

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

May 20, 2010 2:30 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Gomez, Director Bilich, Director De La Cruz, and Alternate Valdivia

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner, Betty LiOwen; Secretary, Monica Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Murray, Caltrans District 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 4:28 P.M.

A. ACKNOWLEDGE Certificate of Posting

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Director's unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** LTA Transactions Report (Financial Claims) dated April 2010 – Postigo
- 2. Receive** Local Transportation Authority FY 09/10 3rd Quarter Budget Report – Postigo
- 3. Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of March 2010 – LiOwen
- 4. Receive** County Express Monthly Service Report for the Months of February and March 2010 – LiOwen
- 5. Adopt** Resolution 10-05 Authorizing the Executive Director to Apply for and Accept Federal Transit Act Section 5311 Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 – LiOwen
- 6. Adopt** Resolution 10-06 Authorizing Executive Director to Apply for and Accept Grant Funding from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District for Consideration of Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Assembly bill 2766 Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program – LiOwen

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Bilich, the Director's approved Items 1-6, with an abstention from Director Valdivia on Item 3.

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- 7. Receive** Report on Potential Caltrain Service Reductions for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 – LiOwen

Ms. LiOwen reported that Caltrain, the primary commuter rail service between Santa Clara County and the City and County of San Francisco, will have a \$12.5 million operating budget deficit in Fiscal Year 2010/2011. As a result, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board is considering potential reductions in service and fare increases.

Ms. LiOwen stated that one of the Local Transportation Authority's (LTA) services that could be affected is the Intercounty Caltrain. The LTA currently has three runs in the early morning and evening to connect San Benito County residents and visitors to Caltrain service. If the JPB decides to eliminate Gilroy Caltrain service, the LTA may consider the following actions: a) Eliminating Intercounty Caltrain service b) Redirecting service to connect with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Express services (Lines 121 and 168)

Ms. LiOwen noted that at this point, Caltrain staff has not provided recommendations for the JPB to consider. However, the agency has declared a fiscal emergency. LTA staff will continue to closely monitor this situation and inform the Board and its riders when more information is available.

After brief discussion, the Board directed staff to wait and bring the item back when the Joint Powers Board takes action. Once this occurs, the LTA Board will evaluate its options.

8. Receive Update on Transit Advertising Request for Proposals – LiOwen

Ms. LiOwen reported that the Local Transportation Authority has released two requests for proposals, but has not received any responses to them. Staff is still interested in pursuing such a program, but on a smaller scale of 6 months to one year project and limiting it only to Intercounty vehicles and bus stop shelters.

Staff will be contacting the Monterey Salinas Transit Advertising department to inquire if they may be interested in a partnership or assisting staff with the implementation of the program.

Staff asked for the Boards direction on this item.

After brief discussion, the Board directed staff to bring this item back at a future meeting, when all of the Board members are present.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that staff would bring this item back at its July meeting.

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

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING JUNE 20, 2010.