



Item # 5

April 6, 2014

**MEMO TO: CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE/SOCIAL SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC/SSTAC)**

FROM: VICTOR KAMHI, BUS TRANSIT DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT UNMET
TRANSIT NEEDS DRAFT FINDINGS**

RECOMMENDATION

- Approve the Unmet Transit Needs Findings for submittal to the Hearing Board.

BACKGROUND

VCTC has been designated by the State as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) for Ventura County. One of the RTPA responsibilities is administration of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) which is a major source of transportation funding for the cities and County of Ventura. Each year, Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99401.5 (c) requires the VCTC as the TPA to hold at least one public hearing pursuant to Section 99238.5 to solicit comments on the Unmet Transit Needs that may exist within the jurisdictions and that may be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation, or specialized transportation, or by expanding existing services.

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The action taken by the Commission in December to update the definitions and improve the public participation process was the result of information gathered during the development and refinement of the Regional Transit Study for the past three years. After review of the initial plan in March 2012 and adoption of the report in March 2013, it was apparent that Ventura County’s annual review of transit needs and subsequent development of findings mandated through the State TDA did not reflect the current standards for this critical annual event.

The Commission directed staff to seek consultant assistance to review and revise the existing public participation program and development of findings and definitions, including outreach to a variety of stakeholders such as Commissioners, local legislators, social service agencies and the public. The major goal of the consultant review was to make VCTC’s annual “Unmet Transit Needs” activity a more positive and responsive activity for the public using, and the agencies providing, public transit services.

The consultant’s report was reviewed by the CTAC/SSTAC and the transit operator’s committee, TRANSCOM before being approved by the Commission in December 2013; a copy of the complete report is available for review on VCTC’s website “goventura.org”. Included in the report were recommendations here summarized:

“Unmet Transit Need”:

In response to past local confusion, the definition was expanded to give specific examples of what are or aren’t transit needs under the TDA, which is admittedly a narrower definition than might be assumed by the general public. Also, it is now clearly quantified what the threshold is for “substantial” community support, i.e., 15 requests from the general public and/or 10 requests for service for transit-challenged persons.

“Reasonable to Meet”:

The criteria used to determine if transit requests are “reasonable” has been simplified and more importantly quantified to remove the subjective elements. The quantified elements now include an analysis of service requests in terms of feasibility, timing, equity, cost-effectiveness and service effectiveness.

Public Participation Enhancements:

Consultant interviews with a wide-range of individuals and agencies who have been involved with the annual public hearing process revealed the same sentiment – despite some frustration with the annual findings, everyone would like the process to work in a more positive and rewarding manner. This shared response creates the perfect opportunity for the Commission to positively partner with social service agencies and citizen advocacy groups to solicit more focused testimony each year and improve the responsiveness of the annual public hearing. The main change to the public process is the acknowledgement that the collection of transit needs goes on all year and not necessarily just at the annual, “official public hearing”. More public sessions to collect info will be scheduled with the operational concerns separated and responded to immediately by the involved transit operator, while the identified transit unmet needs are analyzed by VCTC staff working with the local cities/County. Public participation in the future will continue the partnership with stakeholders and transit patrons to make short-term improvements and accomplish better long-range transit planning.

DISCUSSION

While the requirement for the County Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process remains in California State law, as a result of other state laws, the ramifications of the UTN process have changed. The creation of the Gold Coast Transit District (including the cities of Oxnard, Ventura, Port Hueneme and Ojai, and the entire County unincorporated area), and also, the cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks are now required to use all their TDA funds for public transit purposes. Therefore, the determination of no unmet needs prior to expenditure of TDA funds for street and road purposes is no longer relevant to those agencies. In effect, this means the unmet needs findings are advisory for those agencies. The other incorporated cities in the County (Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark and Santa Paula) are still able to use TDA funds for street and road purposes and therefore require a VCTC UTN finding before the use of their TDA funds.

