



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



Consent Agenda

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



Short Range Transit Plan Update

Progress Report



LTA Board of Directors

April 2022



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 Customers

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

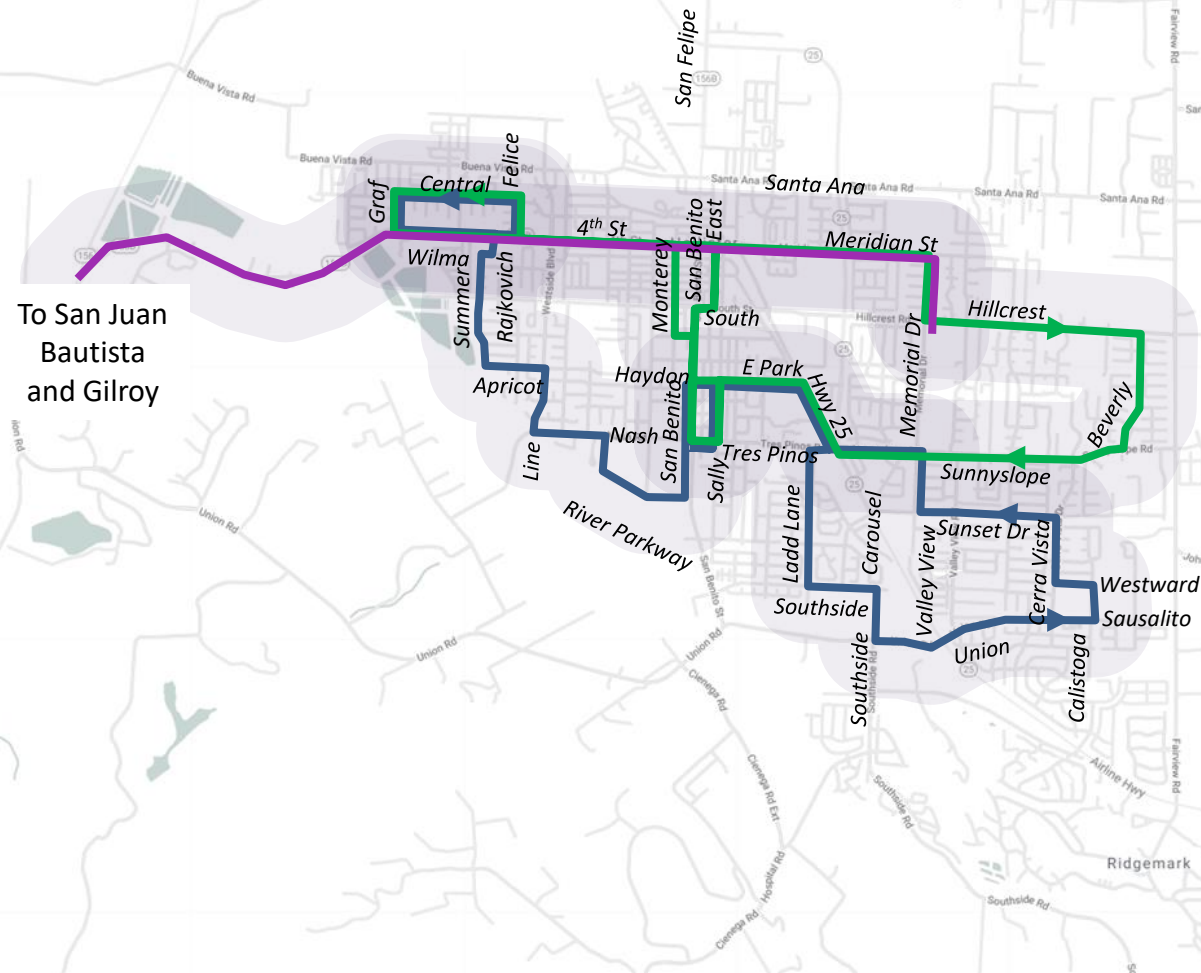
Legend

Tripper service

- Route 1 Central/Cerra Vista
- Route 2 Buena Vista/Beverly

Intercounty Service

- Route 90 Gilroy



Local Concept 2 Expand On-Demand Coverage

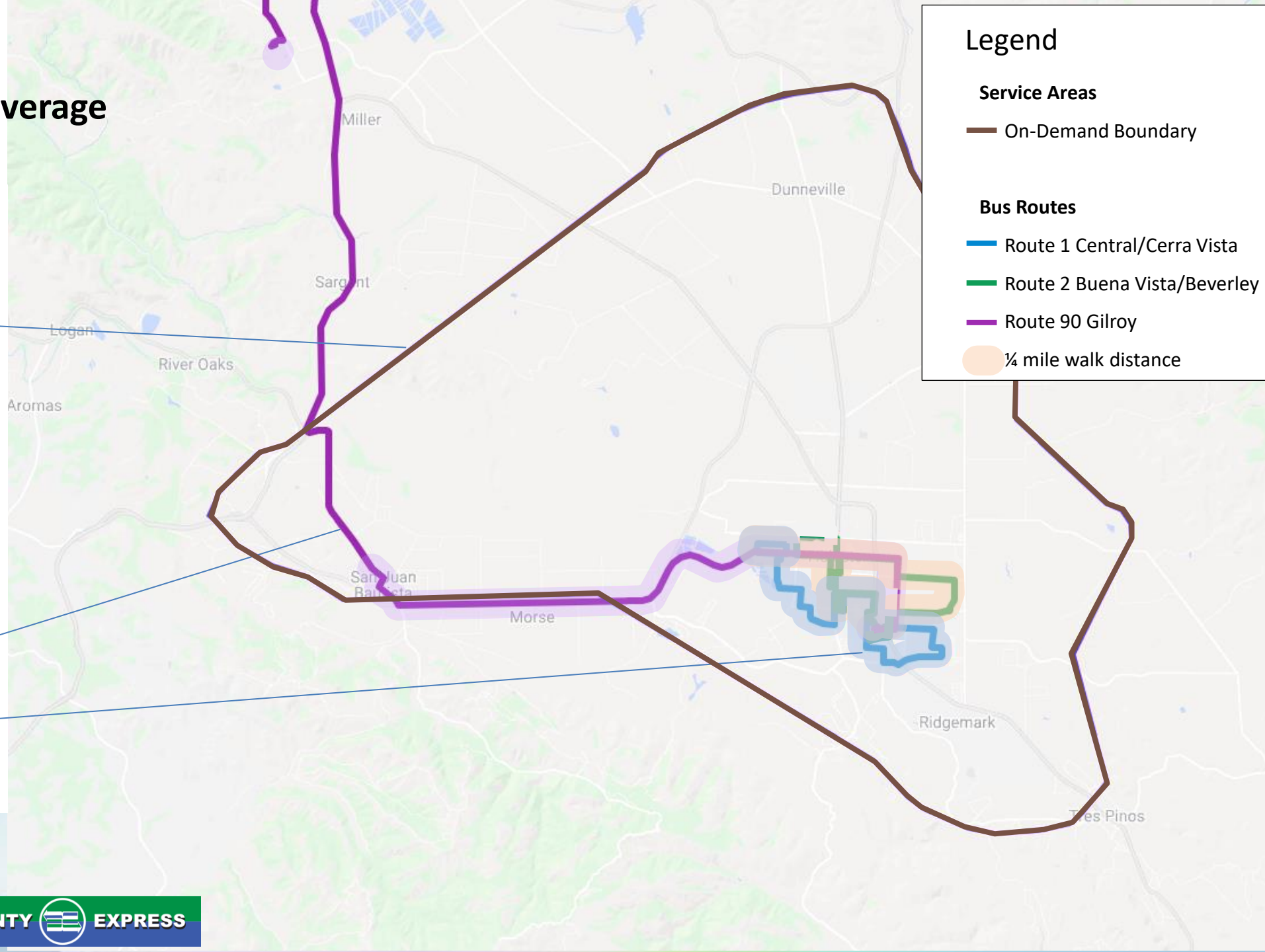
On Demand provides better service than Dial-a-Ride

