Previously Analyzed Concepts
San Rafael Transit Center Relocation Study - 2017

The Relocation Study identified and screened nine sites in the downtown San Rafael area. Three of the nine sites were analyzed in greater detail. The Study did not result in identification of a preferred concept.

The current project will be identifying new concept(s) based on the combination of public, stakeholder, and technical input.

The following evaluation criteria were considered in the Relocation Study:

- Land Requirements
- Pedestrian Access
- Transfer Convenience
- Site Functionality
- Bus Operations
- Local Circulation
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PROS

- Good location for pedestrian and bicycle access to SMART and Downtown San Rafael
- Opportunity to create pedestrian travel corridor along 4th Street
- Transfer across 4th Street more desirable than across 3rd Street
- Least future changes or expansion
- Constrained driveway locations
- Fewer bays along Hetherton Street is less efficient for operations and results in more bus turns on City Streets

CONS

- Lowest cost of the long-term concepts
- Least amount of bus route alignment diversion
- Safety and delay concerns for buses to enter and depart transit center
- Poor location for pedestrian access and circulation
- Inadequate space for customer service and other transit-related uses
- Greater hazards for riders transferring between routes

Concept 4

- Fully consolidated site makes transfers between services easier and removes buses from City streets
- May reduce congestion on 2nd/3rd Street
- Opportunity for redevelopment or retail for a portion of site

Concept 5

- Highest cost of the long-term concepts
- Closure of 5th Ave at SMART may worsen downtown congestion
- Requires more property acquisition

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