

Employee of the Quarter Q3 2023 – Tina B.



Consent Agenda

- A-1 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023 (Information)
- A-2 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023 (Approve)
- A-3 Employee Pooling Agreement between SLOCOG and the RTA for Life, Disability and Paid Family Leave Insurance (Approve)
- A-4 FY22-23 Strategic Business Plan Results (Receive)
- A-5 FTA Transit Asset Management Plan Update (Receive)
- A-6 Annual Fiscal & Compliance Audit and Annual Single Audit (Accept)
- A-7 Fueling Services Request for Proposals (Approve)
- A-8 Bus Stop Improvements Request for Proposals (Approve)



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 1 , 2023**

AGENDA ITEM: B-1

TOPIC: Executive Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File

PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw



Update on Joint Short-Range Transit Plan

- Agreement executed with LSC Transportation Consultants
- Conducted on-vehicle passenger surveys week of October 23-27
- Schedule included at end of Staff Report
 - Note the joint meeting in January 2024 of RTAC and SLO Transit MTC



Employee Recruitment Update

- Five new Bus Operators in service since September meeting, and two more in training
 - Still four open positions
- Welcome Stephanie to the Facilities Assistant Manager role
- Welcome Brian to the Operations Supervisor role
- Recruiting to fill vacated Administrative Assistant



Annual Bus Rodeo



Marketing & Communications

- Cuesta College: implemented new 'conciierge' transit plans for students
- Holiday Schedules: We will operate a Saturday schedule during the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Update on Rt 27/ 28 Realignment Planning
- Annual Bus Ad Sales – new record!



Finance and Administration

- 30% price increase for battery-electric buses – see Agenda Item C-2
- Received reimbursement for all necessary repairs caused by President-declared flood disaster

