



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, Community Services Director
DATE: April 20, 2021
SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2021/22- 2022/24 Short Range Transit Plan- Draft

Background and Analysis:

Each year, the City of Beaumont is required to submit a Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) for operational expenses and capital improvement projects (CIP) for the coming fiscal year, and planning for subsequent fiscal years. Existing and proposed service changes are also discussed and outlined.

The final draft presented by City staff is based on multiple conversations with RCTC staff members about anticipated funding levels for next year. It is also City staff's recommendations for continuing sustainable public transit services during an anticipated economic uncertainty caused by of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposed Short Range Transit Plan Highlights:

Funding

Staff proposes the following funding request as outlined in Table 4 of the SRTP:

- Local Transportation Funds (LTF) - \$2,411,849,
- Measure A - \$124,000,
- Farebox - \$168,650,
- Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) obligated balance \$40,465,
- Interest - \$1,000,
- LCTOP current award - \$40,000,
- State of Good Repair (SGR) - \$60,000, and
- State Transit Assistance (STA) – 1,484,000.

Future Service Plans, Fare Changes, Marketing and Capital Improvement Planning

City staff recommends the following future service plans, fare changes, marketing, and capital improvement planning:

- Continue Free Fare Promotion until end of 2021- LCTOP funded,
- Redevelop project at Walmart - LCTOP Funded, and
- Analyze implementation of Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) mid-term recommendations (July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022):
 - Elimination of service to Calimesa,
 - Explore a 20% fare adjustment increase,
 - Enhance service to Amazon and industrial area,
 - Integration to new admin/operations facility,
 - Enhance connectivity with other agencies, and
 - Build a Bus Stop Improvement Plan.

Summary

Transit dependent residents of the Pass Area rely on the public transit system. City transit operations will continue to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible while providing the highest level of customer service.

Fiscal Impact:

Transit services are fully funded by various state funding mechanisms, grant resources and local fares. Revenues and expenditures are reported to RCTC monthly and monitored closely to ensure that the operations are in line with the adopted SRTP and within LTF and STA funding limits.

Recommended Action:

Hold a Public Hearing, and
Adopt the plan with any recommended changes.

Attachments:

- A. Draft - Fiscal Year 2021/22 -2023/24 Short Range Transit Plan