



AGENDA

Meeting

of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

A Public Agency

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

8:30 AM

Goleta City Hall

130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, CA 93117

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Davis, Chair; Chuck McQuary, Vice Chair; Olivia Rodriguez, Director; Dick Weinberg, Director; Bill Shelor, Secretary; David Tabor, Director; Roger Aceves, Director

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES-(ATTACHMENT-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of March 8, 2016.

5. APPROVAL OF CASH REPORT-(ATTACHMENTS-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to review and approve the cash reports of March 1, 2016 through March 14, 2016.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on items within jurisdiction of the Board that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Board Chair. If you wish to address the Board under this item number, please complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address. Additional public comment will be allowed during each agenda item, including closed session items. Please fill out the Request to Speak form and indicate the agenda item number that you wish to comment on.

7. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR AUGUST 2016-(ATTACHMENT-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Receive presentation of August 2016 Draft Service Plan.

8. UPDATE ON PROJECTS IN GOLETA-(INFORMATIONAL)

City staff will provide the Board with an update of pertinent planned projects.

9. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 MEASURE A PROGRAM OF PROJECTS SUBMITTAL-(ATTACHMENTS-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the submittal of Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Measure A Program of Projects for fiscal year 2016-17.

10. RESOLUTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM -(ATTACHMENTS-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff requests that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the General Manager to claim all Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds apportioned to Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for fiscal year 2016-17.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE-(INFORMATIONAL)

- a) Bus Stops
- b) Hybrid Fleet
- c) Driver Appreciation Day

12. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS-(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will report on other related public transit issues and committee meetings

13. ADJOURNMENT

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 963-3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.



MINUTES

Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
8:30 AM
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Lilly Gomez, Administrative Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, March 4th, 2016 at MTD's Administrative Office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES- (ATTACHMENT-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Tabor moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of February 23, 2016. Director McQuary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention by Director Rodriguez who did not attend the March 1st meeting.

5. CASH REPORT-(ATTACHMENTS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Tabor moved to approve the cash reports of February 16, 2016 through February 29, 2016. Director McQuary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sherrie Fisher sent an email in regards to Item #7 to remind the board of the request to increase service to line 20. Additionally that staff considers bringing changes to the Carpinteria rider community before making a decision because we risk deleting trips that are important to the riders.

7. DRAFT OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17- (ATTACHMENTS-INFORMATIONAL)

Staff presented the draft operating & capital budget in effort to gather guidance on the financial priorities in preparation of the operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2016-17 beginning July 1, 2016. Director Weinberg shared his concern with the financial deficit that has been outlined in draft. Director McQuary stated, although ridership is low, cutting service is the opposite of our goals and it would be best to continue to accommodate all the district is able and take the risk to fight for more ridership. Chair Davis and Director Tabor agreed and advised staff to layout the nature of the problem in depth to ultimately enhance our services. Director Aceves reported the Finance Committee spent a lot of time reviewing the budget and it has been a great learning curve for all involved. Director Aceves also shared the end result is a great plan that he felt can be utilized over the next few years but the assumptions made in budget will need to be revisited in a few years.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE-(INFORMATIONAL)

General Manager, Jerry Estrada, shared the five new 40' Gillig buses are in service, Manager of Planning, George Amoon, and Mr. Estrada met with UCSB Faculty/staff to discuss the upcoming new line 38 services. Additionally, Mr. Estrada stated there is consideration to bring an amendment to the board about the agreement with UCSB as there are considerations to change the name from Line 38 to Line 28 and there are certain bus stops that can be beneficial to be started sooner than later. Lastly Mr. Estrada stated the MTD submitted a grant application to Measure A, regarding the additional bike rack and unfortunately the project did not get granted. Director McQuary shared his confusion as to why MTD was not granted the funds for an additional bike rack. Director McQuary felt the Bike rack could be very beneficial and help increase ridership, additionally was surprised that we were not granted with full support from many including the Bike Coalition. Mr. Estrada explained that the Measure A had many competitors with needs for funding and we unfortunately didn't score as high as others but staff will continue to seek other opportunities.

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS-(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Weinberg shared, the SBCAG sub regional met and discussed the Measure A bike path safety education, the Cabrillo overpass MOU in effort to reduce traffic near/under the railroad, and the design phases for the 101. SBCAG is currently trying to find additional funding as the estimated cost of 101 construction is 24.6 million currently.

RELATED TO EACH CLOSED SESSION; PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) BEFORE THE RECESS

10. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)(1). Two cases.

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action was taken

11. ADJOURNMENT

Director Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Report
Board Meeting of March 22, 2016
For the Period March 1, 2016 through March 14, 2016

MONEY MARKET

Beginning Balance March 1, 2016 **\$11,194,946.10**

Passenger Fares	158,247.58
Accounts Receivable	156,768.15
Advertising/Prepaid Deposi	5,433.30
Miscellaneous/Asset Sales	553.26
Total Deposits	321,002.29

ACH Garn/Escrow	(910.14)
ACH Pensions Transfer	(30,995.68)
WC Transfer	(35,172.05)
ACH Tax Deposit	(144,581.60)
Payroll Transfer	(319,821.05)
Operations Transfer	(2,343,391.49)
Total Disbursements	(2,874,872.01)

Ending Balance **\$8,641,076.38**

CASH INVESTMENTS

LAIF Account	\$3,346,142.28
Money Market Account	8,641,076.38

Total Cash Balance **\$11,987,218.66**

SELF INSURED LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

WC / Liability Reserves	(\$3,992,046.41)
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Working Capital **\$7,995,172.25**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Accounts Payable**

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
111879	3/4/2016	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVIC	CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT	994.40	
111880	3/4/2016	B2B SERVICES DBA	OFFICE SUPPLIES	267.84	
111881	3/4/2016	BIG BRAND TIRES, BRANDCO BILL	SERVICE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	903.89	
111882	3/4/2016	BIG GREEN CLEANING CO. DBA	JANITORIAL SERV./SUPPLIES	15.01	
111883	3/4/2016	BNS ELECTRONICS, INC.	SANTA YNEZ SITE RENTAL	271.76	
111884	3/4/2016	BROWN & BROWN/WHILT FATCH	FIDUCIARY LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,706.00	
111885	3/4/2016	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BUS PARTS & SUPPLIES	277.85	
111886	3/4/2016	CENTRAL CITY ABS, INC.	BUS SUPPLIES	12.94	
111887	3/4/2016	COMMLINE INC.	2-WAY RADIO REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	615.60	
111888	3/4/2016	COMMUNITY RADIO, INC.	GIB. SITE RENTAL	244.25	
111889	3/4/2016	CINTAS CORPORATION	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	118.31	
111890	3/4/2016	COAST TRUCK PARTS	BUS PARTS	289.09	
111891	3/4/2016	CUMMINS PACIFIC, LLC	BUS PARTS	1,061.19	
111892	3/4/2016	CYNTHIA BOCHE	PER DIEM & REIMBURSEMENT	39.00	
111893	3/4/2016	MARY DEAIL	PAYROLL RELATED	106.15	
111894	3/4/2016	DIESEL MARINE ELECTRIC, INC.	BUS PARTS	351.00	
111895	3/4/2016	ERGOMETRICS, INC.	DRIVER TEST SCORING	27.00	
111896	3/4/2016	FGL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	STORMWATER TEST	518.00	
111897	3/4/2016	FRED'S UPHOLSTERY DBA	UPHOLSTERY REPAIRS	75.00	
111898	3/4/2016	STATE OF CALIFORNIA/FTB	PAYROLL RELATED	86.40	
111899	3/4/2016	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	PAYROLL RELATED	572.22	
111900	3/4/2016	FRANK SCHIPPER CONSTRUCTION	SHOP ROOF REPAIRS	9,619.35	
111901	3/4/2016	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS	512.10	
111902	3/4/2016	GILLIG LLC	NEW 40' BUSES & BUS PARTS	850,517.76	
111903	3/4/2016	HAYNES SALES DBA	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	605.44	
111904	3/4/2016	HIGH IMPACT INC.	FORKLIFT SAFETY TRAINING	1,200.00	
111905	3/4/2016	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	44.45	
111906	3/4/2016	INTERCON TECHNOLOGIES DBA	EV/CHARGER REPAIRS	4,428.00	
111907	3/4/2016	JOY EQUIPMENT PROTECTION, IN	SERVICING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	1,257.00	
111908	3/4/2016	MANSFIELD OIL CO.- GAINESVILL	BUS FUEL	15,339.49	
111909	3/4/2016	MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	26.65	
111910	3/4/2016	MURPHY ELECTRIC MAINTENANC	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS/INSTALLATION	561.23	
111911	3/4/2016	O'CONNOR PEST CONTROL DBA	FUMIGATION	77.00	
111912	3/4/2016	ANN BRADY OTTIERI	PAYROLL RELATED	277.00	
111913	3/4/2016	PERRY LINCOLN MERCURY MAZD	SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS / REPAIRS	814.55	
111914	3/4/2016	JEFFREY S ROSE	CAR RENTAL REIMBURSEMENT	178.45	
111915	3/4/2016	SANSUM CLINIC	MEDICAL EXAMS	198.00	
111916	3/4/2016	SB COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNI	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	1,060.00	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
111917	3/4/2016	SANTA BARBARA SHERIFF'S DEPT	PAYROLL RELATED	477.53	
111918	3/4/2016	SM TIRE, CORP.	BUS TIRE MOUNTING	284.50	
111919	3/4/2016	NICHOLAS A SLAVICH JR.	VTT REIMBURSEMENT	10.00	
111920	3/4/2016	STAPLES INC. & SUBSIDIARIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,202.89	
111921	3/4/2016	STEWART'S DE-ROOTING & PLUM	PLUMBING REPAIRS	100.00	
111922	3/4/2016	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	3,254.78	
111923	3/4/2016	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 18	UNION DUES	266.60	
111924	3/4/2016	INTERSTATE CAPITAL CORPORAT	UNIFORMS	2,091.75	
111925	3/4/2016	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATIO	MISC. CC PURCHASES	7,060.86	
111926	3/4/2016	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	PAYROLL RELATED	282.54	
111927	3/4/2016	RAYMOND VALLES	MILEAGE	5.90	
111928	3/4/2016	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS PHONES	441.45	
111929	3/4/2016	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY DBA	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	781.98	
111930	3/4/2016	YELLOW (YRC) TRANSPORTATION	FREIGHT CHARGES	152.00	
111931	3/8/2016	GILLIG LLC	NEW 40' BUSES & BUS PARTS	425,258.88	
111932	3/8/2016	GILLIG LLC	NEW 40' BUSES & BUS PARTS	850,517.76	
111933	3/10/2016	ROGER ACEVES	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
111934	3/10/2016	AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTA	CLASSIFIED ADS	273.00	
111935	3/10/2016	ASBURY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVI	WASTE OIL RECYCLER	95.00	
111936	3/10/2016	BUENA TOOL, INC.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	30.46	
111937	3/10/2016	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BUS PARTS & SUPPLIES	310.49	
111938	3/10/2016	CENTRAL COAST CIRCULATION, L	BUS BOOK DISTRIBUTION	575.00	
111939	3/10/2016	CIO SOLUTIONS, LP	IT SERVICES	176.75	
111940	3/10/2016	COX COMMUNICATIONS, CORP.	INTERNET & CABLE TV	337.68	
111941	3/10/2016	CUMMINS PACIFIC, LLC	BUS PARTS	4,536.53	
111942	3/10/2016	DAVID DAVIS JR.	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
111943	3/10/2016	DIESEL MARINE ELECTRIC, INC.	BUS PARTS	198.11	
111944	3/10/2016	DONS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY DBA	BUS PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES	226.75	
111945	3/10/2016	DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATION, INC	TC MAINTENANCE	70.00	
111946	3/10/2016	EASY LIFT TRANSPORTATION, INC	ADA SUBSIDY	68,792.58	
111947	3/10/2016	FERRO MAGNETIC CORPORATION	BATTERY CHARGERS/PARTS	684.99	
111948	3/10/2016	GENFARE, A DIVISION OF SPX COR	FAREBOX REPAIRS & PARTS	678.44	
111949	3/10/2016	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS	117.68	
111950	3/10/2016	GILLIG LLC	NEW 40' BUSES & BUS PARTS	2,164.38	
111951	3/10/2016	H.G. MAKELIM CO., INC.	BUS PARTS	1,214.72	
111952	3/10/2016	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	31.25	
111953	3/10/2016	MC CORMIX CORP. (OIL)	LUBRICANTS	1,866.52	
111954	3/10/2016	CHUCK MCQUARY	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
111955	3/10/2016	MIKE CUEVAS GARDENING SERVI	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICE	695.00	
111956	3/10/2016	KENNETH B. MILLS	PROCUREMENT SERVICES	2,563.00	
111957	3/10/2016	MISSION LINEN SUPPLY, INC	UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	4,751.08	

