

TO: James L. App, City Manager  
FROM: Mike Compton, Director of Administrative Services  
SUBJECT: Annual Transit Report  
DATE: December 7, 2004

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Needs: To present the results of transit operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

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 6:00 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 until 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, Federal Transportation Administating 5307 funds, and fares. TDA funding is derived from ¼ of 1% of the sales tax rate and is basically distributed upon a population basis.

Analysis  
and  
Conclusion:

During fiscal year 2004, the City received \$814,299 in local TDA transit funds (including \$145,632 paid to SLORTA for regional transit services); \$29,953 in State Transit Assistance funds (STA); \$107,967 in fares, and \$2,149 in interest earnings. Of the \$814,299, \$200,000 was earmarked specifically for streets and roads, up from the usual allocation of \$35,000 and another \$16,395 for bikeways.

Additionally, the City received \$95,046 in Federal 5311 funds for the acquisition of two buses and \$413,312 in Federal 5307 funds for operations. The 5307 funding represents the City's share for two fiscal years.

The City spent \$948,022 for transit services including \$65,962 for depreciation expense, \$118,808 for two new buses and \$145,632 as the City's contribution to SLORTA... Operating revenues (fares) totaled \$107,967 as compared to last year's revenue collections of \$94,763. The City's system-wide fare box ratio was 18.1%, up from the prior year's ratio of 17.1%. 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 127,017 as compared to 119,613 representing a 6.2% increase. Efficiency measurements include cost per rider and cost per service hour. The net cost per rider (systemwide) for fiscal year 2004 was \$4.44, as compared to \$4.54 the prior year. The net cost per service hour was \$39.98 as compared to \$41.01 for the prior year. The last efficiency measurement is cost per in-service mile. In fiscal year 2004, the net cost per in-service mile was \$0.69 as compared to the prior year cost of \$0.68.

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-04

Performance Measure	Fixed Route		Dial-A-Ride		Total	
	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2003
Operating Cost	\$423,127	\$412,368	\$140,843	\$127,339	\$563,969	\$539,707
Fare Revenue	89,423	76,961	17,941	15,239	107,363	92,200
Vehicle Service Hours	10,685	10,078	3,423	3,082	14,107	13,160
Vehicle Service Miles	155,075	146,154	29,512	28,902	184,587	175,056
Passengers	119,832	111,721	7,185	7,158	127,017	118,879
<b>Performance Indicator</b>						
Operating Cost Per VSH	\$ 39.60	\$ 40.92	\$ 41.15	\$ 41.32	\$ 39.98	\$ 41.01
Operating Cost Per VSM	2.73	2.82	4.77	4.41	3.06	3.08
Operating Cost Per Passenger	3.53	3.69	19.60	17.79	4.44	4.54
Passengers Per VSH	11.22	11.09	2.10	2.32	9.00	9.03
Passengers Per VSM	0.77	0.76	0.24	0.25	0.69	0.68
Farebox Recovery	21.13%	18.66%	12.74%	11.97%	19.04%	17.08%
		20.78%		15.16%		19.23%

TOTAL SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

June-04

	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	10,486	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	10,057	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	11,036	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	11,719	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	9,335	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	9,464	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	10,141	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	9,376	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	12,738	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	11,167	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	10,800	9,846	8,825	7,488	4,250	3,581	5,859	8,702	7,122	6,685	4,890	5,786	3,943	4,097
June	10,698	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
<b>YTD Totals</b>	<b>127,017</b>	<b>119,613</b>	<b>97,074</b>	<b>82,303</b>	<b>50,455</b>	<b>71,648</b>	<b>74,588</b>	<b>85,217</b>	<b>69,796</b>	<b>66,840</b>	<b>58,464</b>	<b>65,766</b>	<b>49,515</b>	<b>33,093</b>

% Increase 0.06 0.23 0.18 0.63 (0.30) (0.04) (0.12) 0.22 0.04 0.14 (0.11) 0.33 0.50

