



UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS REPORT

June 2017

The Council of San Benito County Governments improves the mobility of San Benito County travelers by planning for and investing in a multi-modal transportation system that is safe, economically viable, and environmentally friendly.

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About the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for San Benito County. COG serves as the forum for regional decision-making. In this capacity, COG builds consensus among local and regional agencies, develops long-term strategic plans, programs Federal and State funding for allocation to transportation projects.

The governing board for COG is made up of five members. Two members are appointed by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, two from the City of Hollister and one from the City of San Juan Bautista.

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ignacio Velazquez, Chair, City of Hollister

Jaime De La Cruz, Vice Chair, County of San Benito

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Anthony Botelho, County of San Benito

Vacant, City of Hollister

Eileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 (Ex-Officio)

ALTERNATES, COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mickie Solorio Luna, City of Hollister

Jim West, City of San Juan Bautista

Mark Medina, San Benito County

COG STAFF:

Mary Gilbert, Executive Director

Kathy Postigo, Administrative Services Specialist

Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner

Regina Valentine, Transportation Planner

Monica Gomez, Secretary

Griselda Arevalo, Office Assistant

Chris Thomson, Mechanic

Area Profile and Transit System Overview

REGIONAL SETTING

San Benito County is ideally located inland from the Central California Coast. The County borders Monterey, Santa Cruz, Fresno, Merced, and Santa Clara Counties. Combined with more affordable housing and its close proximity to Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara Counties, San Benito County is an attractive home to 55,269 people (2010). Although the County consists of 1,390 square miles, the majority of the population lives in Hollister (the County seat) San Juan Bautista, or the unincorporated area of northern San Benito County.



EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICES

The San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) was formed by a Joint Powers Agreement between the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista and the County of San Benito in 1990. The Authority is responsible for the administration and operation of public transportation services in the County provided by County Express and Specialized Transportation Services.

COUNTY EXPRESS TRANSIT SYSTEM

The County Express system currently provides three fixed routes in the City of Hollister, complementary Americans with Disabilities Act Paratransit service, Intercounty service to Gilroy in Santa Clara County, and a general public Dial-A-Ride.



As of May 2017, the County Express fleet included 20 vehicles. All vehicles are ADA compliant and equipped with wheelchair lifts/ramps and bicycle racks. The Local Transportation Authority contracts with a private operator for management, dispatchers, trainers, and drivers of its County Express transit service.

Fixed-Route

Fixed-Route service operates three Fixed Routes within the City of Hollister. These routes operate between 6:20 a.m. and 5:40 p.m. However, there is no Fixed Route service between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Headways for each of the routes range from 40 to 50 minutes.

Dial-A-Ride

County Express transit system provides Dial-a-Ride service to parts of northern San Benito County, including Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and Tres Pinos, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. where and when Fixed Route is not available and on weekends. Reservations for the Dial-A-Ride may be made up to 14 days in advance. Same-day service is available but is subject to availability and a convenience fee.

Paratransit

Complementary Americans with Disabilities Act Paratransit service is available for residents and visitors who are eligible for the service as determined by the Authority. The service is for individuals who are not able to access Fixed Route due to a physical or cognitive disability and have trips that begin or end in a location less than ¼ mile from a Fixed Route bus stop. Reservations for the Paratransit service may be made up to 14 days in advance. Same-day service is available but is subject to availability and a convenience fee.



Intercounty

County Express' Intercounty routes provide connections from the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista to the City of Gilroy. There is daily weekday service to Gavilan College and the Caltrain station and Saturday service to the Greyhound station in Gilroy. The weekday shuttle service to Gavilan College is from 6:50 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. with a limited schedule when school is not in session. There are three early morning and three evening runs to the Gilroy Caltrain station for connections to Caltrain and Valley Transportation Authority bus services. Service to the Greyhound station operates on Saturday and Sunday from 7:40 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 10.4 percent of the total county population is aged 65 or older.¹ Many of these elderly individuals and persons with disabilities require specialized transportation services to travel to medical appointments, shop, and visit recreation centers.



The Authority contracts with Jovenes de Antaño, a local non-profit organization that has been providing specialized transportation services in San Benito County since 1990. Specialized services include Out of County Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Medical Shopping Assistance Transportation, and Senior Lunch Transportation Program. These services are beyond the requirements of Americans with Disabilities Act. They provide escort services, door-through-door, and minor translation services.

