



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2020

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

FROM: Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator
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SUBJECT: Breeze Transit Service Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cities of Lompoc, and Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara to continue the Breeze Route 100 transit service for another five years (Attachment 1).

Background:

On July 6, 2004, the City Council approved an MOU to create a pilot bus service between Lompoc, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Santa Maria. That service was called the Breeze 100 service, and it commenced on May 9, 2005. At the meeting of June 17, 2014, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a MOU continuing the service for a period ending June 30, 2019, and then extended that period to June 30, 2020, at the meeting of June 18, 2019.

The Breeze 100 service provides a connection between the Cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria to help people access such services as County, Court and social services not available in Lompoc, and it also connects to Santa Maria Area Transit for services to Allen Hancock College and Marian Hospital as well as employment opportunities. It also provides service in both directions to Vandenberg Air Force Base for military and civilian service people. Ridership for 2018/19 was 37,801.

Discussion:

This new MOU extends the Breeze 100 service operation until June 30, 2025, and continues most of the provisions from the previous MOU.

Fiscal Impact:

The terms of the new MOU provide the City with improved safeguards limiting increases in the City's financial commitment of its transit funds to the service and also requiring more robust financial documentation be provided to the City annually. Additionally, the City's share of cost for the Breeze 100 service over the five-year term of the new MOU is not anticipated to be substantially more than it was for the past five to ten years. As a component of the City's transit activities, there is no direct fiscal impact to the City's General Fund from the operation of the Breeze 100, or from the City's obligations under the terms of the MOU.

Conclusion:

The new MOU extends the current Breeze Route 100 transit service provisions for another five years and provides additional protections which benefit the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

Michael W. Luther, P.E., Public Works Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Breeze 100 Memorandum of Understanding