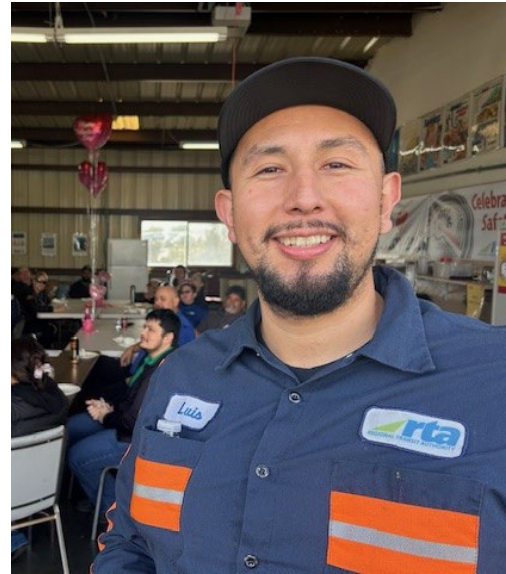


# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- Employee of the Quarter: Madison
- Outstanding Achievement: Luis and Stephanie



# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Years of Service: Sylvia – 20 years!, Carol – 10 years!





# Consent Agenda

- A-1 RTA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 11, 2024 (Information)
- A-2 Joint SLOCOG/RTA Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025 (Approve)
- A-3 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025 (Approve)
- A-4 2025 Summer Youth Ride Free Program (Approve)
- A-5 Employment Agreement with Executive Director (Approve)
- A-6 Authorize Rev. SB125 Coop. Agreement & Contactless Fare Program (Approve)
- A-7 Authorize Agreement for Bus Engine Replacements (Approve)
- A-8 Authorize Agreement for Bus Charging & Electrification Study Services (Approve)
- A-9 Mid-Year FY24-25 Strategic Business Plan Results (Receive)
- A-10 Authorize Procurement CAD/AVL System for Demand Response Svcs (Approve)



**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
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**AGENDA ITEM: B-1**

**TOPIC: Executive Director's Report**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File**





# Morro Bay Transit & Atascadero DAR Consolidation into the RTA

- Morro Bay Transit agreement fully executed
  - Transition by June 1
- Atascadero City Council executed agreement on February 25; SLOCOG on April 2nd
  - Transition by June 22



# Bus Operator Recruitment

- Bus Operator Erin in training
- Six candidates in background checks
- Three open Bus Operator bids





# Maintenance & Facilities

- Bus Maintenance Facility improvement projects:
  - Phase 2 Electric Vehicle Servicing Equipment (\$960k)
  - Photovoltaic Panels & Energy Storage System (1.36M)
    - Interviews on Friday
    - Will bring price proposals to May 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- Working with CEC staff to secure \$1.7M grant for five in-ground contactless inductive chargers:
  - Funding matched with SB125 funding
  - Fully funds opportunity charging at four layover sites



# Marketing & Communications

- Developing all new Morro Bay Transit rider communications materials
- Working on designs for new BEB decals package
- Info booths at Cuesta and Allan Hancock College campuses
- Company newsletter
- Cal-ITP Contactless Fare-Capping System update



# Finance & Administration

- Submitted grant applications for the four BEBs authorized at the January 2025 Board meeting
- The FTA has awarded Section 5307 grant, but still awaiting discretionary Section 5339 determination



# FY24-25 Performance Results

- RTA Intercity fixed-route up 6.7% over last year
- Paso Robles fixed-routes up 25.2%
- South County fixed-routes down 5.5%
- Runabout up 7.0%

# FY24-25 Financial Results

- Farebox Recovery Ratio results:
  - RTA Intercity Fixed-Route 8.7%
  - Paso Robles 16.7%
  - South County 5.2%
  - Runabout 3.1%
- Subsidy per passenger results:
  - RTA Intercity Fixed-Route \$14.61
  - Paso Robles \$4.77
  - South County \$11.63
  - Runabout \$135.30
    - *After factoring in nearly 8,000 fixed-route trips - \$92.39*



