

Option 2: Farebox recovery ratio would start at 25 ½ % and can go down to 19% by the end of the year.

Option 3 Farebox recovery ratio would be similar to option 2 because it is the same one time increase as in option 2. (These numbers only reflect the fixed route farebox recoveries).

Staff recommended Option 3 because there is a decrease in expense when switching from tickets to tokens and it is a one-time increase to the customer versus an incremental increase annually.

There was discussion amongst the Board and staff regarding the preferred option.

Chair Pike opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Joe Thompson**  
**Tres Pinos, CA**

Mr. Thompson stated that the Board should look at the Farebox Recovery rate because they need to know what the entire cost of the transit system is. Mr. Thompson recommended that the transit system formulates is farebox recovery so that it remains legal.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the Local Transportation Authority is legal and above the required 10% farebox recovery rate.

Chair Pike closed the Public Hearing.

*Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors unanimously voted to adopt the preferred Fare Increase Option 3.*

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

**ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY MAY 15, 2008**

**AGENDA DEADLINE IS MAY 7, 2008 AT 12:00 P.M**

**San Benito County  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**April 17, 2008 5:00 P.M.**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Pike, Vice-Chair Botelho, Director Edge, Director Marcus, Director Valdivia

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Transportation Planner, Betty Li; Secretary, Monica Gomez

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Pike called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Certificate of Posting**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 1. FARE INCREASE OPTION HEARING – Li**
  - a. **RECEIVE** Report on Fare Increase Options for County Express
  - b. **OPEN** Public Hearing
  - c. **CLOSE** Public Hearing
  - d. **DIRECT** Staff to Proceed with Preferred Fare Increase Option; and
  - e. **SET** Fare Increase Adoption Hearing for June 19, 2008.

Transportation Planner Betty Li stated that the 2008 Short Range Transit Plan provides three fare increase options for County Express. A public hearing on the preferred fare increase option will be held prior to its adoption, on June 19, 2008.

Ms. Li provided a Power-Point presentation on the Fare Increase Options and reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of each option listed below:

- 1. Annual increases for Fixed Route
- 2. One-time increase for Fixed Route
- 3. Restructure entire County Express fare structure

Director Edge inquired if staff had any projection on how much funds will be generated from each fare option and asked which option staff recommended.

Ms. Li provided preliminary numbers for each option and noted that these numbers do not reflect changes in ridership.

Option 1. Farebox recovery ratio would start at almost 21 ½% and can go down to 20% by the end of the year if ridership is not met.