



CITY of CALABASAS
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2022

TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: TRANSIT SERVICE UPDATE

MEETING
DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2022

BACKGROUND:

City began its transportation services in early 2000's and has expanded and improved ever since. Striving for efficiency, Staff identifies ways to enhance services and maximize available resources to better serve the Calabasas residents and Public Transit dependents.

DISCUSSION:

Public Transportation:

Peak-Hour:

The purpose of peak-hour routes (Lines 2-5) is to alleviate peak-hour traffic surrounding the schools in Calabasas. Ridership for this school year has gone up about 25% and we have sold 20 more passes so far this year than last. We are hoping that this number continues to increase throughout the school year as we return to pre-pandemic ridership numbers.

Line 1:

The fixed-route Line 1 provides public transportation throughout Calabasas. The route encompasses all major areas of the city and connects users to metro stops within Calabasas. The average Line 1 Ridership this year is 507 per month, 33% up from last year. The Saturday trolley service, on the other hand, has experienced very low ridership since service resumed in 2021.

Dial-A-Ride:

Dial-A-Ride is a service for seniors and those with disabilities that offers door-to-door transportation anywhere within Calabasas and to 9 locations outside of Calabasas. Since the last commission meeting we have added 9 new riders.

Summer Service:

The Beach Bus came back to Calabasas this summer. This year we sold tickets and passes. While many were excited to have this service back, ridership was still low compared to pre-pandemic numbers.

Electrification:

Staff has begun to work with regional and federal groups to start the process of electrification for our Calabasas fleet. Staff has also spoken with representatives from A-Z Bus and Wave Wireless Charging to begin looking at potential options for our switch to electric shuttles.

Staff is also in the process of creating a Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) rollout plan in accordance with the California Air Resources Board in order to help the City maintain compliance for the new Innovative Clean Transit regulations. The new regulations will require the City to purchase only electric vehicles beginning in 2029. This rollout plan will be due in July 2023 and will require Council approval.

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.

REQUESTED ACTION:

This is an informational item only and requires no action.