

**SANTA BARBARA
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Establishment of New Bus Fares for the City of Lompoc Transit System;
Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

C.A. Recommendation: _____

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution establishing new bus fares for the City of Lompoc Transit System in the unincorporated Vandenberg Village and Mission Hills areas of the Lompoc Valley.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendation is primarily aligned with:

Goal #2: Ensure the public health and safety and provide essential infrastructure

Goal #5: Maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

Santa Barbara County and the City of Lompoc have a Joint Powers Agreement that enables the City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) System to render service to the unincorporated Lompoc Valley areas of Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village. The Joint Powers Agreement provides that the City can change the bus fare charged to County riders by COLT with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, and the attached resolution provides for such a change as requested by the City.

The last general fare change for the COLT system was in 1993. Although COLT has grown in popularity throughout the Lompoc Valley (for FY 2001-02 ridership increased almost 17% over the previous year to 133,576 paying passengers), operating expenses have also increased significantly since 1993. Fare revenues now need to increase so that COLT's 20% minimum fare box ratio, as prescribed by the federal

Transportation Development Act, is maintained. (Note: Fare box ratio means that for every dollar spent on a transit system a percentage of that dollar must be recovered by transit fares. For example, if the fare box ratio is 20% then \$.20 must be recovered in transit fares for each dollar spent on transit activity.)

The City of Lompoc City Council has also voted to raise bus fares for COLT trips within the City limits from \$.65 to \$1.00 for the general public and from \$.30 to \$.50 for senior citizens.

MANDATES AND SERVICE LEVELS

Approval of the attached resolution will allow the City of Lompoc to maintain the 20% transit system farebox ration mandated by the Transportation Development Act or service levels are affected by this action.

FISCAL AND FACILITIES IMPACTS

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts associated with the adoption of the attached resolution.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please forward one copy of the minute order/executed document to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Traffic Section.

CONCURRENCE

County Counsel
Auditor/Controller

Attachments: #1 Resolution
#2 CEQA notice of exemption
#3 Staff report from Lompoc staff to Lompoc City Council
#4 Lompoc City Council resolution approving COLT fare increases within the City limits
#5 Amendment to the JPA allowing COLT fare increases within the unincorporated Lompoc Valley

c: PW Accounting
City of Lompoc
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