



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: March 4, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSS BUS SHELTER PLAN FOR
HIGHWAY 111

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION: 1

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss City's Custom Bus Shelter Design for Sunline bus stops on Highway 111.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- In 1997, the City approved the original Highway 111 Corridor Landscape Design Guidelines, which was most recently updated in 2011. These guidelines provide standards for median and parkway landscape and hardscape design
- As part of the guidelines, the City Council selected a design for a La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelter along Highway 111 (Attachment 1). Of the eleven bus stops on Highway 111 (Attachment 2), five are the Signature Custom design, two are Sunline Bus Stop Improvement Program design (Attachment 3), and four bus stops have no bus shelters at this time.
- Staff is seeking City Council direction on whether or not to replace the two Sunline design shelters with the La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelter.
- Additionally, Sunline Transit Agency has requested the City address the unsheltered bus stops on Highway 111. Staff therefore seeks direction on whether to install the La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelter on the four unsheltered bus stops as part of a future Capital Improvement Project(s).

FISCAL IMPACT:

None directly associated with this item; however, if City Council directs staff to replace and/or install La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelters along Highway 111 where needed, the total cost for the six new shelters is estimated to be \$700,000.

Regardless of design type, all bus stop locations would continue to be maintained by Sunline Transit Agency.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

In recognition of Highway 111 as the major image and commercial corridor, City Council adopted design standards for developers to follow for median and parkway design. The objective of these guidelines was to create a community identity unique to the City. On February 11, 2011, City Council updated the guidelines to include Spanish adobe accents that draw upon the architecture and landscaping of the historic La Quinta Resort and Spa. The most recently constructed La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelter in front of Walmart reflects this updated design.

The cost for the six needed La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelters is estimated at \$110,000 per shelter. Additionally, \$40,000 is necessary in order to bring the bus shelter design into compliance with the latest California Building Code, resulting in a total project cost of \$700,000. If desired by City Council, the construction cost could be spread over several years within the Fiscal Year 2014/2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The City would need to find funds to underwrite this endeavor since current CIP funding resources cannot accommodate these costs. If the State allows the City to use the remaining 2011 non-housing bond proceeds (\$3.5 million), the proceeds could be used for this purpose since they are reserved for a greater Highway 111 improvement initiative.

If City Council would like to phase the construction, Sunline has offered to install temporary bus shelters along Highway 111 from either of these sources:

1. Sunline could relocate four bus shelters from inactive bus stops within the City; or,
2. Sunline could install new Sunline Standard Bus Shelters as part of their Bus Stop Improvement Program – Phase 5, in which case the City would need to appropriate \$2,500 to upgrade the bus benches to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Sunline reports that the Highway 111 route is heavily used and there is great interest by the ridership in getting solar protection at the stops that do not yet have shelters. Staff seeks direction on the installation of temporary bus shelters along Highway 111 if Council decides to delay the installation of City's Signature Custom shelters. The four remaining unsheltered bus stops on Highway 111 are currently unfunded as well and, if desired by City Council, could be included in a future CIP as an add project until funding is determined.

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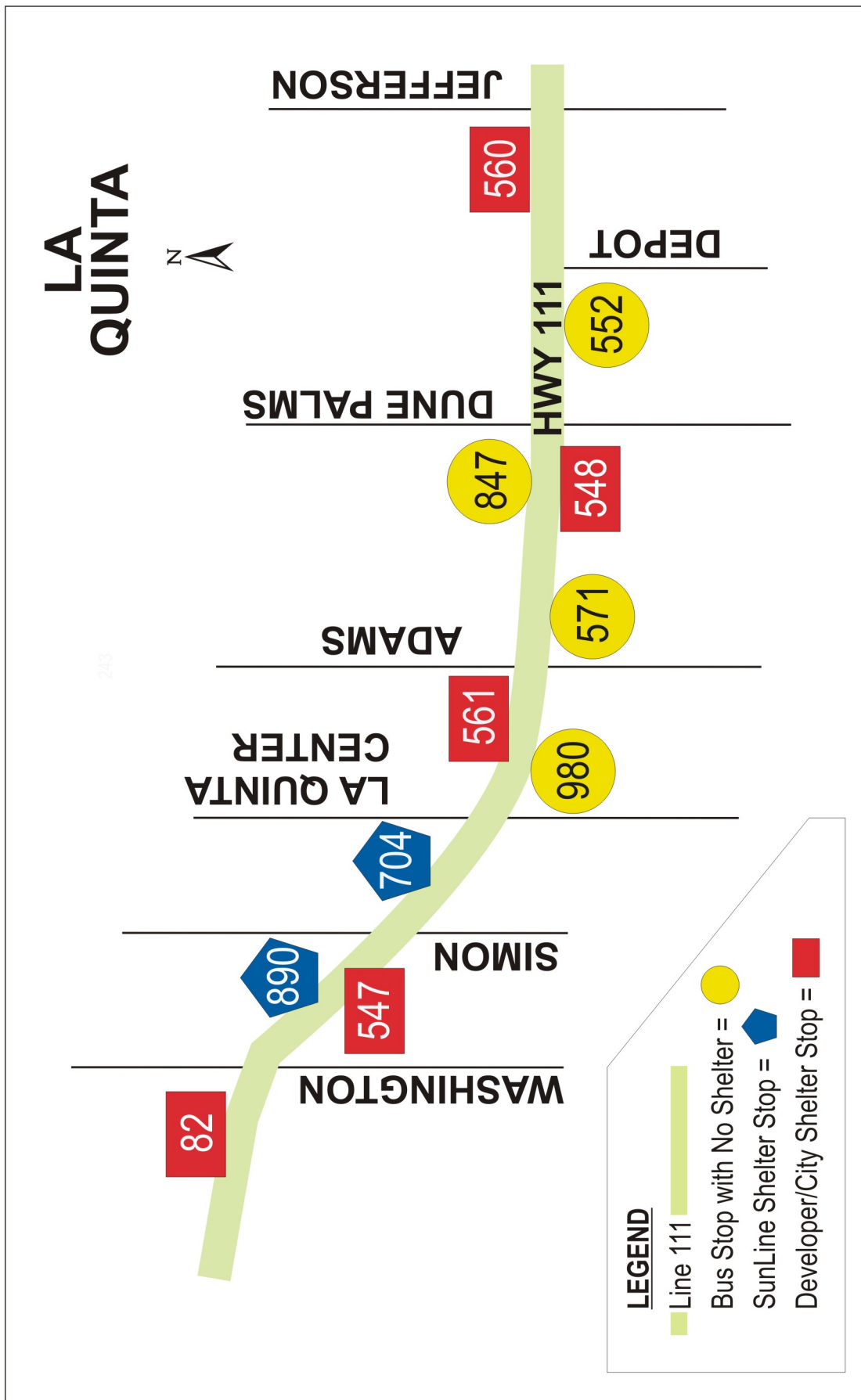
- Attachments:
1. Example of La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelter design
 2. Map of bus shelters along Highway 111
 3. Example of Sunline Bus Stop Improvement Program shelter design

La Quinta Signature Custom Bus Shelter





SunLine Transit Agency Line 111 Bus Stops in the City of La Quinta



Sunline Bus Stop Improvement Program Bus Shelter