Jovenes de Antaño also has a referral program that provides information about other social services within the community, coordination of home-based services, referral to legal assistance, and other local services to their clients. The coordination effort between Jovenes de Antaño and the Authority allows for efficient, affordable and reliable service for this critical need in the community of San Benito County.

¹ U.S. Census, San Benito County

The LTA makes great strides to provide a comprehensive and adequate public transit service. This continued effort to meet the needs of the community is accomplished through the annual Unmet Transit Needs Process, which is outlined in this Report.

Unmet Transit Needs Overview

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)

The Transportation Development Act of 1971 (TDA), also known as SB 325, is administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) through the county's designated regional transportation planning agency (RTPA).



As the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG), as the regional transportation planning agency, is charged with performing the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. The purpose of this process is to ensure that all unmet transit needs that are "reasonable to meet" are met before funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

"Unmet Transit Needs" are defined as expressed or identified needs of a significant segment of the community for public transportation services to meet basic mobility needs which are not currently being met through existing transit services or other means of transportation.

The "Reasonable to Meet" standard is based on several criteria that analyze how accommodating that transit need will affect the rest of the transit system that it relates to. If it passes the criteria then it is found reasonable to meet and changes will be made to accommodate the need.

The process is done annually and entails a comprehensive outreach program and a series of public hearings throughout the county to obtain comments on unmet transit needs that may be reasonable to meet. Once the comments are received, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) analyzes them to determine if there are any transit needs that meet the adopted definitions of "reasonable to meet" and "unmet transit need" and makes a recommendation of findings to the COG Board. If the Board determines there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, the affected jurisdiction must satisfy the needs before any TDA funds are expended for non-transit purposes.

This Report documents the Unmet Transit Needs process which is submitted annually to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Adopted Definitions and Procedures For Noticing and Conducting The Annual Unmet Transit Needs Hearing

As required by PUC section 9940 1.5, the Council of San Benito County Governments must adopt formal definitions of "unmet transit need" and "reasonable to meet." The first definition is the primary tool used to evaluate the public testimony received during the initial hearing.

The second definition is used to evaluate the reasonableness of meeting those requests. State law (PUC Section 994015(c)) has been modified to clarify that..."the fact that an identified transit need cannot fully be met based on available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet."

Additionally, the Act specifies that..." An agency's determination of needs that are reasonable to meet shall not be made by comparing unmet transit needs with the need of streets and roads."

I. The "unmet needs" definition adopted by Council of San Benito County Governments:

"Unmet needs are defined as expressed or identified needs of a significant segment of the community for public transportation services to meet basic mobility needs which are not currently being met through existing transit services or other means of transportation."

Included, at a minimum, are those public transportation or specialized services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan, Short Range Transit Plan and/or Transit Development Plan, which have not been implemented or funded."

II. The "unmet needs" threshold criteria adopted by the Council of San Benito County Governments:

The following criteria must be true for the COG to consider a request an "unmet need". If a request **fails** to satisfy any of the criteria below, the request is **not** an unmet need.

1. The request fills a gap in transit service, or is identified as a deficiency in the Regional Transportation Plan.
2. Sufficient *broad-based* community support exists.
3. Request is a *current* rather than *future* need.
4. Request is not operational in nature (i.e. minor route change, bus stop change, etc.)

III. Adopted Definition of "Transit Needs That Are Reasonable To Meet Determination."

In making the reasonableness determination, an analysis will be conducted on existing transit services, available options, likely demand and general costs based on similar services in the area and available studies. Once completed, the following criteria shall be considered.

REASONABLE TO MEET CRITERIA

In making a reasonableness determination, an analysis will be conducted on existing transit services, available options, likely demand and general costs based on similar services in the area and available studies. An Unmet Transit Need would be considered reasonable to meet if the proposed service is in general compliance with the following criteria:

A. EQUITY

The proposed service would:

1. Benefit the general public.
2. Not unreasonably discriminate against nor favor any particular area or segment of the community at the exclusion of any other.
3. Not result in adversely affect existing services in other parts of the transit system that have an equal or higher priority immediately or within the foreseeable future.
4. Require a subsidy per passenger generally equivalent to other parts of the transit system, unless overriding reasons so justify.

B. TIMING

The proposed service would:

1. Be in response to an existing rather than a future need.
2. Be implemented consistent with federal, state, or regional funding approval schedules, if such funds are the most appropriate primary method of funding.