# Staff Recommendation

Accept the Executive Director's Report as an information item





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**AGENDA ITEM: B-2**

**TOPIC: Battery-Electric Bus (BEB)  
Operational Results**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Review and Comment**



# BEB Background

- Began planning for zero-emission buses in 2017
- Ordered first two BEBs from GILLIG in May 2022
  - \$1,040,660/each
  - Largest battery capacity available(686kWh)
- Delivered March 2024
- Placed into revenue service in July 2024



# BEB Performance Results

<b>Fleet Type</b>	<b># in Subfleet</b>	<b>Fuel Cost/ Mile</b>	<b>Miles/ Fuel Unit</b> (gallons or kWh)	<b>Total Cost/Mile</b> (no tires)	<b>Annual Per Bus Maint. Cost</b> (assume 50k miles, including tires)	<b>Annualized Miles per Bus</b>
2013 Diesels	10	\$0.80	4.95	\$1.30	\$68,196.12	31,612
2015 Diesels	9	\$0.76	5.19	\$1.29	\$67,426.83	35,949
2018 Diesels	3	\$0.73	5.46	\$1.36	\$71,170.24	40,610
2019 Diesels	3	\$0.71	5.56	\$1.23	\$64,815.80	33,001
2021 Diesels	2	\$0.68	5.83	\$0.92	\$49,246.95	51,928
2024 Diesel	1	\$0.70	5.66	\$0.93	\$49,874.72	54,230
<b>Diesel Subtotals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$0.75</b>	<b>5.26</b>	<b>\$1.24</b>	<b>\$370,730.65</b>	<b>36,378</b>
2023 BEBs	2	\$0.93	0.51	\$1.14	\$66,363.22	43,451
<b>Overall Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$1.69</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1.23</b>	<b>\$437,093.87</b>	

# Staff Recommendation

Receive and file battery-electric bus operational results.





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**AGENDA ITEM: B-3**

**TOPIC: Presentation of Draft Short-Range Transit Plan**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Review and Comment**



# SRTP Process

- Updates the prior SRTP, which was adopted in July 2016
- Genevieve Evans, a Principal at LSC Transportation Consultants, will present the findings and draft recommendations
- Agenda Item C-4 authorizes public participation process
  - *Will seek formal adoption after Public Hearing at May 7th Board meeting*



