



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Kari Mendoza, Administrative Services Director
DATE: April 19, 2022
SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2022/23- 2024/25 Short Range Transit Plan- Final 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 for the coming fiscal year and planning for subsequent fiscal years. Additionally, current and proposed service changes are discussed and outlined.

On April 5, 2022, City Council reviewed the first draft of the funding plan for FY23 and provided feedback to Staff. There is an increase of \$40,000 in Low Carbon Transportation Program (LCTOP) due to the request for Beaumont to administer the LCTOP grant for the City of Banning. This item was also heard by City Council on April 5, 2022.

The narrative presented tonight discusses the current Transit system plans for the coming fiscal year and looking forward to the future. This plan is City staff's recommendations for continuing sustainable public transit services for the residents of Beaumont and the Pass Area.

Proposed SRTP Highlights:

Funding

Staff proposes the following funding request as outlined in Table 4. Budget total for operations and capital improvements is \$5,061,617.

- Local Transportation Funds (LTF) - \$2,449,617,
- Measure A - \$140,000,
- Farebox – 70,000,
- LCTOP (Beaumont Free Fare) - \$62,000,
- LCTOP (Banning Free Fare) – 40,000,

- Other Income - \$10,000,
- State Transit Assistance (STA) - \$2,190,000, and
- STA/LTF (Microtransit Study) - \$100,000.

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

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

- Free Fare Promotion in partnership with Banning connect to offer free fares to Seniors, Disabled, Veterans, and Students,
- Increase advertising and passenger outreach,
- Increase community involvement and visibility,
- Conduct a microtransit feasibility analysis,
- Enhance bus prediction availability,
- Reinstate travel training program, and
- Eliminate Go Pass.

Summary

Transit dependent residents of the Pass Area rely on the public transit systems for their everyday travel. Beaumont Transit will increase efforts to promote safe and reliable transportation services for those dependent on the service, but also to gain passengers who choose to ride public transit for their everyday travels.

Fiscal Impact:

Transit services is fully funded by various state funding mechanisms and grant resources. The farebox recovery ratio continues to remain at a mandated level of 10% and the budget for FY 23 is planned to meet a 10.32% farebox recovery. Revenues and expenditures are reported to RCTC monthly and monitored closely to ensure that the operations are in line with the adopted SRTP and to not exceed LTF and STA funding limits.

Recommended Action:

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

Attachments:

- A. Fiscal Year 2023/24- 2024/25 Short Range Transit Plan
- B. Table 4
- C. Proof of Publication Affidavit