The new VCTC definitions of Unmet Transit Needs and the important public participation process approved by the Commission reflects these changing conditions, and is intended to continue to be a public process to receive comments, concerns, and needs. The new process focuses on providing those agencies which must use all their TDA funds for public transit with the comments the VCTC UTN process received.

To facilitate input to the new process, and the new state laws, VCTC held training workshops in January to partner with interested parties to “teach” people what type/detail of information about transit needs is most helpful. New, user-friendly materials for public distribution was prepared and circulated through a variety of channels and outlets. It was also disseminated that the collection of transit need input will be a continuing effort throughout the year from now on culminating with the annual Public Hearing.

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The Hearing Board will review the draft findings on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 1:30 PM at Camarillo City Hall Council Chambers. The recommendations will be transmitted to the Commission for action at their May 2, 2014 meeting.

Testimony Received:

While some testimony was very specific about a particular problem in one area, only 57 comments could be considered other than “operational”. Of those, several were requests for intercounty service into Los Angeles County. While the Commission can consider those requests, the TDA law clearly states that it is the intent of the Act to provide for transit services within the County, and the Commission can only start intercounty service with the participation of the partnering county. There also were a number of comments requesting services which already existed. While a number of the comments were general in nature, and did not specify times, routes, or even locations, there were several notable patterns. First, a number of the comments did ask for more direct service, rather than taking transfers. Also notable was the request for more transit marketing – and while usually not specific to a service, we did have a number of requests for additional marketing and transit information.

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It is expected that most of the comments received will concern operational changes. These comments will be referred directly to the appropriate transit provider to address as part of their continuing planning efforts. Also, it is expected that while many the comments received did not meet the approved thresholds for an Unmet Transit Need, the individual agencies will consider the comments as they proceed with their service planning.

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FY 2014/2015 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDINGS



MAY 2, 2014

VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FY 2014/2015 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDINGS

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Following are the adopted definitions of "Unmet Transit Need" and "Reasonable to Meet":

VCTC DEFINITION OF UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS (adopted December 6, 2013)

Public transportation services identified by the public with sufficient broad-based community support that have not been funded or implemented. Unmet transit needs identified in a government-approved plan meet the definition of an unmet transit need. Sufficient broad-based community support means that persons who will likely use the service on a routine basis demonstrate support: at least 15 requests for general public service and 10 requests for disabled service.

INCLUDING:

- Public transit services not currently provided to reach employment, medical assistance, shop for food or clothing, to obtain social services such as health care, county welfare programs and educational programs. Service must be needed by and benefit the general public.
- Service expansions including new routes, significant modifications to existing routes, and major increases in service hours and frequency.

EXCLUDING:

- Operational changes such as minor route changes, bus stop changes, or changes in schedule.

- Requests for extended hours or days of service.
- Service for groups or individuals that is not needed by or will not benefit the general public.
- Comments about vehicles, facilities, driver performance and transit organizational structure.
- Requests for better coordination.
- Requests for reduced fares and changes to fare restrictions.
- Improvements funded or scheduled for implementation in the following year.
- Future transportation needs.
- Duplication or replacement of existing service.

It must be stressed that these definitions are intended to be helpful to the public and stakeholders and are not intended to exclude or minimize the testimony received because the comment submitted does not exactly fit the definition. The intention of the Commission is to work with the cities/County to ensure maximum public input and that all reasonable transit concerns are addressed.

Following is the adopted definition of “Reasonable to Meet”, and “Attachment A” which establishes the passenger fare ratio for new transit services in Ventura County.

Evaluation Criteria for “Reasonable to Meet”