# RTA Short Range Transit Plan Update

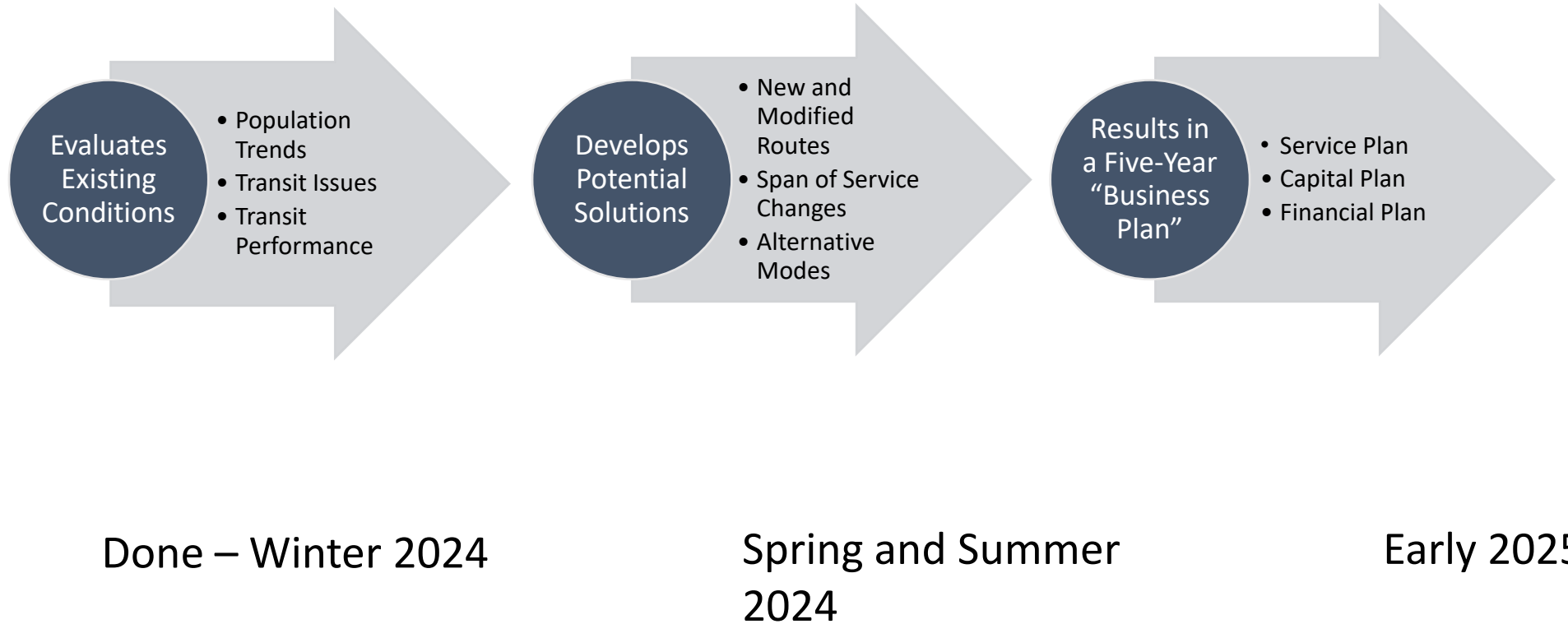
2024 - 2031

*RTA Board Meeting*

*March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



# What is a Short Range Transit Plan?



# Community and Stakeholder Input

- On-board passenger surveys – October 2023
- On-line community survey – November – December 2023
- Stakeholder Workshops – November 2023 and January 2024
- Bus operator interviews – November 2023
- Joint RTAC/MTC Meetings (3) – Throughout study process
- Public Workshops – June 5th





