

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

September 16, 2010 2:30 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** LTA Transactions Report (Financial Claims) dated August 2010 – Postigo
- 2. Approve** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated August 19, 2010 – Gomez
- 3. Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of July 2010 – LiOwen
- 4. Receive** County Express Monthly Service Report for the Month of July 2010 – LiOwen
- 5. Make** Vanpool Vehicle Previously Set for Auction, Last Five VIN No. 87778, Available for Donation to a Local Non-Profit or Local Agency – Lezama
- 6. Surplus Specialized Transportation Vehicles** – LiOwen
 - a. **Declare** Two Specialized Transportation Vehicles as Surplus Vehicles.
 - b. **Authorize** Executive Director to Enter Into Contract with Roger Ernst & Associates to Auction One Vehicle (VIN: 60727).
 - c. **Authorize** Executive Director to Salvage Six Vehicles (VIN: 67927, 67928, 67921, 67926, and 87797).

Chair Gomez pulled Items 3 and 4 to allow for public comment.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's approved Items 1, 2, 5, and 6 from the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Item 3

**Marvin Jones
Hollister, CA**

Mr. Jones stated that the Jovenes de Antaño monthly report does not list the expenses and asked if there are any expenses.

Ms. LiOwen stated that Item 3 is an operations report provided by the contractor and it does not include expenses incurred by LTA. The expenses are included in a separate Quarterly Report.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously approved Item 3 from the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Item 4

**Marvin Jones
Hollister, CA**

Mr. Jones stated that the expenses are included in the County Express report however, he wondered if staff might be “double-dipping” when counting/validating token sales.

Ms. LiOwen stated that when staff computes the numbers for the Quarterly Report, token sales are subtracted out of the equation to ensure that there is no “double-dipping”.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Emerson, and seconded by Director Bilich, the Director's unanimously approved Item 4 from the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

2:00 P.M. Public Hearing (Or As Soon Thereafter As the Matter May Be Heard)

7. Specialized Transportation Fares – LiOwen

- a. **Receive** Report on Establishing a Zone Based Fare for Out-of-County Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program and Increasing the Medical Shopping Assistance Program Fare by 25¢.
- b. **Open** Public Hearing
- c. **Close** Public Hearing
- d. **Adopt** Resolution 10-07 Establishing a Zone Based Fare for Out-of-County Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program and Increasing the Medical Shopping Assistance Program Fare.

Ms. LiOwen provided a Power-Point presentation on the Specialized Transportation Fares.

Ms. LiOwen stated that fares for the Out-of-County Non-Emergency Medical Transportation are currently donation based. The fare for the Medical Shopping Assistance Program has not increased since 2000. Adopting Resolution 10-07 would establish a zone based fare for the Out-of-County Non-Emergency Medical Transportation and increase the Medical Shopping Assistance Program by 25¢.

Staff presented the OOCMT, MSAP and Personal Care Attendant and Companion Fare policies to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. The Advisory Council recommended establishing the proposed zone based fare for the OOCMT service, increasing the MSAP one-way fare by 25¢, and establishing the mentioned Personal Care Attendant and Companion fare policy.

Ms. Bilich stated that she was not aware, nor was she ever told, of there being a donation fee of \$20 to San Jose or Palo Alto.

Ms. Bilich inquired if the MSAP would accept tokens.

Ms. LiOwen stated that it is unknown if tokens will be accepted at this time, it would have to be discussed with the contractor.

Director Botelho inquired where the money comes from to run this program.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the funds to run both the County Express Service and Jovenes de Antaño Service are provided by the state through the Transportation Development Act.

Director De La Cruz inquired if the funds can be used for other programs, such as repairing local streets and roads.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the state's Transportation Development Act funds can be used for Council of Governments Administration of the Transportation Development Act, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. After all of these needs have been met and if there are funds left over the funds can be used for local streets and roads. However, there has been a deficit for the last several years and there has not been sufficient revenue to set aside for local streets and roads.

Chair Gomez opened the Public Hearing at 2:34 p.m.

**Marvin Jones
Hollister, CA**

Mr. Jones inquired if LTA provides transportation to Monterey VA for 'wounded warriors'. Mr. Jones commended staff for providing the service. Mr. Jones noted that if the service needs to be expanded and fares must be raised in order to provide this service, then staff must do so because it is an important service.

Chair Gomez closed the Public Hearing at 2:35 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Emerson, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Director's approved Item 7b, with Director De La Cruz voting No.

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

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2010.