Outcome	Definitions	Measures & Criteria
Equity	The proposed service will not cause reductions in existing transit services that have an equal or higher priority.	Equity Measures: Vehicle revenue service hours and revenue service miles. Criteria: Transit vehicle service hours and miles will not be reduced on existing routes to fund the proposed service
Timing	The proposed service is in response to an existing rather than future transit need.	Criteria: Same as definition that proposed service is in response to an existing rather than future transit need; based on public input.
Feasibility	The proposed service can be provided with the existing fleet or under contract to a private provider.	Measure: Vehicle spare ratio. Criteria: Transit system must be able to maintain FTA’s spare ratio requirement of 20% (buses in peak service divided by the total bus fleet cannot fall below 20%). If less than 20%, can additional buses be obtained (purchased or leased) or can service be provided under contract to a private provider?
Feasibility	There are adequate roadways to safely accommodate transit vehicles	Measure & Criteria: Route inspection to determine adequacy of infrastructure to accommodate transit vehicles and passengers.
Cost Effectiveness	The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator’s ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.	Measure: Total estimated annual passenger fare revenue divided by total annual operating cost (the entire service including the proposed service) Criteria: fare revenue/operating cost cannot fall below the operator’s required passenger fare ratio.
Cost Effectiveness	The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A.	Measures and criteria in Attachment A.
Service Effectiveness	Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.	Measure: Passengers per hour. Criteria: Projected passengers per hour for the proposed service is not less than 70% of the system-wide average (without the proposed service) at the end of 12 months of service, 85% at the end of 24 months of service, and 100% at the end of 36 months of service.

Attachment A

It is desirable for all proposed transit services in urban areas to achieve a 20% passenger fare ratio by the end of the third year of operation. A passenger fare ratio of 10% is desired for special services (i.e. elderly and disabled) and rural area services. (1) More detailed passenger fare ratio standards, which will be used to evaluate services as they are proposed and implemented, are described below. Transit serving both urban and rural areas, per state law, may obtain an "intermediate" passenger fare ratio.

END OF TWELVE MONTHS

Performance Level

Urban Service	Rural Service	Recommended Action
Less than 6%	Less than 3%	Provider may discontinue service
6% or more	3% or more	Provider will continue service, with modifications if needed

END OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS

Performance Level

Urban Service	Rural Service	Recommended Action
Less than 10%	Less than 5%	Provider may discontinue service
10% or more	5% or more	Provider will continue service, with modifications if needed

END OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS (2)

Performance Level

Urban Service	Rural Service	Recommended Action
Less than 15%	Less than 7%	Provider may discontinue service
15-20%	7- 10%	Provider may consider modifying and continue Service
20% or more	10% or more	Provider will continue service, with modifications if needed

(1) Per statute the VCTC may establish a lower fare for community transit (dial-a-ride) services.

(2) A review will take place after 30 months to develop a preliminary determination regarding the discontinuation of proposed services.

Consistent with Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5, the Commission must use the adopted definitions of “Unmet Transit Need” and “Reasonable To Meet” and give special consideration to the transit needs of senior citizens, the mentally/physically challenged and persons of limited means. Also consistent with Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5, the hearing board shall not make its recommendation, nor shall the Commission make its determination of needs that are reasonable to meet, by comparing Unmet Transit Needs with the need for streets and roads. PUC Section 99401.5(c) also states that the fact that an identified transit need cannot be fully met based on available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.

In addition to all verbal and written testimony submitted and staff responses to testimony submitted, and to meet the requirements of PUC Section 99401.5(b) (1)(2)(3), the following information is available at VCTC’s office, and was used in developing the findings:

- TDA rules and regulations

Local and regional plans, including the following (Note that SCAT is the former name of Gold Coast Transit):

