

**San Benito County
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

January 21, 2010 2:30 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Gomez, Director De La Cruz, Director Bilich, Director Botelho, and Director Emerson

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner, Betty LiOwen; Secretary, Monica Gomez; Supervising Mechanic, Pat Dunn

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Murray, Caltrans District 5; Tony Mercado, MV Transportation

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Botelho called the meeting to order at 3:40 P.M.

A. ACKNOWLEDGE Certificate of Posting

Upon a motion duly made by Director Emerson, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Director's unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. ELECT LTA Chairperson for 2010

Upon a motion duly made by Chair Emerson, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Director's elected Victor Gomez as COG's Chairperson for 2010.

C. ELECT LTA Vice Chairperson for 2010

Upon a motion duly made by Director Emerson, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Director's elected Jaime De La Cruz as COG's Vice Chairperson for 2010.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Joe Thompson
Tres Pinos, CA**

Mr. Thompson stated that he had no idea that the Farebox Recovery Rate is measuring close to 50% and inquired if it was an accurate percentage.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** LTA Transactions Report (Financial Claims) dated December 2009 – Postigo
- 2. Approve** LTA Draft Meeting Minutes dated December 17, 2009 – Gomez
- 3. Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of November 2009 – LiOwen
- 4. Approve** Settlement Agreement and Release between the California Air Resources Board and San Benito County Local Transportation Authority for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000 – Rheinheimer

5. Approve and Direct Staff to Release Request for Proposals #2010-001 for Transit Advertising Services on County Express Vehicles and Facilities – LiOwen

Ms. Rheinheimer asked to pull Item 5 from the Consent agenda.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously approved Items 1-4 of the Consent Agenda.

Item 3

Ms. Rheinheimer noted a correction to page 1 of 56 from the Request for Proposals #2010-001 for Transit Advertising Service on County Express Vehicles and Facilities. Under both "Date Issued" locations the date was noted as Friday, January 15, 2010, and it should be changed to Friday, January 22, 2010.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously approved Item 3 with the above noted changes.

REGULAR AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Approve Project Nomination for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Transportation Planning Grant Program – LiOwen

Transportation Planner, Ms. LiOwen reported that Caltrans will be accepting applications from transit agencies for transportation planning grants for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Approximately \$9.25 million will be available statewide for transportation planning activities. Staff is proposing to apply for one Transit Planning Student Internship Grant for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Staff is proposing to submit one application for \$52,900 to fund two part-time interns. The interns would be responsible for processing ADA applications with staff oversight, ride checks on all County Express services, developing and administering on-board surveys, analyzing the results and presenting a report on their internship experience to the Board.

Ms. LiOwen stated that a resolution in support of the applications will be presented for the Board's consideration at the February meeting. Applications are due to Caltrans on March 1, 2010. Grant award notices will be announced during the summer or fall of 2010, upon approval of the State Budget.

Director De La Cruz was pleased with the application of an internship grant and inquired about the selection process for the interns.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that staff would follow the County's application process.

Chair Gomez inquired how the grant funds will be spent.

Ms. LiOwen stated that the grant money would pay for the salary of both interns.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously approved Item 6.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously voted to adjourn the LTA meeting.

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2010. AGENDA DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 9, 2010 AT 12:00 P.M.