

TO: James L. App, City Manager  
FROM: Mike Compton, Director of Administrative Services  
SUBJECT: Annual Transit Report  
DATE: January 20, 2004

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Needs: To present the results of transit operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Facts:

1. The City operates two types of transit services, demand response, commonly referred to as dial-a-ride (DAR), and a fixed route system called Paso Robles City Area Transit System (CATS).
2. DAR services were initiated in September, 1991 and CATS was initiated in August, 1994 and expanded in December, 1995.
3. DAR operates Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and CATS operates Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. DAR fares are \$2.00 until 6:00 p.m. and \$3.00 till 8:00 p.m. Seniors (65+) and disabled ride for \$1.00 except between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. when normal fare is required. Children to age 4, when accompanied by adult, ride for free.
5. CATS fares are \$1.00 except for seniors and disabled who ride for \$0.50. Children to age 4, when accompanied by adult, ride for free.
6. Transit operations are funded from Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and fares. TDA funding is derived from  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of the sales tax rate and is basically distributed upon a population basis.

Analysis  
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Conclusion:

During fiscal year 2003, the City received \$736,352 in local TDA transit funds (including \$128,497 paid to SLORTA for regional transit services); \$29,853 in State Transit Assistance funds (STA); \$94,763 in fares, \$12,555 in sale of surplus property and miscellaneous revenues and \$3,742 in interest earnings. Of the \$736,352, \$35,000 was earmarked specifically for streets and roads and another \$14,594 for bikeways.

The City spent \$747,930 for transit services including \$61,751 for depreciation expense and the \$128,497 contribution to SLORTA. Operating revenues (fares) totaled \$94,763 as compared to last year's revenue collections of \$86,067. The City's system-wide fare box ratio was 17.1%, down from the prior year's ratio of 19.1%. Fare box ratios represent that portion of operating costs before depreciation that is covered by fare box revenues. TDA rules require public transit systems to maintain a 10% fare box ratio. However, now that the City is a recipient of Federal Transportation Administration 5307 funds, the City is required to maintain a farebox ratio of 20%. Since the City is a newly designated "urban area" and recipient of 5307 funds, the City has five years to reach the 20% farebox ratio.

Total ridership was 118,879 as compared to 97,074 representing an 22.5% increase. Efficiency measurements include cost per rider and cost per service hour. The net cost per rider (systemwide) for fiscal year 2003 was \$3.76, same as the prior year. The net cost per service hour was \$34.01 as compared to \$33.96 for the prior year. The last efficiency measurement is cost per in-service mile. In fiscal year 2003, the net cost per in-service mile was \$2.56 as compared to the prior year cost of \$2.72.

Due to Federal Transportation Administration regulations, the City no longer provides special event transportation (charter) services. The City's eligibility for federal transit funding precludes the City from doing so. This restriction also applies to use of transit buses for internal City transportation needs.

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Impact:

None.

Options:

- a. Receive and file; or
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

MONTHLY TRANSIT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

June-03

	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002	Y. 2002
Operating Cost	\$ 412,368	\$ 326,638	\$ 235,525	\$ 127,339	\$ 123,897	\$ 126,821	\$ 539,707	\$ 450,535	\$ 362,346
Fare Revenue	76,961	67,869	55,911	15,239	18,787	19,177	92,200	86,656	75,088
Vehicle Service Hours	10,078	7,226	6,702	3,082	2,869	2,944	13,160	10,095	9,646
Vehicle Service Miles	146,154	96,947	86,082	28,902	32,612	39,081	175,056	129,559	125,163
Passengers	111,721	88,335	71,098	7,158	8,739	11,205	118,879	97,074	82,303
Operating Cost Per VSH	\$ 40.92	\$ 45.20	\$ 35.14	\$ 41.32	\$ 43.18	\$ 43.08	\$ 41.01	\$ 44.63	\$ 37.56
Operating Cost Per VSM	2.82	3.37	2.74	4.41	3.80	3.25	3.08	3.48	2.89
Operating Cost Per Passenger	3.69	3.70	3.31	17.79	14.18	11.32	4.54	4.64	4.40
Passengers Per VSH	11.09	12.22	10.61	2.32	3.05	3.81	9.03	9.62	8.53
Passengers Per VSM	0.76	0.91	0.83	0.25	0.27	0.29	0.68	0.75	0.66
Farebox Recovery	18.66%	20.78%	23.74%	11.97%	15.16%	15.12%	17.08%	19.23%	20.72%