# Plan Overview

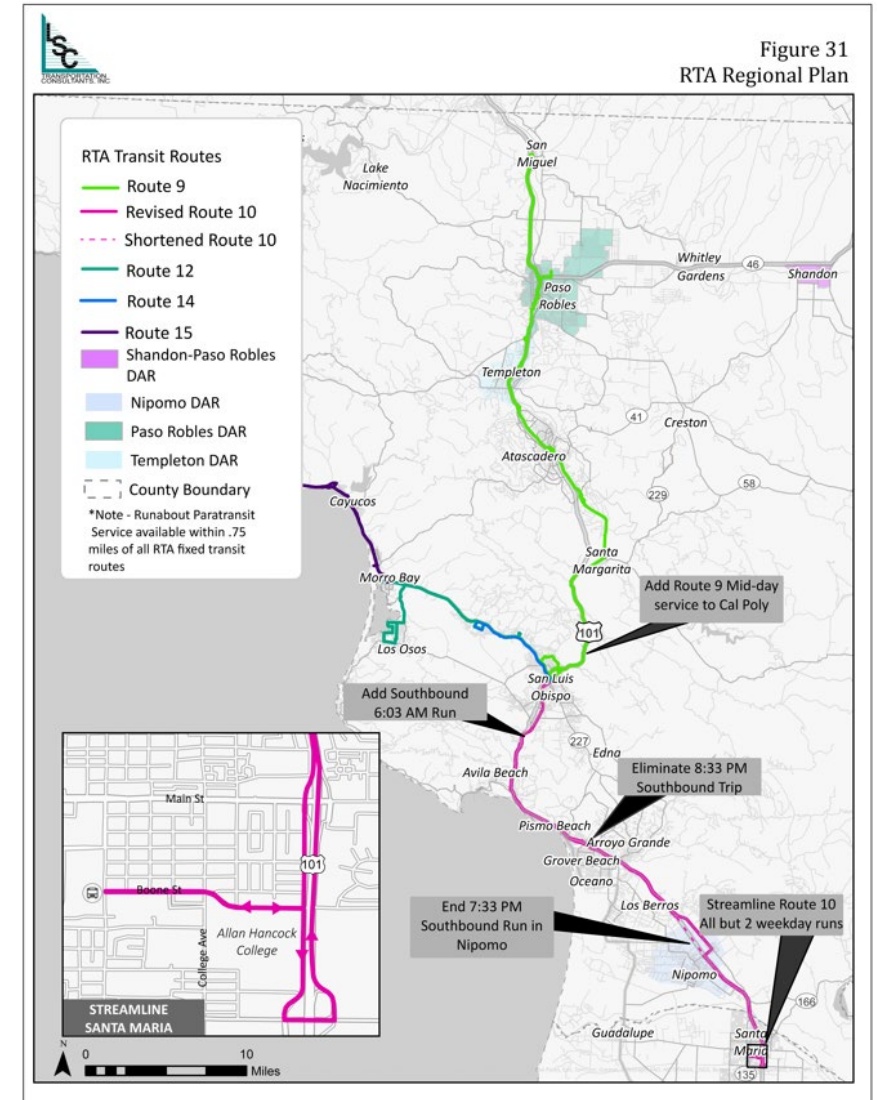
- An increasing amount of LTF will be required, even for base case
- Both financially constrained and financially unconstrained plan elements identified.
- Operating costs will increase by \$106,000 in FY 25-26, then \$50,000 annually thereafter.
- Ridership will increase by 1 percent over status quo
- Maintains a safe and operable fleet which address ZEV requirements
- Identifies need for new/improved transfer points
- Implements new fare technologies and simplifies fare structure