C. COST EFFECTIVENESS

The proposed service would:

1. Not cause the responsible operator or service claimant to incur expenses in excess of the maximum allocated funds.
2. Not set a precedent for other service expansions without a reasonable expectation of available funding.
3. Have available funding on a long-term basis to maintain the service.

D. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

1. The efficiency of the new, expanded or revised transit service, excluding specialized transportation services, shall be measured on efficiency, such as:
 - Cost per passenger trip,
 - Cost per vehicle service hour,
 - Passenger trips per vehicle service hour,
 - Passenger trips per service mile,
 - On-time performance.
2. The proposed service would have a reasonable expectation of future increase in ridership.

E. OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY

1. The new, expanded or revised transit service must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways and turnouts for transit vehicles.
2. The new service would be provided with the existing vehicle fleet or with vehicles that can be acquired with available funds.

3. The new service would have the available maintenance staff to cover the additional vehicle maintenance hours incurred as a result of the proposed service.

F. COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE

A significant level of community support exists for the public subsidy of transit services designed to address the unmet transit need. Including but not limited to, community groups, community leaders, and community meetings reflecting support for the unmet transit need.

G. ADA CONFORMITY

The new, expanded or modified service, excluding specialized transportation services, would conform to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The COG shall consider the financial impact on the TDA claimant if complementary paratransit services are required as a result of the new, expanded, or modified service.

H. OTHER FACTORS

Other specific, formulated components that COG determines to affect the reasonableness of meeting an unmet transit need.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF)
DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAN)
BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS) Resolution No. 11-04
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 90-12 TO)
REVISE THE CRITERIA FOR)
DETERMINING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS)
THAT ARE "REASONABLE TO MEET")
_____)

WHEREAS, the Council of San Benito County Governments, herein referred as to as ("COG") is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, the COG is responsible for the allocation to claimants of funds received from the Transportation Development Act (P.U.C. 99200, et seq); and

WHEREAS, Transportation Development Act funds can be allocated to eligible claimants for support of public transportation systems, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and for streets and roads; and

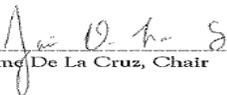
WHEREAS, COG identifies unmet transit needs within the San Benito County region and those needs that are reasonable to meet in accordance with Public utilities Code, Section 99401.5; and

WHEREAS, COG, on July 12, 1990, adopted Resolution No. 90-12, adopting the definition of "unmet needs" and the criteria for determining unmet transit needs that are "reasonable to meet" in San Benito County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Council of San Benito County Governments, that it does hereby amend COG's Resolution 90-12 to amend the criteria for determining what unmet transit needs are "reasonable to meet", as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2011 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

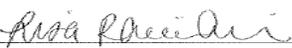
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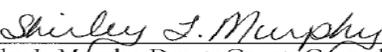


Jaime De La Cruz, Chair

ATTEST:
Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
San Benito County Counsel Office

By: 

By: 
Shirley L. Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

Dated: 4/26/11

Dated: April 13, 2011

Exhibit A

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Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing

HEARING PROCESS

The Council of Governments held one public hearing and two public meetings to receive Unmet Transit Needs testimony. Translation services were available at both hearings, and transportation was available to those persons in need by San Benito County Transit.

The hearing was held March 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. during the Council of Governments regular Board meeting.

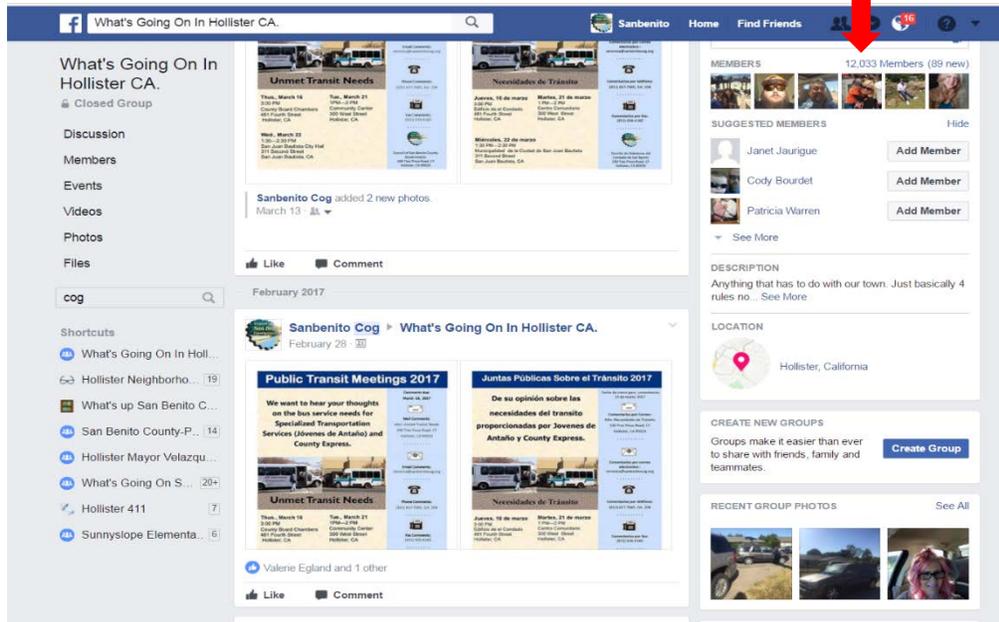
Two public meetings are also scheduled on: March 21 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Hollister Community Center, 300 West Street, Hollister, CA and on March 22 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM at San Juan Bautista City Hall, 311 Second Street, in San Juan Bautista, CA.

