Current Statistics

- Almost 4M boardings annually
- 22,000 avg. daily boardings; max. 28,000
- Operate 85k hours and 850k miles annually
- 41 40-foot natural gas fueled standard buses
- 2 modern and 3 vintage double-deckers (biodiesel / 1 CNG)
- $5.1M annual operating budget; >$17M capital assets
Unitrans National Transit Data

- Lowest operating cost per rider of any California transit system
- 3rd highest ridership per bus hour in California (behind only SF Muni and LA MTA).
2014-15 UC Davis Campus Travel Survey

All Campus Affiliates
- Bike: 46%
- Drive Alone: 24%
- Walk/Skate: 7%
- Carpool: 5%
- Bus: 17%
- Train: 1%

Davis Residents Only
- Bike: 58%
- Drive Alone: 10%
- Walk/Skate: 8%
- Carpool: 3%
- Bus: 21%
- Train: 1%
Unitrans Riders (on-board survey)

- Undergrad 90.5%
- Grad Student 2.6%
- Fac/Staff 1.6% (1.3% Staff, 0.3% Faculty)
- Non-UCD 5.3% (1.1% HS, 0.6% JH, 2.0% Sr/Disbl, 1.8% Other)
Governing Structure

• A unit of ASUCD
  – Over 275 student employees and 15 career staff
• Close relationship with City as recipient of federal and state funds
  – General MOU and annual contract
• Positive element in city/university relationship
• Student Fee funds leverage federal grant funds, providing higher return on investment
ASUCD Student Fees

• Unitrans Fee
  – 1990 vote: fee for unlimited access ($13/quarter)
  – Increases approved in
    • 1999 ($11.50/quarter)
    • 2004 (CEI, $4/quarter for capital only)
    • 2007 ($4.50/quarter, plus $1.50 return to aid)

• Total fee to Unitrans is $33/quarter
UC Davis Enrollment and Unitrans Bus Riders

1st Unitrans unlimited access student fee passed in 1990
Operating Budget - Revenues

• Sources of Funds
  – Student Fees via ASUCD ($2.6M)
  – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) via City of Davis ($1.4M)
  – Statewide Sales Tax via City of Davis (TDA) ($0.7M)
  – Fares and Pass Sales ($0.3M)
Operating Budget - Expenses

- Expenditures
  - Salaries (~75%)
    - Similar to most transit systems
  - Fuel & Supplies (15%)
  - Fees & Services (10%)
Unitrans CEI Funds

• Past 8 years, >$20 M in capital investments:
  – 32 single deck CNG buses
  – 2 doubledecker buses
  – 2 new bus terminals
• From annual CEI contribution of <$350,000
  (~$2.5M over 8 years)
  – Each $1 of CEI brought in over $8 in grants
• Current Balance $1.3 Million
Unitrans Capital Program

• Unitrans prepares multi-year capital programs as a condition for receiving federal and regional grant funding

• Major categories of capital projects include:
  – Bus replacement and expansion
  – Passenger facility improvements (accessibility, safety, and amenities)
  – Operations facility improvements (CNG compressor station, lifts, support equipment)
Capital Program (continued)

• 5-year Capital Program calls for:
  – $8.5 million in bus replacement (and expanded capacity)
    • Includes 3 new DD buses and first all-electric buses
  – $2 million for CNG fueling and other maintenance facility upgrades
  – $1.5 million for passenger facility and operations equipment needs

• Assuming federal funding is available at 80/20 split, the $12 million would be split as $9.6M federal and $2.4M from CEI funds