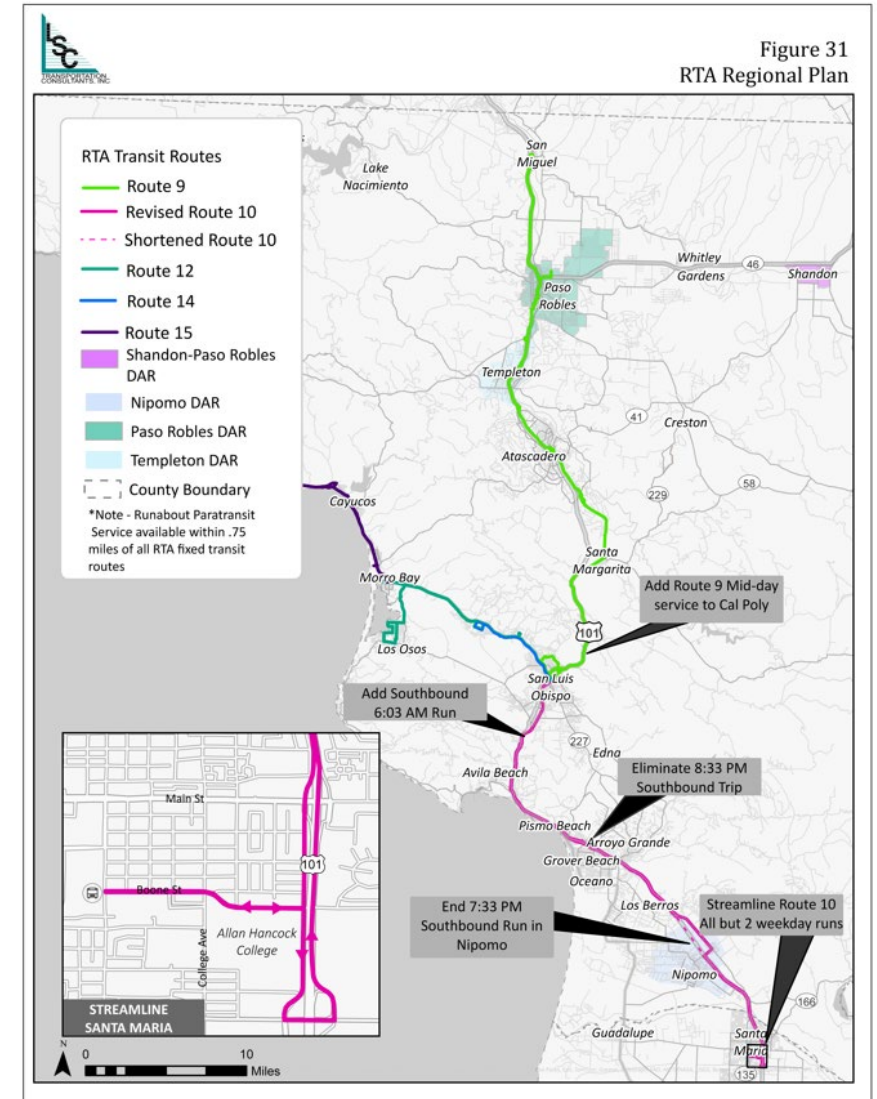
# RTA Regional Route Service Plan Elements

