

**To:** Board of Directors

**Date:** 6/14/2018

**From:** Sean Hedgpeth, Manager of Planning

**Reviewed by:**

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**SUBJECT: Route 28 Realignment**

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**Background:**

At the May 2018 Board of Directors meeting the Board authorized staff to eliminate Route 3 and implement Route 99X, starting Fall 2018. At the public meeting on May 14, 2018 staff reached out to the public to hear their concerns in the Martinez City Hall Council Chamber. After listening to the attendees, staff noted that the elimination of Route 3 would primarily impact passengers living near Vista Way and other Martinez residents who use the route currently to go to Walmart on Arnold Dr.

In order to mitigate the loss of this service, staff has proposed to reroute Route 28 to serve Vista Way and proposes a new stop near Walmart, along Old Orchard Rd (see attached map). This new alignment abandons a light industrial segment of Howe Rd north of Old Orchard Rd with only 219 passengers for all of FY17, or 0.04 riders per trip. Route 28 also is realigned off of Pacheco Rd between Arreba St and Howe Rd. This segment of Pacheco Rd has about twelve daily Route 28 riders, or 0.5 a trip. These riders have several alternatives including the new Route 99X, Route 18, and Route 19.

Staff has worked with City of Martinez staff to identify a new potential stop on Old Orchard Rd at Arnold Dr. The stop meets the City's requirements and is about 200 feet away from the previous Route 3 stop along Arnold Dr. The new Route 28 also creates a new connection to Walmart for the DVC neighborhood and expands access beyond Walmart to the residents around Vista Way.

The changes to the mileage of Route 28 is about 15%, which is less than the 25% threshold that requires a Title VI process. This is an administrative change that does not constitute a major service change under board adopted policy.

**Financial Implications:**

None. The existing Route 28 schedule has sufficient time built in to absorb the realignment.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends realigning Route 28 off of Pacheco and Howe to serve the community around Vista Way. This item is informational only and does not require Board action.

**Action Requested:**

None.

# Proposed Route 28 Alignment with Arnold/Howe/Old Orchard Rd Loop

