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# FlixBus Franchise Agreement for Long-Distance Bus Service

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# What is FlixBus?

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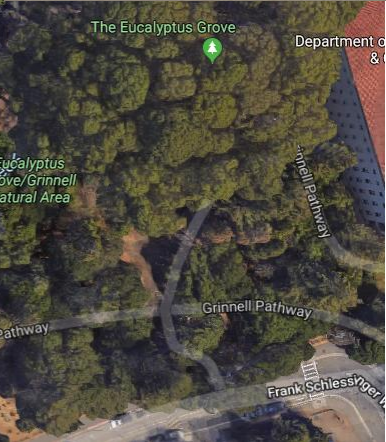
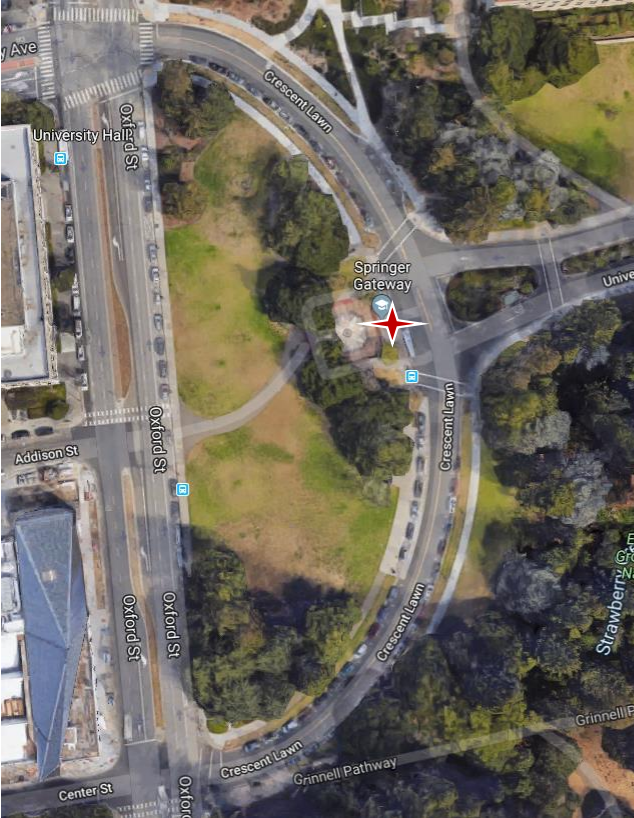
- » Long-distance bus company
  - Started in Germany
  - Operates in most Western Europe countries
  - Routes will connect Berkeley to Southern California and Salt Lake City
  - Approval obtained from CA Public Utilities Commission
  - Provides reservation app
  - Contracts for buses

# Why a Franchise Agreement?

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- » Berkeley City Charter Article XII, Section 75
  - “The City Council is empowered to grant by ordinance a franchise to any person, firm or corporation, whether operating under an existing franchise or not, to furnish the City and its inhabitants with transportation...or to use the public streets, ways, alleys and places, as the same may now or may hereafter exist, in connection therewith.”
  
- » Reaffirmed in Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 9.60.010
  
- » October 30, 2018 Council Referral to the City Manager to initiate a Franchise Agreement with FlixBus
  
- » March 26, 2019 Council Resolution to set the April 30, 2019 Public Hearing date

# Where will the FlixBus stop be?



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# Questions & Comments

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# Franchise Agreement Proposed Terms

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## » **With stop on Berkeley campus**

- Roadway usage fee of \$0.10 per trip, for an annual total of \$169
- To be deposited in the General Fund

## » **With stop in City right-of-way**

- Added bus-stop maintenance fee of \$400, for an annual total of \$569
- To be deposited in the General Fund

## » **With stop in metered parking spaces**

- Added payment of parking-meter rate for total dwell time
- Estimated at \$986 for the first year
- To be deposited into the Parking Meter Fund

