



**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 18, 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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**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.)*

## 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.)*

4. APPROVE Local Transportation Authority Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated May 21, 2026 – Gomez
5. ADOPT Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority's Executive Director to Apply for and Accept Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Funds through the California Department of Transportation – Borick
6. Disposition of Surplus Vehicle – Arreola
  - a. APPROVE Donation of Surplus Vehicle, last five VIN No. M1409, to Community Bridges.
  - b. AUTHORIZE Staff to Re-advertise the Remaining two Surplus Vehicles and, if No Responsive Applications are Received, Dispose of the Vehicles through Salvage.

## ACTION ITEMS:

7. ADOPT Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Transportation for the Zero-Emission Bus Clean Fuel Path Strategy – Abraham

### **Adjourn to LTA Meeting on August 20, 2026. Agenda deadline is August 4, 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](mailto: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, 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](mailto:monica@sanbenitocog.org).

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Pursuant to Government Code Section #54954.2(a) the Meeting Agenda for the Local Transportation Authority on June 18, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 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](http://www.sanbenitocog.org), under Meetings, LTA Board, Meeting Schedule.

I, Monica Gomez, 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

San Benito County  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, Zoom Platform  
May 21, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.  
ACTION MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Ignacio Velazquez, Vice Chair Roxanne Stephens, Director Jackie Morris-Lopez, Director Rolan Resendiz, Alternate Director Dom Zanger.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Director Kollin Kosmicki.

**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 4:25 p.m.

**2. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:**

Motion: Director Morris-Lopez            Second: Director Stephens

Motion carried:    5/0

Yes:                    Velazquez, Stephens, Morris-Lopez, Resendiz, Zanger

No:                     None

Recused:             None

Abstention:         None

**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.)*

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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**4. APPROVE Local Transportation Authority Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated March 19, 2026 – Gomez**

**5. FY 25-26 Q3 Budget Report – Aceves**

- a. RECEIVE FY 25-26 Q3 Budget Report
- b. APPROVE Budget Adjustment 25-26-06.

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

**Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda Items 4 and 5a,b.:**

Motion: Director Zanger                      Second: Director Morris-Lopez  
Motion carried:    5/0  
Yes:                      Velazquez, Stephens, Morris-Lopez, Resendiz, Zanger  
No:                      None  
Recused:            None  
Abstention:         None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

*4:00 P.M. Public Hearing (Or As Soon Thereafter As the Matter May Be Heard)*

- 6. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for the Local Transportation Authority – Aceves
  - a. RECEIVE Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
  - b. HOLD Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
  - c. ADOPT Resolution 2026-02 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Resolution 2026-03 Authorizing the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for allocation of TDA funds.

Administrative Services Specialist Norma Aceves presented the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for the Local Transportation Authority.

Chair Velazquez opened the public hearing at 4:26 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Chair Velazquez closed the public hearing at 4:27 p.m.

**Motion made to Approve Item 6a, b, c.:**

Motion: Director Morris-Lopez            Second: Director Zanger  
Motion carried:    5/0  
Yes:                      Velazquez, Stephens, Morris-Lopez, Resendiz, Zanger  
No:                      None  
Recused:            None  
Abstention:         None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Director Zanger motioned to adjourn at 4:27 p.m.  
Motion seconded by Director Stephens.

Motion carried:    5/0  
Yes:                      Velazquez, Stephens, Morris-Lopez, Resendiz, Zanger  
No:                      None  
Recused:            None  
Abstention:         None

**ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.**



## STAFF REPORT

### Consent

**Prepared By:** Samuel Borick, Transportation Planner

**Subject:** FY 2026-27 FTA 5311 Funding

### Agenda Item No. 5

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham, Executive Director

**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2026

### Recommendation:

ADOPT Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority's Executive Director to apply for and accept Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Funds through the California Department of Transportation.

### Summary:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) annually allocates operating assistance to eligible transit agencies, such as the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA), under the FTA Section 5311 Program. The apportioned funds must be used for public transit operations.

### Background/ Discussion:

The FTA Section 5311 is a federal grant that provides funding for public transit operations in non-urbanized areas. The California State Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation is the delegated agency responsible for the administration of the grant program in California.

The FY 2026-27 FTA Section 5311 call for projects period is open and ends August 3, 2026. The LTA receives an apportionment of FTA Section 5311 funds annually and was apportioned \$557,024 in funding for the FY 2026-27. The FTA Section 5311 Program represents a significant funding source for the LTA and is necessary to support the continuation of existing transit services.

