

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

February 17, 2011 2:00 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Gilbert; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair De La Cruz called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Marvin Jones
Hollister, CA**

Mr. Jones inquired how many transit vehicles the Local Transportation Authority has and if the information is available to the public.

Ms. Rheinheimer informed Mr. Jones that she can provide him with the information he is requesting.

**Ruth Erickson
Hollister, CA**

Ms. Erickson expressed concern over the new County Express signs. Ms. Erickson stated that the new signs are smaller, the font is smaller, and they don't have a picture of a bus. Ms. Erickson stated that she is concerned that the new signs are going to deter people from using the transit service because you can't tell there is a bus stop in place.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that she will contact Ms. Erickson to schedule a time to discuss the issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** LTA Transaction Report (Financial Claims) dated January 2011 – Postigo
- 2. Approve** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated January 20, 2011 – Gomez
- 3. Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of December 2010 – LiOwen
- 4. Receive** County Express Monthly Service Report for the Month of December 2010 – LiOwen

- 5. Approve** Resolution 11-02 Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Federal Transit Act Section 5310 Application and Accept Funds for Replacement Vehicles and Dispatch System Upgrade – LiOwen

Upon a motion duly made by Director Emerson, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Director's unanimously approved Items 1-5 from the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 6. Receive** Report on Proposed Caltrain Service Reductions Beginning July 2, 2011 and Approve Letter Opposing Service Reductions to Gilroy – LiOwen

Ms. Gilbert reported that Caltrain, the primary commuter rail service between Santa Clara County and the City and County of San Francisco, will have a \$35.7 million operating budget deficit in Fiscal Year 2011/2012. As a result, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board is considering reductions in service and fare increases.

The San Benito County Local Transportation Authority has sent letters in the past opposing the Gilroy service elimination. A draft letter opposing the new service elimination proposal was included for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Gilbert stated that a public hearing for the fare increase and service reductions has been scheduled on March 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at:

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

There was brief discussion amongst Board members and staff regarding the impacts these cuts will have on ridership.

Board members expressed empathy for the riders who will be impacted however, there was consensus amongst the Board that cuts must be made.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Director's voted to NOT send the letter opposing service reductions to Gilroy, Chair De La Cruz voted yes. Motion passed 3/1.

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

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING MARCH 17, 2011.