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111958	3/10/2016	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	125.06	
111959	3/10/2016	MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER	SHOP & OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,113.95	
111960	3/10/2016	DAVID MORSE	TRAVEL PER DIEM	120.00	
111961	3/10/2016	NATIONAL INTERSTATE INS INC.	LIABILITY INSURANCE	27,423.00	
111962	3/10/2016	NEWEGG, INC	IT EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	930.29	
111963	3/10/2016	NEWARK ELECTRONICS, CORP.	BUS PARTS	230.75	
111964	3/10/2016	NU-COOL REDI GREEN, INC	COOLANTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	551.88	
111965	3/10/2016	PREVOST CAR INC.- CREDIT DEPT.	BUS PARTS & SOFTWARE	2,002.77	
111966	3/10/2016	OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ	DIRECTOR FEES	60.00	
111967	3/10/2016	SB LOCKSMITHS, INC.	B&G REPAIR & SUPPLIES	149.84	
111968	3/10/2016	SILVAS OIL CO., INC.	LUBRICANTS	463.58	
111969	3/10/2016	WILLIAM JOHN SHELOR	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
111970	3/10/2016	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	10,266.40	
111971	3/10/2016	SPECIALTY TOOL & BOLT, LTD	SHOP SUPPLIES	688.99	
111972	3/10/2016	STAPLES INC. & SUBSIDIARIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	237.10	
111973	3/10/2016	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE & COMPUTER SUPPLIES	156.49	
111974	3/10/2016	SWRCB ACCOUNTING OFFICE	STORM WATER PERMITS	2,564.00	
111975	3/10/2016	STEWART'S DE-ROOTING & PLUM	PLUMBING REPAIRS	150.00	
111976	3/10/2016	SUN COAST RENTALS, CORP	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	205.00	
111977	3/10/2016	THE MEDCENTER	MEDICAL EXAMS	2,834.00	
111978	3/10/2016	TRI COUNTY BLINDS AND DRAPES	OFFICE BLINDS	3,846.96	
111979	3/10/2016	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	BUS PARTS	6,025.74	
111980	3/10/2016	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	BUS PARTS	1,850.90	
111981	3/10/2016	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY DBA	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	646.59	
111982	3/10/2016	RICHARD WEINBERG	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
				2,343,391.49	
				Current Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00
				Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00
				Grand Total:	\$2,343,391.49

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Receipts of Accounts Receivable**

Date	Company	Description	Amount
3/1/2016	Godzilla Graphics	Advertising on Buses	5,958.00
3/2/2016	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Passports Sales	816.00
3/4/2016	SB County Alcohol,Drug/Mental Healt	Advertising on Buses	1,293.00
3/7/2016	ASTI Holding Company, LLC	Overpass Property Lease - March '16	15,389.18
3/7/2016	Bristol Farms/Lazy Acres	Advertising on Buses	2,700.00
3/7/2016	City of S.B. Waterfront Department	Waterfront Shuttle Service-Cruise Ship 2/3	4,312.16
3/7/2016	City of SB - (Downtown Shuttle)	Downtown Shuttle - February '16	91,187.66
3/7/2016	City of SB Creeks Division	Advertising on Buses	300.00
3/7/2016	City of SB Creeks Division	Advertising on Buses	300.00
3/7/2016	UCSB - Parking Services-7001	Passes/Passports Sales	7,668.00
3/8/2016	SB School District	Passes/Token Sales	2,850.00
3/8/2016	Stevens and Associates	Advertising on Buses	1,660.00
3/9/2016	Cottage Hospital	Passes/Token Sales	24,620.00
3/9/2016	Cottage Hospital	Passes/Token Sales	12,880.00
3/9/2016	Cottage Hospital	Passes/Token Sales	-24,620.00
3/11/2016	County of Santa Barbara	Passes/Token Sales	2,471.00
3/11/2016	Montecito Bank & Trust	Advertising on Buses	5,680.00
3/11/2016	Stevens and Associates	Advertising on Buses	-374.85
3/14/2016	City of SB-Environmental Services D	Advertising on Buses	1,410.00
3/14/2016	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Passports Sales	124.00
3/14/2016	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Passports Sales	144.00
Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period			\$156,768.15



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #: 7

TYPE: Action

PREPARED BY: George Amoon

Signature

REVIEWED BY: General Manager

GM Signature

SUBJECT: Presentation of Draft Service Plan for August 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive presentation of August 2016 Draft Service Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is proposing a 4.6% increase in revenue hours for FY 2016-17. The approved service level for FY 2015-16 was 210,330 hours. The proposed changes would raise the service level to 219,901 hours representing an increase of 9,571 hours. Of this total, 6,213 hours are for the new UCSB-funded Line 38, 337 hours are for SBCAG-funded Last Mile service, and 798 additional hours are due to service calendar fluctuations. The remaining 2,223 hours represent a net 1.1% increase in service improvements within Goleta and Carpinteria plus a few minor schedule adjustments. The proposed service changes are discussed in greater detail below and summarized in the attached table. Also attached are route maps for proposed new or changed routes as well as advantages and disadvantages of each proposed service change.

	Hours	% Change
Approved FY 2015-16 Service Level	210,330	
Line 38 and Last-Mile Service	6,550	3.1%
Potential Service Improvements	2,223	1.1%
Adjustment due to Calendar Fluctuation	<u>798</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
Total FY2016-17 Changes	<u>9,571</u>	4.6%
Potential FY 2016-17 Service Level	219,901	

The proposed changes proposed were based on input throughout the year from the public and MTD drivers, data review and extensive field observations. Subsequent to the draft changes presented to the Board for approval, staff will present them to the public at community meetings in Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Goleta and Isla Vista to

receive feedback. The feedback will be summarized to the Board in late April/early May as part of the Final Service Plan.

Line 38:

As part of the agreement signed by MTD and UCSB approximately two years ago, UCSB agreed to fund enhanced service on Lines 24x and 12x and a new Line 38 between Camino Real Marketplace and UCSB to offset the impact of the 1,000 bed San Joaquin student housing project currently under construction near the Storke/El Colegio Road intersection. The Lines 24x/12x enhancements, which focus on consistent night service seven days a week, were implemented in August 2015.

