

ADWHEEL COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN



Culver CityBus celebrated 90 years of service this year. CULVER CITYBUS has grown in ridership, sustainable and efficient technology and community partnerships.

The purpose of the campaign was to increase awareness and education about transit. In spite of the 90 years of service, many have no knowledge or relationship of how local transit works. Many local residents had never been on the bus and did not understand how Transit Access Pass (TAP cards) worked.

The challenge was to increase familiarity, provide a viable option – an alternative way to get from point a to point b. CULVER CITYBUS strategies were designed to tell the story of our wins, share how valuable a partner we are and communicate about our service, history, ridership and continuous growth.



Culver CityBus (CULVER CITYBUS) targeted a diverse base ranging from local and regional constituents, frequent riders and non-riders, students, tourists and visitors, businesses, and multi-modal passengers.

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The transit education for students portion of the campaign strategy was to familiarize them with transit as a benefit to the environment, a means to reduce traffic and as an efficient form of transportation. Students learned how to ride transit, how to be safe on and around transit and experienced the bus during events and field trips which encouraged them to consider using transit when possible. The strategy involved, providing a bus on site at student events, allowing students to access the bus and ask questions. Staff on hand answered questions, gave demonstrations of how to ride the bus and how to use the TAP technology, and gave a face to the agency. Safety information was provided in classrooms and in school assemblies. Teachers used the local transit to get to and from field trips as an additional education component.



Our campaign should be recognized because it allows for interaction with transit, creating a positive memory about the experience. Our campaign is flexible and can be adapted to every level of community. We are raising the understanding of transit and its importance to our community.

Culver CityBus has expanded its service to include critical community partnerships that improve the experience for the rider. Through marketing strategies that inform riders of up-to-date service alerts, to providing educational events to show riders multimodal commute strategies, and providing field trip rider experience for visitors and tourists. Through these tactics Culver CityBus is able to educate constituents about the health benefits, commute saving times, and green technology of our fleet which.

Overview – Concept and Planning

March 3, 2018 marked 90 years of Culver CityBus serving the Community. A year long comprehensive campaign was developed with the following goals:

- > Tell the story of the history of Culver CityBus
- Increase awareness of the importance of transit in Culver City and the LA region
- Increase Engagement on Social Media
- Create opportunities to talk about transit with elected officials and constituents
- > Establish collaborative and educational events for community partners
- > Thank existing riders and attract new ones
- > Timeline March 3, 2018 to March 3, 2019

Overview – Tools

- > Marketing
 - ➢ Bus Wrap
 - > Social Media
 - ➤ City Website
 - Promotional Ads
 - > SWAG and Materials
- \succ Education
 - Community Interface
 - Rider Appreciation
 - > Alternative Transportation and Mobility
- Community Partnership
 - ➤ U-Pass
 - ➤ Ciclavia

- Transit as historical context Harry Culver, Founder of Culver City offered prospective business owners and residents a free bus ride to see the opportunity Culver City provided for community and as a location strategically positioned for success. An early adopter of the concept that where transit goes, community grows.
- Transit Today Provide a context for bringing Culver CityBus into the next 90 years
- Transit as a Partner Transit field trips, educational and safety events to showcase how transit can make getting to and from work, school, appointments and events easier and more convenient.

Tactics and Strategy

- Create logo and iconography that brings the history of Culver CityBus to the conversation
- > Wrap a bus with images of the Culver CityBus fleet through the years
- > Re-brand recruiting, website and events as "90th Anniversary"
- Facebook and Twitter Messaging
- Radio advertisements
- > Video interviews
- Community Outreach and events
- Partnership with City Stakeholders

Created Iconography to brand the celebration



Celebration Logo with Old Bus and New Bus



BUS WRAP IN HONOR OF THE CELEBRATION SHOWING THE HISTORY OF THE FLEET AND SERVING AS A ROLLING STEP AND REPEAT AT EVENTS.

Bus Wrap – Rear of bus and Fleet Decals







Event Branding – Bus Photo Booth and SWAG





Marketing and Messaging

Facebook engagement increased from 50 to 64,365 engagements. The website reports 352,841 visits, the most from any other city department and up from 100,230 the year before. Four videos were created for the campaign "Culver CityBus:90 Years of Service," A Historical Video Montage, a video covering the anniversary celebration and a safety video in advance of the Ciclavia event which closes out the anniversary celebration. They received 1,473 views. Through collaborations and partnerships with local organization and businesses, Culver CityBus service was promoted in local broadcast and in print media. We were also distributed over 800 TAP cards (up from 200 annually). We distributed over 5,000 items of Culver CityBus merchandise promoting our service.

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- > CulverCityBus.com (Website)
- Facebook (@CulverCityBus)
- Newspaper (Culver City Observer)
- » Radio (KJLH 92.3), (KFWB 980)
- > Television (Channel 2, 7, 9)
- > Twitter (@CulverCityBus)
- ➤ YouTube





Social Media – Facebook (from 0 to 574 followers all organic 52,000 engagements)



Social Media – Twitter (61.7k Impressions)



Newspaper and Radio Advertising (Videos Attached Separately)



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KJLH 102.3

Website (149,780 visits, 352,841 page views)

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Branded Partnerships and Events

- > Rider Appreciation Event
- Community Thank you / Anniversary Celebration
- > Girls Leadership Academy Transit Field Trip
- ➢ Bike to Work Pit Stop
- > 4th of July Special Service
- > Chamber of Commerce Transit / Mobility Presentation
- > Community Walk N Roll Safe Routes to School Event
- > Display Anniversary Wrap at Culver City Car Show
- ≻ Fiesta La Ballona

Branded Partnerships and Events cont'd

- > CCUSD Summer Lunch Mobility Session
- > Mobility / Scooter Safety Event
- > Sponsored NACTO Designing Cities Conference
- ➤ UCLA Rideshare Fare
- > Linwood Howe First Grade Transit Field Trip
- LADWP Rideshare Fare
- > Chamber Expo
- ➢ WLAC − U-Pass
- ➤ Ciclavia

Alternative Transportation Education - Bikes







Alternative Transportation Education – Scooters



Community Partnerships – Transit Field Trips







Community Partnerships – Chamber Expo





Events – Anniversary Celebration









On Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM At the Culver City Transportation Facility 4343 Duquesne Avenue, Culver City, CA 90232

Join us for giveaways, Metro Pop-Up Shop, free food, Caricature Artists, DJ, our famous Bus Photo Booth, ...and a close-up look at our Anniversary Wrapped Bus!

Learn more about working for and riding Culver CityBus, grab a route schedule and pick up our new Commemorative TAP card!





Events - Ciclavia









Events – Rider Appreciation



Results

- ➤ Social Media
 - ➤ Facebook from 50 to 64,365 engagements
 - > Twitter from zero to 61.7K impressions
 - > Website from 100,000 to 352,841 views
- > TAP (Transit Access Pass)
 - ➢ 800 distributed at events
 - > Usually less than 200 distributed
- Community Local organizations and stakeholders requested that Culver CityBus partner with them for events. Partnerships allow education and outreach about local area transit services.

Results cont'd

- Transit field trips and educational partnerships have expanded to include a partnership with the school district to develop a transit education program targeting all students K through adult school.
- Solution As a result of the community partnerships, all events based in Culver City now request Culver CityBus participation either as a transit partner or to provide information to constituents.
- This campaign and partnerships have provide a baseline for future recognition and collaboration. The interaction with the public allowed Culver CityBus to position itself as a community and stakeholder partner to provide valuable transit information while making connections with riders at each event, staff on hand to answer questions and distribute information to attendees curious about local transit routes and services.