T3 Webinar – April 26, 2012

Fare Integration
A Regional Approach

U.S. DOT
Southern California Regional Rail Authority
Orange County Transportation Authority

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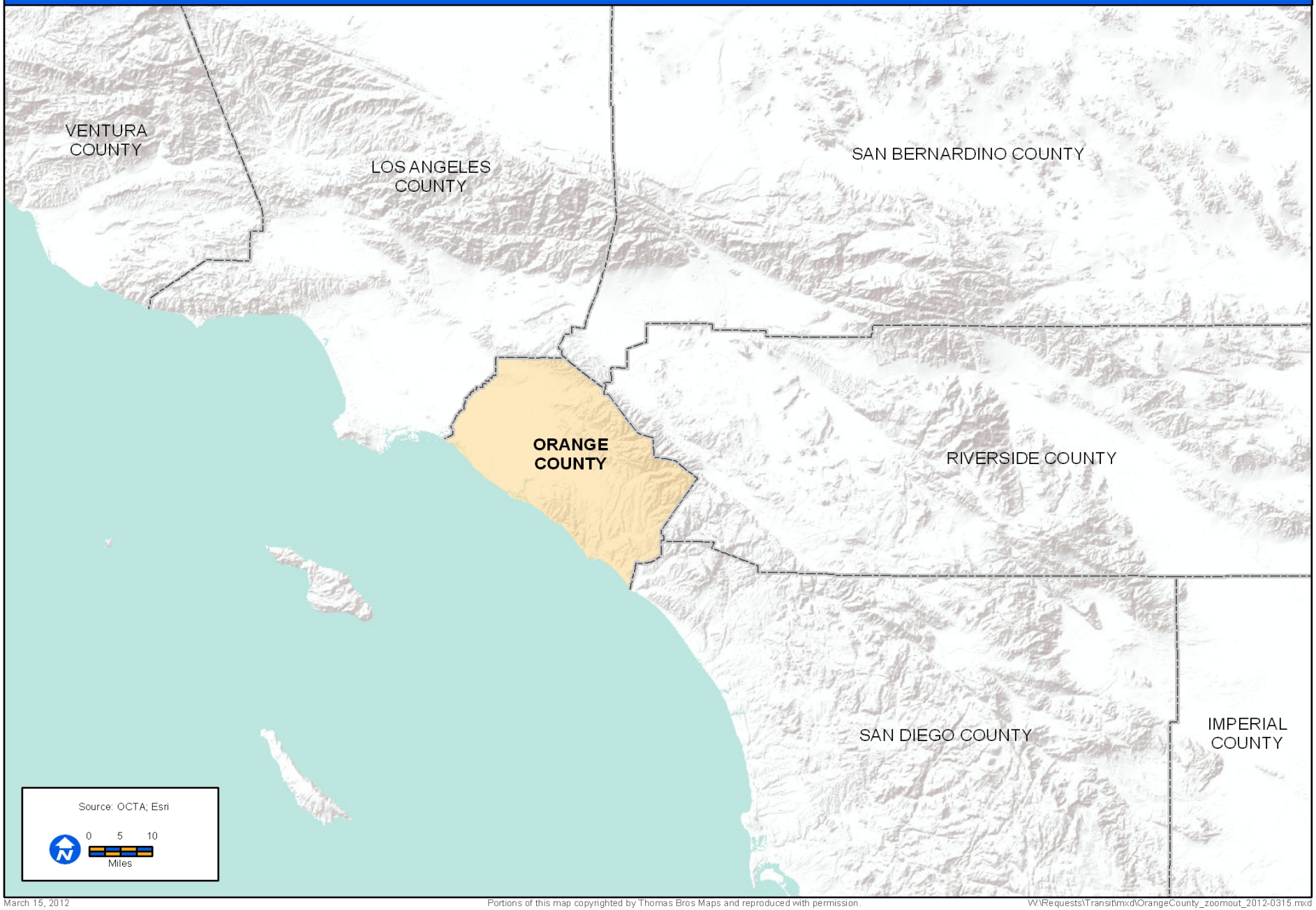
Presentation Agenda

- Describe the Southern California Region
- Describe OCTA and Review Agreements with Neighboring Agencies
- How and Why a Regional Approach
- Review our Regional Efforts
- Overview of Project Goals: OCTA and Regional Goals