Line 38 service is proposed as follows:

- 15-minute service between 7:30 AM and 6:30 PM and 30-minute service between 6:30 PM and 12:00 AM Monday through Friday during the school year
- 30-minute service between 7:30 AM and 11:30 PM Monday through Friday during the Summer
- 30-minute service between 7:30 AM and 10:30 PM Saturdays year around
- 30-minute service between 7:30 AM and 10:00 PM Sundays year around

The scheduling will be consistent throughout the year. Service is not proposed during Winter and Spring breaks as there will be Line 27 (reduced), Line 11 and Line 24x service available. The main route is proposed along El Colegio and Storke Roads providing direct service between Camino Real Marketplace, UCSB and San Joaquin, Sierra Madre, Santa Catalina student/faculty housing complexes. The route is also proposed to use Phelps Road, Pacific Oaks Road, Los Ninos, Santa Felicia Drive and Hollister Avenue. An ADA compliant stop on Pacific Oaks Road at Phelps Road is proposed to be constructed for the route as well as expanded boarding areas at the El Colegio Road stop fronting Tropicana Gardens residence hall which UCSB recently purchased and the eastbound stop on El Colegio Road at Camino Corto. These improvements will be funded and constructed by UCSB per the agreement.

First & Last Mile Service:

As part of the 101 In Motion project, SBCAG is coordinating with AMTRAK to re-time two AMTRAK trains potentially in fall 2016 to match AM and PM peak commuting hours. SBCAG may partner with MTD to provide bus service funded by SBCAG/Caltrans to/from the Santa Barbara and Goleta train stations to areas of employment within the "first and last mile" figuratively speaking. Service at the Santa Barbara train station in the AM could be served by a 30-foot bus. Service in PM could be served by the existing shuttle service which operates until 6 PM. Service at the Goleta train station would require additional service hours with routes likely emanating to Goleta Old Town, UCSB and major employment centers along the western end of Hollister Avenue.

Line 7 Extension:

Lines 7 and 8 currently provide service along several major destinations however the service is intermittent. Line 9 service is currently the lowest performing route in the system. To provide consistent service along this corridor and to link it to Goleta Old Town, the service hours for all three lines are proposed to be combined into an enhanced Line 7 with consistent service seven days a week. The proposed route would involve extending Line 7 across the Fairview Ave/Hwy 101 Bridge to Hollister Ave and use Kellogg/Armitos/Kinman in Goleta Old Town to turn around including reinstating a bus stop on Kellogg Avenue. Once the roundabouts at Hollister Ave/Hwy 217 are completed, the route may instead use one of the roundabouts to turn around. Thirty-minute service is proposed for predominantly all day during the weekdays between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM and one-hour service is proposed between 7:30 AM and 6:45 PM during the weekends. The current 9:30 PM weekday trip from the Wake Center toward the Transit Center is proposed to remain in service. Overall this service will provide consistent bi-directional direct service between Goleta Old Town, Calle Real and Fairview shopping centers, a community health clinic near the Calle Real/Kellogg Avenue intersection, County Health and Social Services facility, Veteran's Clinic, La Cumbre Shopping Center, the Transit Center and various neighborhoods in between.

The service is also proposed to travel in the direction the buses are headed (Santa Barbara or Goleta) along Honor Farm Road and Camino del Remedio that serve County Health and the Social Services complex. This will reduce the confusion at the various stops caused by the inbound and outbound buses that currently travel in the same direction. The one stop that will need to maintain the same inbound and outbound direction will be the County Health building stop due to the one-way driveway access to reach that stop at that facility.

Currently there are a small number of disabled passengers who use Line 9 to travel between the Fairview Avenue/Encina Lane residences and the Hollister/Patterson Avenue area. Although with this proposal these individuals would be required to transfer to Lines 6 or 11 in Goleta Old Town to reach Patterson Avenue, more consistent service would be provided throughout the mid day as well as extend earlier in the morning and later in the evening.

Lines 6/11/23/25:

Before 7:00 PM, passengers in Goleta using Lines 6, 11, 12x, 15x, 24x, 27 and the upcoming Line 38 must transfer at bus stops near the Storke/Hollister Road intersection to board Lines 23 or 25 (and vice versa) which can affect ridership. Also, the alternating direction of the bus traveling along interlined Lines 23 and 25 can cause confusion for many passengers as evidenced by many of them often waiting on the opposite side of the road to board the bus. Finally, the frequency on Lines 23 and 25 line has been increased up to an infrequent 1 hour 10 min due to increased traffic congestion.

To address these issues, Lines 23 and 25 are proposed to be de-interlined yet they will continue to essentially serve the same areas. Line 23 would travel along a less circuitous route with bi-directional service to Dos Pueblos High School and continuing in

a one-way direction using mainly Calle Real, Brandon Drive, Cathedral Oaks Road and Alameda Road in a clockwise direction until approximately 7:00 PM. Line 25 would use Hollister Avenue bi-directionally, cross Highway 101 at the Cathedral Oaks Interchange and circle Winchester Commons in a clockwise direction until approximately 7:00 PM. After 7:00 PM when service is used less, the route would change direction at Cathedral Oaks Road to directly connect to Line 25 near Winchester Commons to better accommodate those passengers along that line at night.

In addition, Line 6 would continue as Line 25 every other trip and Line 11 would continue as Line 23 every other trip which would avoid the need to transfer on those trips (and vice-versa) until approximately 7:00 PM. The other alternating trips would continue as interlined Lines 6 and 11 as it does currently until approximately 7:00 PM. After 7:00 PM, Line 11 would continue as Line 23 or as “q” flexible optional trips as it does currently. Both lines would no longer need to use Santa Felicia Drive to circle Camino Real Marketplace which reduces the number of hours per line. Service along Santa Felicia Drive would still be provided by Line 27 and nightly Line 24x trips.

Line 20:

Current service during the mid day is hourly causing buses to be often fully loaded for the up to one-hour trip. Two additional trips during the mid day are proposed on weekdays for consistent 40-minute service. Certain existing trip times within the mid day would be adjusted to create the consistent service.

San Marcos High School Summer PM Booster Service (2510):

The PM booster service during Summer school from San Marcos High School to the Santa Barbara West side has been experiencing very low ridership. Students are likely using the other multiple bus lines or other means to reach their residences on the West side in the PM. Elimination of this booster is proposed.

Line 15x:

Remove one of the three boosters at 7:07 AM traveling from Isla Vista to SBCC due to the added capacity of the articulated bus.

Line 16:

Remove the one scheduled 7:35 AM trip from the Transit Center to SBCC during the summer due to Kaplan International relocating from SBCC to downtown Santa Barbara in June. Lines 5 and 17 will continue to provide service.

ATTACHMENT:

- Draft August 2016 Proposed Service Plan Table
- Route Maps for Proposed New and Changed Route Maps
- Advantages and Disadvantages of Service Plan Proposals

