

# Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



**City Council Meeting Date:** October 21, 2014

**TO:** Patrick Wiemiller, City Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Contract with Storer Transit Systems for Operation of the Clean Air Express Commuter Bus Service

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## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and the City of Lompoc (MOU Amendment) (Attachment 1) to extend the operation of the Clean Air Express Service (CAE) while making some minor technical changes; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 to Contract for Clean Air Express Operation Services Between the City of Lompoc and Storer Transit Systems (Contract Amendment) (Attachment 2) extending the provision of services in connection with the operation of the CAE and updating insurance requirements.

## **Background:**

The CAE is an interregional commuter bus service currently providing weekday commuter transit service between the cities of Lompoc, Santa Maria, Buellton, Solvang and the South Coast. In November 2008 the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan was approved by Santa Barbara County voters and included specific funding for interregional commuter transit services serving North Santa Barbara County. The CAE service is funded entirely from Measure A funds. SBCAG provides oversight and administers the distribution of Measure A funding. Currently the City administers the CAE service.

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**Discussion:**

At its meeting on October 16, 2012, Council approved an MOU with SBCAG for the City to operate the CAE service. Council further approved a contract with Storer for provision of services to operate the CAE service.

The City began operating the CAE on November 22, 2012, with Storer managing the day-to-day operations and providing maintenance for the CAE bus fleet.

In fiscal year 2013-14 the CAE service provided over 204,000 commuter trips to Santa Barbara, Goleta and UCSB from Lompoc and Santa Maria.

**SBCAG/CITY MOU:**

The MOU Amendment provides the City authority to continue to operate the CAE either directly or through a contracted service provider through July 1, 2016, and allows an additional one-year option to be exercised by the SBCAG Executive Director.

**Storer Service Contract:**

The Contract Amendment continues to separate CAE service from COLT service. This provides for a clear division of responsibilities, compensation and length of term between the two contracts. The contract includes many of the same specifications contained in the SBCAG MOU with more detailed additional language regarding operational requirements.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There will continue to be no fiscal impact to the City for providing contract administration for the CAE service. All costs associated with the operation of the CAE service, including administrative support, will be provided by a combination of fare revenue and Measure A, North County Interregional Transit Program funds.

**Conclusion:**

The CAE provides commuter services to approximately 204,000 passengers each year. The approval of the extension of the current agreements between the City, SBCAG, and Storer will ensure the continued operation of a needed regional alternative transportation service within the community.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

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Kevin P. McCune, P.E., Public Works Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Patrick Wiemiller, City Administrator

Attachments: 1) [Amendment 1 to Memorandum of Understanding with SBCAG](#)  
2) [Amendment 1 to Contract with Storer Transit Systems](#)