

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

February 16, 2012 2:00 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Emerson, Director Boch, Vice-Chair Botelho, Director De La Cruz, and Director Gomez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Emerson called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approve** LTA Transaction Report (Financial Claims) dated January 2012 – Postigo
2. **Approve** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated January 19, 2012 – Gomez
3. **Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of December 2011 – LiOwen
4. **Receive** County Express Monthly Service Report for the Month of December 2011 – LiOwen
5. **Receive** Local Transportation Authority FY 2011/12 Second Quarter Budget Report – Postigo
6. **Adopt** Local Transportation Authority's Title VI Complaint Procedures and Limited English Proficiency Plan – LiOwen
7. **Receive** 2nd Quarter County Express and Specialized Transportation Performance Indicators for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 – LiOwen
8. **Fiscal Year 2012/2013 New Freedom Grant Programs** – LiOwen
 - a. **Receive** Report on Eligible Projects for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Federal Transit Act Section 5317 (New Freedom) Grant Program
 - b. **Adopt** Resolution 12-02 Authorizing the Application and Submittal of Necessary Documents for Various Federal Transit Act Grant Programs

Chair Emerson pulled Item 4 from the Consent Agenda to allow public comment.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Directors approved Items 1-3 and 5-8 of the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Item 4

**Marvin Jones
Hollister, CA**

Mr. Jones commented on how he has observed an average of one passenger or less on County Express buses on Friday afternoons while at the corner of San Benito Street and 4th Street. Mr. Jones stated that the fairbox recovery has improved slightly from less than 15% one year ago to 20% currently.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Directors approved Item 4 of the Consent Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA:

9. Approve Public Transit Modernization Improvements and Service Enhancement Account Project List for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 – LiOwen

Ms. LiOwen reviewed the list of eligible projects that were compiled by staff. At the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting January 27, 2012, two projects were upgraded to a priority project.

There was discussion about unnecessary spending of state funds. Board members commented on how local streets and roads are in need of major repair, yet the state provides funding for items which seem unnecessary.

Director Gomez inquired about how many of the items listed would be purchased locally.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the Board had valid questions and concerns and noted that staff would be able to report back to the Board noting which items will be locally sourced projects.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Chair Emerson, the Directors approved Item 9, with Director Gomez voting no. Motion Passes 4/1.

Upon a motion made by Director Gomez, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Directors unanimously voted to adjourn the LTA meeting.

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING MARCH 15, 2012.