



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, Community Services Director
DATE: November 17, 2020
SUBJECT: Presentation: Comprehensive Operations Analysis Phase II - Draft 5-Year Action Plan

Background and Analysis:

On October 15, 2019, the City of Beaumont entered into an agreement with Moore & Associates to comprehensively analyze Beaumont Transit operations and provide feedback on improving the system. The process consists of three technical memos and a final report.

Recently, City staff presented the findings of the first two phases of the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA). Phase 1 was presented to City Council on May 19, 2020, in which route performance and transfer analysis was presented and discussed. Phase 2 was presented October 6, 2020, in which the operating and capital funding, fare equity analysis, and service recommendations were discussed.

Phase 3 of the COA is the final technical memo and includes a draft five-year action plan for City Council's discussion and direction. A final report will be created based on recommendations and direction from City Council.

Included in the five-year action plan:

- Short-Term: Recommendations through June 30, 2021
 - o Return to regular service (pre-pandemic),
 - o Improve on-time performance including fueling and break policies,
 - o Adjust service schedules, and
 - o Update the City bus placement policy.

- Mid-Term: Recommendations for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
 - o Eliminate Calimesa service,
 - o 20% Fare Adjustment,
 - o Enhance commuting options to industrial area,

- Integrate routes to new Operations and Maintenance Facility,
 - Enhance Connectivity with Banning Transit and RTA, and
 - Develop a bus stop improvement plan.
- Long-Term: Recommendations for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025
- Expand service to emerging neighborhoods,
 - Realign routes for transfers at Civic Center rather than Walmart,
 - Transition to alternative fuel fleet, and
 - Explore new 'predictive arrival' customer facing technology.

Fiscal Impact:

The Comprehensive Operations Analysis project was included in the annual budget submitted to and accepted by the Riverside County Transportation Commission as part of the adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual Short Range Transit Plan, for a total project cost of \$121,563.80. This project is considered an operational expense and therefore, is included in the City of Beaumont's allocation from the State of California's Local Transportation Fund.

Recommended Action:

Receive, file, and provide direction and discussion to include in the final comprehensive operations analysis report.

Attachments:

- A. Technical Memo #3
- B. PowerPoint Presentation