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

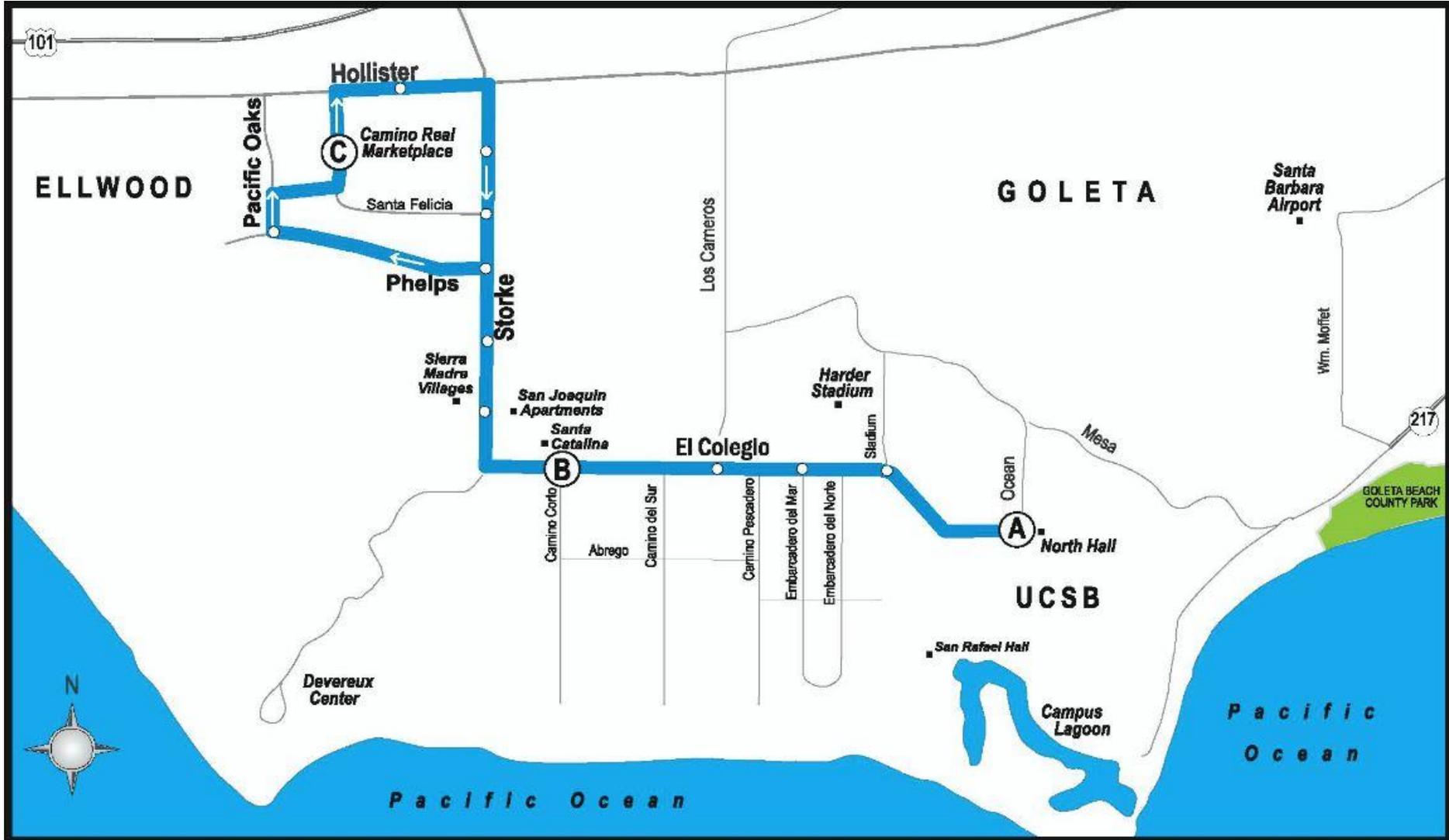
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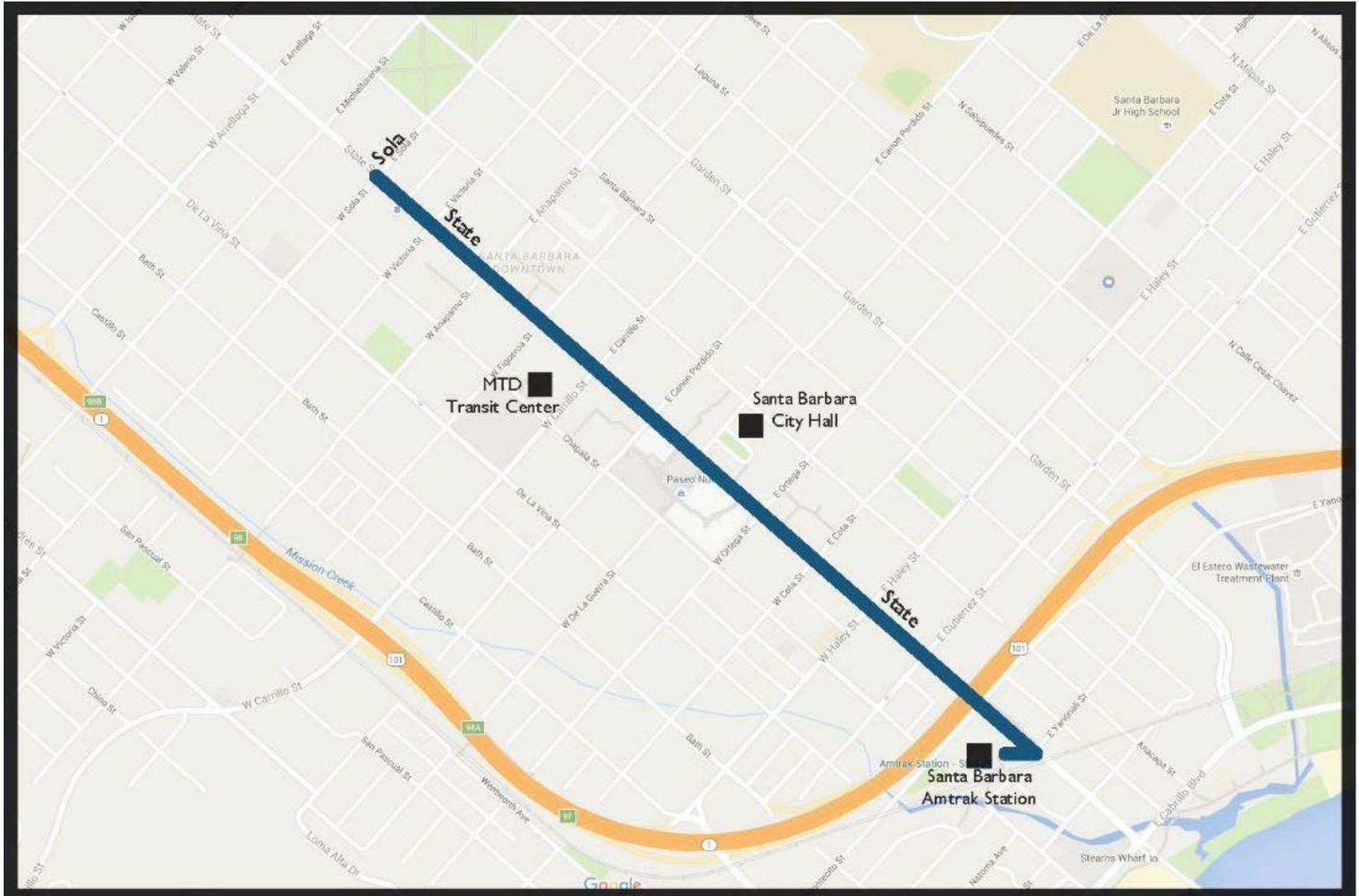
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Line	Route	Issue	Draft Proposal	Estimated Additional Hours for FY 16-17
38 (new line)	Camino Real Marketplace - San Joaquin/Sierra Madre/Santa Catalina UCSB residence halls - UCSB	Significant increased demand as a result of UCSB San Joaquin housing project proposed near Storke/El Colegio Road intersection.	15-minute service between 7:30 AM and 6:30 PM and 30-minute service between 6:30 PM and 12:00 AM Monday through Friday during the school year 30-minute service between 7:30 AM and 11:30 PM Monday through Friday during the Summer 30-minute service between 7:30 AM and 10:30 PM Saturdays year around 30-minute service between 7:30 AM and 10:00 PM Sundays year around	6,213 (funded by UCSB)
Last Mile Service	Goleta AMTRAK Train Station - Goleta Old Town/UCSB/major employment centers	Bus service from Goleta AMTRAK train station to Goleta Old Town/UCSB/major employment centers	Service for re-timed AM and PM peak commuting hours at Goleta AMTRAK station	337 (funded by SBCAG/Caltrans)
			<i>Subtotal</i>	6,550 3.1% increase
7 Extension	Santa Barbara - La Cumbre Shopping Center - County Health and Human Services - Calle Real Shopping Center - Goleta Neighborhood Clinic - Goleta Old Town	Lines 7 and 8 provide intermittent service yet serve major destinations. Line 9 is lowest performing route in system. Inbound and outbound buses travel in same direction along Camino del Remedio and Honor Farm Road creating confusion for passengers.	Thirty-minute service between 7:30 AM and 8:00 PM Monday through Friday. One-hour service between 7:30 AM and 6:45 PM on weekends. Bi-directional service at bus stops.	3,202
23/25/6/11	Lines 23 and 25 circulates within Ellwood/El Encanto Heights neighborhoods north and south of Highway 101 in Goleta. Lines 6 and 11 provide trunk service between Santa Barbara and Goleta/UCSB along State Street and Hollister Avenue	Transfer between Lines 23/25 and all other lines at Camino Real Marketplace affects ridership. Confusion of which stops to use along Lines 23 and 25. Infrequent Lines 23 and 25 service.	De-interline Lines 23 and 25 and less circuitous Line 23 route. Bi-directional service Line 23 service to Dos Pueblos High School. One-way service beyond high school. Bi-directional Line 25 service along Hollister Ave to Winchester Commons. Before 7:00 PM, interline Lines 6 and 25 and 11 and 23 on alternating trips. Maintain interlining on Lines 6 and 11 on other alternating trips.	(1,748)
20	Santa Barbara - Carpinteria	Full buses during mid-day due to one-hour service.	Add two additional trips to provide 40-minute mid-day service.	868
Summer School PM Booster (2510)	San Marcos High School - Santa Barbara Westside	Very low ridership	Eliminate Summer School PM booster	(10)
15x	SBCC - Isla Vista	Articulated buses providing additional capacity.	Remove one scheduled booster at 7:07 AM trip.	(73)
16	Downtown Santa Barbara - SBCC	Kaplan International will no longer use the SBCC campus for classrooms	Remove the one scheduled trip at 7:35 AM during the summer	(16)
			<i>Subtotal</i>	2,223 1.1% increase
			Additional hours for additional weekday	798 0.4% increase
			Total	9,571 4.6% increase