- Short Range Transit Plans and budget information for transit operators (1999)
- FTA Section 15 (National Transit Data Base) reports
- Ventura County Congestion Management Plan (2006)
- Ventura County Congestion Management Plan (2009)
- Ventura County Comprehensive Rail Plan (1995)
- SCAG Regional Transportation Plan
- SCRRA’s (Metrolink) 1402 Plan
- SCRRA’s Draft Strategic Plan
- SCRRA’s FY 2012/13 Budget
- SCRRA’s FY 2013/14 Budget
- Caltrans State Rail Plan for the Pacific Surfliners
- Coast Rail Corridor Plan
- Ventura/Santa Barbara Rail Study Final Report – SCAG (March 2008)
- VCTC AB 120 Plan (last amended 2001)
- Simi Valley Transit Five Year Service and Funding Plan 2005-2010 (2005)
- VCTC Countywide Human Services Transportation and Transit Services Coordination Study (2007)
- VCTC Countywide Human Services Transportation and Transit Services Coordination Study update (2012)
- Proposal Paper for Coordinated Paratransit Service Plan for Western Ventura County
- SCAT’s Coordinated Paratransit Service Plan for Western Ventura County
- SCAT Public Transit Service Delivery Plan (April 2000)
- City of Thousand Oaks March 2, 2002 Memorandum regarding expansion of the Thousand Oaks Transportation (TOT) System
- Ojai Valley Transit Needs Assessment (June 2004) Final Report
- SCAT Origin/Destination and Transfer Study final report (July 2004)
- SCAT System wide Fare Policy Study (April 2003)
- VCTC Title VI Civil Rights Program (April 2009)
- Santa Paula Branch Line Rail Study – SCAG/VCTC (March 2007)
- SCAG 2008 Regional Transportation Plan
- SCAG 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan
- VCTC Title VI Program (February 6, 2009)
- VCTC Title VI VISTA Proposed Fare Increase Evaluation (2009)
- VCTC Title VI VISTA Proposed Coastal Transfer Fee Evaluation (September 2012)
- VCTC Limited English Proficiency Plan (2011)

- Ventura County Transit Investment Study (December 4, 2009)
- VISTA 2012 Onboard Rider Survey
- City of Moorpark Transit Evaluation (December 2010)
- County of Ventura/City of Thousand Oaks document Consolidation of Dial-a-Ride Services in Unincorporated Areas. (2010)
- City of Thousand Oaks Transit Action Plan (April 2010)
- Gold Coast Transit Vineyard Avenue and Wells Road Community Based Transit Plan (December 30, 2010)
- City of Ojai Report of Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Transit Committee (Dec 2011)
- Gold Coast Transit 2010 TDA Triennial Performance Audit
- VCTC 2010 TDA Triennial Performance Audit
- California Lutheran University Public Transportation Needs Assessment Survey Analysis (2012) and Employee home locations and trip times spreadsheet
- VCTC Heritage Valley Transit Study Final Report March 2013
- Gold Coast Transit Fixed-Route Service Planning guidelines & Evaluation Policy (February 5, 2014)

In addition to the documentation in the files of Ventura County Transportation Commission (listed above), information provided through the existing programs has also been reviewed by VCTC such as:

- Dial-A-Ride Center
- Ventura County GOVENTURA (Smart Card) Program
- Go Ventura Internet Program
- East County (ADA) Paratransit Transfer program
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- VISTA Ongoing Transit Services
- TDA Financial Audits, Article 8(c)

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In 2013 the VCTC adopted new definitions of both Unmet Transit Needs and Reasonable to Meet. Based on the new definitions, and modified process, the findings are being presented in a different format than in prior years. The comments are summarized in five categories; (1) requests for services which are not currently being met; (2) possible stops for the planned Heritage Valley transit service; (3) operational improvements which are being referred to the responsible agency (including minor adjustments in routing or hours of operation, or services which require multiple transfers); (4) comments regarding the VCTC Unmet Transit Needs Process, and (5) comments which are so general as to be unable to be evaluated; or services beyond Ventura County.

The Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee/Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC/SSTAC) met on April 8, 2014 to review the recommendations, draft findings, and summary of comments were reviewed for technical accuracy draft findings. Also, the VCTC Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM) reviewed the draft report on April 10, 2014.

The complete findings are attached.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS:

1. Continue all existing bus services substantially as they exist.
2. Continue all public senior and disabled services in all jurisdictions in the County substantially as they exist. Work to implement the recommendations of the VCTC Countywide Human Services Transportation and Transit Services Coordination Study.
3. Monitor the service demonstrations on the VISTA 126 (expanded hours and extension to Piru), the Gold Coast Transit Channel Islands Blvd./Victoria Ave. (Route 21), service expansions to northeast Oxnard/El Rio (Route 17) and service to East Oxnard (Routes 19/20) to determine if a transit need which is reasonable to meet exists.
4. Continue the Ventura County interagency bus transfer program.
5. Monitor implementation of the planned modifications to the Heritage Valley transit service.
6. Monitor the Saturday and expanded hours of service (including the Metrolink shuttle) in Thousand Oaks.
7. Monitor the Saturday and expanded hours of service in Moorpark.
8. Monitor the Sunday and expanded hours of service in Camarillo.

