

Employee of the Quarter – Kevin Reeder



Outstanding Achievement Awards



Mauricio Najera



Lori Dean

Years of Service Recognition

20 Years of Service Recognition:

Tania Arnold



Years of Service Recognition

15 Years of Service Recognition:

DW Willams



Suzy Sisneros



Tracey Johnson



Consent Agenda

- A-1 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026 (Approve)
- A-2 Draft RTAC Minutes of July 16, 2026 (Information)
- A-3 Paso Robles Park-Out Facility Lease Extension (Approve)
- A-4 New SLOCPT Rate for July 2027 Implementation (Approve)
- A-5 FTA Transit Asset Management Plan Update (Receive)
- A-6 Strategic Business Plan Update (Approve)
- A-7 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update (Approve)
- A-8 Policy for Bilingual Premium Pay (Approve)
- A-9 Transfer of Four Decommissioned Wheelchair Accessible Vans (Approve)
- A-10 Amended SDRMA Health Benefits Memorandum of Understanding (Approve)
- A-11 Electric Bus Recharging Agreement (Approve)
- A-12 Support for Tort Reform Efforts (Approve)
- A-13 Authorize FTA Section 5339(b) Grant Application (Approve)
- A-14 SCTC Public Hearing on October 22, 2026 (Authorize)
- A-15 Procure Strategic Planning Services (Authorize)

SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 2, 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; five licensed and completing BTW training; and three currently working on licensing
 - Three applicants in background/permitting
 - No open bids
- Fall bid started on August 16th



Operations

- Ecolane computerized dispatch system
 - More efficiently and cost effectively allocates rides among vehicles
 - Future initiatives may also cause disruption
 - Will still meet the service requirements under the ADA
 - Further disruption ahead



Marketing & Communications

- *Tap2Ride* has been our primary focus
- New ad campaign aimed at boosting ridership
- School Tripper services at PRHS and AGHS
- Preparing for the bi-annual comprehensive customer survey – October 2026
- Continued replacement of faded bus stop signs





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Effective August 16, 2023 San Luis Obispo to Paso Robles San Miguel	Effective August 16, 2023 San Luis Obispo to Paso Robles San Miguel	Effective August 16, 2023 Paso Robles City Routes	Effective August 16, 2023 Morro Bay Fixed Route Transit, Cape San Blas and Seasonal Trailways
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Maintenance & Facilities

- Photovoltaic design-build project – mobilized on August 24th
 - Should be completed by the October 11th Bus Rodeo



Maintenance & Facilities

- Update on miles operated with electric vehicles
 - Continued long delays in warranty repairs
- Annual CHP Terminal Inspection
 - No deficiencies!



Finance and Administration

- FTA Triennial Review
 - No deficiencies!
- Vehicle funding needs
 - \$2.6M in FTA 5339 funds for 4 BEBs
 - Reduced State and Federal Funding on the horizon
 - Lost opportunity – Measure H Local Roads First
 - *Suggest Pausing effort to accelerate transition to ZEVs*



Finance and Administration

- YTD Ridership Results in comparison to last year:
 - RTA intercity fixed-route ridership down less than 1%
 - Route 10 up 2.5%
 - Paso Robles local fixed-routes up 11.4%
 - South County local fixed-routes down 3.3%
 - Runabout down 14.1%
- Unaudited - total non-capital expenditures 89.9% for FY25-26



Finance and Administration

- Farebox Recovery Ratio:
 - Intercity Fixed-Routes 7.6%
 - Runabout 2.9%
- Subsidy per Passenger-Trip
 - Intercity Fixed-Routes \$15.34
 - Runabout \$158.32 – drops to \$95.76 when trips provided on fixed-routes are included



Staff Recommendation

Accept the Executive Director's Report
as an information item

SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: B-2

TOPIC: Update on Fare Change
Implementation & Contactless
Fare System

PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File



Update on Cash Fare

- Revised flat cash fare launched April 6th
- No change to multi-ride fare media



Update on *Tap2Ride*

- *Tap2Ride* launched May 4th
- QR code reader troubleshooting



Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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AGENDA ITEM: B-3

**TOPIC: Discount Fare Eligibility
Enforcement**

PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File



Recent 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



Enforcement begin January 18, 2027

- Social media & on-bus materials to inform riders
- New website portal to submit application materials
- Target January 18, 2027 for enforcement

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

