



**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**  
**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**990 Palm Street**  
**Council Hearing Room**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**Chair: Omar McPherson** (SoCo Transit)

**Vice-Chair: Alex Fuchs** (SLO Transit)

Other RTAC Members:

Anel Perez (Atascadero Transit)

Josh Roberts (County of SLO)

Janeen Burlingame (Morro Bay Transit)

Mark Dariz (Runabout/DAR)

Todd Katz (Fixed-Route Transit alternative)

Marlene Cramer (Cal Poly)

Dan Troy (Cuesta College)

Ryan Cornell (Paso Express)

Eric Greening (Fixed-Route Transit)

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**Note: The San Luis Obispo Mass Transportation Committee (MTC) will convene immediately after the joint session to conduct its normal business.**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the agenda is set aside for any members of the public to directly address the Regional Transit Advisory Committee on any items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Committee

will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

*Note: After RTAC and MTC accept public comments, the MTC Chair will turn over the gavel to the RTAC Chair so that both committees can discuss and provide direction on the Joint Short Range Transit Plan interim documents.*

**3. JOINT RTAC/MTC DISCUSSION ON SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN INTERIM DOCUMENTS.**

Talking Points Attached

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regular Meeting: April 18, 2024; Future Regular Meeting Dates: July 18, 2024, and October 17, 2024**



## RTAC/MTC Joint Meeting Transit Plan Update Talking Points



**Project Overview:** The San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and San Luis Obispo Transit (SLO Transit) are the two largest public transit providers in San Luis Obispo County. The two agencies have retained LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. to update each agency's respective Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). A transit plan acts as a business plan for the transit agency for the next five to seven years. At this point in the study, the consultant has prepared three technical memorandums:

- Working Paper#1 – Overview of Transit Services
- Working Paper#2 – Goals, Objectives and Performance Standards
- Working Paper #3 - Service and System Evaluation

On-board surveys and boarding and alighting counts have also been collected on RTA and SLO Transit buses.

**Joint RTAC/MTC Meeting Purpose:** As committee members, public transit riders, stakeholders or other interested members of the public, transit staff and the study team would like your input on data/information collected to date. At the meeting, the consultant will give a short presentation of important findings from the three working papers. Committee members will then have an opportunity to peruse a series of poster boards which highlight service and system evaluation data such as ridership by stop, ridership by hour, passenger origin/destination patterns and passenger requests.

With this information, staff and the study team hope to give committee members a better understanding of post pandemic ridership trends, passenger mobility needs and passenger perceptions of existing service.

**Feedback and How Your Input Will Help:** Committee members will be given 20-30 minutes to provide input directly on the poster boards and engage in discussion with transit staff and the study team. The type of feedback we are looking for will include:

- Do study findings to date seem correct? Does anything surprise you?
- Are we missing anything?
- What do you think are the most important/needed types of improvements for SLO Transit and RTA?
- What key themes should we focus on as we continue this study?

Your input combined with the service evaluation, on-board surveys, discussions with transit staff and operators will help the Study Team draft a list of potential changes/improvements to SLO Transit and RTA services to be evaluated as part of the next step of the plan. The objective of these potential changes or “alternatives” is to increase ridership, improve cost efficiency and better meet mobility needs of residents of both the City and County of San Luis Obispo.

**Next Steps:** Results of the “alternatives analysis” will be brought back to this committee in late May.

Feel free to contact the Study Team with questions:

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