After adopting the recommendations listed above, and based on the analysis of the written and verbal testimony provided to the Commission:

9. Find by VCTC Resolution #2014-XX that there are no Unmet Transit Needs that are reasonable to meet.

In addition to the above findings, VCTC will continue efforts to meet the following goals from prior hearings:

- A. Continue to pursue and identify funding to allow local agencies to install more bus benches and shelters, and transit information signs, where warranted and feasible.
- B. Continue to improve schedule coordination and transfer connections between different bus systems where operationally feasible.
- C. Continue to adjust fixed route transit services, stops and schedules throughout Ventura County as needed and operationally feasible.
- D. Continue community outreach and marketing efforts to increase awareness of the availability of transit services for the general public, seniors, and disabled, to be coordinated by VCTC.
- E. Continue operation of NEXTBUS countywide and provide additional NEXTBUS signs at appropriate locations.
- F. Continue to ensure that bus stops and bus signage, vehicles, and operations are all in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

- G. Continue to assist social service agencies in obtaining grant funding for equipment and rolling stock, utilizing Federal Section 5310 and any other funds available for those purposes.
- H. Encourage cities, transit providers, and social service agencies to implement elements of the VCTC Countywide Human Services Transportation and Transit Services Coordination Study.
- I. Continue discussions and possible studies cooperatively with the City of Santa Clarita to determine the potential demand and feasibility for transit services connecting Fillmore with Santa Clarita.
- J. Initiate a countywide transit study to identify short range and long range transit needs.
- K. Continue to encourage AMTRAK, LOSSAN, and Caltrans Division of Rail to adjust the schedule times of the Surfliner to better serve commuters traveling between Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.
- L. Formally comment during the CEQA process regarding the potential difficulties and costs of providing transit services to low income housing and other public facilities with high transit dependent use which are not sited at locations served or easily served by public transit.
- M. Support cost-effective actions to increase bike capacity on the transit system.
- N. Encourage transit trips over auto usage during this time of heightened public awareness of the cost of fuel.
- O. Seek financial support from the cities/County to provide subsidized fares for low income passengers who are transferring between local transit systems and VISTA.
- P. Work with LOSSAN, Caltrans, Amtrak, and Metrolink to improve rail safety and maintain or increase speeds on the rail services.
- Q. Encourage VCTC and the ADA providers in the county continue to improve transfers and transfer locations for inter-agency ADA trips.
- R. Continue to integrate evening meetings in different parts of the county as part of future Unmet Transit Needs process.

After adopting the recommendations listed above, and based on the analysis of the written and verbal testimony provided to the Commission:

Find by VCTC Resolution #201X-XX that there are no Unmet Transit Needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.

Analysis of Testimony Received:

The 2013 VCTC amended Unmet Needs Process simplifies and makes more clearly understood the process. All comments are reviewed to determine if they meet the definition of an Unmet Transit Need. Those comments that are determined to be either new services which did not meet the minimum criteria as an Unmet Transit Need or are operational will be forwarded to the appropriate transit agency for consideration as part of their future planning and scheduling activities, and following the hearing board action, contact will be made to the commenter regarding the recommended action. Those comments which meet the criteria as an Unmet Transit Need will be evaluated against the seven adopted "Reasonable to Meet" criteria. Those projects which meet all the criteria will be recommend as Unmet Transit Needs which are Reasonable to Meet. In the case of the cities of Moorpark, Camarillo, Fillmore, and Santa Paula, if a comment is found to be an Unmet Transit Needs which is Reasonable to Meet, the VCTC will withhold any TDA street and road funds until the agency demonstrates it will meet the transit service need. In all other parts of the county, the finding will be conveyed to the appropriate agency for their consideration. Finally, for those comments which are found to be not reasonable to meet due to one or more of the "Reasonable to Meet" criteria will also be conveyed to the appropriate agency for their consideration.