- ❑ Streamline Route 10 in Santa Maria – All but 2 weekday runs
  - Addresses termination of pass-through FTA funding from SMRT
  - Ridership loss of 1,700 one-way passenger-trips annually
  - Reduces annual operating costs by \$27,000
  
- ❑ End 7:33 PM Run at Nipomo and Eliminate Route 10 8:33 PM Southbound Trip
  - Addresses termination of pass-through FTA funding from SMRT
  - Eliminates low ridership Route 10 run
  - Ridership loss of 5,100 trips annually
  - Reduces annual operating costs by \$84,000



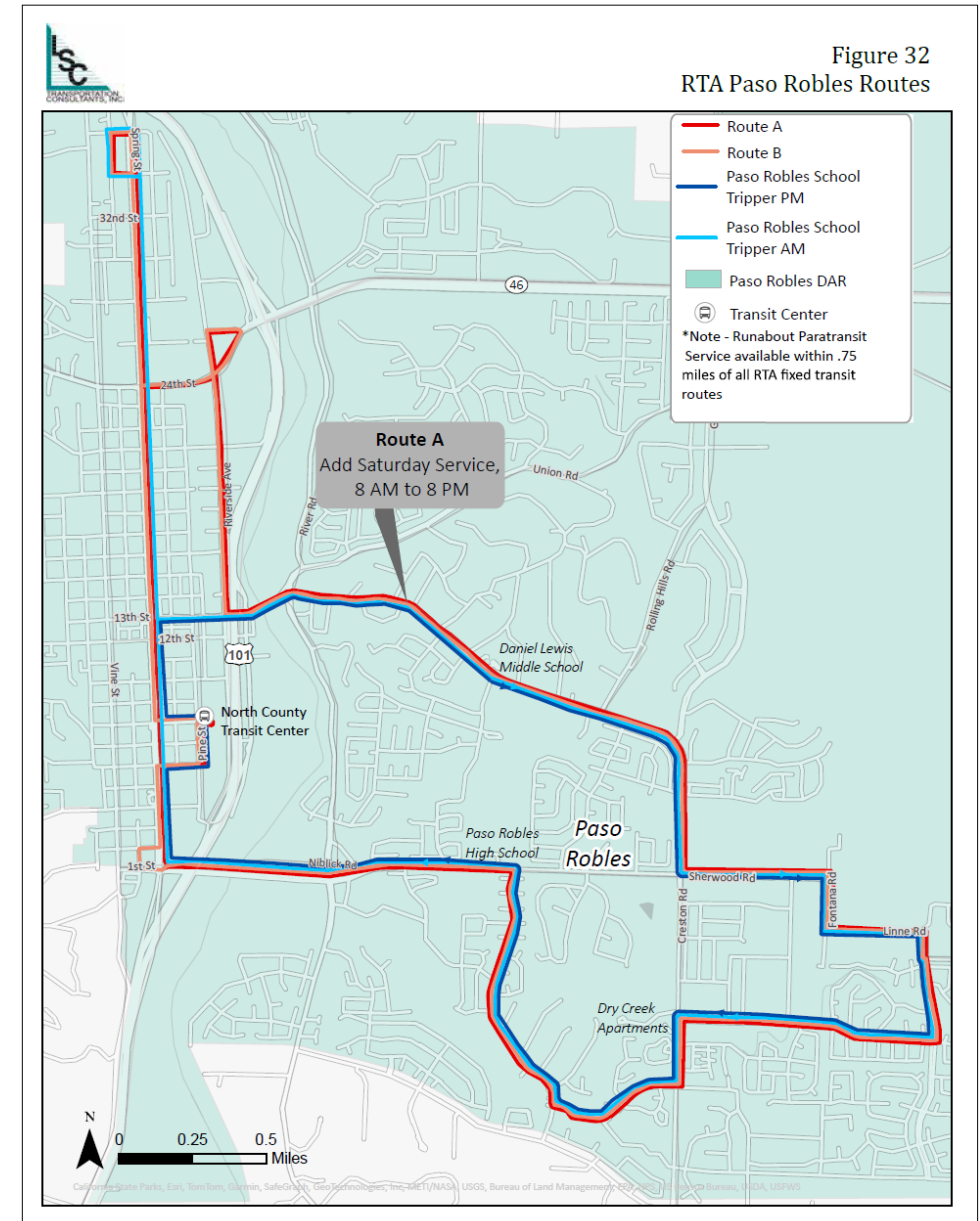
# RTA Regional Route Service Plan Elements

