

# Remembering Steve Martin



# 15 Year Service Certificate of Recognition

## Omar McPherson



# Employees of the Quarter Q1 and Q2 2023



**David Medina**



**Todd Lisher**

# Consent Agenda

- A-1 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023 (Information)
- A-2 RTA Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2023 (Approve)
- A-3 Authorize Agreement for Bus Shelter Improvements at Cuesta College (Authorize)
- A-4 Authorize Solicitation of Bids for Support Vehicles (Authorize)
- A-5 Authorize Purchase Order for Nipomo Dial-A-Ride Vehicle (Authorize)
- A-6 Declare Equip. & Vehicles Surplus, & Direct Staff to Dispose thru Transfer, Auction or Salvage (Authorize)
- A-7 Authorize Agreement for Pest Control Services (Approve)
- A-8 Authorize Agreement for Bus Engine Replacement Services (Approve)
- A-9 Authorize Agreement for Joint Short Range Transit Plan Services (Approve)
- A-10 Authorize New SLOCPT Rates for July 2024 Implementation (Approve)
- A-11 FTA FY23 Triennial Review (Receive and File)
- A-12 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update (Approve)



# **SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 6 , 2023**

**AGENDA ITEM:                    B-1**

**TOPIC:                                Executive Director's Report**

**RECOMMENDATION:       Receive and File**

**PRESENTED BY:                Geoff Straw**



# Funding of RTA Route 10

- Santa Maria City staff no longer supports pass-through FTA funding for RTA Route 10 services
- City-commissioned study suggests RTA Route 10 could be run jointly or by SMRT
- Primary issue with study: does not fairly portray RTA & SMRT operating costs





# Route 10 & Regional Programming

- RTA staff supports possible SMRT operation of early morning or Route 10 Express trips
- SLOCOG staff invited SMRT to serve on its new *Transit Programming Work Group* – I support this as long as it is a two-way street
- SLOCOG has requested a meeting with SBCAG officials

# Update on Bus Maintenance Facility

- Reviewing a proposal from General Contractor & their HVAC subcontractor
- Expect to authorize changes to the system programming & hardware changes
- I will report at the next RTA Board meeting November 1, 2023





# Employee Recruitment

- Two new Bus Operators in service since May meeting, and **SEVEN** more in training
- Recruiting to fill vacated Assistant Facilities Manager position



# Fixed-Route Service Changes

- In March 2023, RTA restored four Express trips on *Route 9 SLO - Paso Robles* and on *Route 10 SLO - Santa Maria* services
- Ridership was low, and we continue to have a shortage of Bus Operators
- Suspended one Route 10 and two Route 9 Express trips at our annual service change (August 14<sup>th</sup>)



# New Small Vehicles Delivered

Three low-floor Arboc mid-size buses and two Ford 20-passenger cutaway vehicles delivered

Arbocs will be used on re-configured Routes 27/28.

Will work with Grover Beach on routing changes.



# Zero-Emission & Diesel Bus Purchases

- 2019 *CARB ICT Rule* requires transition to ZEBs
- New 2022 *CARB Omnibus Regulation* guides purchasing of diesel-powered buses
- 2024 Gillig low-floor diesel bus will be exempted/permitted
- Nine diesel replacement buses will be purchased before the 2029
- After 2029, transit agencies must buy zero emission buses or seek more onerous diesel exemptions



# FEMA/CalOES Flood Recovery

- Completed repairs to SLO and Paso Robles locations damaged from flooding on January 9<sup>th</sup>
- Completed submittals on repairs totaling \$62,622
  - \$19,780 is eligible for 100% FEMA funds for flood damage recovery
  - Remaining repairs eligible for 75% FEMA funds and CalOES pays 75% of local share



# Marketing & Communications

- Latest round of Bus Operator recruitment campaigns
- “Will transit work for you?” and personal transit plans
- Avila Trolley: A good year of ridership (3,000) a new stop at Flying Flags and a \$4K sponsorship
- Company newsletter published

# Marketing & Communications

- Rebranding of SoCo Transit to RTA
- Sold out exterior bus ads for 2023
- *Bus Stop Improvement Plan* is an action plan!
- Bus Rodeo on October 15<sup>th</sup>





# Finance & Administration

- Postponed award of HVAC servicing contract; will reissue after we work through warranty/design issues
- Reducing office hours effective September 11
  - Monday - Thursday 8AM to 4PM
  - Fridays by appointment