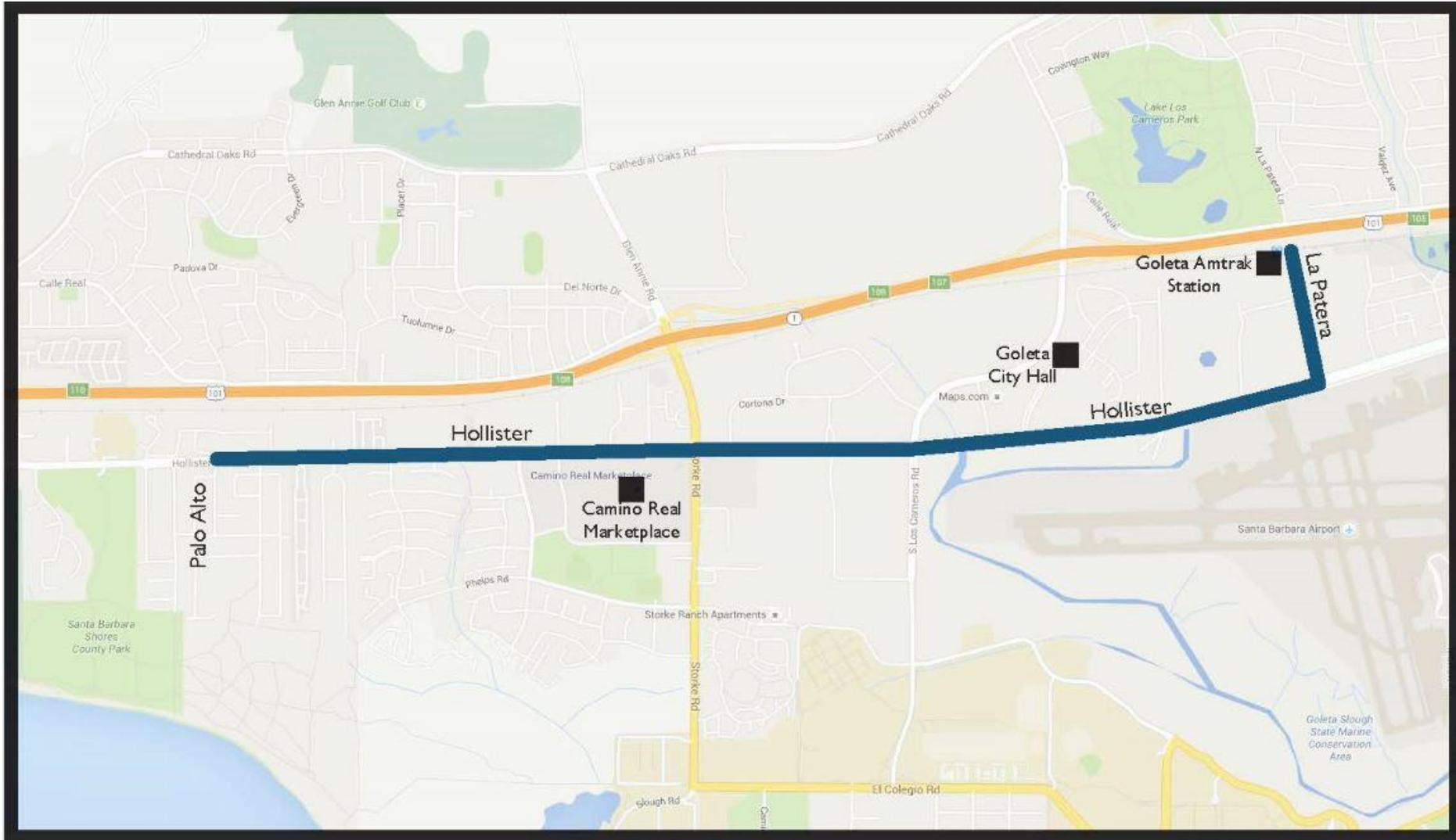
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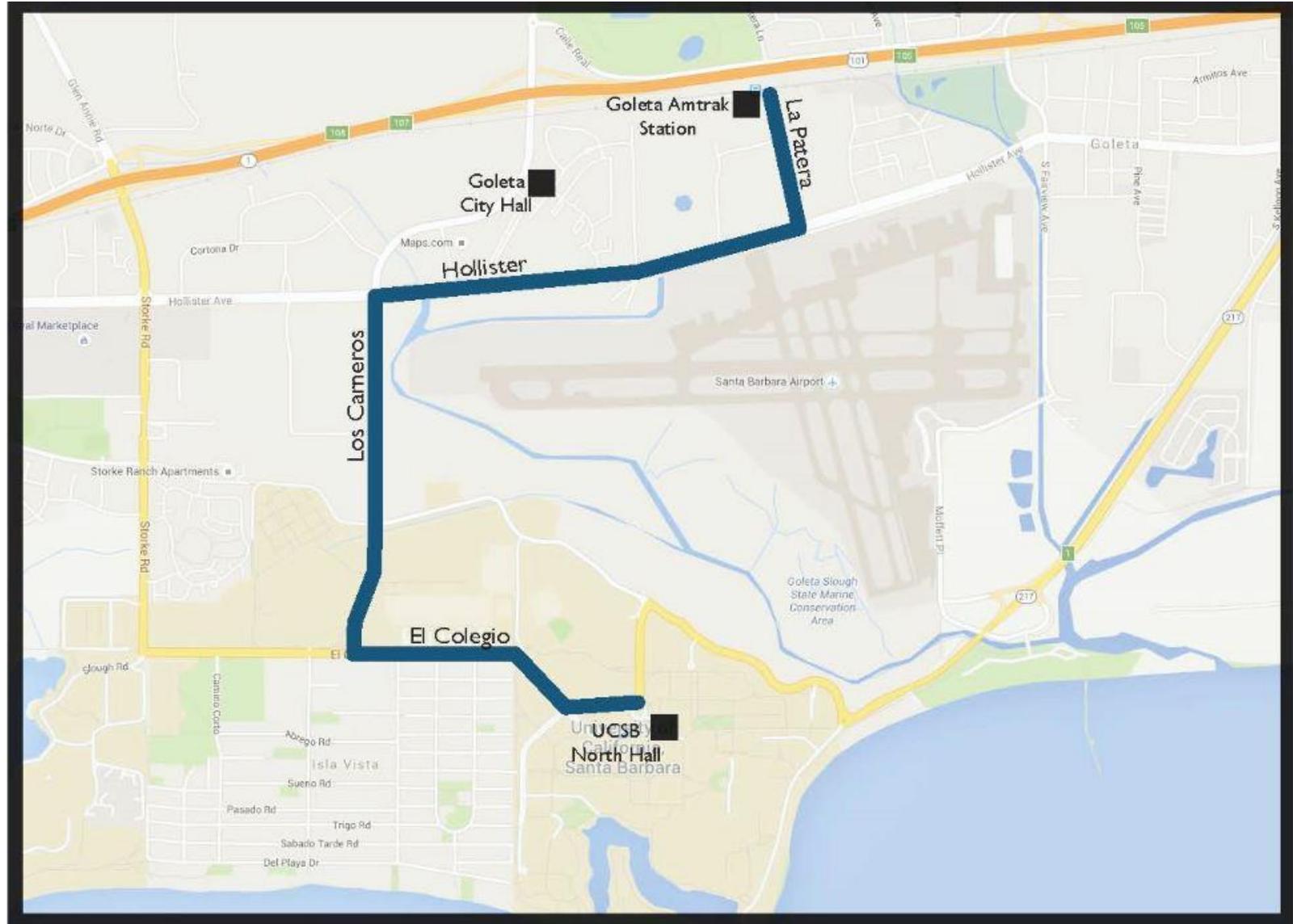
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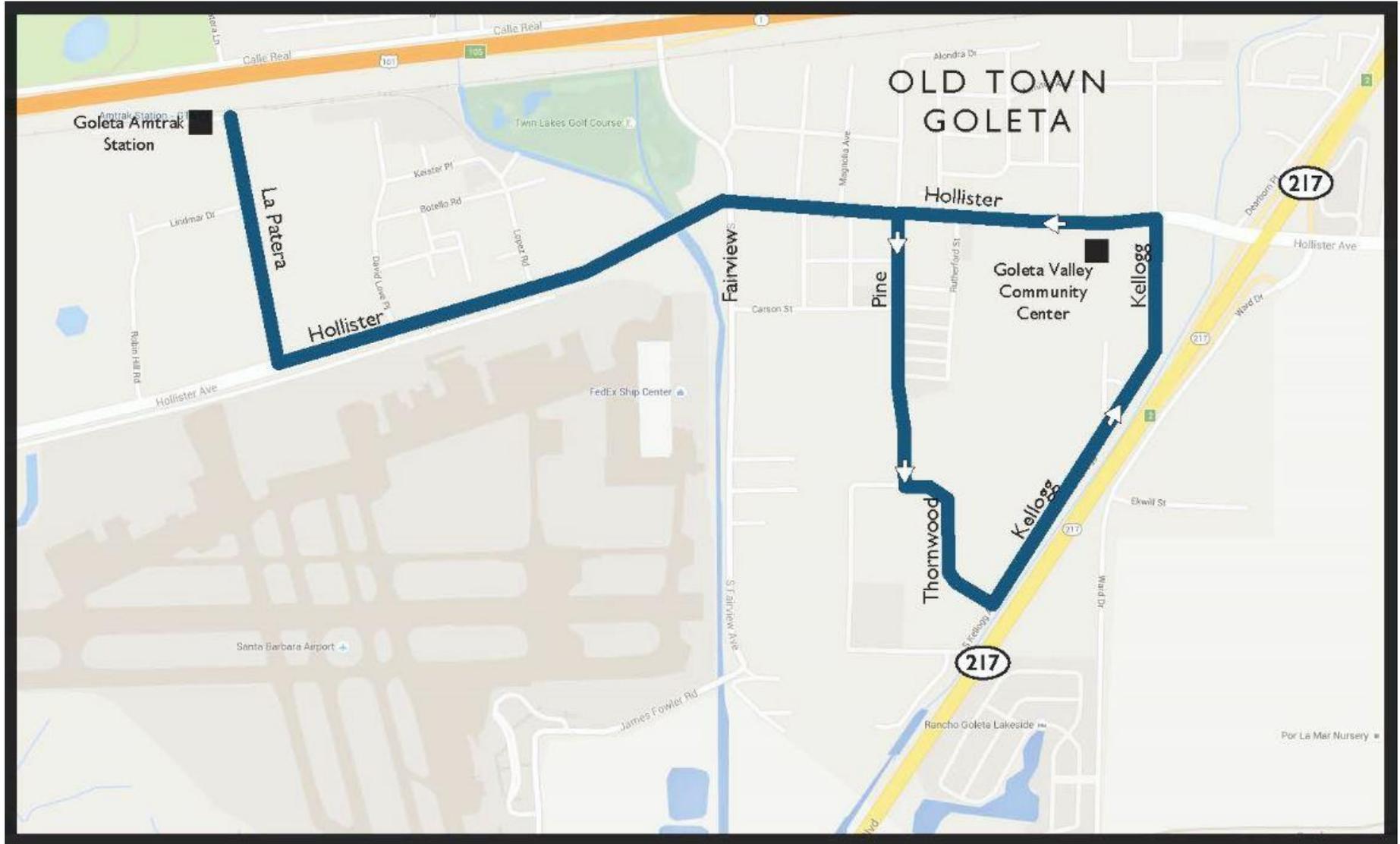
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