



COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL

January 12, 2026

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Andrea West, Clerk of the Board *Andrea West*

Subject: February 2026 OC Bus Service Change/Public Hearing Preview for the OC Bus Route 862 Title VI Service Evaluation and Fare Equity Analysis

Transit Committee Meeting of December 11, 2025

Present: Directors Amezcua, Jung, Klopfenstein, Leon, Janet Nguyen, and Sarmiento

Absent: Tam T. Nguyen

Committee Vote

This item was passed by the Members present.

Committee Recommendation(s)

- A. Receive and file the February 2026 OC Bus service change as an information item.
- B. Receive and file public input on the OC Bus Route 862 Title VI service evaluation and fare equity analysis.
- C. Direct staff to finalize and submit the OC Bus Route 862 Title VI service and fare equity analysis to the Federal Transit Administration, consistent with the full funding grant agreement.

Note:

After the Transit Committee considered this item on December 11, 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) amended its Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) regulations to eliminate disparate-impact liability, clarifying that DOJ enforcement is limited to cases involving intentional discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. As a result, Title VI analyses should document neutral, nondiscriminatory decision-making processes and the absence of discriminatory intent, while continuing to assess equity considerations as a planning and transparency practice consistent with Federal



Transit Administration guidance. Staff updated the analysis in accordance with current guidance from the DOJ, and the findings remain that the proposed service change was developed through a neutral, nondiscriminatory planning process.

The staff report presented to the Board of Directors has been updated to reflect these changes, as such it differs from the Committee staff report.