- ❑ Provide Route 10 Southbound 6:03 AM Run
  - Provides more options for SLO commuters to Santa Maria
  - Increases ridership by 3,600 trips annually
  - Increases operating costs by \$19,700
  
- ❑ Add Route 9 Mid-Day Service to Cal Poly
  - Increases direct service to Cal Poly from North County
  - Increases ridership by 400 trips annually
  - Increases annual operating costs by \$1,700



# RTA North County Service Plan Elements

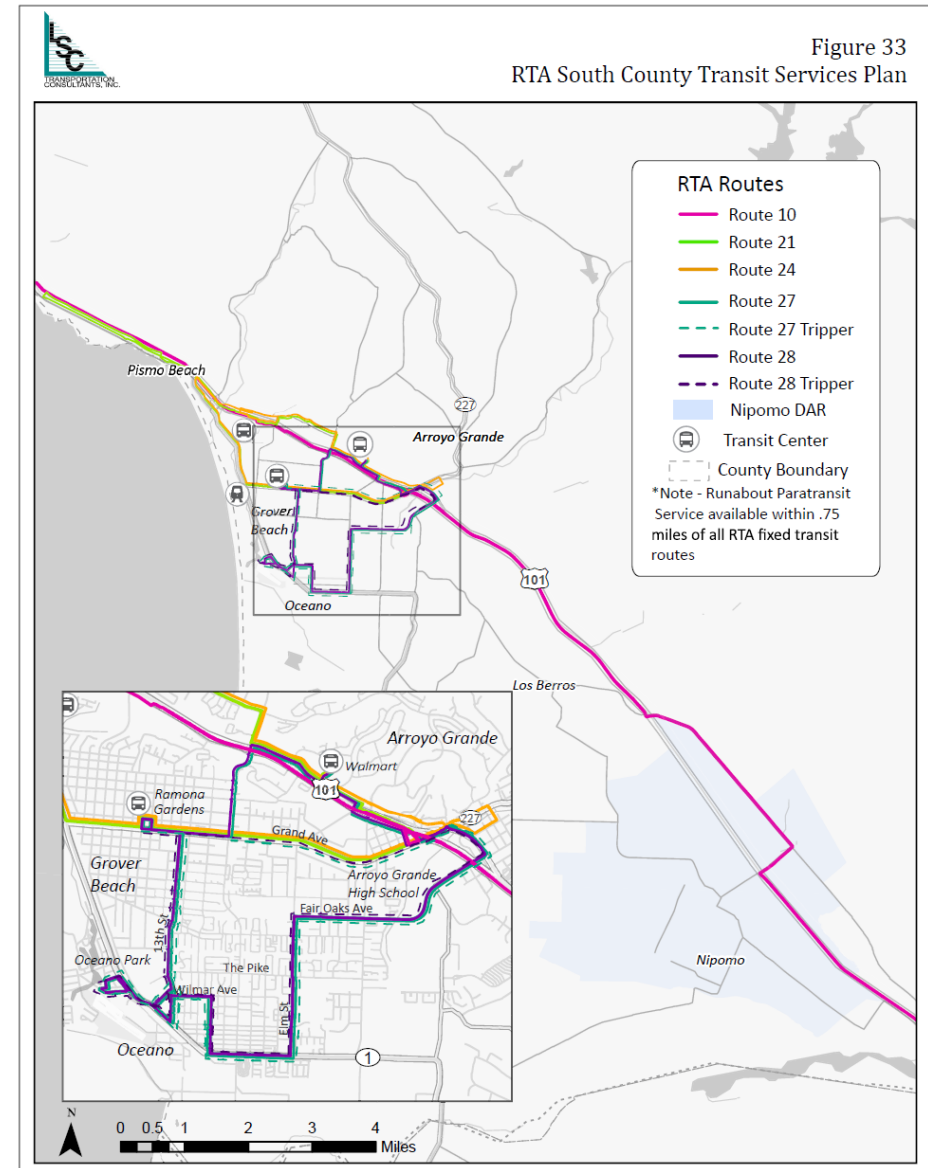
- ❑ Add Paso Robles High School and Daniel Lewis Middle School Tripper
  - Addresses increase in student ridership and suspension of yellow bus service
  - Increases ridership by 1,100 trips annually
  - Increases annual operating costs by \$19,700
  
- ❑ Add Saturday Route A Service, 7:45 AM to 6 PM
  - Ridership has been growing in Paso Robles
  - Only Route B operates on Saturdays currently
  - Increases ridership by 4,400 trips
  - Increases annual operating costs by \$39,700



# RTA South County Service Plan Elements

## ❑ Reinstate Arroyo Grande High School Tripper

- Addresses student ridership growth trends
- Increases ridership by 1,100 trips annually
- Increases annual operating costs by \$26,100



# RTA Financially Unconstrained Elements

- Add Paso Robles Route B Sunday Service, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM
- Add 1 RT on Routes 9 and 10 on Saturdays
- Add Saturday Service on Route 27, 7:30 AM to 8:15 PM



# RTA Fare Structure Recommendations

- ❑ Implement Cal-ITP Open-Loop Contactless Payment/Fare-Capping System
- ❑ \$2 for 1 Hour fare structure to replace current zone fares on Regional Routes
  - Makes fare payment easier and convenient for passengers, therefore encourages ridership
  - Promotes “fare fairness”
  - Potential to phase out GenFare fareboxes
- ❑ Discount Fare Verification Process
  - Staff costs of \$50 – 100K
  - Cal-ITP benefits





# RTA Capital Plan

- On-going fleet replacement include ZEB purchases
- Expansion of the current fleet not required as part of the service plan
- ZEB charging infrastructure
- Bus stop improvements
- Future South County Transfer Point
- Relocate Government Center Transfer Point



# Questions?

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530-583-4053

# Staff Recommendation

Review and comment on draft SRTP findings/recommendations.



