

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2020
3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: **Board of Supervisors Chambers**
481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

DIRECTORS: Chair Ignacio Velazquez, Vice Chair Peter Hernandez
Jaime De La Cruz, Marty Richman, and Mary Vazquez Edge
Alternates: San Benito County: Mark Medina;
City of Hollister: Rolan Resendiz; San Juan Bautista: César E. Flores

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3:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. **ACKNOWLEDGE** Certificate of Posting
- B. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2. **Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.**)

CONSENT AGENDA:

(These matters shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on a Consent Agenda item must submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk and wait for recognition from the Chairperson. Approval of a consent item means approval as recommended on the Staff Report.)

1. **APPROVE** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated February 20, 2020 – Gomez
2. **RECEIVE** Specialized Transportation/Jovenes de Antaño January 2020 Monthly Operations Service Report – Valentine
3. **RECEIVE** County Express/MV Transportation January 2020 Monthly Operations Report – Valentine

4. **APPROVE** Budget Adjustment/Transfer 19-20-01 – Postigo
5. **PROCLAIM** Local Transportation Authority COVID-19 Public Transportation Emergency – Valentine

Adjourn to LTA Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Agenda deadline is March 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

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

February 20, 2020 3:00 P.M.

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jaime De La Cruz, Peter Hernandez, Marty Richman, and Ignacio Velazquez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Vazquez Edge

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Mary Gilbert; Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama; Secretary, Monica Gomez

CALL TO ORDER:

Ignacio Velazquez called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

A motion was made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Hernandez, to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy stated that the inadvertent admission came to the attention of staff after the agenda was posted and it needed to be acted upon before the next regular agenda to add Item C. Election of LTA Chairperson for 2020 and Item D. Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2020.

A motion was made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Hernandez, to add urgency Items C. and D. to the agenda. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

C. ELECT LTA Chairperson for 2020

D. ELECT LTA Vice Chairperson for 2020

A motion was made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Richman to elect Ignacio Velazquez as LTA Chairperson and Peter Hernandez as LTA Vice Chairperson for 2020. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated October 17, 2019 – Gomez
- 2. Receive** Specialized Transportation/Jovenes de Antaño September, October, November, and December 2019 Monthly Service Reports – Valentine
- 3. Receive** County Express/MV Transportation September, October, November, and December 2019 Monthly Operations Reports – Valentine

4. Adopt Resolution 2020-01 Amending the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority Purchasing Policy – Valentine

Director De La Cruz abstained from Consent Item 1.

There was no public comment on the Consent agenda.

A motion was made by Director Richman, and seconded by Director Hernandez, to approve Items 1- 4 from the Consent Agenda with an abstention on Item 1 from Director De La Cruz. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

A motion was made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Hernandez, to adjourn the LTA meeting at 4:28 p.m. Vote:4/0 motion passes.

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING MARCH 19, 2020.

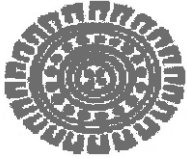
January 2020

Specialized Transportation Monthly Operations Reports

Operated by Jovenes de Antaño

Year-to-Year Comparison

	2020	2019
Passengers Per Hour		
Out-of-County Medical Transportation	1.58	1.75
Senior Lunch	5.07	4.82
Medical Shopping Assistance	1.21	1.3
Total Passengers	1470	1282
Total Revenue Hours	669.75	532.34
Passengers Per Hour	2.19	2.4
Lift Trips	274	169
No Shows	1	5
Cancellations	9	0



Jovenes de Antaño

Specialized Transportation Services

Monthly Service Report - January 2020

WEEKDAYS

Service	Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Donations/Fares Collected	Service Days
Out-of-County	620	402.25	6,313	\$ 569.25	22
Senior Lunch	651	128.25	1,054	\$ -	22
Medical/Shopping Assistance	131	107.75	940	\$ 166.25	19
Total	1,402	638.25	8,307	\$ 735.50	

