



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2019

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

FROM: Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator
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SUBJECT: Wine Country Express and Breeze Memorandums of Understanding

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria, the County of Santa Barbara, and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for the Breeze Route 100 service (Attachment 1); and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign an MOU between the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton, and Solvang, and the County of Santa Barbara for continuation of the Wine Country Express (Attachment 2).

Background:

Breeze 100

On July 6, 2004, the City Council approved an MOU to create a pilot bus service between Lompoc, Vandenberg Air Force Base, and Santa Maria. The Breeze Route 100 Service commenced on May 9, 2005. On June 17, 2014, the City Council authorized an MOU extending the operation of the Breeze Route 100 service through June 30, 2019. The Breeze Route 100 provided service to over 52,000 riders in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18.

Wine Country Express

On July 2, 2008, an MOU was entered by the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton, and Solvang, and the County of Santa Barbara, to create a pilot bus service between the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton and Solvang. Service on the Wine Country Express began in September 2008, and served 4,696 riders its first year. On June 17, 2014, the Cities and the County entered into an extension of service for the Wine Country Express, which will terminate on June 30, 2019. The Wine Country Express served 10,135 riders in FY 2017-18.

Discussion:

Amendment #1 to the MOU for the Breeze Route 100 service extends the term of that service for an additional 12 months to expire on June 30, 2020. During that 12 month period the parties to the agreement intend to update the MOU and then renew it for another period likely to be 5 years in duration. The new MOU for the Wine Country Express will expire June 30, 2024. The extension maintains the same authorization periods and general language as before.

Fiscal Impact:

The change in terms recommended with the Breeze Amendment and the Wine Country MOU do not have any direct additional fiscal impact to the City beyond the obligations of the current MOUs. As a component of the City's transit activities, there is no direct fiscal impact to the City's General Fund from the operation of the Wine Country Express or the Breeze Route 100, or the City's obligations under the terms of these MOUs.

Conclusion:

The Breeze Route 100 MOU Amendment and the new Wine Country Express MOU extend the provisions of those existing service agreements.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

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

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachments: 1) Amendment #1 to the MOU for the Breeze Route 100
2) MOU for the Wine Country Express