



City Council Meeting Date: July 18, 2023

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 6593(23) Approving an Updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and Authorizing Staff to Submit It to the California Department of Transportation

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6593(23), approving the updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as required by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and Caltrans and authorizing the Transit/Airport Administrator to file such.

Background:

The PTASP is required by the FTA. The public transportation industry remains among the safest surface transportation modes in terms of total reported safety events, fatalities, and injuries. Nonetheless, given public transportation complexities, the condition of transit equipment and facilities, turnover in the transit workforce, and the quality of policies, procedures and training, the public transportation industry remains vulnerable to catastrophic accidents. In response to these conditions the FTA, in 2020 published a final rule for PTASPs. This final rule requires states and certain operators of public transportation systems to develop and implement safety plans. The development and implementation of safety plans will help ensure that public transportation systems are safe nationwide.

Discussion:

As a Small Public Transportation Provider, City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) had an option to have Caltrans develop its PTASP. Caltrans was authorized by the FTA to develop Plans for Small Public Transportation Providers in lieu of those providers having to expend the cost of developing plans on their own and to help coordinate plans for consistency throughout the industry. The PTASP was developed by Caltrans for small transit agencies, and then refined by City staff as appropriate for COLT operations. An annual update is required to be filed with Caltrans. There are no updates to our current plan.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of implementing the PTASP is paid for from Transit funds provided by the FTA yearly grant. The necessary training to implement the PTASP will be mostly provided by COLT's transit contractor and done as part of their monthly safety meetings.

Conclusion:

Resolution No. 6593(23) authorizes the Transit/Airport Administrator to file the updated PTASP as required by the California Department of Transportation for the Federal Transportation Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fernbaugh, Transit/Airport Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

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

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Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 6593(23)