

Develop a Venice Transit Hub

Venice is served by MTA, Santa Monica, and Culver City bus lines as shown in Figure 1. Regular riders of these lines know where to board and alight. Tourists and those less familiar with the routes, however, may not be clear where to get off a bus if they want to go to the beach. Where exactly is "Venice"? The need for such a hub will increase with the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics that Los Angeles is hosting.

The purpose of this potential Committee focus is, therefore, to agree on the location of a Venice transit hub and to take steps necessary to determine whether it might actually be built.

There have recently been three possible transit hubs mentioned.

- Near the end of Venice Boulevard east of Pacific Avenue. This location is presently the location of the proposed and contentious Venice/Dell project. The project is being challenged in court and so it is unclear if this is a viable location for a transit hub.
- At or near Windward Circle where a number of bus routes already come together.
- At the MTA's old bus maintenance site on Main Street as part of the larger housing development proposed for that site.

The first step in the process would be to evaluate the pros and cons of each location and reach agreement on the best location.

The second step would be to develop rough concepts of such a facility and to determine any funding source(s) that might be tapped. At this point we should know whether the project has any chance of being built. That answer will determine the next steps.

Figure 1: Existing Bus Routes Within Venice (from the 2021 Fehr & Peers Parking Utilization Report, Figure 3)