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

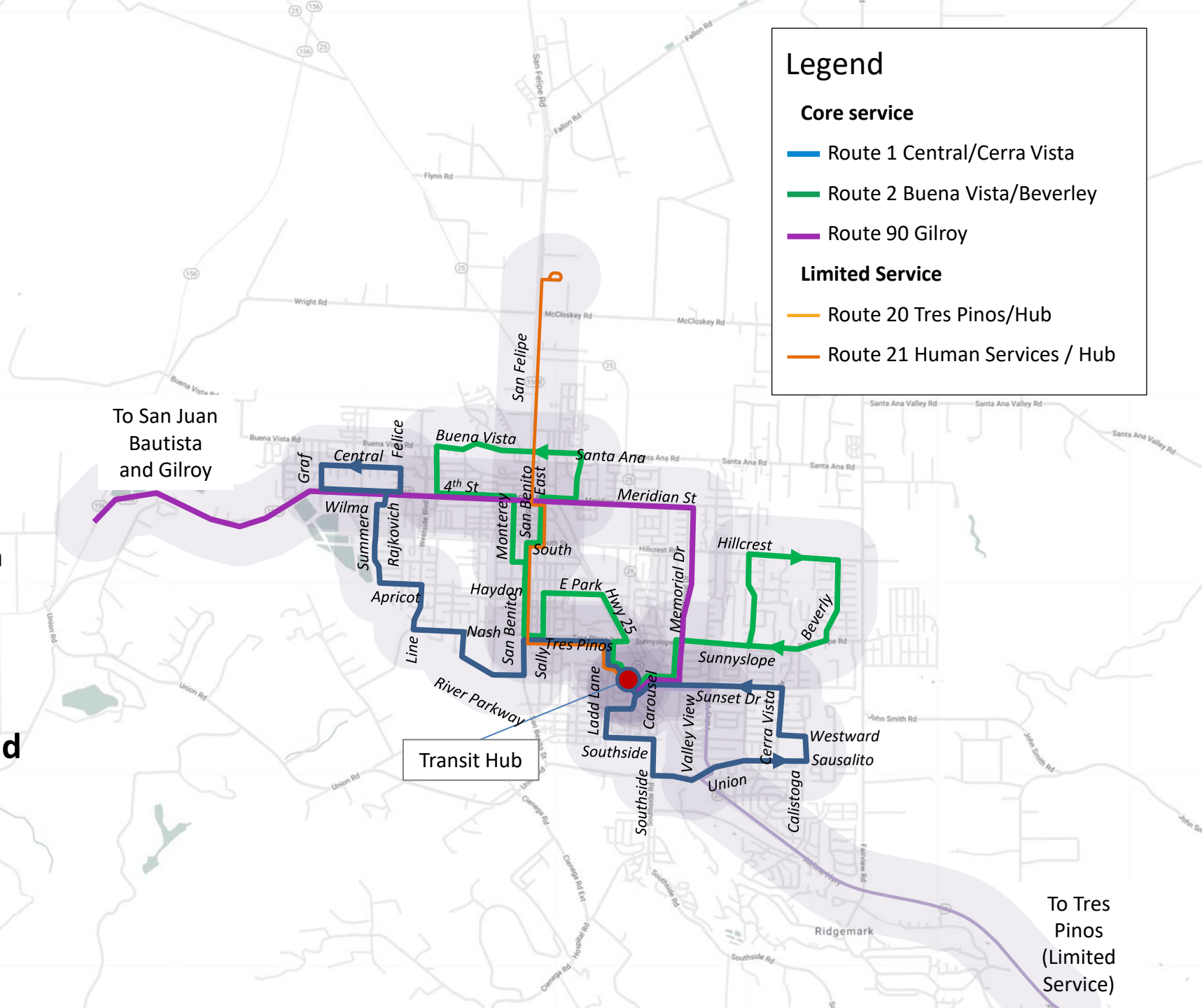
Existing Trippers (showing ¼ mile)