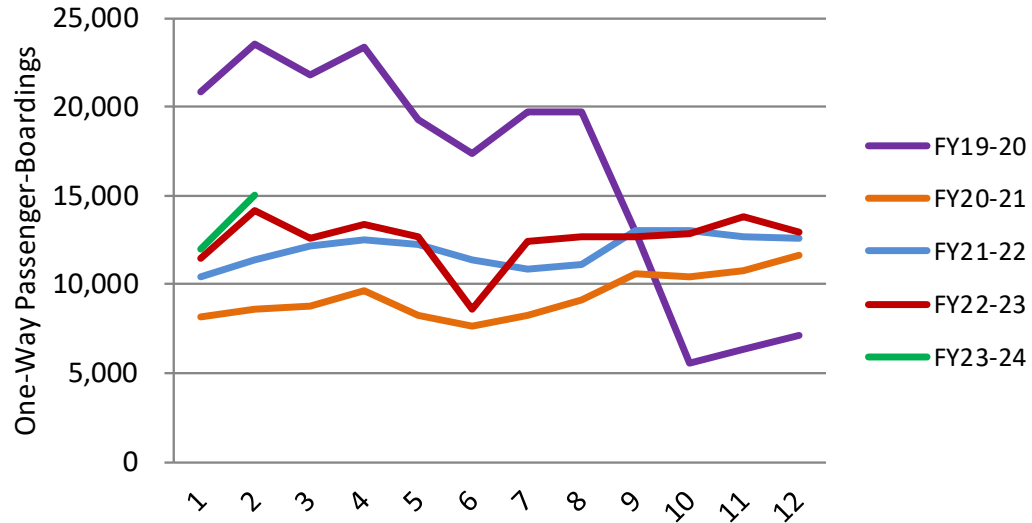


Ridership Results

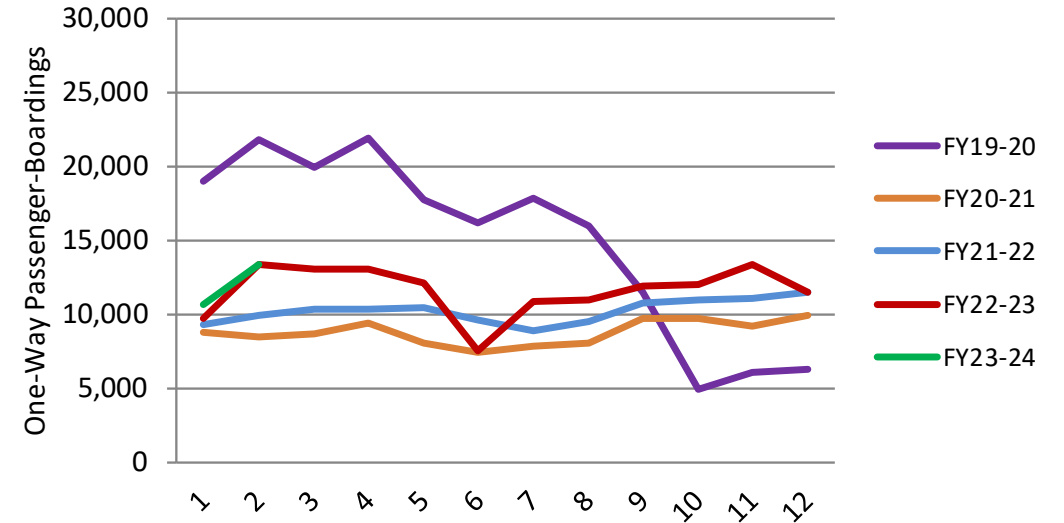
- RTA fixed-route ridership increased 5.3 % over last year
 - Still 40.2% less than pre-pandemic totals
- Runabout ridership increased 28.0% over last year
- Past five years of ridership and productivity trends are on graphs B-1-9



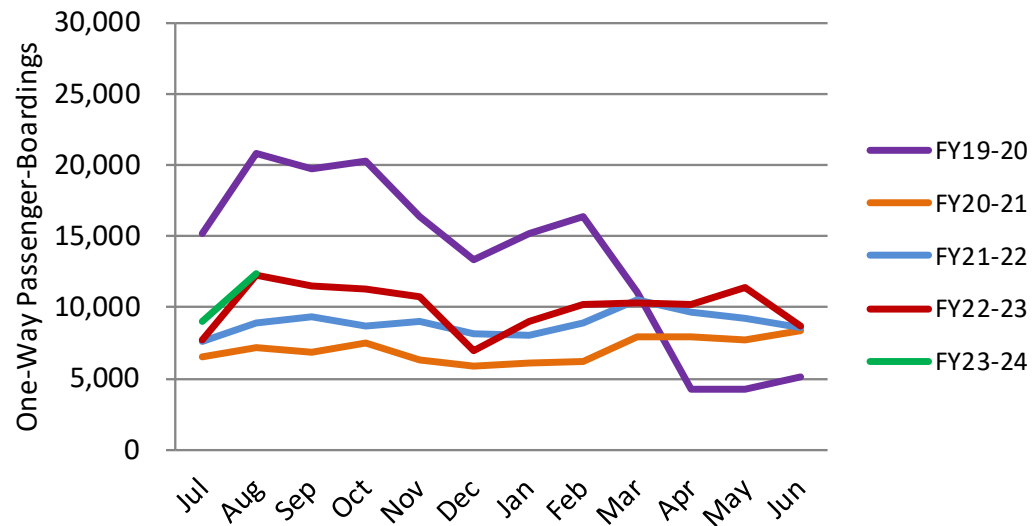
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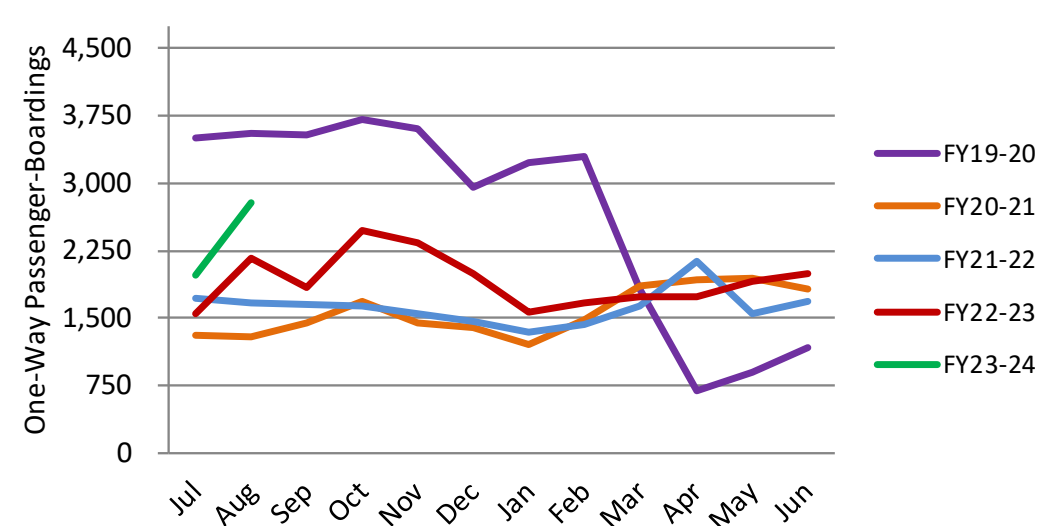
RTA Route 10 Ridership By Month



