



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Elizabeth Gibbs, Community Services Director  
**DATE:** June 16, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – Table 4  
Amendment to Include Contingency Funding due to COVID-19

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### **Background and Analysis:**

On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a state-wide executive order to individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors. However, public transportation was identified as an essential service and operations, although reduced, must continue under the Governor's order to provide service to essential workers during the emergency. As a result, public transit ridership has declined rapidly systemwide and the ability to meet the mandated farebox recovery ratio of 10% is in jeopardy.

On April 8, 2020, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) approved emergency public transit funding allocations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beaumont's share of the \$15,410,000 in Local Transportation Fund reserves allocated was \$154,000. Additionally, RCTC authorized the Executive Director to approve Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) amendments related to the impacts of COVID-19.

In order to complete the SRTP amendment process, City Council must approve a revision to Table 4 (Attachment A).

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The LTF as contingency funds is used to offset costs that would normally be used to pay for service. Without additional local funds, Beaumont will not meet the farebox requirement of 10%.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve a Short Range Transit Plan Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Table 4.

**Attachments:**

- A. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Table 4 - Revised