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**AGENDA ITEM:** C-1

**TOPIC:** Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Assumptions

**ACTION:** Approve FY25-26 Budget Assumptions

**PRESENTED BY:** Tania Arnold



# Key Issues

1. Address the uncertainties the agency currently faces:
  - a. State and Federal Funding
  - b. Pending construction US-101 in Pismo Beach
  - c. Liability costs
  - d. Continued focus on containment of Runabout costs
  - e. Address staffing and retention
  
2. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 986



# Key Issues

3. Continue efforts to implement Zero Emission Bus technologies
4. State Transit Assistance (STA) funds
5. Local Transportation Funds (LTF)
6. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds



# Key Issues

7. Implementation of the RTA's Joint Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) constrained recommendations
  - Fare structure adjustments
  - Enforcement of discounted fare policy
  - Service level adjustments
8. Assist SLOCOG officials in addressing Senior-WAV service levels
9. Fully incorporate Morro Bay Transit and Atascadero Dial-A-Ride services



# Budget Calendar

- February 12 Detailed budget assumptions and revenue forecast to Executive Committee.
- March 5 Obtain Board concurrence on proposed draft budget assumptions.
- March 31 Based on feedback from Executive Committee draft FY26 Budget Draft complete.
- April 2 Draft FY26 Budget presentation to Executive Committee
- April 10 Formal FY26 Budget presentation to RTAC
- May 7 Final Board Budget presentation; Board adoption of FY26 Budget

# Staff Recommendation

Approve the budget assumptions and budget calendar so that a detailed work plan and budget may be developed





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**AGENDA ITEM: C-2**

**TOPIC: Agreement to Operate Atascadero Dial-A-Ride Services**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the RTA Executive Director and/or Board President to execute the Agreement to Operate and Administer Atascadero Dial-A-Ride Services**

# Background/Discussion

Atascadero DAR currently operates one van in peak service within the City and to/from the Twin Cities Regional Hospital in Templeton



# Background/Discussion

- The Atascadero City Council authorized consolidation on February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Would take effect on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Begin interviewing MV's Bus Operators later this month, and train in April



# Staff Recommendation

Authorize the RTA Executive Director and/or Board President to execute the Agreement to operate and administer Atascadero Dial-A-Ride services.





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**AGENDA ITEM: C-3**

**TOPIC: Environmental Documentation for  
Inductive Charging Stations**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Accept the Notice of Exemption for the  
Inductive Charging Stations Project;  
Direct the Executive Director to File the  
Notice; and Proceed with Project  
Development**

# Background/Discussion

- Seeking \$1.7M CEC grant previously awarded to SolTrans
- On-Route Opportunity Charging identified in *ICT ZEB Rollout Plan*
- Combined with SB125 grants, CEC grant will fully fund near- and medium-term charging infrastructure



# Background/Discussion

- Five locations identified for these contactless inductive chargers:
  - Paso Robles Transit Center,
  - SLO GC (two charging pads),
  - Morro Bay Transit Center,
  - Santa Maria Transit Center, and
  - SLO BMF
- Projects qualify for Class 1 – Existing Facility Modification exemption under CEQA



# Staff Recommendation

1. Accept the Notice of Exemption for the Inductive Charging Stations Project,
2. Direct the Executive Director to file the Notice of Exemption with the San Luis Obispo Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, and
3. Direct to Executive Director to proceed with project development.



**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
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**AGENDA ITEM: C-4**

**TOPIC: Proposed Fare and Service Changes**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve Public Participation Process for  
SRTP Recommended Fare and Service  
Changes**

# Background/Discussion

- To meet FTA requirements, the Board adopted its *RTA Policy and Procedures for Public Comment Regarding Fare or Service Changes* in March 2018
  - Prior fare change adopted in November 2017
  - Prior service change adopted in January 2018
- Multi-pronged engagement process:
  - Public workshops in SLO, Paso & Grover Beach
  - Pop-up meeting at transit centers in Paso, SLO, Pismo & Santa Maria
  - Social media
  - LCD screens on buses & notices at top30 bus stops



# Background/Discussion

- All comments will be summarized and presented at May 7<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing
- Seeking Board's direction on areas of emphasis





# Staff Recommendation

Approve public participation process for SRTP recommended fare and service changes.