FIXED ROUTE - PR CATS RIDERSHIP

June-04

	Route A			Route B			Route C			Totals						
	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002	
July	4,018	3,640	3,424	2,429	4,553	4,241	3,497	2,603	1,315	752	-	-	9,886	8,633	6,921	5,032
August	3,697	3,563	3,354	2,538	4,326	4,435	3,584	3,192	1,481	871	-	-	9,494	8,869	6,938	5,730
September	3,911	5,958	3,068	2,323	5,196	6,631	3,689	2,897	1,367	1,624	-	-	10,474	14,213	6,757	5,220
October	4,198	4,145	3,793	2,369	5,578	4,888	4,450	3,125	1,348	1,229	-	-	11,124	10,262	8,243	5,494
November	3,321	3,314	3,158	2,477	4,269	4,365	3,901	3,194	1,194	967	-	-	8,854	8,646	7,059	5,671
December	3,284	2,898	2,879	2,466	4,335	3,585	3,625	2,938	1,351	956	-	-	8,970	7,439	6,504	5,404
January	3,602	3,252	3,284	2,517	4,694	4,021	4,231	3,169	1,263	1,122	-	-	9,559	8,395	7,515	5,686
February	3,470	3,154	3,180	2,393	4,269	4,055	3,970	3,160	1,042	979	-	-	8,781	8,188	7,150	5,553
March	4,512	3,685	3,291	3,318	5,883	4,382	4,143	3,973	1,598	1,143	-	-	11,993	9,210	7,434	7,291
April	4,091	3,548	3,529	2,773	5,116	4,376	4,100	3,583	1,298	1,173	-	-	10,495	9,097	7,629	6,356
May	3,922	3,769	3,372	2,728	5,182	4,319	4,121	3,680	1,113	1,197	630	-	10,217	9,285	8,123	6,408
June	3,949	3,773	3,415	3,104	4,830	4,399	4,036	3,606	1,206	1,302	611	-	9,985	9,474	8,062	6,710
YTD Totals	46,025	44,699	39,747	31,435	58,231	53,697	47,347	39,120	15,576	13,315	1,241	-	119,892	111,711	88,335	70,555

‡ Increase 2.97%

8.44%

16.98%

7.27%

DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP

June-04

	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	2,287
November	481	535	688	920	635	708	908	2,685	3,455	4,384	5,036	4,905	3,708	2,631
December	494	583	675	821	664	844	999	2,354	2,784	3,950	4,557	4,916	3,838	3,066
January	582	535	702	975	640	781	927	3,068	3,628	3,331	5,079	5,136	4,424	3,849
February	595	548	613	834	679	840	906	2,785	3,228	4,605	4,905	5,736	3,943	3,495
March	745	499	632	1,038	801	990	1,072	2,886	3,347	5,500	5,727	7,086	4,771	3,635
April	672	552	639	894	630	992	998	3,188	3,029	4,393	4,457	6,215	4,424	4,659
May	583	561	702	1,080	741	621	875	3,261	3,375	5,136	4,890	5,786	3,943	4,097
June	713	588	607	1,066	777	524	993	2,506	2,434	3,886	4,694	5,908	4,771	3,542
<b>YTD Totals</b>	<b>7,185</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>8,739</b>	<b>11,205</b>	<b>6,368</b>	<b>10,152</b>	<b>13,455</b>	<b>33,531</b>	<b>39,264</b>	<b>52,406</b>	<b>58,464</b>	<b>65,766</b>	<b>49,515</b>	<b>33,093</b>

% Increase 0.38% -18.09% -22.01% 33.90% -17.57% -24.55% -59.87% -14.60% -25.08% -10.36% -11.10% 32.82% 49.62%

City of El Paso de Robles

TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT  
All Transit Services  
Fiscal Year 2003-04

