in 1991**
 - Hub for OC Bus service in the City serving Fashion Island employment, medical, and recreational centers
 - Key connection point for four OC Bus routes serving coastal and central Orange County
- **OCTA Study in 2023-2024**
 - Explored transit supportive development following the City's interest in relocating fire station or constructing pickleball courts on NTC site
 - Study found relocation of NTC, or non-transit uses were not viable under current conditions
- **City Council requests City staff explore relocation of Fire Station No. 3 to current NTC site in June 2025**
 - City requests a joint study with OCTA to evaluate NTC relocation

City – City of Newport Beach
OCTA – Orange County Transportation Authority
No. – Number
NTC – Newport Transportation Center
Study – Newport Transportation Center Improvement Study



Study Goals and Objectives

- Provide Safe and Efficient Transit Operations
- Maintain or Improve on NTC Ridership and Coach Operator Services
- Align with Community Planning, Economic Development, and Local Land Use
- Minimize Environmental Impacts and Support Regulatory Compliance
- Identify Real Estate Feasibility and Legal Compliance
- Assess Infrastructure Capacity and Resilience
- Assess Financial Feasibility



Transit Center Functionality

- Can the site support safe, efficient, and scalable transit operations?
- Evaluates bus circulation, layover capacity, passenger flow and amenities, ADA access, and ability to maintain or improve operational performance

Ridership, Network Performance, and Operational Continuity

- Will the location maintain or enhance access for existing and future riders?
- Assesses travel times, transfer efficiency, regional connectivity, and access to key employment and activity centers

Evaluation Criteria Framework (continued)

Access, Equity, and Community Connectivity

- Does the site provide equitable and convenient access to transit?
- Reviews pedestrian and bicycle access, first/last mile connections, Title VI considerations, and impacts to transit-dependent populations

Land Use and Strategic Compatibility

- Is the site compatible with surrounding uses and long-term planning goals?
- Evaluates consistency with the City's General Plan, growth areas, housing strategy, and OCTA's regional mobility objectives



Evaluation Criteria Framework (continued)



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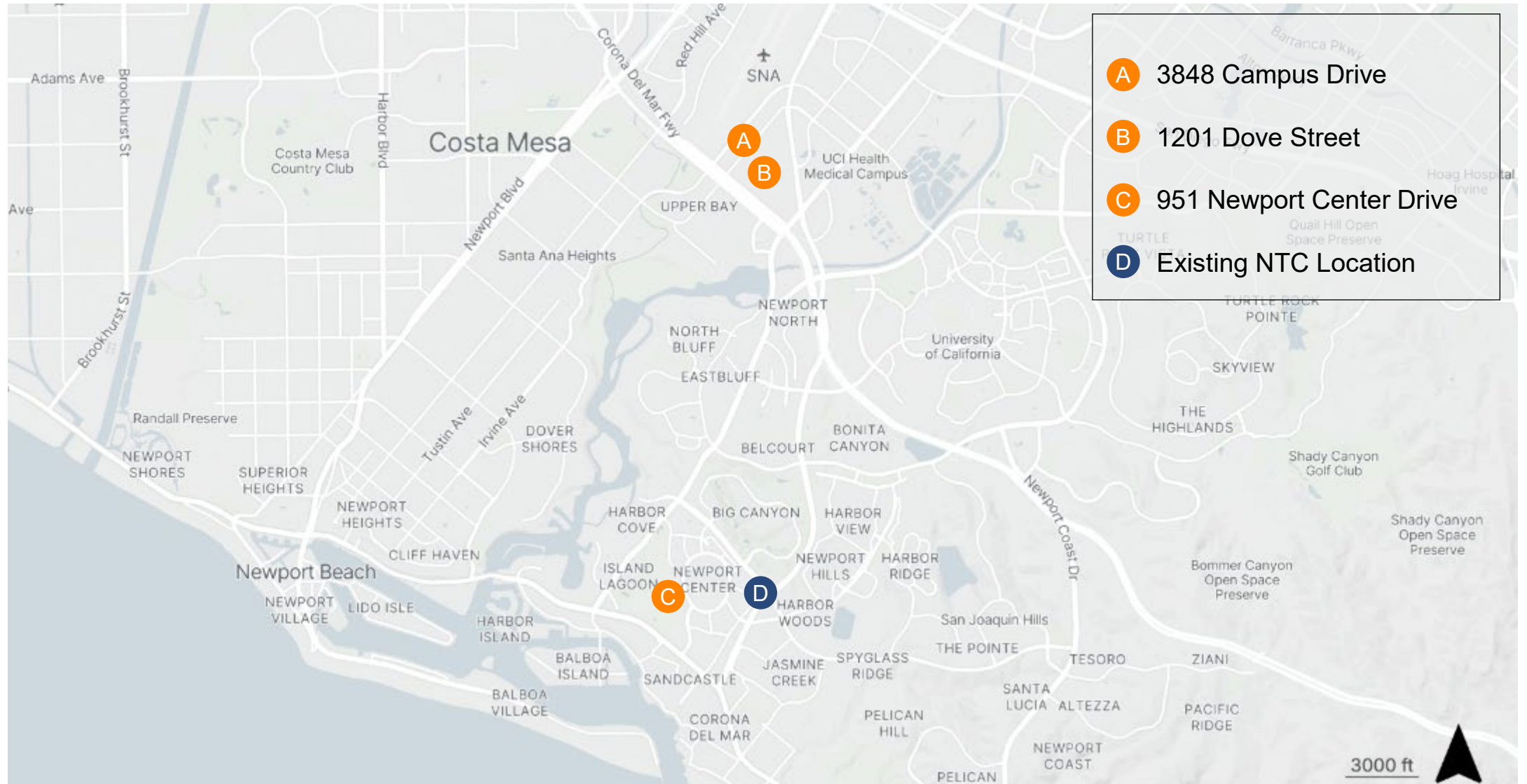
- Is the project economically viable and deliverable?
- Compares capital and operating costs, funding responsibilities, lifecycle considerations, phasing, and constructability

