

## REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

**11:00 a.m. – start time approximate after SLOCOG and RTA  
Board Meetings**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call**
2. **Public Comment:** The San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority Executive Committee reserves this portion of the agenda for members of the public to address 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.
3. **Closed Session**  
**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** (Gov. Code § 54957.6)  
Agency designated representatives: Geoff Straw, Executive Director  
Employee organization: Teamsters Local Union No. 986
4. **Open Session: RTA Legal Counsel Reports Out**
5. **Consent Items**  
A-1 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2025 (Approve)
6. **Information Items**  
B-1 Executive Director's Report (Verbal, Receive)

The Regional Transit Authority is a Joint Powers Agency serving the residents and visitors of:

Arroyo Grande Atascadero Grover Beach Morro Bay Paso Robles Pismo Beach San Luis Obispo County of San Luis Obispo

7. **Action Items:** None
8. **Review of Draft January 7, 2026 Draft RTA Board Agenda:**

**Employee Recognition**

- Employee of the Quarter

Consent Items

- A-1 RTA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2025 (Information)
- A-2 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025 (Approve)
- A-3 Annual Single Audit (Accept)
- A-4 Amendment to SB125 Cooperative Agreement (Approve)
- A-5 South County Air Quality Mitigation Funds (Approve)
- A-6 FTA 5307, 5339 & CMAQ Grant Programs Administration (Adopt Resolution)
- A-7 FTA 5311 Grant Application (Adopt Resolution)
- A-8 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program Grant Application (Adopt Resolution)
- A-9 Rural Transit Funds Grant Application (Adopt Resolution)
- A-10 SB-1 State of Good Repair Grant Application (Adopt Resolution)
- A-11 FTA Annual Certifications and Assurances (Authorize)
- A-12 Procurement of Demand Response Vehicles; Declare Surplus (Authorize)
- A-13 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bus Maintenance Facility CEQA Mitigations Monitoring Report (Receive)
- A-14 Award of Auction Services Agreement (Approve)
- A-15 Award of Dispatch Software (Approve)

Information Items

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (Receive)
- B-2 Update on Classification and Compensation/Benefits Study (Receive)
- B-3 Update on Cal-ITP Contactless Fare System (Receive)
- B-4 Update on Discount Eligibility Verification Program (Receive)

Action Items: None

Closed Session Item:

- D-1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54957.6)  
Agency designated representatives: Geoff Straw, Executive Director  
Employee organization: Teamsters Local Union No. 986
- D-2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code § 54957(b)):  
Title: Executive Director  
Agency designated representative: Jenna Morton  
Unrepresented employee: Geoff Straw, Executive Director

9. **Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment**

Next RTA Executive Committee Meeting: **February 11, 2026**



## San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority

### Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes 8/13/2025

A-1

Members Present: Jimmy Paulding, District 4 Supervisor, **President**  
Carla Wixom, City of Morro Bay, **Vice President** in at 10:01 a.m.  
Fred Strong, City of Paso Robles, **Past President**

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Geoff Straw, RTA Executive Director  
Tania Arnold, RTA Deputy Director/CFO  
Anthony Kalvans, RTA Administrative Assistant  
Jenna Morton, RTA Counsel  
Pete Rodgers SLOCOG Executive Director  
Aida Nicklin SLOCOG Administrative Assistant

Public Present: Eric Greening

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call: President Paulding** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.
2. **Public Comment:**  
**Mr. Eric Greening** opened his comment by observing that the implementation of the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) appears to be going smoothly. He then raised a concern regarding bus service through Downtown Atascadero and asked when the RTA will be restoring service through the area. **Mr. Straw** said that the RTA is currently in the process of training drivers on the route.
3. **Closed Session:** None
4. **Consent Items**  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2025 (Approve)

Public Comment:

**Mr. Greening** said that the minutes looked good.

**Mr. Strong** motioned to approve, seconded by **Ms. Wixom**. There was unanimous consensus of those present to approve the meeting minutes as is.

<b><u>BOARD MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
JIMMY PAULDING	X		
FRED STRONG	X		
CARLA WIXOM	X		

5. **Information Items:**

**B-1 Executive Director's Report (Verbal, Receive)**

**Mr. Straw** started his report by reiterating the high standards that RTA has for its employees and noted that while the RTA needs more Bus Operators, we will not employ persons who cannot meet our standards. He said that the RTA has five open positions for Bus Operators and three open positions for Operations Supervisors. He also announced that long-time Safety and Training Manager Patricia Grimes is retiring at the end of September after 16 years with the RTA.