WEEKENDS

Service	Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Donations/Fares Collected	Service Days
Out-of-County	68	31.50	304	\$ -	4
Total	68	31.50	304	\$ -	

MONTH

Service	Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Donations/Fares Collected	Service Days
Out-of-County	688	433.75	6,617	\$ 569.25	26
Senior Lunch	651	128.25	1,054	\$ -	22
Medical/Shopping Assistance	131	107.75	940	\$ 166.25	19
Total	1,470	669.75	8,611	\$ 735.50	

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Service	Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Donations/Fares Collected	Service Days
Out-of-County	4,447	2,776.41	41,563	\$ 4,100.00	178
Senior Lunch	4,406	856.00	6,957	\$ -	148
Medical/Shopping Assistance	880	751.50	7,309	\$ 1,114.00	126
Total	9,733	4,383.91	55,829	\$ 5,214.00	

VEHICLE MILEAGE INFORMATION

Vehicle Number	Ending Odometer
63	42453
733	151795
735	133938
736	147072
738	127077
739	16475

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Service	Current Month	Year To Date
Lift Assisted Trips	274	1,441
Unduplicated Passengers	113	661
Turn Downs	0	0
No Shows	1	16
Cancellations	9	66
Employee Hours	670	4,383.91
Vehicles - Midday	5	
Vehicles - Peak	5	

NOTES



Jovenes de Antaño

Specialized Transportation Services

Monthly Service Report - January 2019

OUT OF COUNTY

Week of	ONE WAY PASSENGERS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020			30	26	14	70
1/5-11/2020	27	24	30	23	29	151
1/12-18/2020	26	34	34	30	29	171
1/19-25/2020	28	22	28	25	27	148
1/26-31/2020	40	24	27	24	33	148
Total	121	104	119	132	144	688

SENIOR LUNCH

Week of	ONE WAY PASSENGERS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020			29	30	30	89
1/5-11/2020	34	34	35	24	25	152
1/12-18/2020	26	32	30	27	33	148
1/19-25/2020	29	28	31	26	30	144
1/26-31/2020	30	31	34	31	22	148
Total	119	125	130	137	140	651

MEDICAL/SHOPPING ASSISTANCE

Week of	ONE WAY PASSENGERS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020			4	7	8	19
1/5-11/2020	8	10	10	10	10	48
1/12-18/2020	14	6	10	4	2	36
1/19-25/2020	8	2	8	4	4	26
1/26-31/2020	36	18	32	25	20	131
Total	66	36	64	50	44	260

DONATIONS

Week of	DONATIONS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020					156	156
1/5-11/2020				103.75		103.75
1/12-18/2020				220.5		220.5
1/19-25/2020				28		28
1/26-31/2020				61		61
Total	0	0	0	413.25	156	569.25

REVENUE HOURS

Week of	REVENUE HOURS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	19.25	12.25	21.75	15	24	82.5
1/5-11/2020	18.5	20.5	21.5	15.5	21.5	105.25
1/12-18/2020	18	10	19.5	14.5	21.5	91.25
1/19-25/2020	21.25	14.5	21.5	12.75	21.25	91.25
1/26-31/2020	77	57.25	84.25	72.25	111.5	315
Total	1106	906	1485	1176	1640	6617

REVENUE MILES

Week of	REVENUE MILES					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	297	210	388	234	381	1582
1/5-11/2020	253	366	378	271	329	1695
1/12-18/2020	226	113	343	252	369	1368
1/19-25/2020	330	217	376	147	389	1459
1/26-31/2020	1106	906	1485	1176	1640	6617

DONATIONS

Week of	DONATIONS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020						0
1/5-11/2020	5.75	5.75	6.25	5.75	6	29.5
1/12-18/2020	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	6	29
1/19-25/2020	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	6	29
1/26-31/2020	23	23	23.5	29.75	29	128.25
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