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**





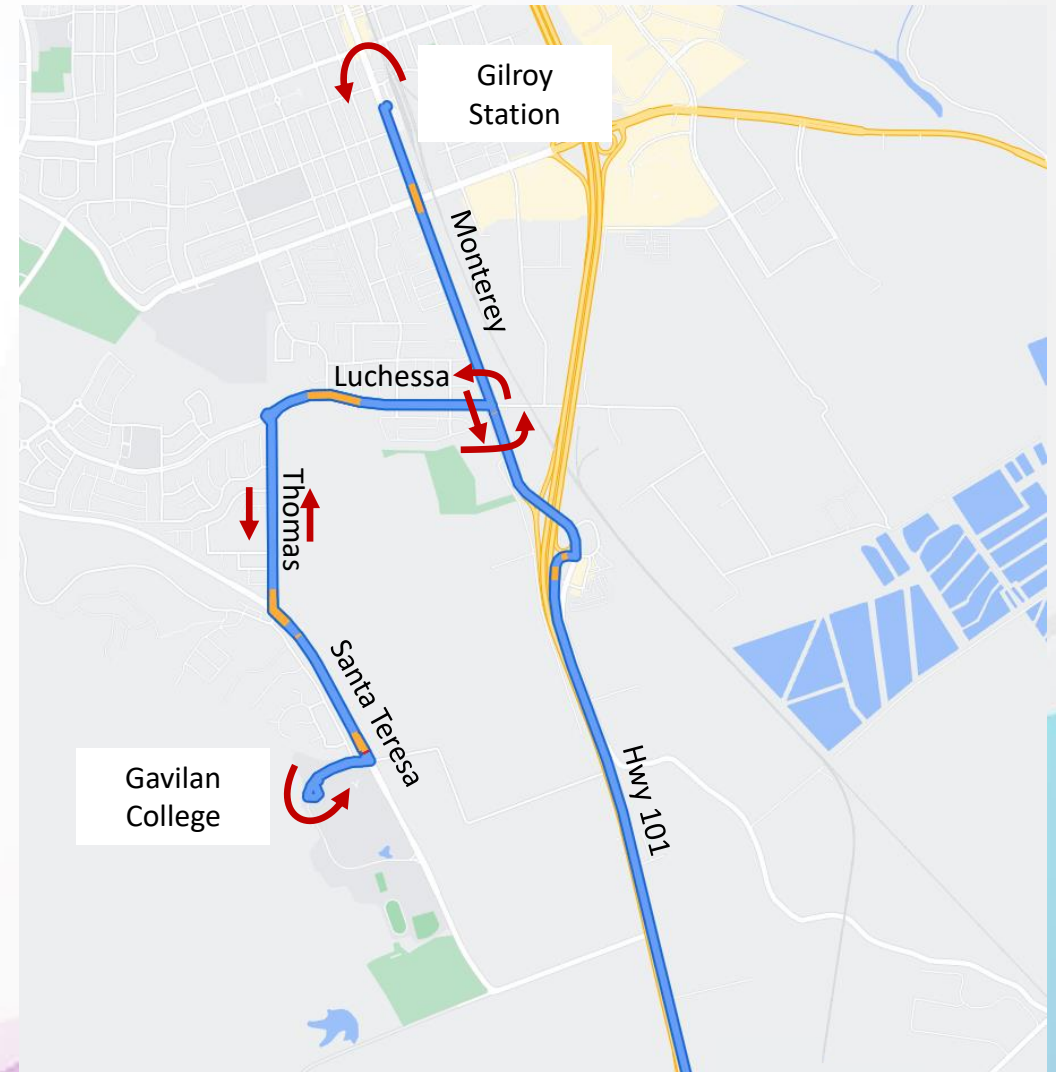
Intercounty Service Concepts

- **Intercounty services link Hollister and San Juan Bautista with Gavilan College and Gilroy Station**