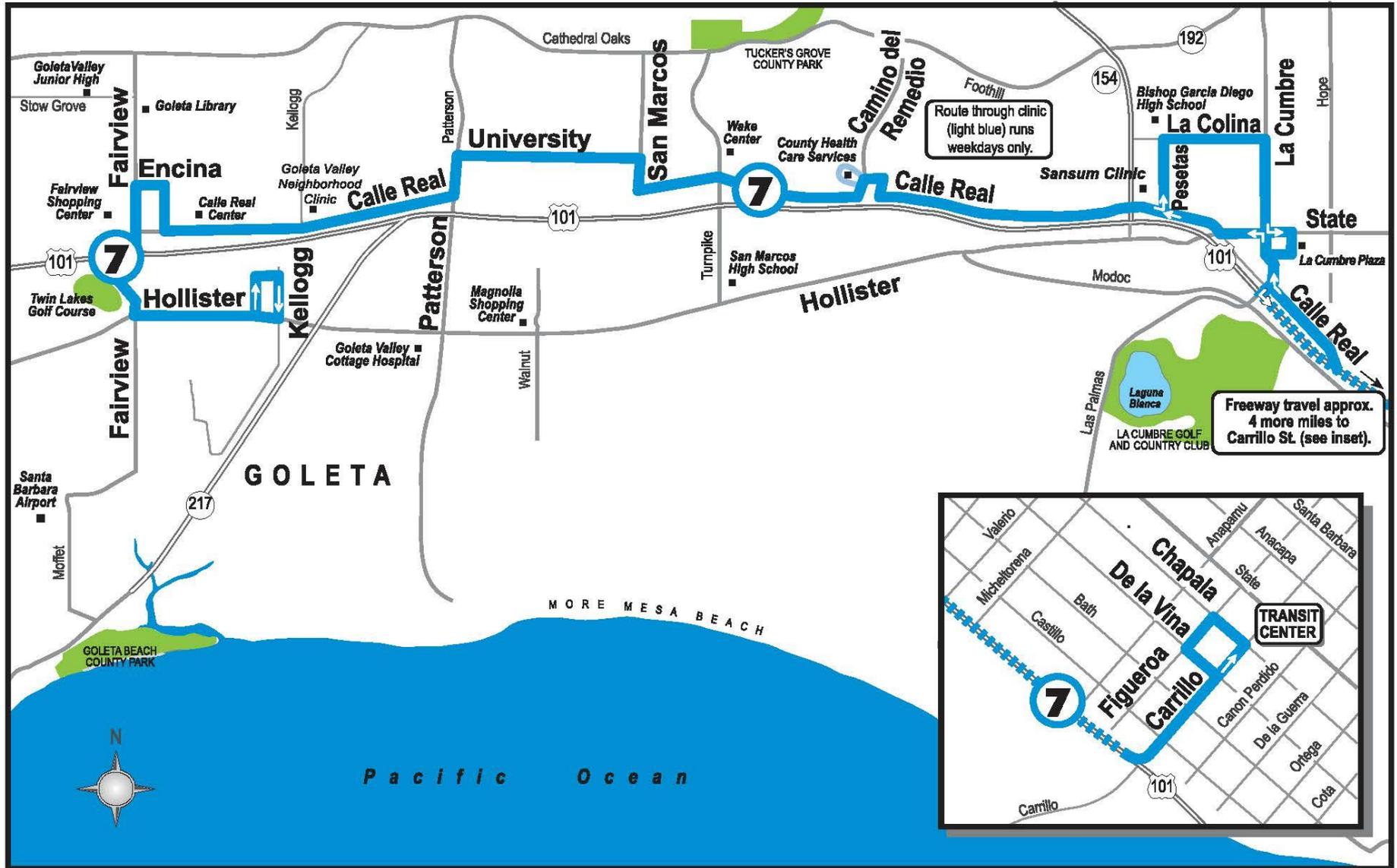
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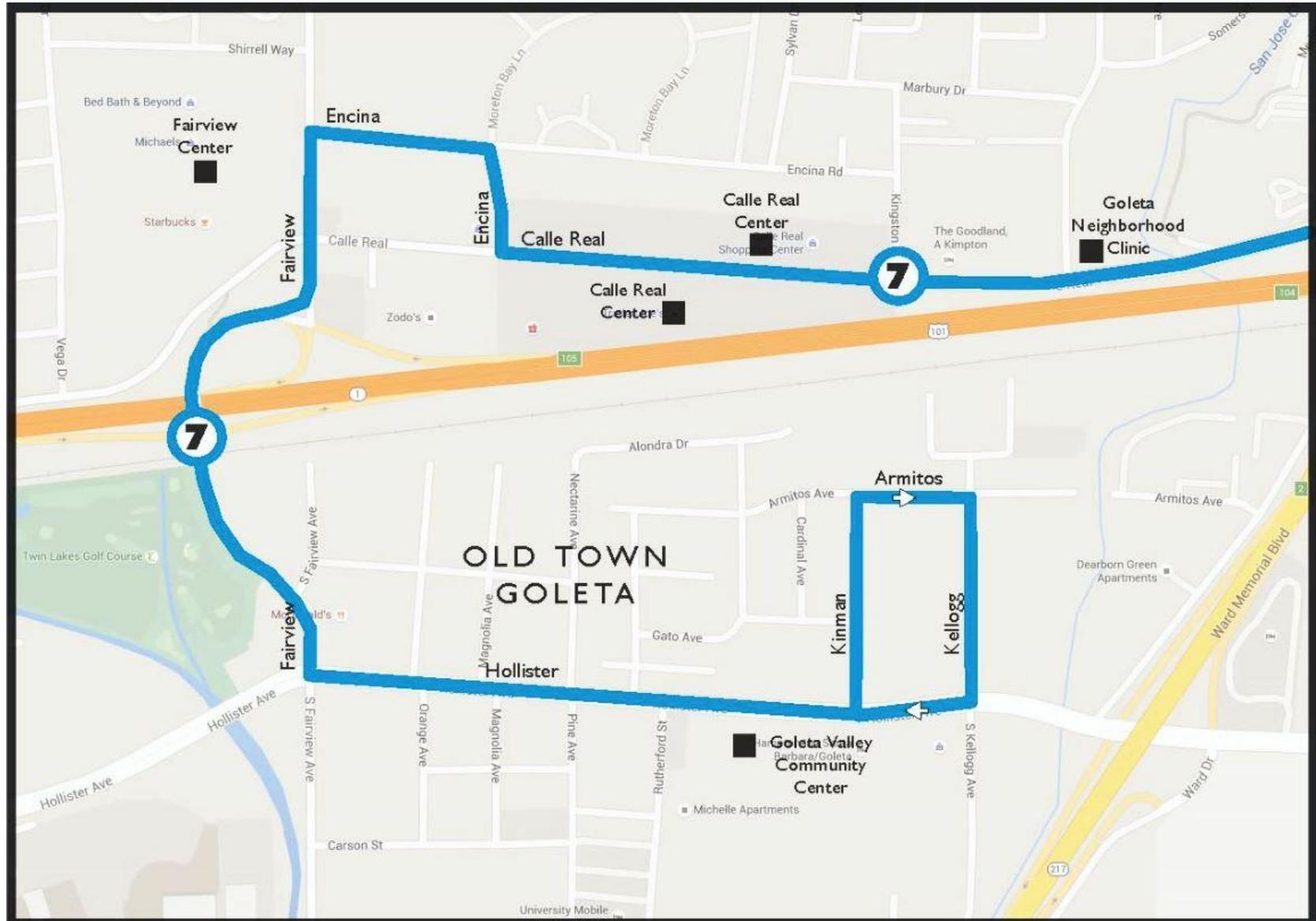
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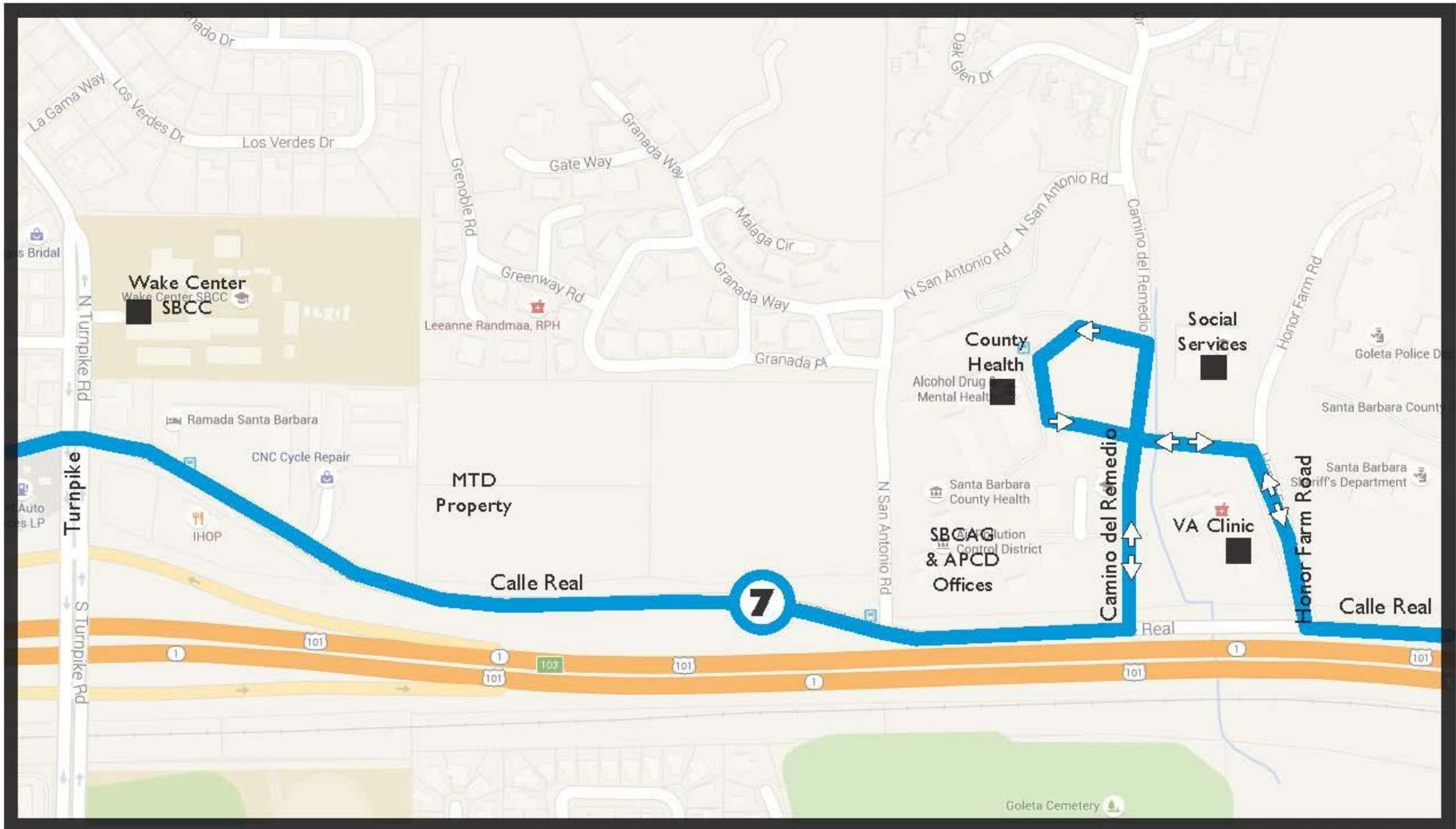
Proposed Line 7 Extension Overall Route



