

**San Benito County  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**April 16, 2009 2:30 P.M.**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Botelho, Director De La Cruz, Director Edge, Director Emerson, and Director Gomez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tony Mercado, MV Transportation

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Botelho called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**A. ACKNOWLEDGE Certificate of Posting**

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

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approve** LTA Transactions Report (Financial Claims) dated March 2009 – Postigo
- 2. Approve** LTA Meeting Minutes dated February 19, 2009 and March 19, 2009 – Gomez
- 3. Adopt** Resolution 09-08 Authorizing Executive Director to Apply for and Accept Awarded Assembly Bill 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 – LiOwen

*Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously approved Items 1-3 from the Consent Agenda.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS:**

- 4. Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Service Change and Fare Increase Options for County Express – LiOwen**
  - a. **Receive** Report on Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Service Change and Fare Increase Options for County Express.
  - b. **Select** Preferred Service Change and Fare Increase Option.
  - c. **Direct** Staff to Proceed with Preferred Timeline.

Transportation Planner Betty LiOwen provided a Power-Point presentation on the 2009/2010 service change and fare increase options for County Express.

Ms. LiOwen reported that due to the elimination of the State Transit Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 and Fiscal Year 2010/2011, additional service changes are warranted to offset the reduction in funding.

Ms. LiOwen stated that at the January 23, 2009 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting, the Advisory Council recommended that the Authority should not consider a fare increase option at this time due to the state of the economy. At its March 27, 2009 meeting, the Advisory Council did not select a preferred service option for County Express, but recommended that the Authority consider reinstating weekend Dial-A-Ride service and modify weekday service delivery to provide better service for customers.

There was discussion amongst the Board and staff regarding the different service options and fare increases.

The Board selected Service Change Option 2, restoring Weekend Dial-A-Ride and One-Run for Intercounty Gavilan, and the preferred Fare Increase Option of 25¢ on the Intercounty, Dial-A-Ride, Paratransit, and the Sunnyslope-Southside Discount Reservation services. The proposed service changes and fare increase would be effective July 6, 2009 and after a public hearing in May.

*Upon a motion duly made by Director Edge, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Directors unanimously approved Item 4 as noted above.*

*Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously voted to adjourn the LTA meeting.*

**ADJOURN TO SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.**