During the public comment period, the Council of Governments received a total of 30 comments. Enclosed in this report is a summary of comments received, Unmet Transit Needs determination (i.e. Unmet Need or Not an Unmet Need), COG response to comments, and relevant Unmet Transit Needs Policy.

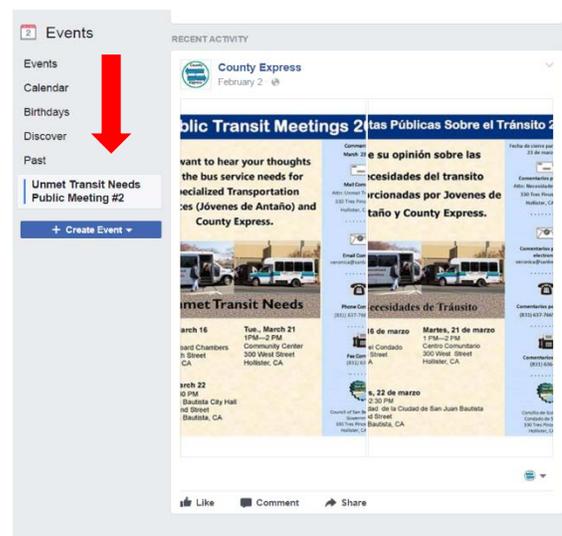
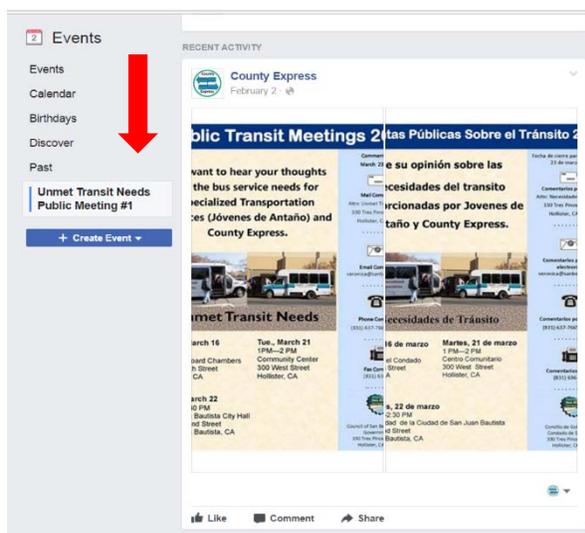
Unmet Needs Notice of Public Hearing & Meetings

Notice of the hearing and meetings was given and included the date, place and specific purpose of the meeting through various means. Flyers were distributed at community meetings and public spaces. Flyers were posted on all buses and bus stop shelters. Spanish language translation was provided at all meetings. Notice was provided in English and Spanish on Facebook

COG posted the Unmet Transit Needs Notices on “What’s Going on in Hollister” group where there are over 12,000 members.



Facebook public events were created and promoted.



Public Hearing and Meeting Flyers

COG held at least one public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on the unmet transit needs that may exist within its jurisdiction.

In fulfillment of the above requirement, the Council of San Benito County Governments, designated the San Benito County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, held one public hearing and two public meetings.

Public Transit Meetings 2017

We want to hear your thoughts on the bus service needs for Specialized Transportation Services (Jóvenes de Antaño) and County Express.