Proposed Line 7 Extension Goleta Old Town



Line 7 Extension Re-route at County Facilities

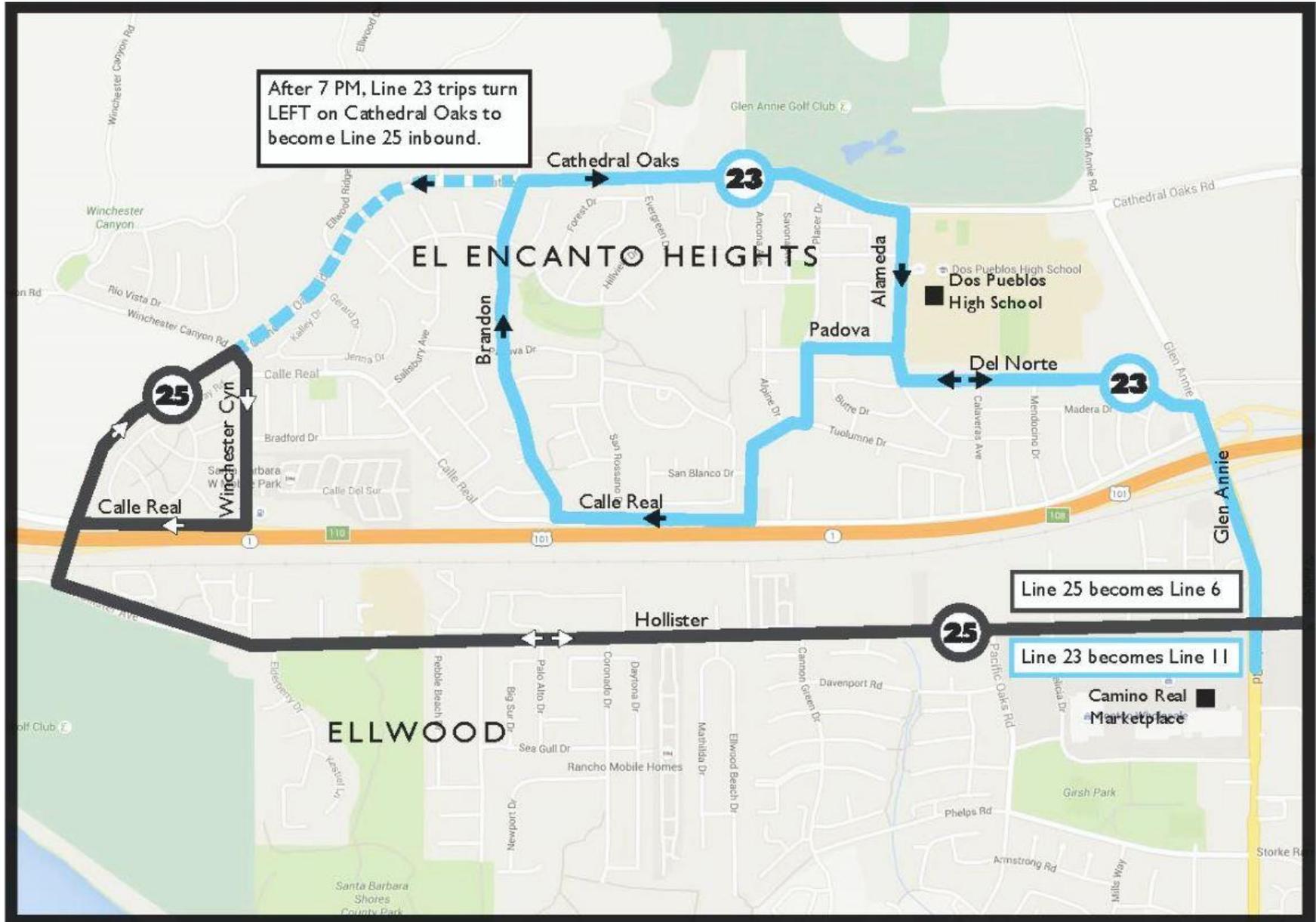


Lines 6-11-23-25

Storke/Hollister Intersection



Lines 23 & 25 Proposed Routes



Advantages and Disadvantages of August 2016 Proposals
March 22, 2016

Line 38: (New Route)

Advantages:

- Additional capacity to serve off campus UCSB housing near the Storke/Hollister intersection
- Bus stop capacity improvements at the El Colegio/Camino Corto and El Colegio/Tropicana Gardens bus stops
- New bus stop on Pacific Oaks Road at Phelps Road

First & Last Mile Service:

Advantages:

- Transit service to workplaces at AM and PM peak hours

Disadvantages:

- Delayed trains would affect schedule
- Uncertainty with timing of implementation

Line 7-8-9:

Advantages:

- Consistent 30 min service during weekdays
- Bi-directional service from Goleta Old Town to Fairview/Calle Real shopping centers, community health clinic Calle Real/Kellogg, County Health and Social Services facility, La Cumbre Shopping Center, neighborhoods and Transit Center.
- Clearer directional service at County Social Services complex and Veteran's Clinic

Disadvantages:

- Disabled passengers between Fairview/Encina and Hollister/Patterson will need to transfer in Goleta Old Town.

Lines 6/11/23/25:

Advantages:

- Eliminates need to transfer on approximately half (alternating) of Lines 6/11 trips at Storke/Hollister before 7:00 PM.
- Eliminates need for many Lines 23/25 passengers to transfer at the Storke/Hollister intersection
- Eliminates confusion along Line 23 route of which side of street to wait for bus at bus stops.
- Restores frequency to a maximum of an hour.
- Bi-directional Line 23 service between Storke/Hollister and Dos Pueblos High School.
- Bi-directional Line 25 service between Storke/Hollister and Winchester Commons housing complex

Disadvantages:

- May cause some Line 6/11 passengers to transfer at the Storke/Hollister intersection. Approximately one half of the Line 6/11 trips will continue as Line 6/11 interlined trips whereas currently all generally do.
- Passengers to understand the Line 23 directional change in the evening toward Line 25 at Brandon/Cathedral Oaks Road intersection.
- One directional loop service beyond Dos Pueblos High School
- Line 23/25 will no longer circle Camino Real Marketplace with regard to stop locations as service will only be along Hollister and Storke.

Line 20:

Advantages:

- Consistent 40-minute service during weekdays

Disadvantages:

- Existing trips that are adjusted to create 40-minute service may be less convenient for some current passengers.

San Marcos High School Summer PM Booster (Line 2510):

Advantages:

- Remove unnecessary capacity.

Disadvantages:

- The few passengers that currently use the booster would use Lines 6/11 and transfer to Lines 1 or 17.

Line 15x Booster Reduction:

Advantages:

- Remove unnecessary capacity due to larger capacity articulated bus.

Disadvantages:

- Unscheduled boosters may be needed for a period of time

Line 16 Summer Trip Removal:

Advantages:

- Remove unnecessary capacity

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 22, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #: 8

TYPE: ACTION

PREPARED BY: THAIS SAYAT

Signature

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

GM Signature

SUBJECT: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Measure A Program of Projects Submittal

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the submittal of Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Measure A Program of Projects for fiscal year 2016-17.

DISCUSSION:

Consistent with the Measure A ordinance, MTD has prepared its Program of Projects for fiscal year 2016-17. Attached is the submittal form provided by SBCAG including MTD's estimated appropriation for the next five years.



Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Five Year Measure A Program of Projects (FYs 2016/17 to 20/21)
Measure A Local Street and Transportation Improvements Submittal Form
(Figures in \$000)

Local Street & Transportation Improvements	Measure A Revenues									Non-Measure A Revenues				Total Project Cost	For Santa Barbara County Only
	FY 2014/15 Actual Expenditures	Carry-over from FY 14/15	Carry-over from FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	TOTAL Measure A Revenues	Local	State	Federal	TOTAL Non-Measure A Revenues		
Maintainance, Improvement or Construction of Roadways & Bridges									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Safety Improvements									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Urban Forestry Street Tree Program									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Storm Damage Repair to Transportation Facilities									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Roadway Drainage Facilities									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Traffic Signal Coordination, Intersection Channelization									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Traffic Management									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Landscaping Maintenance									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Highway Improvements									\$0				\$0	\$0	
Matching Funds for State and Regional Programs and Projects									\$0				\$0	\$0	
TOTAL		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Alternative Transportation Expenditures	Measure A Revenues									Non-Measure A Revenues				Total Project Cost
	FY 2014/15 Actual Expenditures	Carry-over from FY 14/15	Carry-over from FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	TOTAL Measure A Revenues	Local	State	Federal	TOTAL Non-Measure A Revenues	
Maintenance, Repair, Construction & Improvement of Bike & Ped Facilities									\$0				\$0	\$0
Safe Routes to School Improvements									\$0				\$0	\$0
Reduced Transit Fares for Seniors & Disabled									\$0				\$0	\$0
Bus and Rail Transit Services and Facilities									\$0				\$0	\$0
Santa Barbara MTD - Operations									\$0				\$0	\$0
Route Operations	\$13,510,762			\$2,014,368	\$1,973,487	\$2,041,409	\$2,112,559	\$2,200,372	\$10,342,195	\$71,948,532			\$71,948,532	\$82,290,727
Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,492,875								\$0	\$1,210,518		\$27,178,835	\$28,389,353	\$28,389,353
Passenger Accommodations	\$1,502,498								\$0	\$10,017,288			\$10,017,288	\$10,017,288
General Overhead	\$2,747,193								\$0	\$15,807,383			\$15,807,383	\$15,807,383
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District - Capital: Such as, buses, bus rehabilitation, facilities, radios & fareboxes, service vehicles, bus stop amenities, shop equipment, office equipment and furniture, or any other valid public transit purchase.	\$1,281,428	\$1,387,823	\$936,550	\$934,138	\$915,297	\$946,600	\$979,390	\$1,019,860	\$7,119,658	\$3,401,757	\$3,076,161	\$2,903,706	\$9,381,624	\$16,501,282
Programs, Education, & Incentives to Reduce Single Occupant Auto Trips or Transportation Demand									\$0				\$0	\$0
TOTAL ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES	\$24,534,756	\$1,387,823	\$936,550	\$2,948,506	\$2,888,784	\$2,988,009	\$3,091,949	\$3,220,232	\$17,461,853	\$102,385,477	\$3,076,161	\$30,082,541	\$135,544,179	\$153,006,032
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,534,756	\$1,387,823	\$936,550	\$2,948,506	\$2,888,784	\$2,988,009	\$3,091,949	\$3,220,232	\$17,461,853	\$102,385,477	\$3,076,161	\$30,082,541	\$135,544,179	\$153,006,032

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 22, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #: 9

TYPE: ACTION

PREPARED BY: THAIS SAYAT

Signature

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

GM Signature

SUBJECT: Resolution Regarding Fiscal Year 2016-17 Transportation Development Act Claim

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the General Manager to claim all Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds apportioned to Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for fiscal year 2016-17.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is preparing the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District's (MTD) fiscal year 2016-17 TDA claim forms. All claims must be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments by April 15, 2016.

RESOLUTION
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE FILING
OF A CLAIM WITH THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR
ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT
ACT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

WHEREAS, the Transportation Development Act (TDA), as amended (Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.), provides for the allocation of funds from the Local Transportation Fund and the State Transit Assistance Fund, for use by eligible claimants for various transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the TDA, as amended, and pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations hereunder (21 Cal. Admin. Code Sections 6600 et seq.) a prospective claimant wishing to receive an allocation from the Local Transportation Fund or the State Transit Assistance Fund shall file its claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Manager, Jerry Estrada, is authorized to execute and file an appropriate claim pursuant to the terms of the Transportation Development Act, as amended, and pursuant to applicable rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, together with all necessary supporting documents, with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an allocation of TDA funds in Fiscal Year 2016-17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized claim includes \$ 247,784 for regional and transportation planning and \$7,611,094 for transit purposes, plus STA funds to be allocated for mass transportation or local transportation planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Santa Barbara Association of Governments in conjunction with the filing of the claim.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District this 22nd day of March, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSENT: _____

Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

To: MTD Board of Directors
From: Jerry Estrada, General Manager
Date: March 22, 2016
Subject: General Manager's Report

Planning

Kaplan International language school is planning to relocate from the SBCC campus to 27 East Cota Street in May. Typically, students do not own vehicles during their short stay in the region so they will likely be relying on transit to reach the school. This will include the various lines that serve the Transit Center from throughout the region and the nearby Line 20/21x stops which serve the Carpinteria region.

It is our understanding that UCSB is not planning on leasing housing to English First (EF) language school students in Isla Vista during the summer. Last summer they were housed at Santa Catalina Residence Hall and Tropicana Villas. Instead, EF is planning on housing them at Tropicana del Norte, which is at 6525 El Colegio near the campus west gate. The Line 24x enhancement that was implemented in August 2015 combined with using articulated buses on this line will provide the additional capacity needed during the peak EF student enrollment in July and August.

Planning staff attended the monthly COAST Bus Riders Meeting on March 10. Attendees shared their thoughts and suggestions and asked questions regarding MTD service. Staff also informed attendees about the Fall service change process including the upcoming public input meetings proposed in March and April.

Planning and Operations and UCSB staff met with City of Goleta Public Works staff to discuss implementation of the new Line 38 bus stop on Pacific Oaks Road at Phelps Road funded by UCSB and potential new stops on Cathedral Oaks Road to serve the proposed new Line 23 route. Both of these proposals are part of the proposed Fall changes service plan. Staff looks forward to working with the City in implementing these improvements.

Staff attended a run cutting course in Rancho Mirage last week. This fixed route scheduling training covered, among other items, service development, route design, route monitoring, scheduling, and run cutting.

Operations & Maintenance

VTT (Verification of Transit Training) classes were held last week. We hold these required continuing education training sessions four different times throughout the year. These are mandated by the State of California, for the type of CDL that our Operators hold. All Operators and Supervisors are required to attend the training.

Intercon Technologies has been on site for the last four days to install the CALB battery set and Ligoo BMS in EV12 replacing the Balqon/Winston System that was originally installed in March 2013. The CARB mandated engine change outs on the 2011 hybrid fleet have begun. The 2011 Cummins ISB engines are rated by CARB regulations as a medium heavy duty engine that must be replaced every 185,000 miles. Bus 912 is complete and back on the road. Bus 915's engine is installed, however, there are several issues with the Allison

Hybrid system. Bus 915 is still at Valley Power awaiting directive from Allison engineering. All seven will have their engines replaced at 185,000 mile intervals for the life of the bus.

Bus 631 is at Cummins for cylinder, piston and head replacement under the 2013 Cummins campaign for clogged EGR coolers leading to an active 3382 code. This is the second bus from this fleet of thirteen to have this failure. The replacement work is covered under warranty.

The five new 2016 Gillig buses have been accepted by the MTD and are in revenue service. Maintenance staff is working with the procurement staff on the yard fencing, canopy and gate projects. The Olive St. building floodgates are in the process of having their Presway air bladders, air valves and pressure gauges replaced.

Administration

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the new federal transportation bill that covers fiscal years 2016 through 2020, expanded a bus capital funding program, Section 5339, that was created under the prior transportation bill. The Section 5339 program now includes both a formula program (which has resulted in approximately \$450,000 annually for MTD) and a discretionary program. FY 2016 is the first year of the new discretionary program, and the FTA has not yet released the "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) for the call for projects. Once the NOFA and the call for projects are released, staff plans to apply for a grant to replace the last of our 1998 Nova 40-ft. buses. It is likely the discretionary program will be quite competitive, as \$213,000,000 will be available nationwide.

Staff listened in on a conference call on March 15 sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) regarding a study of the relationship between seven transit agencies and Uber and Lyft. According to the APTA report, the objective of analysis is to explore opportunities and challenges for public transportation as they relate to technology-enabled mobility services, including suggesting ways that public transit can learn from, build upon, and interface with these new modes. Staff will continue to look into this emerging issue.

On March 16, Staff attended a "Community Forum" on Goleta development, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara County. Several speakers provided their views of the development currently underway and in the "pipeline" in Goleta.

Our new Fleet and Facilities Manager, David Harbour, will start on Monday, March 21 and we look forward to welcoming him to MTD next week. We are pleased to announce that MTD Supervisor Mark Clyde has been promoted to Transit Planner. Paul Tumbleson, Assistant Planning Manager, is retiring this week and we wish Paul and his family well in their new ventures. Recruiting has begun for a Maintenance Data Analyst, a position that has also come open due to retirement. Recruitment for a mechanic and bus operators is ongoing.

MTD held a very successful workshop for the sight impaired at the Braille Institute on March 11th. There were 15 attendees. We took a bus, driver and trainer Terry Hinson to help these very motivated riders learn how to negotiate the system – everything from finding the bus stop to finding the door, inserting the bus pass and getting into a seat. There was

plenty of discussion and practice, and the Braille Institute provided a translator for the Spanish speaking clients.

March 18th was Transit Driver Appreciation Day and MTD celebrated our drivers with an early morning breakfast, accolades from the general manager, service awards and afternoon treats. Banners were hung in the drivers' room and at the transit center, and interior bus ads encouraged the riders to thank their bus driver when they have a safe and enjoyable ride.