

SUBJECT

Public Comments Regarding Route 22 Extension Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION – N/A

This is an Information Item.

BACKGROUND

On June 26, 2017, Long Beach Transit's (LBT) Board of Directors adopted two resolutions to enable LBT to receive funding under the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) in the amount of \$240,348 and implement the Route 22 Extension Project.

The goal of the Route 22 Extension Project is to extend the current route from its existing terminus on Alondra Boulevard at Downey Avenue to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Green Line Lakewood Station in Downey, California.

As staff stated in the June 26, 2017 Board report, "LBT will hold community meetings and a public hearing in Summer/Fall 2017 to solicit input from customers. These outreach activities will take place before any implementation of the Route 22 Extension, which is anticipated to be implemented in FY 2018" (see attachment).

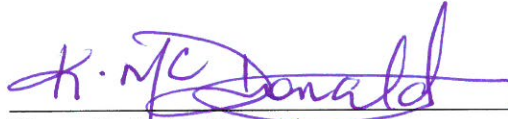
LBT provided several opportunities for the public to comment on the proposed Route 22 Extension, including a 25-day public comment period from October 2 through October 27, 2017. Public comments were accepted via an email address (comments@lbtransit.com) or by phoning the Customer Service Center.

Additionally, LBT held a community meeting on October 17, 2017 in Paramount, California, at Progress Park Auditorium regarding the Route 22 Extension Project. This venue was chosen due to its location on the proposed route extension along Downey Avenue.

LBT informed the community along the extended route about the community meeting, as well as the public comment period, with 4,000 door hangers placed on businesses and homes located along the extended route; advertisements in the Press-Telegram; LBT's website; as well as on social media.

All of the comments were positive. Two commenters asked if LBT would consider running the service later and staff responded that the route would be assessed on a periodic basis to assess the need for greater service attributed to demand. A third commenter stated support for the extension. No comments were received via email or telephone.

The Route 22 extension will be implemented on February 11, 2018, which is the first service change of calendar year 2018.



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Attachment