REVENUE HOURS

Week of	REVENUE HOURS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	5.75	5.75	6.25	5.75	6	29.5
1/5-11/2020	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	6	29
1/12-18/2020	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	6	29
1/19-25/2020	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	6	29
1/26-31/2020	23	23	23.5	29.75	29	128.25
Total	190	192	197	222	253	1054

REVENUE MILES

Week of	REVENUE MILES					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	50	47	49	43	55	244
1/5-11/2020	50	50	52	46	52	250
1/12-18/2020	45	48	46	46	52	237
1/19-25/2020	45	47	50	41	48	231
1/26-31/2020	190	192	197	222	253	1054

FARES

Week of	FARES					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	7.5		5	8.75	10	31.25
1/5-11/2020	10	12.5	12.5	12.5	5	47.5
1/12-18/2020	17.5	7.5	12.5	5	2.5	45
1/19-25/2020	10	5	10	5	5	35
1/26-31/2020	45	25	40	31.25	25	166.25
Total	70	50	70	62.5	47.5	290

REVENUE HOURS

Week of	REVENUE HOURS					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	6.25		5.75	7.25	7.75	27
1/5-11/2020	5.75	7.75	7	5.75		26.25
1/12-18/2020	6.25	4.5	6.75	5.25	1.75	24.5
1/19-25/2020	6.75	3.5	6.75	3.75	4.75	25.5
1/26-31/2020	25	15.75	26.25	22	18.75	107.75
Total	107.75	107.75	107.75	107.75	107.75	433.75

REVENUE MILES

Week of	REVENUE MILES					Total
	M	T	W	TH	F	
1/1-4/2020	43		43	84	75	245
1/5-11/2020	78	60	64	69		271
1/12-18/2020	65	28	61	24	15	193
1/19-25/2020	79	24	46	18	33	200
1/26-31/2020	265	112	214	195	154	940

Total Deposits 735.50

January 2020
San Benito County Express Monthly Operations Reports
 Operated by MV Transportation

Year-to-Year Comparison

	2020	2019
Passengers Per Hour		
Dial-A-Ride/Paratransit	3.8	2.85
Fixed Route	5.9	4.78
Intercounty Gavilan	6.1	4.73
Intercounty Caltrain	4	3.23
Intercounty Greyhound	3.71	2.93
Emergency Evacuation		
Total Passengers	8753	7681
Total Revenue Hours	1925.59	2207.49
Passengers Per Hour	4.55	3.48
Lift Trips	104	122
No Shows	190	106
Cancellations	85	72

WEEKDAYS JAN 2020

Service	Passengers	Incidental Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Cash Fares Collected	Token Fares Collected	Token Sales	Service Days	Invoiced
Dial-A-Ride	2,084	160	335.50	830	\$ 644.38	\$ 454.10	\$ 53.00	23	\$ 13,087.86
Paratransit	1,032	57	530.61	2,490	\$ 1,933.15	\$ 1,362.30	\$ 159.00	23	\$ 20,699.10
Fixed Route	2,943	46	506.50	6,116	\$ 1,001.97	\$ 246.80	\$ -	23	\$ 19,758.57
Gavilan	1,583	1	260.09	5,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	23	\$ 10,146.11
Caltrain	861	0	213.82	5,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	23	\$ 8,341.12
Total	8,503	264	1,846.52	20,266	\$ 3,579.50	\$ 2,063.20	\$ 212.00		\$ 72,032.75

SATURDAY

Service	Passengers	Incidental Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Cash Fares Collected	Token Fares Collected	Token Sales	Service Days	Invoiced
Dial-A-Ride	26	3	10.28	151	\$ 28.25	\$ 13.50	\$ -	4	\$ 401.02
Greyhound	93	0	28.13	776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	4	\$ 1,097.35
Total	119	3	38.41	927	\$ 28.25	\$ 13.50	\$ -		\$ 1,498.37

