



**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

DATE: Thursday, January 15, 2026
4:00 P.M.

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

DIRECTORS: Ignacio Velazquez, Chair (County of San Benito)
Roxanne Stephens, Vice-Chair (City of Hollister)
Jackie Morris-Lopez (City of San Juan Bautista)
Rolan Resendiz (City of Hollister)
Kollin Kosmicki (County of San Benito)

ALTERNATES: San Benito County: Dom Zanger
City of San Juan Bautista: Scott Freels
City of Hollister: Rudy Picha

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The meeting will be available through Zoom, for those who wish to join or require accommodations.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. Verification of Certificate of Posting

3. 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.)*

ACTION ITEMS:

4. HOLD Nomination and Election of San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Chair and Vice Chairperson for the 2026 Meeting Calendar.

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.)

5. APPROVE Local Transportation Authority Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated November 20, 2025 – Gomez

Adjourn to LTA Meeting on February 19, 2026. Agenda deadline is February 3, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

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Written Comments & Email Public Comment

Members of the public may submit comments via email by 5:00 PM. on the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting to the Secretary at monica@sanbenitocog.org, regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda. Every effort will be made to provide Board Members with your comments before the agenda item is heard.

Public Comment Guidelines

1. If participating on Zoom: once you are selected, you will hear that you have been unmuted. At this time, state your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
2. The Council of Governments Board welcomes your comments.
3. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.
4. Please keep your comments brief, to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have questions, contact the Council of Governments, and leave a message at (831) 637-7665 x. 201, or email monica@sanbenitocog.org.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Pursuant to Government Code Section #54954.2(a) the Meeting Agenda for the Local Transportation Authority on January 15, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. was posted at the following locations freely accessible to the public:

The front entrance of the San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street Hollister, CA 95023, and the Council of Governments Office, 650 San Benito St., Ste. 120, Hollister, CA 95023, at the following date and time:

On the 9th day of January 2026, on or before 5:00 P.M.

The meeting agenda was also posted on the Council of San Benito County Governments website, www.sanbenitocog.org, under Meetings, LTA Board, Meeting Schedule

I, Norma Aceves, swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Monica Gomez

BY: _____
Monica Gomez, Secretary II
Council of San Benito County Governments



STAFF REPORT

Action

Prepared By: Norma Aceves, Administrative Services Specialist

Subject: LTA Appointment

Agenda Item No. 4

Approved By: Binu Abraham

Meeting Date: January 15, 2026

Recommendation:

Hold nomination and election of San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Chair and Vice Chairperson for the 2026 Meeting Calendar.

San Benito County
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, Zoom Platform
November 20, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Ignacio Velazquez, Director Kollin Kosmicki, Director Resendiz, Alt. Director Rudy Picha, Alt. Director Scott Freels.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice-Chair Roxanne Stephens, Director Jackie Morris-Lopez

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director; Binu Abraham, Office Assistant; Griselda Arevalo; Secretary; Monica Gomez, SBCOG Legal Counsel; Osman Mufti (via-Zoom).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Velazquez called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

2. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

Motion: Director Kosmicki Second: Director Freels

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Velazquez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha, Alt. Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens, Morris-Lopez

3. 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.)*

None.

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4. APPROVE Local Transportation Authority Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated August 21, 2025 – Gomez
5. ADOPT Resolution 2025-08 Authorize the Executive Director to Sign Letters of Support from Agencies, Jurisdictions, and Organizations whose Projects are Consistent with the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Goals, Policies, and Board Direction – Aceves

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda Items 4-5:

Motion: Director Kosmicki Second: Director Picha

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Velazquez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha, Alt. Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens, Morris-Lopez

INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. RECEIVE Update on Providing New Public Transit Connections to the Gavilan College Hollister Campus – Aceves

Administrative Services Specialist Norma Aceves reported that at the Board's direction, LTA staff worked with Gavilan College Hollister Campus to explore transit options. Preliminary transit routes were developed and reviewed with the College, who are supportive of the recommendations. The next step is to identify funding to implement the proposed transit services, with LTA and Gavilan College jointly exploring potential opportunities.

There was public comment received from Britney Chavez, Providentia Eweama, Donna Macias, Liliana, Luke Mayo, Christina Salvin, Judy Rodriguez, Carla Barros, Jeanie Wallace (via-Zoom), Annette Gutierrez (via-Zoom), Dr. Pedro Avila (via-Zoom), Josh Williams (via-Zoom). All speakers expressed support for establishing public transit connections to the Gavilan College Hollister campus.

The Board asked for clarification regarding the transportation component of the new Gavilan campus, noting they were not involved in earlier planning.

Executive Director Abraham stated that the transportation challenges reflect a nationwide transit funding gap caused by post-COVID ridership declines and rising operating costs. She noted that these issues are affecting transit systems across the country and are not the result of any specific local action.

The Board expressed concern about transportation access and pedestrian safety at the new Gavilan College campus, emphasizing that transit services and related infrastructure should be treated as high priorities and addressed collaboratively rather than funded by COG alone. They requested staff engage Gavilan College in timely discussions on planning, route design, and to explore potential funding streams

and a cost-sharing partnership, noting that colleges commonly contribute to public transit services. Members also encouraged pursuing state and federal funding, including outreach to legislative representatives to help advance both transit operations and necessary safety improvements to the community college, and urged Gavilan College to address pedestrian safety issues, particularly the lack of a sidewalk connecting the Ridgemark area to the campus. The Board also stressed the importance of continued community involvement and collaboration with partner agencies, thanked participants for their input, and encouraged ongoing public engagement.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Director Kosmicki motioned to adjourn at 5:59 p.m.

Motion seconded by Director Picha.

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Velazquez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha, Alt. Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens, Morris-Lopez

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.