Unmet Transit Needs

<p>Thus., March 16 3:00 PM County Board Chambers 481 Fourth Street Hollister, CA</p> <p>Wed., March 22 1:30—2:30 PM San Juan Bautista City Hall 311 Second Street San Juan Bautista, CA</p>	<p>Tue., March 21 1PM—2 PM Community Center 300 West Street Hollister, CA</p>
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Comments due:
March 23, 2017

 **Mail Comments:**
Attn: Unmet Transit Needs
330 Tres Pinos Road, C7
Hollister, CA 95023

 **Email Comments:**
veronica@sanbenitocog.org

 **Phone Comments:**
(831) 637-7665, Ext. 204

 **Fax Comments:**
(831) 636-4160


Council of San Benito County
Governments
330 Tres Pinos Road, C7
Hollister, CA 95023

Juntas Públicas Sobre el Tránsito 2017

De su opinión sobre las necesidades del tránsito proporcionadas por Jóvenes de Antaño y County Express.



Necesidades de Tránsito

<p>Jueves, 16 de marzo 3:00 PM Edificio de el Condado 481 Fourth Street Hollister, CA</p> <p>Miércoles, 22 de marzo 1:30 PM—2:30 PM Municipalidad de la Ciudad de San Juan Bautista 311 Second Street San Juan Bautista, CA</p>	<p>Martes, 21 de marzo 1 PM—2 PM Centro Comunitario 300 West Street Hollister, CA</p>
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Fecha de cierre para comentarios:
23 de marzo 2017

 **Comentarios por Correo:**
Attn: Necesidades de Tránsito
330 Tres Pinos Road, C7
Hollister, CA 95023

 **Comentarios por correo electrónico :**
veronica@sanbenitocog.org

 **Comentarios por teléfono:**
(831) 637-7665, Ext. 204

 **Comentarios por fax:**
(831) 636-4160


Concilio de Gobiernos del
Condado de San Benito
330 Tres Pinos Road, C7
Hollister, CA 95023

COG Minutes, Relating to the Unmet Transit Needs Hearings

SAN BENITO COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Velazquez, Director Boch, Director Botelho, and Director De La Cruz, Ex Officio: Orchid Monroy, Caltrans District 5

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Mary Gilbert; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner, Regina Valentine; Secretary I, Monica Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments; Caroline Medina, MV Transportation; Jill Morales, Caltrans District 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Velazquez called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Boch, the Directors acknowledged the Certificate of Posting. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Velazquez stated for the record that the COG Board received Joe Thompson's public comment correspondence dated February 21, 2017 through March 16, 2017. The correspondence was entered into the public record.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert reported that she along with Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama, met with Congressman Panetta's staff yesterday to discuss transportation needs. Ms. Gilbert reported that COG staff extended their support to any new federal transportation funding that may be coming through.

Ms. Gilbert reminded the COG Board that the California Association of Governments is holding a Regional Leadership forum in Monterey at the end of the month. The COG Board members are invited to attend. Ms. Gilbert mentioned that she would be attending along with Chair Velazquez.

E. CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 REPORT: Gubbins/Loe

Orchid Monroy, acting Senior Planner for the Department of Planning District 5 reported that the winter storm damages have reached over \$730 million statewide. Caltrans District 5 has been greatly impacted, with approximately 300 damaged sites. Caltrans has put in a request for federal aid and is prioritizing projects by importance of need. Ms. Monroy also encouraged drivers to contact Caltrans Public Information office to check on road conditions prior to traveling.

Chair Velazquez asked Caltrans to look into addressing the weeds that are growing along Pinnacles National Park Highway.

Director Boch inquired about the work that seems to have stopped at the underpass on Highway 129.

Ms. Monroy stated that she would look into the Directors' requests and report back.

F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Director Botelho stated that he would report out on the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) meeting that he attended earlier in the week under Item 9 of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** Council of Governments Draft Meeting Minutes Dated January 19, 2017 – Gomez
2. **RECEIVE** Construction Projects Report – Caltrans District 5
3. **REAPPOINT** Mr. Clary Kempf, Ms. Mary Margaret Bilich, Ms. Pauline Valdivia, and Ms. Esther Alva to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Valentine
4. **APPROVE** COG Executive Director Salary Increase from Step C to Step D Effective January 17, 2017, Pursuant to Employment Agreement Dated August 20, 2017 – Postigo

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion duly by made by Director Boch, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors approved Items 1- 4 from the Consent agenda. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

REGULAR AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS:

5. **2017 Unmet Transit Needs Hearing – Lezama**
 - a. **RECEIVE** Report on Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
 - b. **OPEN** Public Hearing
 - c. **CLOSE** Public Hearing

Veronica Lezama stated that the COG Board was being asked to open a public hearing on the annual Unmet Transit Needs to obtain the public's input on the bus service needs provided by County Express and Specialized Transportation Services. In addition to this public hearing, COG will hold two public meetings. The first meeting will be held at the Hollister Community Center on March 21st at 1:00 P.M. The second meeting will be held at the San Juan Bautista City Hall on March 22nd at 1:30 P.M.

