



CITY *of* CALABASAS

AGENDA ITEM # 01
T/T MTG: 01/25/2022

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2022

TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC TRANSIT UPDATE

MEETING
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

BACKGROUND:

It was reported in November 2021 meeting that the City resumed all transit services with a new contractor, Ventura Transit System.

Dial-A-Ride service has been operating without change. However, the City has begun to make small service changes and provide an updated brochure for public use.

DISCUSSION:

Public Transportation:

Peak-Hour:

The purpose of peak-hour routes (Lines 2-5) are to alleviate peak-hour traffic surrounding the schools in Calabasas. During the first semester of 2021-2022, there has been a total ridership of about 6,000 passengers.

Line 1:

The purpose of fixed-route Line 1 is to provide transportation for housekeepers,

daytime workers, and services providers within the City who depend on public transportation to commute to and from their workplace. Since August, ridership has averaged about 300 passengers a month.

Maintenance:

Public Works maintenance staff began installing anti-theft cages for the catalytic converters on our shuttles. Unfortunately, in December, a catalytic converter was stolen by breaking through this cage while the vehicle was parking at the City Yard. Despite this instance, the cages have helped deter the number of thefts we had previously from 5 cases in 2 months to 1 case in the last 2 months.

On January 7, we received news from one of our shuttle drivers that Shuttle #12 had been stolen from the Park and Ride Lot in Old Town Calabasas. The vehicle was soon recovered, but with extensive damages and vandalism. At this time, the City is in communication with our vehicle insurance company and Ventura Transit to appraise the damage.

Dial-A-Ride:

The Dial-A-Ride service for Calabasas residents 65 years or older and residents with disabilities has continued service throughout the pandemic and has continued to be a success with new applications and continued positive feedback about Ideal's service.

Some slight modifications to the existing Dial-A-Ride program (Attachment B) will be coming soon, namely the City will be eliminating the Van Nuys Flyaway Stop, as many users take advantage of the service and it leaves other users unable to find a ride to their medical appointments. We will also use the update to highlight specific requirements, such as being required to independently get on and off the vehicle, and we will provide additional resources for individuals who need it. These updates are not reflected in the attached brochure.

FISCAL IMPACT / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City receives funds in Proposition A and C, Measure R and M Local Return, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA3) to fund its public transportation services. The City is subject to multiple annual audits conducted by Metro as well as the Federal Transit Administration to ensure compliance of capital and operation projects with respective guidelines. Staff monitors funds and expenditures regularly to ensure compliance prior to audits as well.

Metro released their transit fund allocations for fiscal year 2022 in June. In total, Calabasas was allocated \$1,559,951, distributed between each source, as shown in the following table:

Prop A	Prop C	Measure R	Measure M	TDA Article 3	Total
\$488,565	\$405,252	\$303,939	\$344,464	\$17,730	\$1,559,951

REQUESTED ACTION:

This is an informational item only and requires no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Calabasas Dial-A-Ride Brochure (2019, before updates)