

**San Benito County
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

October 16, 2008 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chair Botelho, Director Edge, Director Emerson, Director Marcus, and Alternate Director Valdivia

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Supervising Mechanic, Pat Dunn; Secretary, Monica Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tony Mercado, MV Transportation

A. Certificate of Posting

Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Directors unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. Public Comment:

**Joe Thompson
Tres Pinos, CA**

Mr. Thompson stated that the "LTA is a 35 year old failed experiment" and it also violates COG's "mission statement".

C. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Leon, for Twenty Years of Service to County Express – Dunn

Vice-Chair Botelho expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board and thanked Ms. Leon for such a great accomplishment of working safely and diligently for 20 years.

LTA Supervising Mechanic Pat Dunn acknowledged Mary Leon for 20 years of service with County Express and presented Ms. Leon with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Dunn stated that as a dispatcher for MV Transportation, Ms. Leon has always been very reliable has a great personality, and she is the heart and soul of the transportation service.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve LTA Transactions Report (Financial Claims) dated September 2008 – Postigo**
- 2. Approve LTA Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2008 – Gomez**
- 3. Approve County Express Monthly Management Report for the Month September 2008 – Dinkuhn**

4. **Approve Jovenes de Antaño Monthly Management Report for the Month of September 2008**
– Dinkuhn
5. **Set Special Meeting for December 11, 2008, which Combines Regular Meetings of November and December** – Postigo

Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors approved Items 1-5, from the Consent Agenda with an abstention from Director's Edge and Valdivia on Item 2, and an abstention from Director Valdivia on Item 4.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **RECEIVE Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget Report** – Postigo

Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo reported that the total Local Transportation Authority expenditures for the year were \$2,292,965. The Local Transportation Authority expenditures were under budget by \$88,379. Savings were realized largely in the Salaries and Capital categories.

Ms. Postigo provided a summary of the Local Transportation Authority's accomplishments in transit planning and operations over the FY 2007/2008 budget year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Mr.Thompson stated that the LTA is a waste of taxpayer's money and the budget is a confession of LTA's failure.

7. **APPROVE Two Additional Hours of Weekday Transit Service for the Intercounty and Dial-a-Ride Services** – Dinkuhn

Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn reported that County Express Intercounty and Dial-a-Ride services are operating at capacity and additional service hours are needed to avoid turning down riders who need transportation to Gavilan College and for medical, school, and other trips using Dial-a-Ride in Hollister.

There was discussion amongst the Board, staff, and Tony Mercado regarding the number of passengers that are turned down or rescheduled due to the increase in demand for Dial-a-Ride.

The Board inquired about the cost for the Dial-a-Ride service being almost twice as much as the Intercounty service cost.

Ms. Dinkuhn explained that the Intercounty cost is less because of the decrease in ridership for Gavilan College due to the holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks).

Staff requested that the Board approve the budget increased amounts of \$17,990 for Dial-a-Ride and \$9,800 for Gavilan College.

The Board directed staff to bring this item back to re-evaluate the efficiency of the services in 4-6 months.

Ms. Dinkuhn noted a correction to the staff report. The Fiscal Year should read Fiscal Year 08/09 budget not Fiscal Year 07/08.

Ms. Rheinheimer mentioned that staff will be coming back to the Board in December with changes to the Fixed Route service as a way to improve efficiency.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously voted to approve Item 7.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Edge, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Director's unanimously voted to adjourn the LTA meeting.

ADJOURN TO SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2008. AGENDA DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 3, 2008 AT 12:00 P.M.