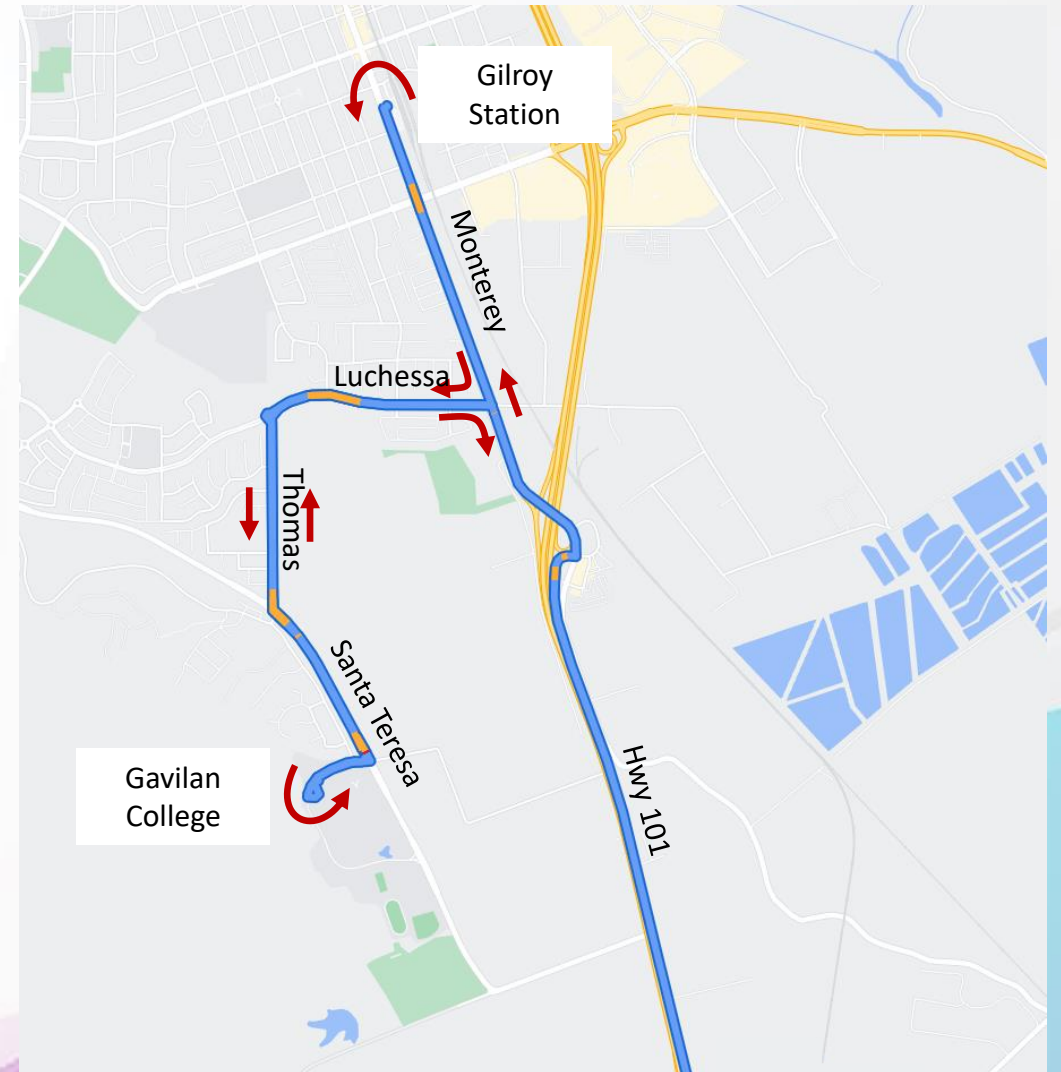
Gilroy Concept 1 (Existing): College First