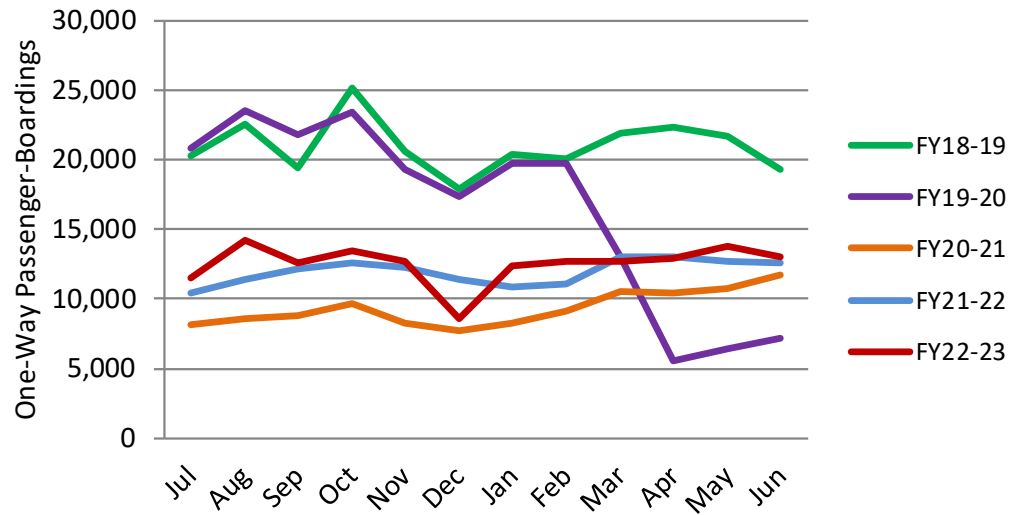


# FY22-23 Ridership Results

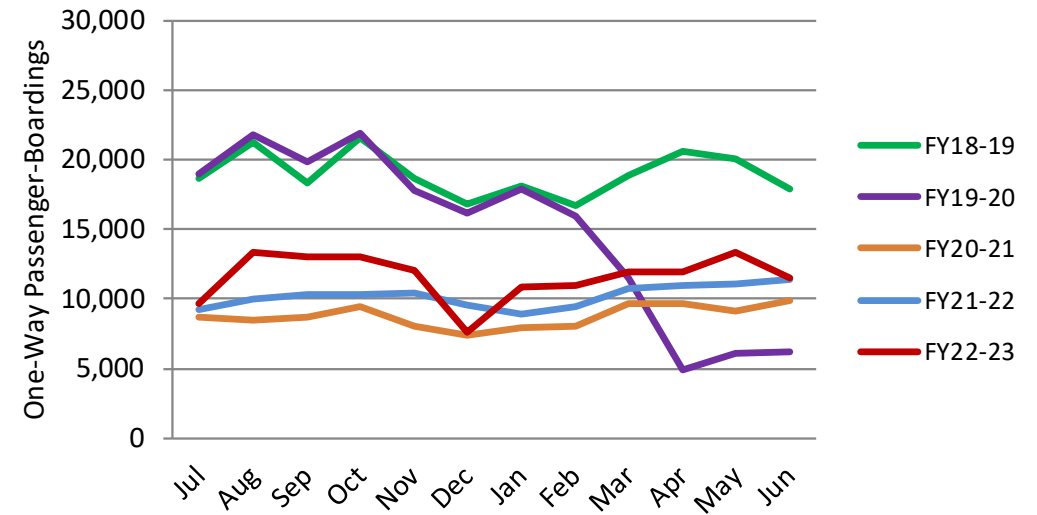
- RTA fixed-route ridership increased 10 % over last year
  - Still 41.5% less than pre-pandemic totals
- Runabout ridership increased 18.2%
- Past five years of ridership and productivity trends are on graphs B-1-9