SUNDAY

Service	Passengers	Incidental Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Cash Fares Collected	Token Fares Collected	Token Sales	Service Days	Invoiced
Dial-A-Ride	15	4	12.39	176	\$ 28.75	\$ -	\$ -	4	\$ 483.33
Greyhound	116	0	28.27	786	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	4	\$ 1,102.81
Total	131	4	40.66	962	\$ 28.75	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,586.15

MONTH

Service	Passengers	Incidental Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Cash Fares Collected	Token Fares Collected	Token Sales	Service Days	Invoiced
Monthly Fixed Fee									\$ 29,923.00
Dial-A-Ride	2,125	167	358.17	1,157	\$ 701.38	\$ 467.60	\$ 53.00	31	\$ 13,972.21
Paratransit	1,032	57	530.61	2,490	\$ 1,933.15	\$ 1,362.30	\$ 159.00	23	\$ 20,699.10
Fixed Route	2,943	46	506.50	6,116	\$ 1,001.97	\$ 246.80	\$ -	23	\$ 19,758.57
Gavilan	1,583	1	260.09	5,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	23	\$ 10,146.11
Caltrain	861	0	213.82	5,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	23	\$ 8,341.12
Greyhound	209	0	56.40	1,562	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	8	\$ 2,200.16
Total	8,753	271	1,925.59	22,155	\$ 3,636.50	\$ 2,076.70	\$ 212.00		\$ 105,040.27

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Service	Passengers	Incidental Passengers	Vehicle Revenue Hours	Vehicle Revenue Miles	Cash Fares Collected	Token Fares Collected	Token Sales	Service Days	Invoiced
Monthly Fixed Fee									\$ 204,673.00
Dial-A-Ride	17,634	1,048	2,662	23,375	\$ 5,483.19	\$ 3,709.80	\$ 273.75	213	\$ 102,008.16
Paratransit	7,744	1,349	4,316	65,228	\$ 15,152.20	\$ 10,864.50	\$ 821.25	153	\$ 165,358.74
Fixed Route	19,236	348	3,231	39,478	\$ 6,309.46	\$ 1,403.40	\$ 38.00	153	\$ 123,899.27
Gavilan	13,919	2	2,025	43,894	\$ 10,084.26	\$ 3,469.50	\$ 80.00	153	\$ 77,587.59
Caltrain	5,878	0	1,469	34,746	\$ 5,930.18	\$ 607.10	\$ 36.00	153	\$ 56,308.36
Greyhound	1,411	4	439	11,530	\$ 1,610.21	\$ 51.00	\$ -	60	\$ 16,820.84
Total	65,822	2,751	14,141	218,251	\$ 44,569.50	\$ 20,105.30	\$ 1,249.00		\$ 746,655.97

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

	Current Month	Year To Date
Lift Assisted Trips	104	939
Turn Downs	0	0
No Shows	190	1,178
Cancellations	85	606
Missed Trips	0	0
Employee Hours	3,452	21,298
Road Calls	0	2
Vehicles - Midday	7	
Vehicles - Peak	8	

NOTES

Greyhound Bikes = 3 Gavilan Bikes = 28 Caltrain Bikes = 19 Fixed Route = 0

FIXED ROUTE PASSENGER CT

	Business	Clockwise	Counter	Sunnyslope	Southside	Fixed Subtotal
1-Jan						
2-Jan	19	5	0	0	0	24
3-Jan	18	10	0	0	0	28
4-Jan						
5-Jan						
6-Jan	27	10	1	0	14	52
7-Jan	64	56	46	5	11	182
8-Jan	57	50	63	4	16	190
9-Jan	30	53	48	6	12	149
10-Jan	38	52	48	3	11	152
11-Jan						
12-Jan						
13-Jan	23	65	58	3	14	163
14-Jan	31	32	53	3	13	132
15-Jan	29	46	54	3	11	143
16-Jan	20	43	47	5	15	130
17-Jan	33	61	46	4	10	154
18-Jan						
19-Jan						
20-Jan	23	5	1	0	0	29
21-Jan	31	47	54	3	12	147
22-Jan	42	56	59	4	12	173
23-Jan	27	25	46	5	21	124
24-Jan	40	87	50	5	15	197
25-Jan						
26-Jan						
27-Jan	41	54	55	3	15	168
28-Jan	36	61	51	2	10	160
29-Jan	30	42	65	5	10	152
30-Jan	36	56	46	3	19	160
31-Jan	46	70	51	3	10	180
TOTALS	741	986	942	69	251	2989
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Staff Report