Total ALL Transit Services

	Operator Contract	Vehicle M & O	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses	Fare Revenues	Net Cost	Fare Box Ratio
July	\$ 34,184.89	\$ 7,203.83	\$ 357.22	\$ 41,745.94	\$ 7,139.83	\$ 34,606.11	17.10%
August	33,972.59	4,290.92	1,903.14	40,166.65	6,958.53	33,208.12	17.32%
September	33,381.55	11,304.26	3,565.10	48,250.91	9,611.01	38,639.90	19.92%
October	34,995.67	6,993.77	2,991.32	44,980.76	9,256.10	35,724.66	20.58%
November	32,302.82	7,451.99	3,814.41	43,569.22	9,526.46	34,042.76	21.87%
December	35,600.12	6,934.35	4,070.27	46,604.74	11,118.56	35,486.18	23.86%
January	36,616.85	9,787.31	2,988.40	49,392.56	7,813.78	41,578.78	15.82%
February	35,274.51	6,800.09	2,570.56	44,645.16	8,516.65	36,128.51	19.08%
March	37,927.47	11,822.28	2,075.56	51,825.31	10,358.05	41,467.26	19.99%
April	36,982.72	10,745.59	2,477.33	50,205.64	8,444.63	41,761.01	16.82%
May	35,787.04	10,765.05	1,466.57	48,018.66	9,685.47	38,333.19	20.17%
June	36,974.74	14,972.67	2,616.19	54,563.60	8,934.13	45,629.47	16.37%
Total	\$ 424,000.97	\$109,072.11	\$30,896.07	\$563,969.15	\$107,363.20	\$ 456,605.95	19.04%

Fixed Route Transit Services

	Operator Contract	Vehicle M & O	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses	Fare Revenues	Net Cost	Fare Box Ratio
July	\$ 25,631.37	\$ 5,220.26	\$ 178.61	\$ 31,030.24	\$ 6,143.13	\$ 24,887.11	19.80%
August	25,790.95	3,315.22	860.80	29,966.97	6,025.52	23,941.45	20.11%
September	25,062.27	9,826.82	1,705.26	36,594.35	8,170.20	28,424.15	22.33%
October	26,236.55	6,241.45	1,299.93	33,777.93	7,673.35	26,104.58	22.72%
November	24,589.66	6,580.89	2,381.40	33,551.95	7,485.00	26,066.95	22.31%
December	27,320.07	6,013.56	2,866.20	36,199.83	10,042.69	26,157.14	27.74%
January	28,116.27	7,827.11	1,430.23	37,373.61	6,244.47	31,129.14	16.71%
February	27,098.89	5,031.90	1,402.80	33,533.59	7,147.20	26,386.39	21.31%
March	28,854.20	6,332.20	1,578.03	36,764.43	8,143.59	28,620.84	22.15%
April	28,031.79	7,561.28	1,113.48	36,706.55	6,947.89	29,758.66	18.93%
May	27,339.40	8,590.08	815.01	36,744.49	8,173.74	28,570.75	22.24%
June	28,294.38	11,435.65	1,152.65	40,882.68	7,225.74	33,656.94	17.67%
Total	\$ 322,365.80	\$ 83,976.42	\$16,784.40	\$423,126.62	\$ 89,422.52	\$ 333,704.10	21.13%

Dial-a-Ride Transit Services

	Operator Contract	Vehicle M & O	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses	Fare Revenues	Net Cost	Fare Box Ratio
July	\$ 8,553.52	\$ 1,983.57	\$ 178.61	\$ 10,715.70	\$ 996.70	\$ 9,719.00	9.30%
August	8,181.64	975.70	1,042.34	10,199.68	933.01	9,266.67	9.15%
September	8,319.28	1,477.44	1,859.84	11,656.56	1,440.81	10,215.75	12.36%
October	8,759.12	752.32	1,691.39	11,202.83	1,582.75	9,620.08	14.13%
November	7,713.16	871.10	1,433.01	10,017.27	2,041.46	7,975.81	20.38%
December	8,280.05	920.79	1,204.07	10,404.91	1,075.87	9,329.04	10.34%
January	8,500.58	1,960.20	1,558.17	12,018.95	1,569.31	10,449.64	13.06%
February	8,175.62	1,768.19	1,167.76	11,111.57	1,369.45	9,742.12	12.32%
March	9,073.27	5,490.08	497.53	15,060.88	2,214.46	12,846.42	14.70%
April	8,950.93	3,184.31	1,363.85	13,499.09	1,496.74	12,002.35	11.09%
May	8,447.64	2,174.97	651.56	11,274.17	1,511.73	9,762.44	13.41%
June	8,680.36	3,537.02	1,463.54	13,680.92	1,708.39	11,972.53	12.49%
Total	\$101,635.17	\$ 25,095.69	\$14,111.67	\$140,842.53	\$ 17,940.68	\$ 122,901.85	12.74%

Note: Operating expenses do NOT include depreciation.