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

- Can the site meet applicable federal, state, and local requirements?
- Assesses FTA property requirements, deed restrictions, environmental clearance pathways, and other statutory constraints

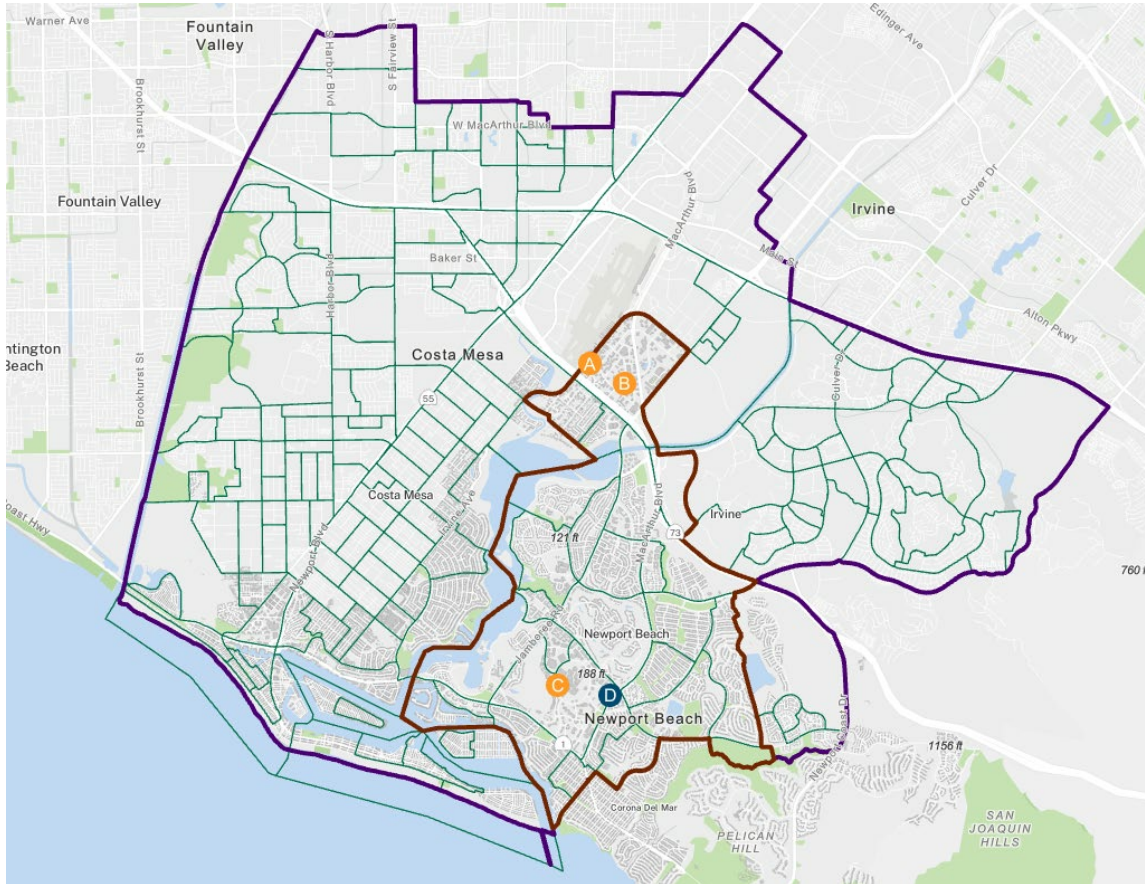


Technical Review of City Proposed Relocation Sites





Expanded Scope and Study Area



- Up to 5 additional locations will be studied
- Focus on major activity and bus operation centers
 1. UC Irvine
 2. Airport Area
 3. South Coast Metro Area
 4. Orange Coast College/Fairgrounds
 5. Costa Mesa Triangle Square
- Expanded rider survey



Upcoming Public Engagement

- Multilingual rider survey
- Coach operator survey
- Community events/pop-ups
- Stakeholder outreach
- Digital and social media
- Communications toolkit





Study Timeline

	2/26	3/26	4/26	5/26	6/26	7/26	8/26	9/26	10/26	11/26	12/26
1: Project Management			★		★					★	
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1B: Public Outreach and Engagement											
2: Baseline Conditions and Needs Assessment											
3: Evaluation Criteria Development											
4: Site Relocation Assessment											
4A: Alternative NTC Site Identification											
4B: Fire Station #3 Relocation Summarization											
4C: NTC Relocation Assessment											
5: Environmental, Sustainability, and Technical Analysis											



Study Update to Transit Committee



Anticipated Draft Plan