- 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**



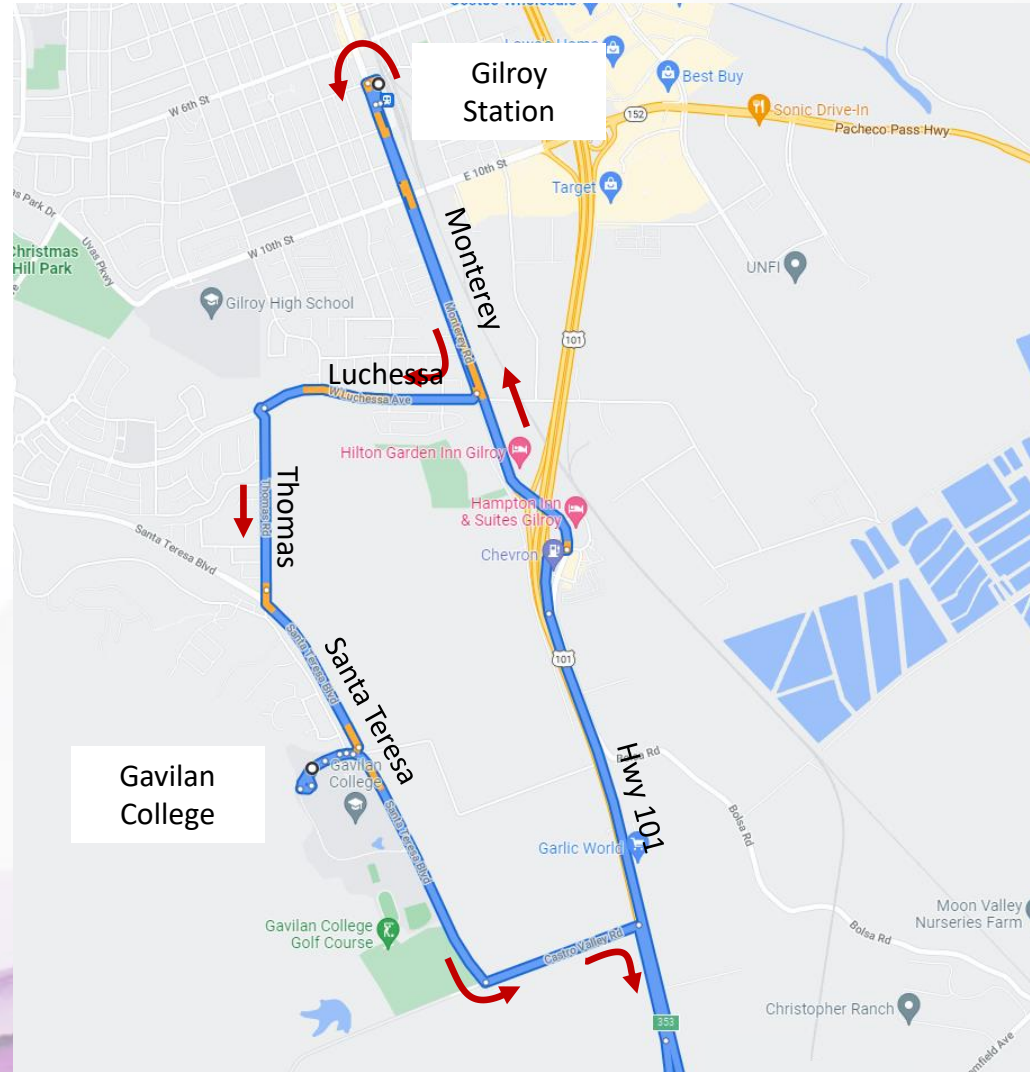


Long Term Concept

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