To: Local Transportation Authority
From: Kathy Postigo, Administrative Services Specialist Telephone: (831) 637-7665
Date: March 19, 2020
Subject: Budget Adjustment/Transfer 19-20-01

Recommendation:

APPROVE Budget Adjustment /Transfer 19-20-01.

Summary:

In October 2017, the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Board approved the submittal of a County Express Website Update and Enhancement project to Caltrans for Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funds. Staff was notified by Caltrans that the project was not eligible for PTMISEA funds as it was considered an operations, versus capital, improvement. Staff has identified alternate eligible funds for the project requiring Budget Adjustment/Transfer 19-20-01 increasing LTA's approved 2019-20 budgeted Contract Line Item by \$45,000. No PTMISEA funds were lost due to this determination with the capital funds planned for replacement vehicle cost instead.

Financial Considerations:

As identified by LTA's 2017 Transit Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan, the County Express Website Update and Enhancement Project is estimated to cost \$45,000 via third party procurement. The newly identified project funds are Transportation Development Act State Transit Assistance operating funds.

Background:

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B), was approved by California voters on November 7, 2006. The Act created PTMISEA capital funds for transit operators for capital projects. In the past, the LTA has applied for many projects including replacement vehicles, spare vehicles, bus stop signs, tokens, and schedule holders.

As recommended by the LTA 2016 Short Range Long Range Transit Plan and 2017 Transit ITS Plan, LTA submitted an allocation request for \$45,000 of PTMISEA funds for a County Express Website Update and Enhancement project, with the purpose of a website redesign. It has been determined significant updates are needed to the County Express website to make it mobile friendly and ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act regulation. This project submittal to Caltrans was approved by the LTA Board in October 2017 via Resolution 17-07.

Staff was notified by Caltrans that the project was not eligible for PTMISEA funds as it was considered an operations, versus capital, improvement. Staff has identified alternate Transportation Development Act State Transit Assistance operating funds for the project with no PTMISEA funds lost due to Caltrans' determination. The remaining PTMISEA capital funds are planned for replacement vehicle cost instead.

Staff Analysis:

As authorized in the LTA Purchasing/Budget policy, staff has submitted to the Executive Director for approval Budget Adjustment/Transfer 19-20-01 increasing LTA's 2019-20 budgeted Contract Line Item by \$45,000.

Consistent with the Purchasing/Budget policy, staff requests the LTA Board further approve Budget Adjustment/Transfer 19-20-01.

Executive Director Review: _____

Counsel Review: N/A

Attachment: Budget Adjustment/Transfer 19-20-01

**Council of San Benito County Governments
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT/TRANSFER**

19-20-01

Please Indicate Type:

Fiscal Year: 2019/2020
 Department: Local Transportation Authority
 Org Key: 627.95.7320

- Appropriation/Est. Revenue Increase**
(Requires Board Approval)
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- Interdepartmental Transfer or Interobject Transfer >\$10,000**
(Requires Board Approval)
- Interobject Transfer <\$10,000**
(Requires Executive Director and Admin Ser Spe)
- Intraobject Transfer**
(Requires Executive Director)

<u>Org Key:</u>	<u>Object No:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease/ Rev. Increase</u>	<u>Increase</u>
627.95.7320	619.250	Contracts	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
627.95.7320		State Transit Assistance SB1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
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			\$ -	\$ -
Total			\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