Southern California Region



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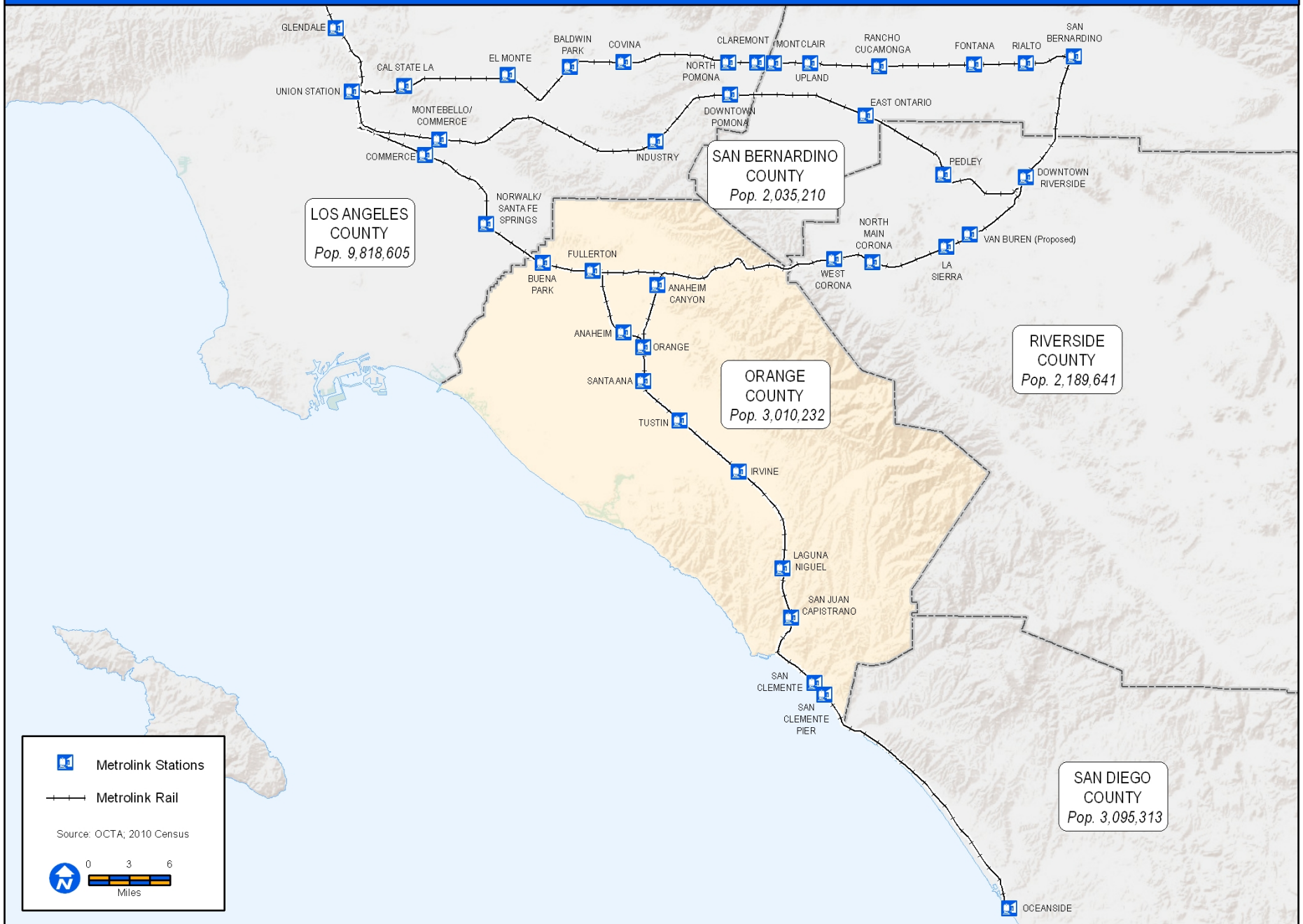

The Southern California Region - Facts

- Over 20 Transit/Transportation Agencies (From Santa Barbara to San Diego), including Amtrak
- Population in the region of about 21.4 million
- Transit ridership in the region of about 3/4 billion annually, according to APTA transit ridership statistics

OCTA Facts

- Serves Orange County, California and neighboring cities
- Service area of about 480 sq miles
- Population of about 3 million
- Fixed Route service consisting of 1.6 million annual revenue hours and 19 million annual revenue miles
- Annual ridership of 51.3 million on Fixed route and 1.3 million on Access paratransit service
- Fleet size of 540 vehicles for fixed route and 250 vehicles for Access service

Interagency Transfer Agreements

Agencies Outside of Orange County

- North County Transit District
- Riverside Transit Agency
- Omnitrans (San Bernardino)
- Foothill Transit
- Norwalk Transit
- Los Angeles Metro
- Long Beach Transit
- SCRRA (Metrolink commuter rail)

Agencies Within Orange County

- Laguna Beach – Laguna Beach Transit
- Anaheim - Anaheim Transportation Network
- Irvine - iShuttle

Regional Effort – Soliciting US DOT Assistance

- Conducted a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Review, sponsored by the US DOT in March 2011
- Hosted a Southern California Super Users Group discussion of Fare Collection Systems and Fare Policy in partnership with SCRRA and USDOT Volpe National Transportation Systems Center in Jul 2011
- Engaged USDOT Volpe National Transportation Center to assist in the Regional Fare Collection System Project in Dec 2011

Regional Efforts – Bringing Agencies and Vendors Together

- Fare Collection Vendor Expo Hosted by Metrolink in Oct 2011
- Fare Collection Vendor Expo Hosted by OCTA in Feb 2012
- Visits and meetings with many of our neighboring agencies

Regional Efforts – Future Events/Steps

- Continue Development of the Super Users Group with assistance from Volpe
- Considering entering into a more formal agreement via an MOU
- Considering a Regional Concept of Operations (CONOPS)
- Others?

Project Goals

OCTA

- Integrate fare collection system with other county projects (M2 – Go Local and MSEP)
- Reduce dwell time at bus stops to speed up travel times
- Reduce the amount of cash collected on-board the bus to improve travel times
- Ease of transferring from one bus to another
- Offer new payment options

Region

- Lead the development of strategy for a seamless regional fare collection system and fare policies
- Implement and open payment system that will integrate with other agencies in the region
- Encourage seamless regional travel with common payment methods and common fare policies
- Allow agencies to maintain their individual fare policies
- Ease of transferring from one agency to another