RTA Rtes. 12, 14 & 15 Pass./Mo.



RTA Runabout Ridership by Mo.



Financial Results

- Year-to-date operating costs for FY23-24 slightly below budget (15.6% through 16.7% of budget year)
- Farebox Recovery Ratios:
 - Fixed-Route 8.5%
 - Runabout 2.8%
- Subsidy per passenger-trip:
 - Fixed-Route \$16.26
 - Runabout \$126.91



Staff Recommendation

Accept the Executive Director's Report
as an Information Item



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
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NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM: C-1

**TOPIC: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating
and Capital Budget Amendment
#1**

PRESENTED BY: Tania Arnold

**RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Budget Amendment #1
as Presented**



Background/Discussion

- Capital items that are carried forward
- One adjustment to operating expenditures
- *None of these adjustments require additional/new funds*
- STA adjustment not included
- Note impact of GASB 68
 - This was pulled out of the farebox ratio calculation in the audit



Changes Overview

- GASB 68 adjustment increase to beginning balances
- Carryover 5307 and 5339 funds
- Increase in professional technical services
- Carryover large number of vehicle projects and Short Range Transit Plan



Executive Committee Recommendation

Recommend staff provide Budget Amendment #1 to the Board for approval at the November 1, 2023 Board meeting.

RTAC Recommendation

Recommend staff provide Budget Amendment #1 to the Board for approval at the November 1, 2023 Board meeting.



Staff Recommendation

Adopt Budget Amendment #1 as presented.



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM:

C-2

TOPIC:

**Price Escalation for Battery-Electric
Buses**

PRESENTED BY:

Geoff Straw

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize Executive Director to Seek
Additional and New Funding to Close the
Funding Gap of \$2,238,055 for the
Purchase of Five Battery-Electric Buses**



Background/Discussion

- Original Board authorization was \$5,215,200 at November 2022 meeting
 - May 2022 price was \$1,052,694.84 per bus
 - October 2023 quote is \$1,370,651 per bus
- Spare parts/training still needs to be negotiated
- Phase 1b of recharging system still needed

Funding shortfall of \$2,178,055



Background/Discussion

Continue to seek alternative funding

- TIRCP
- HVIP
- APCD funding
- LCTOP
- VEMT



Note: new formula TIRCP & ZETCP funding

Once sufficient funding secured, seek Board approval at future meeting to issue PO

Staff Recommendation

Authorize Executive Director to seek additional funding to close the funding gap of \$2,178,055 to fund the purchase of five battery-electric buses