Comments: County Express Website Update and Enhancement project approved via LTA Resolution 17-07

Submitted: Kathy Postigo 3/10/2020
 Date

Verification of Sufficient Funds: *Kathy Postigo* 3/10/20
 Administrative Services Specialist Date

Approval: *Mary Ann* 3/11/20
 Executive Director Date

Approval by COG Board _____
 Date

Attested: _____
 Clerk of the Board: _____

Vote: _____ Yes _____ No

Staff Report

To: Local Transportation Authority
From: Regina Valentine, Transportation Planner Telephone: (831) 637-7665 x 205
Date: March 19, 2020
Subject: COVID-19 Public Transportation Emergency Proclamation

Recommendation:

PROCLAIM Local Transportation Authority COVID-19 Public Transportation Emergency.

Summary:

LTA may be eligible for future federal and state funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff is recommending that the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Board proclaim a public transportation emergency in the agency's service area.

Financial Considerations:

Due to the nature of emergencies, the financial impacts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and future eligible reimbursement amounts are unknown at this time.

Background:

A novel coronavirus (named COVID-19) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public threat because much is unknown and there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment.

The number of reported cases of COVID-19 has escalated dramatically over a short period of time with the World Health Organization declaring a pandemic. To date, there are over 1,200 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, of which 175 are in California with community spread. For this reason, California Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020. San Benito County had two confirmed cases of COVID-19 and multiple cases have been confirmed in neighboring Santa Clara County, where many San Benito County residents travel routinely (including by LTA's public transportation services) for work, school, and other activities.

In response to COVID-19, San Benito County Board of Supervisors and San Benito County Office of Emergency Services (OES) proclaimed a local emergency on March 10, 2020.

Staff Analysis:

At this time, LTA has not received any public transportation-specific direction from federal, state or local public health or emergency response agencies. County Express and Specialized Transportation drivers are increasing the frequency of their industry standard vehicle interior cleaning procedures as directed by their safety programs and are encouraged to use good personal hygiene practices.

In addition, staff anticipates a loss of passenger revenue related to service interruptions. Specialized Transportation's Senior Lunch Transportation Program will be suspended as the senior lunch programs in Hollister and San Juan Bautista have been closed. Gavilan College's main campus in Gilroy, served by County Express' Intercounty service, will be partially shutdown effective March 18, 2020. Other school closures may impact County Express' Fixed Route and demand response services.

Staff consulted with the San Benito County OES and OES staff recommended that LTA proclaim a public transportation emergency in the agency's service area to be eligible for possible future funds. Staff suggest this proclamation be in effect until the San Benito County Board of Supervisors or San Benito County Office of Emergency Services terminate their proclamation.

Executive Director Review:_____

Counsel Review: Yes

Attachment: Local Transportation Authority COVID-19 Public Transportation Emergency Proclamation

PROCLAMATION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL)
 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGARDING COVID-19)
 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY)
 _____)

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) provides public transit services in San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, the COG has designated the LTA as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (named COVID-19) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information; and

WHEREAS, the number of reported cases of COVID-19 has escalated dramatically over a short period of time with the World Health Organization declaring a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to date, there are over 1,200 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, of which 175 are in California with community spread; and

WHEREAS, San Benito County had two confirmed cases of COVID-19 and multiple cases have been confirmed in neighboring Santa Clara County, where many San Benito County residents travel routinely (including by LTA's public transportation services) for work, school, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors and San Benito County Office of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of LTA and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, at this time, LTA has not received any public transportation-specific direction from federal, state or local public health or emergency response agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority a public transportation emergency in LTA's service area and eligible for possible future funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT said emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors or San Benito County Office of Emergency Services at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

PASSED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY on this 19th day of March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Ignacio Velazquez, Chair

ATTEST:
Mary Gilbert, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
San Benito County Counsel's Office

By: _____

By: Shirley L. Murphy
Shirley L. Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

Dated: _____

Dated: March 13, 2020