**Mr. Straw** also noted that an LCTOP grant of just over \$17,000 is helping cover the operating cost of a new school tripper of \$35,000 that will start in San Miguel and run to Paso Robles High School. The grant is for the current school year.

**Mr. Straw** informed the Committee that the Phase 2 electric charging and the solar panels design-build projects is tentatively scheduled to start in late September, which means that the annual Bus Rodeo has been cancelled.

**Mr. Straw** gave a report on various grants that the RTA is pursuing. He noted that while the RTA was awarded a CEC grant for opportunity charging, the organization is still waiting on a federal grant designated for the replacement of older buses. He mentioned that issues with the federal grant may delay implementation of zero emission buses identified in our Innovative Clean Transit Rollout Plan and as required by CARB.

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. Greening** asked if the obstacles related to the federal grant are due to executive orders? **Mr. Strong** said yes.

**B-2 Update on SB125 Funded Capital Projects (Receive)**

**Mr. Straw** started his report by mentioning that RTA staff is looking for the RTA Board to endorse project prioritization for specific projects that we are trying to complete. He said that his highest priority are the projects related to the park-out yards in Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande. He also mentioned that he has concerns about TIRCP Cycle 7 funding. Finally, he mentioned that SLO Transit has projects that would benefit both SLO Transit and RTA and those should be considered by SLOCOG for funding.

**Mr. Pete Rodgers** of SLOCOG notes that the RTA has not historically been asked about project prioritization because most everything is funded.

A discussion ensued about some of the SB125 projects and whether their funding is contingent or not.

**Mr. Paulding** asked what is on the short list of RTA priorities. **Mr. Straw** said buses.

**Mr. Strong** asked about contactless charging at the Paso Robles Transit Center. **Mr. Straw** said that part of their electrification study is looking at the feasibility of it and if the city will support it as recommended by the consultants.

Public Comment:

**Mr. Greening** said he agrees with the priorities and hopes the RTA will be able to keep to the schedules for its projects.

**Mr. Straw** said that this item was for information only and no action is required at this time.

B-3 Verification of Discount Eligibility Program & Timeline (Receive)

**Ms. Tania Arnold** said that the RTA is currently looking at developing an eligibility verification program for discounted fares. She noted that there will be some start-up costs to implement the program but noted that the RTA currently has existing standards in place.

**Mr. Paulding** asked if the outreach could be conducted simultaneously with SLOCOGs mobility wallet program. **Ms. Arnold** said yes.

**Ms. Wixom** asked if fare evasion is a big problem for the network. **Mr. Straw** said yes and noted that the average fare is \$2.04 despite the fare to travel within only one city is \$2.25. **Ms. Wixom** said that she does not want those who are qualified to struggle to get verified.

**Mr. Paulding** asked for a return on investment in the staff report.

Public Comment:

**Mr. Greening** asked if there would be any new criteria for the discount fares. **Ms. Arnold** said that staff will be using the adopted criteria.

6. **Action Items:**

C-1 Authorize EnergIZE Program Grant Application (Approve)

**Ms. Arnold** presented the item and noted that this is related to the opportunity charging.

Public Comment:

**Mr. Greening** said he supported the action item.

**Mr. Strong** motioned to approve, seconded by **Mr. Paulding**. There was unanimous consensus of those present to approve Action Item C-1 as is.

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
JIMMY PAULDING	X		
FRED STRONG	X		
CARLA WIXOM	X		

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Draft RTA Board Agenda

**Mr. Straw** presented the draft agenda and said that he is looking at adding a resolution to commend Patricia for her service, and a MOU with PRISM for the vision insurance program. He also noted that agenda item A-9, regarding the charter service rate, will be pushed to November. Finally, he

mentioned that staff may add a vehicle maintenance equipment grant purchase to the consent agenda.

Public Comment:

**Mr. Greening** asked for clarification on item C-2. **Mr. Straw** said it was related to how the RTA communicates with the county in the event of an emergency.

**Mr. Strong** motioned to approve the draft agenda. Seconded by **Ms. Wixom**. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
JIMMY PAULDING	X		
FRED STRONG	X		
CARLA WIXOM	X		

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Next RTA Executive Committee Meeting: **October 8, 2025**

Respectfully Submitted,

Acknowledged by,

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Anthony Kalvans  
Administrative Assistant

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Jimmy Paulding  
RTA Board President 2025