Following is a discussion of those comments which met the VCTC definition of an Unmet Transit Need, and provides the evaluation of the Reasonable to Meet criteria for each project.

1. Simi Valley Sunday Service

A petition with 15 signers was received identifying a need for Sunday service on the Simi Valley Transit service. Based on ridership on the Simi Valley Transit services on Saturdays, as well as ridership on Gold Coast Transit on Sundays compared to other days of the week, and the challenges Simi Valley is having meeting the TDA required farebox ratio, this does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.

Simi Valley will no longer be eligible to use TDA funds for streets and roads, and does not have to implement this service even if it were an Unmet Transit Need which is Reasonable to Meet, however, the finding will be conveyed to the City for their consideration in transit planning activities.

2. Thousand Oaks Sunday Service

A petition with 15 signers was received identifying a need for Sunday service on the Thousand Oaks Transit service. Thousand Oaks provides dial-a-ride service to elderly and disabled on Sundays. Based on ridership on the Thousand Oaks Transit services on Saturdays, as well as ridership on Gold Coast Transit on Sundays compared to other days of the week, and the challenges Thousand Oaks is having meeting the TDA required farebox ratio, this does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.

Thousand Oaks will no longer be eligible to use TDA funds for streets and roads, and does not have to implement this service even if it were an Unmet Transit Need which is Reasonable to Meet, however, the finding will be conveyed to the City for their consideration in transit planning activities.

3. Simi Valley service to run from 6:30am to 10pm

A petition with 15 signers was received identifying a need for transit service to run from 6:30am to 10pm on the Simi Valley Transit service. Based on ridership on the Simi Valley Transit services on in the late afternoon, as well as ridership on Gold Coast Transit in the evenings compared to other days of the week, and the challenges Simi Valley is having meeting the TDA required farebox ratio, this does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.

Simi Valley will no longer be eligible to use TDA funds for streets and roads, and does not have to implement this service even if it were an Unmet Transit Need which is Reasonable to Meet, however, the finding will be conveyed to the City for their consideration in transit planning activities.

4. Thousand Oaks service to run from 6:30am to 10pm

A petition with 15 signers was received identifying a need for transit service to run from 6:30am to 10pm on the Thousand Oaks Transit service. In fall of 2013, Thousand Oaks extended its transit services with routes operating until 7:30 or 8 pm (depending on the route). The VCTC will monitor this demonstration as part of the Thousand Oaks Transit expansion implemented in 2013. Based on ridership on the Thousand Oaks Transit services on in the late afternoon, as well as ridership on Gold Coast Transit in the evenings compared to other days of the week, and the challenges Thousand Oaks is having meeting the TDA required farebox ratio, this does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.

Thousand Oaks will no longer be eligible to use TDA funds for streets and roads, and does not have to implement this service even if it were an Unmet Transit Need which is Reasonable to Meet, however, the finding will be conveyed to the City for their consideration in transit planning activities.

5. Simi Valley service to run Route D to run on Sat. & Sun. to Reagan Library and the Hospitals

A petition with 15 signers was received identifying a need for Simi Valley transit service on Route D to run on Sat. & Sun. to Reagan Library and the Hospitals. Simi Valley Transit operated this service and discontinued it based on ridership averaging less than one rider per bus trip. Since discontinuing the service, there have been no significant changes in the community which would indicate a change in the service's performance. Because of this, the service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.

Simi Valley is no longer eligible to use TDA funds for streets and roads, and does not have to implement these services even if it were an Unmet Transit Need which is Reasonable to Meet, however, the finding will be conveyed to the City for their consideration in transit planning activities.

