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Lompoc Debuts 7 New COLT Buses

Buses feature graphic design that pays tribute to military members

LOMPOC, CA, March 14, 2018 – Lompoc is proud to be serving our community with seven new City of Lompoc Transportation (COLT) buses.

The new buses are starting on the routes this week. COLT offers a convenient and affordable way to travel around Lompoc, Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village.

The seven new Chevrolet buses, which each have a seating capacity of 16, feature a colorful graphic design by Frank Sarnicola of New York that pays tribute to our military members.

“We have an obligation to support the men and women who are protecting our country, and this bus design is a small token of the City of Lompoc’s appreciation for everything our military members do for our community and country,” said Dirk Ishiwata, Facilities, Fleet and Park Maintenance Manager.

These new buses replace seven buses that have surpassed their useful life expectancy. The total cost for the new buses is \$671,581, which is funded by the State Transportation Development Act. The outdated buses from 2008 will be sent to auction, with funds raised from the sales going back to the City of Lompoc’s general and transit funds.

City of Lompoc Aviation/Transportation Administrator Richard Fernbaugh said the new buses will provide the Lompoc Valley with an even more reliable, comfortable way to travel.

“The City of Lompoc’s COLT buses had become dated, and often had to be out of commission for repairs,” he said. “These new buses are reliable, comfortable and attractive, and will enable us to provide excellent transportation service throughout the Lompoc Valley.”

COLT provides service from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as special night service to Hancock College’s Lompoc campus. COLT does not operate on Sundays or on legal holidays. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) curb-to-curb service is available for persons with disabilities. Fare Saver monthly bus passes are available for purchase.

For more information on COLT and the bus routes, visit:

www.cityoflompop.com/transit/colt.htm#info.

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City of Lompoc

The City of Lompoc was founded as a town in 1874 and incorporated as a city on Aug. 13, 1888. Prior to the City's establishment, the building of La Purisima Mission in 1787 marked the earliest European settlement in the Lompoc Valley. Growth in the Lompoc Valley was sparked by the 1901 completion of the coastal railroad between San Francisco and Los Angeles, which included the extension of a spur into Lompoc. The Lompoc Valley is home to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the first missile base of the United States Air Force. Today, the City of Lompoc is a travel destination known for its downtown mural program, local wines and acclaimed cuisine, historic landmarks, parks and nearby beaches. For more information, visit:

<http://www.cityoflompoc.com/>