

Employee of the Quarter – Sergio Flores



Consent Agenda

- A-1 Joint SLOCOG/RTA Board Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2026 (Approve)
- A-2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026 (Approve)
- A-3 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2026 (Approve)
- A-4 2026 Summer Youth Ride Free Program (Approve)
- A-5 Procurement of Runabout Vehicles and Declare Vehicle Surplus (Authorize)
- A-6 Mid-Year FY25-26 Strategic Business Plan Results (Receive)
- A-7 AHSC Partnership Letter for Atascadero Paseo Paloma Project (Authorize)
- A-8 Identify RTA Counsel as an RTA Labor Negotiator (Authorize)

**SAN LUIS OBISPO
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MARCH 4, 2026**

AGENDA ITEM: B-1

TOPIC: Executive Director's Report

PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw, Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File



Operations

- Bus Operator Recruitment
 - Four new Bus Operators in service; two completing training
 - Four applicants in background/permitting
 - Five open bids



Operations

Deana Wilkinson promoted to Operations Supervisor



Bus Charging & Electrification Study Update

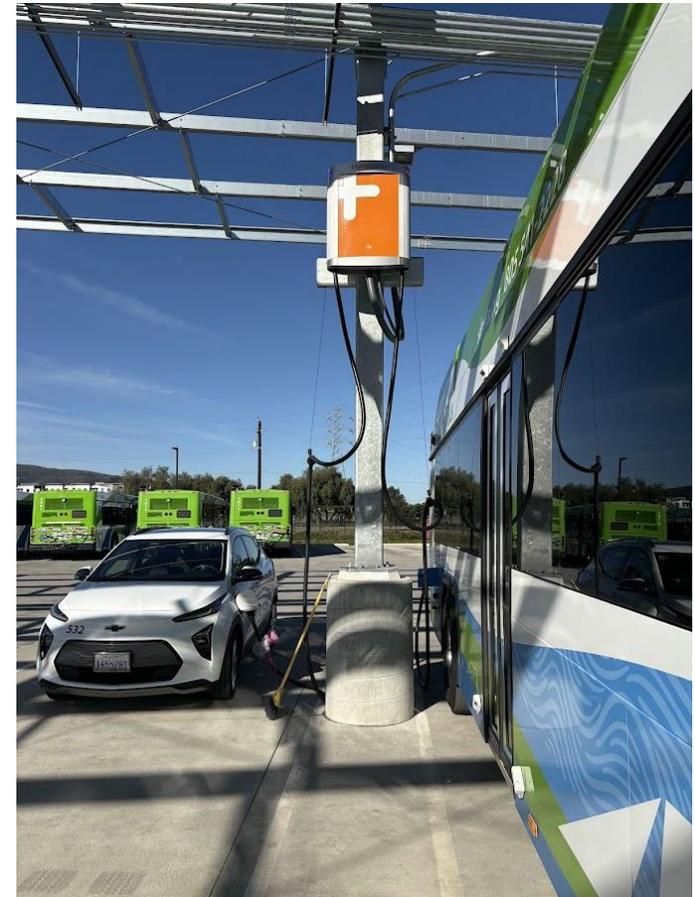
- Define our electric bus charging needs at
 - Three overnight park-out yards
 - Four bus layover locations
- Power Demand Analysis draft report at May 2026 Board meeting

Marketing & Communications

- Planning for new simpler cash fare and launch of *Tap2Ride* is primary focus
 - *See Agenda Item B-3*
- Preparing new driver recruitment campaign

Maintenance & Facilities

- Substantially completed the *Phase 2 Electric Vehicle Servicing Equipment* design/build project
- Next up: Photovoltaic design-build project



Maintenance & Facilities

February 9th - jointly funded new bus stop at Cuesta College



Finance and Administration



- CBA with Teamsters Local 986 fully executed
- YTD Ridership Results:
 - RTA intercity fixed-route ridership down about 3.9%
 - Paso Robles local fixed-routes up 9.7%
 - South County local fixed-routes down 4.3%
 - Runabout down 13.7%
- Total non-capital expenditures 43.8% through 50% of the year