6. Transit service from Fillmore to Santa Clarita

VCTC received 6 individual comments and a petition signed by 59 people requesting VISTA transit service between Fillmore and Santa Clarita (Los Angeles County). Based on the analysis of the work trip demand between Fillmore/Piru and Santa Clarita, there is insufficient demand to sustain a transit service. In addition, the costs of such a service, if funded by Fillmore, would require the funds currently used to operate the Heritage Valley transit services in Fillmore and Piru.

The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.
- d) Equity: The proposed service will not cause reductions in existing transit services that have an equal or higher priority.

The Commission has previously directed staff to work with the City of Santa Clarita to encourage that city to financially participate in the provision of a connecting transit service demonstration; however, to date they have not found the service to be a priority for them.

7. Gold Coast Transit service to the vicinity of Saviers Road and Hueneme Road

VCTC received 20 individual comments from people requesting Gold Coast Transit service to the vicinity of Saviers Road and Hueneme Road. This location is approximately a half a mile from both the Gold Coast Transit Route 1 and Route 7 – too far to serve with a minor route adjustment. At the same time, service to this area would not sustain a new route. In order to provide this service, service would either have to be significantly impacted on Routes 1 or 7. The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:

- a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
- b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A
- c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.
- d) Equity: The proposed service will not cause reductions in existing transit services that have an equal or higher priority.

The Gold Coast Transit District does not have to implement this service, however, the finding will be conveyed to GCT for its consideration in transit planning activities. The District is encouraged to consider ways to revise transit services in South Oxnard/Port Hueneme to increase coverage to unserved areas as part of the agency's Short Range Plan.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

The following comments were received that were for services which do not exist at this time.

NAME/DATE/ PHONE	COMMENT(S)	POSSIBLE UNMET NEED	REASONABLE TO MEET	AREA / AGENCY
<p>Simi Valley ARC 06/05/13 mail (805) 520-0399 <i>*petition signed by 15+ people*</i></p>	<p>want Simi Valley to operate on Sunday</p>	<p>Yes (15 persons requested)</p>	<p>The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria: a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole. b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.</p>	<p>Simi Valley</p>
<p>Simi Valley ARC 06/05/13 mail (805) 520-0399 <i>*petition signed by 15+ people*</i></p>	<p>want Thousand Oaks to operate on Sunday</p>	<p>Yes (15 persons requested)</p>	<p>The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria: a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole. b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years...</p>	<p>Thousand Oaks</p>
<p>Simi Valley ARC 06/05/13 mail (805) 520-0399 <i>*petition signed</i></p>	<p>wants Simi Valley service to run from 6:30am to 10pm</p>	<p>Yes (15 persons requested)</p>	<p>The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:</p>	<p>Simi Valley</p>

<p><i>by 15+ people*</i></p>			<p>a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.</p> <p>b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A</p> <p>c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.</p>	
<p>Simi Valley ARC 06/05/13 mail (805) 520-0399 <i>*petition signed by 15+ people*</i></p>	<p>wants Thousand Oaks service to run from 6:30am to 10pm</p>	<p>Yes (15 persons requested)</p>	<p>The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:</p> <p>a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.</p> <p>b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A</p> <p>c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.</p>	<p>Thousand Oaks</p>
<p>Simi Valley ARC 06/05/13 mail (805) 520-0399 <i>*petition signed by 15+ people*</i></p>	<p>wants Route D to run on Sat. & Sun. to Reagan Library and the Hospitals</p>	<p>Yes (15 persons requested)</p>	<p>The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria:</p> <p>a) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.</p> <p>b) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service</p>	<p>Simi Valley</p>

			will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A	
			c) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years.	