Chair Velazquez opened the Public Hearing at 3:11 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Victoria Montoya

Ms. Montoya stated that there are issues at the bus stop on Line Street located in front of R.O. Hardin School. The bus driver is not able to make stop at the location due to traffic and cars parking in front of the bus stop. She mentioned that there are similar issues along Line Street. Ms. Montoya stated that more needs to be done to raise awareness about the transportation services available in the community, especially now that there are several new housing developments coming in. She offered to volunteer and conduct a survey around her neighborhood (Central Avenue and Graf Road), about transportation services.

Chair Velazquez closed the Public Hearing at 3:13 p.m.

Ms. Gilbert noted that staff would provide a response to all public comment received as part of the Unmet Needs process.

Ms. Lezama stated that after the hearings process is complete, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and staff review all the testimony received and will provide a recommended determination of Unmet Transit Needs to the COG Board at a future meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Public Comments Received and COG Response

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Special Meeting Minutes May 29, 2017

DATE: Thursday, June 01, 2017
 LOCATION: Council of San Benito County Governments
 Conference Room
 330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C-7
 Hollister, CA 95023
 3 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Caroline Medina called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

SSTAC Members 2016	Jan 27	*Mar 24	*May 26 <i>No Quorum</i>	June 1 <i>Special</i>	July 28	Sept 22	Nov 17 <i>Special</i>
Caroline Medina	E		P	P			
Maggie Bilich	P		A	P			
Esther Alva	P		P	E			
Clay Kempf (Bob Campbell)	P		P	P Via- Teleconference			
Ann Ross	P		E	E			
Pauline Valdivia	P		P	P			
Jim Parker	E		E	P			

*** Meeting Cancelled**

P= Present A=Absent E= Excused (a) = alternate

STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Gilbert, Executive Director; Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner; Regina Valentine, Transportation Planner; Monica Gomez, Secretary I

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Jim Parker, and seconded by Pauline Valdivia, the Committee unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting. Vote: 5/0 motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mary Gilbert mentioned that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is working on the 2018 Monterey Bay Area Coordinated Public Transportation Plan update. Staff will provide updates to the Committee as they become available.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVE SSTAC Meeting Minutes dated January 27, 2017 – Gomez

RECEIVE Operations Performance Report for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016/2017- Valentine

Upon a motion duly made by Pauline Valdivia, and seconded by Pauline Valdivia, the Committee unanimously approved Items 1 and 2 from the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5/0 motion passes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

RECEIVE and Comment on the Draft 2017 Unmet Transit Needs Hearings Report – Lezama
Veronica Lezama reported that the Council of Governments received 30 public comments at the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing and two public meetings. Ms. Lezama provided an overview of the 2017 Unmet Needs received and Draft COG responses.

Public Comment #1 – For clarification staff will include the following: There is no fee for one personal care attendant to ride Specialized Transportation Services or County Express.

Public Comment #2 – Delete third paragraph from COG response.

Public Comment #10 – Caroline Medina with MV Transportation noted that MV Transportation is scheduled to increase driver wages.

Public Comment #11 – Caroline Medina with MV Transportation stated that she would look into the issue with Dial-a-Ride weekend service at capacity for someone calling 4 days in advance.

Public Comment #25 – Staff will include the following to the response: Persons with limited mobility are encouraged to apply for County Express’ Paratransit Services or use Specialized Transportation Services.

There was no further discussion or public comment.

Staff will present the final Unmet Transit Needs Report to the Council of Governments Board at their June 15, 2017 meeting for approval.

There was consensus among the Committee of overall support of staff’s recommendations for the Draft 2017 Unmet Transit Needs Hearings Report to the COG Board.

Adjourn to Meeting of July 28, 2017.

Upon a motion duly made by Jim Parker, and seconded by Maggie Bilich, the Committee unanimously adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m. Vote: 5/0 motion passes.