### Financial Impact:

Without a Board adopted Resolution, the LTA will not be eligible to receive FTA Section 5311 funds, resulting in a significant reduction in existing transit services.

### Attachment:

1. LTA Resolution 2026-05

BEFORE THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY )  
 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ) Resolution No. 2026-05  
 AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION )  
 5311 (49 U.S.C SECTION 5339) and/or 5399 (49 U.S.C )  
 SECTION 5339) WITH THE CALIFORNIA )  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION )

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital/operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1G), and Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 5100.1); and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 and Section 5339 grants for transportation projects for the general public for the rural transit and intercity bus; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of service/purchase of capital equipment in San Benito County; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority Board does hereby Authorize the Executive Director, or their designee, to file and execute applications on its behalf with the Department to aid in the financing of capital/operating assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1G), as amended, and pursuant to Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 5100.1), as amended. The Board further authorizes the following:

1. That the Executive Director, or their designee, is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.
2. That the Executive Director, or their designee, is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5311 and/or Section 5339 projects.
3. That the Executive Director, or their designee, is authorized to submit and approve requests for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 and/or Section 5339 projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAINING:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ignacio Velazquez, Chair

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Dated: 6/11/2026

By:   
Osman I. Mufti, SBCOG Counsel

ATTEST:  
Binu Abraham, Executive Director

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## STAFF REPORT

### Consent

**Prepared By:** Myranda Arreola  
**Subject:** Disposition of Surplus Vehicle

### Agenda Item No. 6

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham, Executive Director  
**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2026

### Recommendation:

- a. Approve Donation of Surplus Vehicle, last five VIN No. M1409, to Community Bridges
- b. Authorize staff to re-advertise the remaining two surplus vehicles and, if no responsive applications are received, dispose of the vehicles through salvage.

### Summary:

At the June 2025 meeting, the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Board of Directors authorized staff to accept applications from local non-profits and bids from private parties interested in the available surplus vehicles. The LTA did not receive bids from private parties but did receive one donation application for one of the available vehicles. Staff is requesting direction on how to proceed with disposal of the remaining two surplus vehicles.

### Background/ Discussion:

The LTA designated three vehicles as surplus equipment. The Board authorized staff to offer the surplus vehicles for donation to local nonprofits or for sale to private parties. The LTA conducted a publicly noticed request for applications and bids in May 2026 with submittals due June 5, 2026.

The LTA did not receive bids for purchase but did receive one responsive application for donation. Community Bridges dba Lift Line, a nonprofit, submitted a donation application for vehicle number 64, last five VIN No. M1409 (Attachment 1).

In addition to approval of the attached donation application, staff is requesting to re-advertise the remaining two surplus vehicles, last five VIN No. 06154 and 96624. If no responsive applications or offers are received, staff will proceed with salvaging the vehicles.

The LTA will be released of liability for the vehicle upon approval and direction by the LTA Board of Directors once the title reports have been processed.

### Attachments:

1. Community Bridges dba Lift Line Donation Application Form

The San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) is soliciting applications from eligible local non-profits (501(c)(3) and local government agencies (City of Hollister, City of San Juan Bautista, and County of San Benito). Eligible non-profits must be "organized for the care, teaching, or training of children or developmentally disabled children" or "that is organized to provide health or human services." The vehicle will be provided to the selected candidate at not cost, but the vehicle will be donated in an as-is condition.

Please complete the following application by 4:00 pm on Friday, June 5, 2026. Each application form must be submitted individually and placed in a sealed envelope marked "DONATION APPLICATION". Return applications to the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, 650 San Benito Street, Suite 120, Hollister, CA 95023.

Applications are expected to be considered at the June 2026 Local Transportation Authority Board of Directors meeting.



Vehicle Number	VIN (last 5 digits)	Vehicle Year/Make	Passenger Capacity	Approx. Mileage
6	06154	2007 Ford	14A	99,994
64	M1409	2013 Glaval	28A/3WC	143,571
736	96624	2010 Braun	5A/1WC	170,148

Please indicate the vehicle you are interested in: Vehicle Number 64 VIN (last 5 digits) M1409

Vehicle Year/Make 2013 Glaval Approx. Mileage 143,571

- Organization applying for donation: Community Bridges dba Lift Line
- Address: 519 Main St suite a, Watsonville, CA 95076
- Phone Number(s): 831-688-8840
- Email: Jesusb@cbridges.org
- Contact name/Position: Jesus Bojorquez/ Lift Line Program Director
- Federal Tax I.D. number of the applicant: 94-2460211
- Is your organization a not for profit?  YES  NO
- If yes, provide 501(c)(3) No.: 94-2460211

9. What will the vehicle be used for?

The vehicle will be used by Lift Line to provide free accesible demand-response trasnportation services to for seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and low-income Santa Cruz residents and surronding areas.