Finance and Administration

- Farebox Recovery Ratio:
 - Intercity Fixed-Routes 8.1%
 - Runabout 3.0%
- Subsidy per Passenger-Trip
 - Intercity Fixed-Routes \$14.64
 - Runabout \$148.33



Staff Recommendation

Accept the Executive Director's Report
as an information item

**SAN LUIS OBISPO
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AGENDA ITEM: B-2

**TOPIC: Update on Electric Bus
Operating Results**

PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File



BEB Background

- First two BEBs placed into revenue service July 2024
- Five new BEBs accepted in November 2025
- Four scheduled to be delivered in late 2026
 - = Nearly one-third of heavy-duty fixed-route buses



BEB Performance Results

Description	Diesel Bus by Year						BEB by Year	
	2013	2015	2018	2019	2021	2024	2023	2025
MPG or kW/Mile	5.20	5.49	5.63	5.79	6.22	6.28	1.99	1.93
Average Annual Miles per Bus	27,734	39,775	39,222	38,996	46,601	59,294	39,790	7,618
Fuel Cost/Mile	\$0.72	\$0.67	\$0.66	\$0.64	\$0.60	\$0.59	\$1.18	\$0.91
Fuel Cost/Gallon or kilowatt	\$3.73	\$3.71	\$3.70	\$3.69	\$3.72	\$3.73	\$0.59	\$0.47
Repair Cost/Mile	\$0.66	\$0.59	\$0.57	\$0.74	\$0.54	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.42
<i>Tire Cost/1000 miles (embedded in repair costs above)</i>	\$51.46	\$57.44	\$36.89	\$61.59	\$55.37	\$52.48	\$91.46	N/A
Overall Cost (Repair + Fuel)/Mile	\$1.39	\$1.29	\$1.25	\$1.40	\$1.16	\$0.90	\$1.54	\$1.43
<i>Number of buses in model year fleet</i>	10	9	3	3	2	1	2	5

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file electric bus operating results.

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AGENDA ITEM:

B-3

TOPIC:

**Update on Fare Change
Implementation & Contactless
Fare System**

PRESENTED BY:

Geoff Straw

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File



Actions Completed to Date

- RTA Board authorized flat fare for each boarding (\$2.00 / \$1.00)
- Executed contracts for four critical items:
 - On-Bus Payment Acceptance Device (Kuba)
 - Transit Processor Services (Littlepay)
 - Payment Acceptance Services (Elavon)
 - Mobile Ticketing (Token Transit)



Current Actions

- Launch additional fare payment system at the same time of launch of *Tap2Ride*
- Technical setbacks & delays
- Targeting April 6, 2026 launch - *tentative*



Current Actions

- Discount fare verification program
- Scheduling outreach opportunities throughout the county
- Also registering those eligible for the discounted fare in the Cal-ITP benefits portal
 - Allow rider to get contactless discount



Staff Recommendation

Receive and file update on fare change implementation and contactless fare system.



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
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MARCH 4, 2026**

AGENDA ITEM: C-1

TOPIC: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Assumptions

ACTION: Approve FY26-27 Budget Assumptions

PRESENTED BY: Tania Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO

Key Issues

1. Address the uncertainties the agency currently faces:
 - a. Pending construction US-101 in Pismo Beach
 - b. Liability costs
 - c. Continued focus on containment of Runabout costs
 - d. Address staffing and retention

2. Continue efforts to implement Zero Emission Bus technologies



Key Issues

3. State Transit Assistance (STA) funds
4. Local Transportation Funds (LTF)
5. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds
6. Implementation of the RTA's Joint Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) constrained recommendations
7. Assist SLOCOG officials in addressing Senior-WAV service levels

Budget Calendar

- February 11 Detailed budget assumptions and revenue forecast to Executive Committee.
- March 4 Obtain Board concurrence on proposed draft budget assumptions.
- March 31 Based on feedback from Executive Committee draft FY27 Budget Draft complete.
- April 8 Draft FY27 Budget presentation to Executive Committee
- April 9 Formal FY27 Budget presentation to RTAC
- May 6 Final Board Budget presentation; Board adoption of FY27 Budget

Staff Recommendation

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



Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

Agency designated representative: Geoff Straw, Executive Director

Employee organization: Non-represented employees