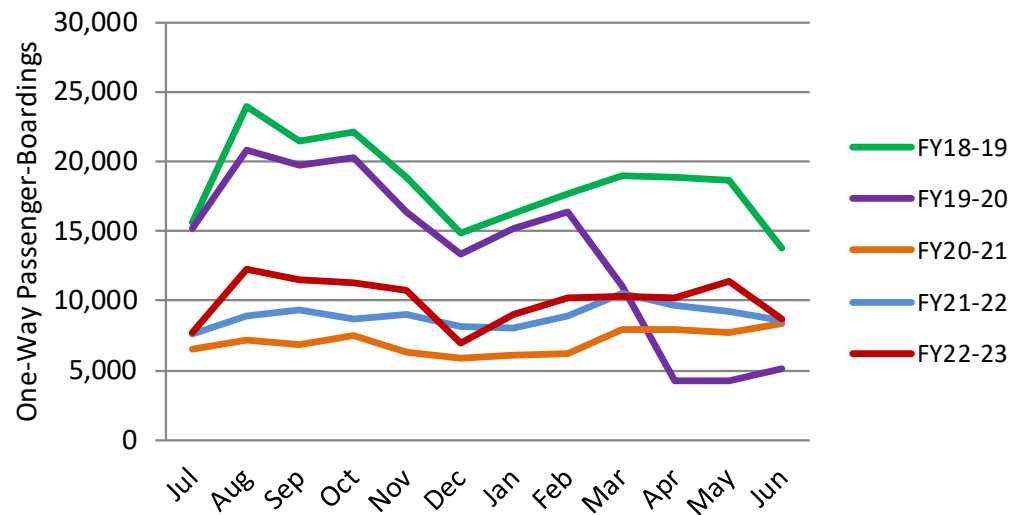
### RTA Route 9 Ridership By Month



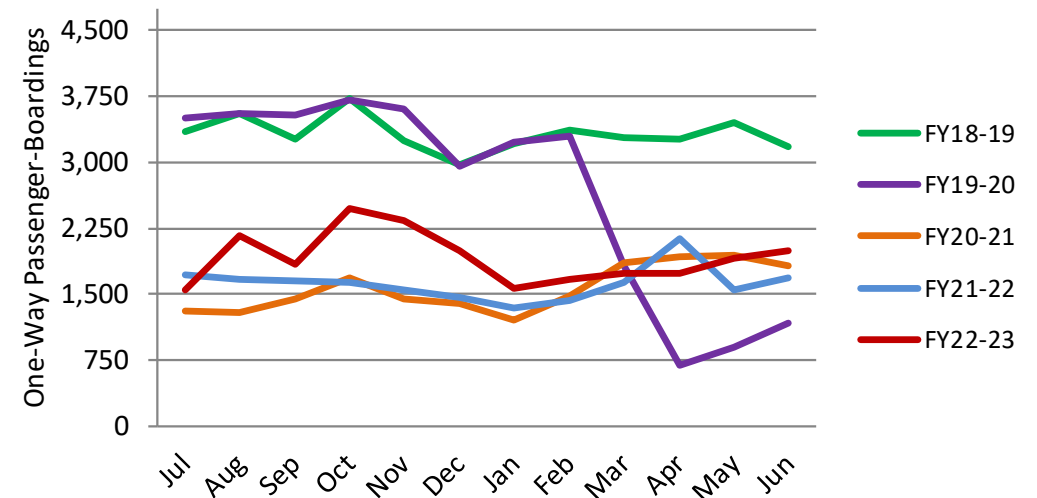
### RTA Route 10 Ridership By Month



### RTA Rtes. 12, 14 & 15 Pass./Mo.



### RTA Runabout Ridership by Mo.



# Financial Results

- Year-end operating costs for FY22-23 slightly above budget (101.7%)
  - Impacted by GASB 68 charges related to reporting of retirement costs
- Farebox Recovery Ratios:
  - Fixed-Route 7.2%
  - Runabout 2.3%
- Subsidy per passenger-trip:
  - Fixed-Route \$16.59
  - Runabout \$146.11



# Staff Recommendation

Accept the Executive Director's Report  
as an information item





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**AGENDA ITEM: C-1**

**TOPIC: Amendment to CBA for  
Vacation Accrual Maximums**

**PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw**

**RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Amendment to the  
CBA and Authorize the  
Executive Director to Sign the  
Amendment Letter**





# Background/Discussion

- Article 35 and 41 of the CBA identify maximum vacation accrual and cash out amounts
- Conferred with Teamsters – noted error that it failed to match the maximum for senior employees as originally intended
- Amendment letter will make the correction



# Staff Recommendation

Adopt the amendment to the CBA and authorize the Executive Director to sign the amendment letter





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**AGENDA ITEM:** C-2

**TOPIC:** PUBLIC HEARING: RTA FY2024-2026 DBE Goal Methodology Update

**PRESENTED BY:** Tania Arnold

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the RTA Executive Director to Submit the Updated DBE Goal Methodology



# Background & Discussion on DBE Goal-Setting

- What is DBE?
- Why are we doing this update?
- How did we develop the three-year goal?
- What feedback has been received so far?



# Open the Public Hearing

Seek input from the public on the RTA's Goal  
Methodology



# Staff Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to submit the updated DBE goal methodology documents to the Federal Transit Administration