10. What is the purpose of the organization? Please provide a mission statement or detailed information about the goals and objectives of the organization?

Our Mission is to deliver essential services, provide equitable access to resources, and advocate for health and dignity across every stage of life. Lift Line provide 60,000 door-to-door rides a year to seniors and people with disabilities through accessible transportation.

11. Please indicate any positive outcomes for your organization from this donation.

The donation of this vehicle would provide significant benefits to Lift Line and the community we serve. Currently, the argest vehicle in our fleet can accommodate 17 ambulatory and 2 wheelchair positions. The addition of a vehicle with the capacity of 28 ambulatory passangers and 3 wheelchair positions would increase our ability to transport larger groups of passangers safely and efficiently.

12. Please describe any positive outcomes for the community.

The donation of this vehicle would have a significant positive impact on the community by increasing access to reliable transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and other other trasnportation disadvantaged residents. The larger capacity vehicle would allowed Lift Line to transport up tp 25 seniors in a single trip to Meals on Wheels congreged dinning site, helping ensure that older adults have consistant aaccess to nutritious meals and opportunities for social interaction reducing the need for multiple trips.

Declarations:

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

**SIGNED:** Jesus Bojorquez **DATE:** 6/4/26

**FULL NAME (Please Print):** Jesus Bojorquez

**TITLE:** community Bridges Lift Line Program Director.

## STAFF REPORT

**Action**

**Prepared By:** Samuel Borick, Transportation Planner

**Subject:** Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant Award

**Agenda Item No. 7**

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham, Executive Director

**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2026

**Recommendation:**

ADOPT Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the Executive Director to execute agreements with the California Department of Transportation for the Zero-Emission Bus Clean Fuel Path Strategy.

**Summary:**

The San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) was awarded \$199,079 in California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program funds. The award is to fund the development of a Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Clean Fuel Path Strategy that comprehensively evaluates cost-effective ZEB options and develops a detailed implementation plan. The ZEB Clean Fuel Path Strategy is expected to be completed by May 2028.

**Background/ Discussion:**

Transit agencies in California, such as the LTA, are subject to the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation. Adopted by CARB in 2018, the ICT Regulation requires public transit agencies to gradually transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleet. Beginning in 2029, all newly purchased fleet vehicles must be ZEBs, with full fleet transition targeted by 2040.

Currently none of the LTA's fleet vehicles are ZEBs. To effectively transition the LTA's fleet and support compliance with ICT Regulation, the LTA will develop a ZEB Clean Fuel Path Strategy that comprehensively evaluates cost-effective ZEB options and develops a detailed implementation plan. The ZEB Clean Fuel Path Strategy will evaluate electrification and hydrogen fuel options, assess infrastructure and operational requirements, and identify the most cost-effective and scalable implementation pathway, including contingency scenarios to address funding uncertainty, regulatory changes, and emerging technologies.

Development of the ZEB Clean Fuel Path Strategy will begin in October 2026 and is expected to conclude May 2028.

**Financial Impact:**

The LTA was awarded \$199,079 in Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Grant Program funds to develop the ZEB Clean Fuel Path Strategy. The LTA is contributing \$25,743 in local matching funds. The ZEB Clean Fuel Path Strategy is fully accounted for in the LTA Budget.

**Attachments:**

1. LTA Resolution 2026-04

BEFORE THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY )  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF ) Resolution No. 2026-04  
DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE )  
DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE )  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION )  
FOR THE ZERO-EMISSION BUS CLEAN FUEL PATH )  
STRATEGY )

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain transportation planning related plans, through the California Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, a Restricted Grant Agreement is needed to be executed with the California Department of Transportation before such funds can be reimbursed through the Transportation Planning Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority wishes to delegate authorization to its Executive Director or their designee to execute these agreements and any amendments thereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, that the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAINING:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ignacio Velazquez, Chair

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Dated: 6/11/2026

By:   
Osman I. Mufti, SBCOG Counsel

ATTEST:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Binu Abraham, Executive Director