



Staff Report

TO: Mayor, and City Council Members
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, Community Services Director
DATE: March 3, 2020
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020/21-2022/23 Short Range Transit Plan – First 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, planning for two subsequent fiscal years. Additionally, current and proposed service changes are discussed and outlined.

Proposed Short Range Transit Plan Highlights:

Funding

The City of Beaumont is proposing the following funding request as outlined in Table 4 (Attachment A):

- Local Transportation Funds (LTF) - \$2,610,230, and
- State Transit Assistance (STA) – \$3,020,000.

In addition to the above, passenger fare revenues are anticipated in the amount of \$279,000 (farebox recovery).

The current mandated farebox recovery ratio for Beaumont is 10%, based upon our rural population of less than 50,000. The Transportation Development Act of 1971 (TDA) requires operators with a population of 50,000 or more to meet or exceed a farebox recovery ratio of 20%. This will require a plan of action within the coming years to ensure that the funding allocations and compliance requirements continue to be met.

Planned Service Highlights for FY 2020-2021

Planned services for the next fiscal year include:

- Implement recommendations made from the completed Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA);

- Provide peak service to the logistic centers in the southern portion of Beaumont;
- Increase the travel training program to provide more trips to and from Los Angeles and the beach communities, giving more choice riders options to use public transportation; and
- Complete the re-brand project of the buses and marketing campaigns to mirror the current City of Beaumont branding.

Summary

Transit dependent residents of the San Gorgonio Pass area rely heavily on the public transit system and we will continue to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible while providing the highest level of customer service to the citizens of Beaumont.

Fiscal Impact:

Transit Services is fully funded by various state funding mechanisms and grant resources. There is a positive impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000, included in the proposed FY 2020-2021 draft SRTP. To that end, revenues and expenditures are reported to RCTC monthly and monitored closely to ensure that the operations are in line with the adopted SRTP and do not exceed LTF and STA funding limits.

Recommended Action:

Provide direction regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Transit Services budget.

Attachments:

- A. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Short Range Transit Plan Table 4