Call to Order

SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
San Benito County Local Transportation Authority Meeting
April 21, 2022

a. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting
b. Notice of Temporary Procedures for LTA Board Meetings
c. Public Comment
1. **APPROVE** LTA Draft Meeting Minutes Dated March 17, 2022 – Gomez

2. **ADOPT** Resolution 22-07 Authorizing Teleconferencing Options for LTA Meetings for the Period of April 23, 2022, through May 22, 2022 – Rivera

3. **RECEIVE** LTA FY 2021-22 Third Quarter Budget Report – Rivera

4. **ADOPT** Resolution 22-08 Authorizing the Execution of the Low Carbon Transit Operations (LCTOP) Projects “Expansion of Intercounty Services” and “Fixed Route Redesign” – Valentine

5. **APPROVE** Contract Amendment 1 Between LTA and DanTec Associates for an Amount not to Exceed $108,050 for the Preparation of a Short Range Transit Plan Update – Valentine
Regular Agenda

Agenda Item: 6

RECEIVE Presentation on the Preparation of the 2022 Short Range Transit Plan and PROVIDE Feedback on Draft Service Design Recommendations

Presenter: Regina Valentine
Introduction

• SRTP Update was initiated last year and is scheduled to be complete next month
• Primary goal of update is to comprehensively evaluate LTA public transportation services and make recommendations for improvements
• Plan covers 5 year period with longer outlook for next 10 years
Major Tasks

• Two rounds of public participation with surveys
• Update goals and objectives
• Identify issues
• Evaluate existing services and ridership
• Develop performance indicators
• Review organization and staffing framework
• Develop service and capital plans
• Develop financial plan
County Express serves the entire community but ridership is primarily:

- Students, K-12 and Gavilan College
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons with limited incomes
First Round of Public Participation

• 58 survey responses received
• 2 popup meetings held in Hollister and San Juan Bautista
• What we heard:
  – Satisfaction with existing services low
  – Reliability of services was not good
  – Cleanliness of vehicles was okay
  – More and better service on weekday afternoons and weekends
  – Tripper needs to be better aligned with school times
  – More stops for intercounty service in Hollister
Developed 3 Local Service Concepts

- **Fixed route local services operate within Hollister**
  - Fixed route was replaced during pandemic with limited service Tripper
- **Dial a Ride serves rural and San Juan Bautista**
- **On Demand serves Hollister as replacement for fixed route**
Local Concept 1
Existing Tripper Service

- Routes are designed primarily for travel to and from school
- Limited trips in morning and afternoon near school times
- No central hub
- All service outside these areas and at other times is by County Express On-Demand and Dial-a-Ride

Legend
- Tripper service
  - Route 1 Central/Cerra Vista
  - Route 2 Buena Vista/Beverley
- Intercounty Service
  - Route 90 Gilroy

Graf Felice
Summer Rajkovich
East Monterey Sausalito Westward

To San Juan Bautista and Gilroy
Local Concept 2
Expand On-Demand Coverage

On Demand provides better service than Dial-a-Ride

**Expanded** On-Demand Service Area (replacing Dial-a-Ride)

Change brings same level of demand responsive service to all areas including San Juan Bautista

Existing Intercounty Service

Existing Trippers (showing ¼ mile)
Local Concept 3
Routes modified and extended to more places
• New transit hub near shopping
• Hourly service in peaks and midday
• Intercounty route also serves local travel
  – Extends south to hub
  – More local stops
  – Connection with San Juan Bautista
• Route #2
  – Extended north to Buena Vista
  – Two-way service in more places
• Limited service to Tres Pinos and Human Services Center
Long Range Outlook

• Tres Pinos route to add drop-in to new Gavilan College campus with more frequent service
• Extend On-Demand to Aromas when demand warrants
Intercounty Service Concepts

• Intercounty services link Hollister and San Juan Bautista with Gavilan College and Gilroy Station
Gilroy Concept 1 (Existing):
College First

- Slow to station (+9 min); fast from station
- Fast to college; moderate time from college
- In Hollister extend to Target shopping center hub
- Hourly service
Gilroy Concept 2: Station First

• Faster to station (-9 min); slower from station (+9 min). Same round trip.
• Slower to college (+5 min); faster from college (-5 min). Same round trip.
• In Hollister extend to Target shopping center hub
• Hourly service improves connections to San Juan Bautista as well as Gilroy
Long Range Outlook

• Shift service from 156/101 to 25/101 after 25 is widened
  – Creates significant time savings for Hollister-Gilroy passengers
• Add new shuttle from San Juan Bautista to Hollister to provide connection to Intercounty
Long Term Concept

One-Way Circuit

- Balances benefit
- -5 min to station; +5 min from station
- +5 min to college; -5 min from college

Requires construction of full interchange at 25/101
ADA Paratransit

• Federally required service for persons with disabilities
• Designed to supplement fixed route services
• Service is for persons with disabilities living up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of mile from fixed route.
Service Changes for ADA Paratransit

- Requires changes in service area to align with fixed route
- Requires some policy changes to better comply with federal requirements and improve service:
  - Longer pickup windows
  - New no show policy
  - Allow multiple care attendants to ride free
2nd Round of Public Outreach

• Public meeting and on-board survey
• Public asked to comment on proposed concepts
  – Support for extended local service
  – Support for service improvements to Intercounty and long-term redesign
  – Small turnout at meeting, and limited level of response to survey
Remaining Tasks

• Finalize capital and financial plan
  – All concepts within financial capability of LTA with Measure G
  – Transition to EV recommended to start in plan period
• Finalize staffing and organization plan
  – 1 Additional staff person recommended
• Finalize marketing and communication plan
• Prepare Draft Report
Next Steps

• **Short Range Transit Plan Update**
  – May 2022: Draft plan released for public comment
  – June 2022: Final plan for Board action

• **MV Transportation Contract Amendment**
  – May 2022: Caltrans review
  – June 2022: Request for Board approval

• **Measure G Funding Request for Transit**
  – Summer/Fall 2022: Begin discussion
Questions?

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Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: MAY 19, 2022