TOTAL SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

June-08

	FY 2002	FY 2001	FY 2000	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1997	FY 1996	FY 1995	FY 1994	FY 1993	FY 1992	FY 1991	
July	9,338	7,820	6,352	5,443	7,461	7,558	5,945	5,022	4,033	4,946	5,160	3,918	0
August	10,337	7,946	6,675	4,552	5,878	5,701	5,923	5,706	4,546	4,587	4,212	3,813	0
September	14,895	7,499	6,117	4,014	6,489	6,343	6,054	5,114	5,582	4,775	5,276	3,620	1,792
October	10,898	9,075	6,452	3,948	6,341	7,556	7,373	6,087	5,957	4,811	5,430	4,342	2,267
November	9,181	7,747	6,591	3,674	6,003	5,298	6,588	5,867	5,378	5,036	4,905	3,708	2,631
December	8,022	7,179	6,225	4,193	6,284	6,051	6,357	4,922	5,346	4,557	4,916	3,838	3,066
January	8,930	8,217	6,661	3,733	5,951	5,567	7,485	6,006	4,598	5,079	5,136	4,424	3,849
February	8,736	7,763	6,387	3,573	5,950	5,515	7,360	5,863	6,094	4,905	5,736	3,943	3,495
March	9,709	8,066	8,329	4,123	7,092	6,676	7,781	6,274	6,904	5,727	7,086	4,771	3,695
April	9,659	8,268	7,250	3,963	6,741	5,905	8,202	6,324	5,790	4,457	6,215	4,424	4,659
May	9,846	8,825	7,488	4,250	3,581	5,899	8,702	7,122	6,685	4,890	5,786	3,943	4,097
June	10,062	8,669	7,776	4,989	3,877	6,519	7,447	5,489	5,927	4,694	5,908	4,771	3,542
YTD Totals	119,613	97,074	82,303	50,455	71,648	74,588	85,217	69,796	66,840	58,464	65,766	49,515	33,093

FIXED ROUTE - PR CATS RIDERSHIP

June-03

	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2001	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2001	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2001	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2001
July	3,640	3,424	2,429	4,241	3,497	2,603	752	-	-	8,633	6,921	5,032
August	3,563	3,354	2,538	4,435	3,584	3,192	871	-	-	8,869	6,938	5,730
September	5,958	3,068	2,323	6,631	3,689	2,897	1,624	-	-	14,213	6,757	5,220
October	4,145	3,793	2,369	4,888	4,450	3,125	1,229	-	-	10,262	8,243	5,494
November	3,314	3,158	2,477	4,365	3,901	3,194	967	-	-	8,646	7,059	5,671
December	2,898	2,879	2,466	3,585	3,625	2,938	956	-	-	7,439	6,504	5,404
January	3,252	3,284	2,517	4,021	4,231	3,169	1,122	-	-	8,395	7,515	5,686
February	3,154	3,180	2,393	4,055	3,970	3,160	979	-	-	8,188	7,150	5,553
March	3,685	3,291	3,318	4,382	4,143	3,973	1,143	-	-	9,210	7,434	7,291
April	3,548	3,529	2,773	4,376	4,100	3,583	1,173	-	-	9,097	7,629	6,356
May	3,769	3,372	2,728	4,319	4,121	3,680	1,197	630	-	9,285	8,123	6,408
June	3,773	3,415	3,104	4,399	4,036	3,606	1,302	611	-	9,474	8,062	6,710
YTD Totals	44,699	39,747	31,435	53,697	47,347	39,120	13,315	1,241	-	111,711	88,335	70,555

DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP

June-08

	FY-2004	FY-2003	FY-2002	FY-2001	FY-2000	FY-1999	FY-1998	FY-1997	FY-1996	FY-1995	FY-1994	FY-1993	FY-1992	FY-1991
July	600	705	899	830	703	1,086	2,095	2,417	3,437	4,033	4,946	5,160	3,918	0
August	563	734	1,008	892	757	988	1,597	2,537	3,621	3,722	4,587	4,212	3,813	0
September	562	682	742	897	668	917	982	2,680	3,255	4,671	4,775	5,276	3,620	1,792
October	595	636	832	958	673	861	1,103	3,164	3,671	4,795	4,811	5,430	4,342	2,267
November	481	535	688	920	635	708	908	2,685	3,455	4,384	5,036	4,905	3,708	2,631
December	-	583	675	821	664	844	999	2,354	2,784	3,950	4,557	4,916	3,838	3,066
January	-	535	702	975	640	781	927	3,068	3,628	3,331	5,079	5,136	4,424	3,849
February	-	548	613	834	679	840	906	2,785	3,228	4,605	4,905	5,736	3,943	3,495
March	-	499	632	1,038	801	990	1,072	2,886	3,347	5,500	5,727	7,086	4,771	3,595
April	-	552	639	894	630	992	998	3,188	3,029	4,393	4,457	6,215	4,424	4,659
May	-	561	702	1,080	741	621	875	3,261	3,375	5,136	4,890	5,786	3,943	4,097
June	-	588	607	1,066	777	524	993	2,506	2,434	3,886	4,694	5,908	4,771	3,542
YTD Totals	2,801	7,158	8,739	11,205	8,368	10,152	13,455	33,531	39,264	52,406	58,464	65,766	49,515	33,093