

# Employee of the Quarter & Outstanding Achievement Awards



**Hubert (EOQ)**



**Jared (OA)**



**Sean (OA)**

# Recognition: Patricia Grimes



- RTA Safety & Training Manager since 2009
- Retirement: last day is September 30, 2025

# Consent Agenda

- A-1 Draft RTA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes August 13, 2025 (Information)
- A-2 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025 and June 4, 2025 (Approve)
- A-3 Draft RTAC Minutes of July 17, 2025 (Information)
- A-4 Procurement of Runabout Vehicles and Declare Vehicle Surplus (Approve)
- A-5 Authorize New SLOCPT Rate for July 2026 Implementation (Approve)
- A-6 FTA Transit Asset Management Plan Update (Receive)
- A-7 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update (Approve)
- A-8 Strategic Business Plan Update (Approve)
- A-9 Purchase of Maintenance Equipment (Approve)
- A-10 PRISM Vision Program Memorandum of Understanding (Approve)
- A-11 Stormwater Conveyance System Agreement (Approve)

**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
September 3, 2025**

**AGENDA ITEM: B-1**

**TOPIC: Executive Director's Report**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Receive**





# Morro Bay Transit & Atascadero DAR Consolidation into the RTA

- Both agencies are successfully consolidated into the RTA
- We continue working with staff from both cities
- Passengers are happy with transition and quality of services



# Operations & Maintenance

- Eight open bids: Five full-time, three part-time
  - Covered by Extra Board and Casual drivers or Supervisors
- Also recruiting for one Mechanic and three Operations Supervisors

# Marketing & Communications

- Development and distribution of communications materials for the August 10<sup>th</sup> service changes
- Recruitment ads for Bus Operators running on social media and radio stations
- Created ~40 custom trip plans to help people learn how to ride the bus, one person at a time



# Maintenance & Facilities

- Design/build projects update: Phase 2 of EVSE & the Photovoltaic System
  - Both projects awarded to Electricraft, Inc.
  - Expect to begin construction late October
  - With equipment in the yard, we are cancelling annual Bus Rodeo





# Finance and Administration

- In negotiations with Teamsters Local 986
- Current agreement expires Dec 31, 2025
- This CBA covers Bus Operators, the Parts Clerk, Mechanics and Utility workers



# Finance & Administration

- Submitted grant applications for four BEBs in January 2025
  - Still waiting for approval from the FTA
- Five BEBs scheduled for deliver within 30 days
  - Price increase due to tariffs of \$65K/bus



# Finance & Administration

- Installed two new passenger shelters at Cuesta College main campus, including new LED next-bus sign
- Cuesta paid the 20% local share of FTA funded capital equipment, and 100% of installation costs
- Hope to begin use of shelter mid-October



# FY24-25 Operating Results

- RTA intercity fixed-route ridership increased 3.3% over last year
  - Still 34% below pre-pandemic totals
- Runabout up 1.9%
- Paso Robles local fixed-routes up 8.0% (up 25.2% since pandemic)
- South County fixed-routes: down 2.7%

# FY24-25 Financial Results

- Year-end non-capital expenses:
  - 96.5% (*corrected*) of the annual Administrative budget
  - 89.1% of the of the annual Operations budget
- Subsidy per one-way passenger-trip:
  - Intercity fixed-route – \$15.02
  - Runabout – \$140.90 (*\$93.11 factoring in FR rides*)
  - Paso Robles local FR – \$5.87
  - South County FR – \$11.75



# Staff Recommendation

Accept the Executive Director's Report as an Information Item





# **SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

## **September 3, 2025**

**AGENDA ITEM: B-2**

**TOPIC: Update on August 8<sup>th</sup> Service  
Changes**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Receive**



# Service Changes

- Reduced RTA Route 10 due to Santa Maria cessation of funding
  - Streamline & reduction at Marian Medical Center
  - Reduce late evening service into Santa Maria
- Open-door RTA Route 10 southbound at 6:03AM
- Additional RTA Route 10 Express roundtrip



# Service Changes

- Add Direct RTA Route 9 mid-day service to Cal Poly campus
- Add School Trippers in Paso & AG
- Restore Paso Robles Route A Service on Saturdays
- Revise South County Routes 27/28 in Grover Beach



# Planned Fare Changes

- Change from Intercity Zone-Based Cash Fare to Flat Cash Fare
- Implement a Discount Fare Verification Process
- Both will be implemented in conjunction with the rollout of the ***Cal-ITP Open-Loop Contactless Fare-Capping System***



# Staff Recommendation

Accept the August 8 Service Changes Update Report as an information item

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**AGENDA ITEM: B-3**

**TOPIC: Update on SB125 Funded  
Capital Projects**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Receive**





# Background on SB125 Program

- \$4B distributed statewide through TIRCP and ZETCP to fund zero-emission transit & rail projects
- RTA submitted 13 projects to SLOCOG in November 2023
- RTA Board authorized cooperative agreement for 12 projects at its November 2024 meeting.



# Update on In-Process Projects

- RTA-1 – Partial funding for 5 BEBs
  - Vehicles will be delivered in September
- RTA-2 – Phase 2 EVSE
  - Design/Build (D/B) contract awarded to Electricraft, Inc.
  - Mobilize in October
- RTA-3 – Master planning and D/B charging projects
  - Study contracted to Stantec Engineering
  - First working paper due mid-September



# Priorities

1. RTA-7 – DC Fast-Chargers in Paso & AG Yards
2. RTA-9 – Phase 3 in Bus Maintenance Facility
3. Bus Replacements (RTA-4, RTA-6 & RTA-8)
4. Opportunity Charging Sites
  - a. Paso Robles (RTA-13)
  - b. SLO (RTA-12)
  - c. Morro Bay (RTA-10)
  - d. Santa Maria (RTA-11)



# Staff Recommendation

Accept as information, and direct staff to continue discussions with local officials to reprogram SB125 according to RTA staff's priorities identified in this report.

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REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
September 3, 2025**

**AGENDA ITEM: C-1**

**TOPIC: EnergIIZE Grant Program**

**PRESENTED BY: Tania Arnold**

**RECOMMENDATION: Authorize RTA to Apply for  
EnergIIZE Grant**



# Background on EnerglIZE Program

- CEC has funding authority of \$544M to incentivize medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and related charging equipment
- Over \$240M available now, which can help fully fund RTA's projects already using SB125 and (potential) \$1.7M CEC/ARFVTP





# Potential EnergIZE Projects

- RTA-9 – Phase 3 in Bus Maintenance Facility
- RTA-10 – Opportunity Charging at Morro Bay Transit Center
- RTA-12 – Opportunity Charging at SLO Government Center passenger facility
- RTA 13 – Opportunity Charging at Paso Robles passenger facility



# Staff Recommendation

Authorize the RTA to apply for EnergIZE grant funds up to the maximum per opportunity charging port based on the kW per charging port to supplement the SB125 funding secured and the anticipated CEC funds, to fund one hundred percent of the anticipated project cost.

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**AGENDA ITEM: C-2**

**TOPIC: Emergency Services MOU**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Authorize RTA Executive  
Director to Execute MOU  
with County OES**



# Background and Need

- RTA & County OES already partner on *Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Plan*
- However, no formal agreement for other emergencies/disaster assistance
- Draft MOU identifies roles and responsibilities, as well as methods to recover costs



# Staff Recommendation

Authorize the RTA Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the County Office of Emergency Services