REQUEST FOR SERVICE FROM FILLMORE TO SANTA CLARITA

unknown, Fillmore 2/12/2014 comment made at Fillmore Listening Session	wants fixed route from Fillmore/Santa Clarita	Yes (15 persons requested)	The service does not appear to be reasonable to meet based on the following criteria: e) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole. f) Cost Effectiveness: The proposed service will meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards described in Attachment A g) Service Effectiveness: Estimated passengers per hour for the proposed service will not be less than the system-wide average after three years. h) Equity: The proposed service will not cause reductions in existing transit services that have an equal or higher priority.	City of Fillmore/ County of Ventura/ City of Santa Clarita
03/03/14 comments made via COAST/ASERT postcard	wants a fixed route in Fillmore, with service to Santa Clarita	Yes (15 persons requested)	See above	City of Fillmore/ County of Ventura/ City of Santa Clarita

3/3/2014 comments made via CEDC letter/petition, emailed *petition signed by 59 people	wants fixed route service connecting Fillmore and Piru with Santa Clarita	Yes (15 persons requested)	See above	City of Fillmore/ County of Ventura/ City of Santa Clarita
Josefina Zuig, Santa Paula (805) 330-0047 ASERT postcard	wants a "route for Santa Clarita and Santa Paula and for Oxnard, direct"	Yes (15 persons requested)	See above	City of Fillmore/ County of Ventura/ City of Santa Clarita
Lety Estrada, Santa Paula (805) 933-5041 ASERT postcard	wants transportation to Santa Clarita	Yes (15 persons requested)	See above	City of Fillmore/ County of Ventura/ City of Santa Clarita
Maricruz Peruelas, Santa Paula (805) 525-0536 ASERT Postcard	wants a bus to go to Valencia or to Santa Clarita, Camarillo	Yes (15 persons requested)	See above	City of Fillmore/ County of Ventura/ City of Santa Clarita

GOLD COAST TRANIST SERVICE TO THE VICINITY OF SAVIERS AND HUENEME ROADS

unknown laborandmoving @yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants bus service from downtown Oxnard to Saviers Road and Oxnard Blvd.	Yes (15 persons requested)		
Socorro Ambriz, Oxnard (805) 986-3873 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop at Saviers Rd. and Hueneme Rd.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Jose Moreno, Oxnard (805) 986-8361 ASERT postcard	resident of Villa Cesar Chavez, wants the bus to come to Saviers and Hueneme.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Jesus Herrera, Oxnard (805) 488-1309 ASERT postcard	resident of Villa Cesar Chavez, wants a bus stop at the corner of Saviers Rd. and Hueneme.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Maria Montejano, Oxnard (805) 986-3916 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop between Hueneme Rd. and Saviers Rd.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Josefina, Oxnard (805) 271-9541 ASERT postcard	wants a stop at Saviers and Hueneme Rd. for doctors appointments	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Veronica Palencia, Oxnard (805) 488-2593 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop between Saviers and Hueneme, to go to Saticoy	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Raquel Jacinto, Oxnard (805) 488-5229 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop close to home at Saviers and Hueneme	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Luz Elena Flores, Oxnard (805) 488-4018 ASERT postcard	wants bus stop close to Villa Cesar Chavez, because there isn't one close by.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit

Sandra T. Ortiz, Oxnard (805) 488-9805 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop at Hueneme Rd. and Saviers Rd.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Eudocio Gomez, Oxnard (805) 488-9806 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop at Villa Cesar Chavez in Oxnard	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Dora Orozco, Oxnard (805) 971-4402 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop close to the Villa Cesar Chavez Apartments.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Sandra Betancourt, Oxnard (805) 488-1893 sandrabetancourt805@email.com ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop in Saviers and Hueneme Rd. "our need hasn't been met"	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Patrica Garza, Oxnard (805) 830-3598 ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop in Saviers and Hueneme Rd.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Olivia Salazar, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop in Saviers and Hueneme Rd.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Yolanda Ramos, Oxnard (805) 874-1046 ASERT postcard	wants a bus to "pass in Hueneme Rd, serving Villa Cesar Chavez"	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Patricia Marron, Oxnard (805) 607-2761 ASERT postcard	wants a bus "by here at the corner of Saviers Rd. and Hueneme", resident of Villa Cesar Chavez.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Micaela Salazar, Oxnard (805) 814-3977 ASERT postcard	wants a bus at Hueneme and Cypress.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Maria J. Arreola, Oxnard (805) 271-4583 ASERT postcard	wants a bus route to Villa Cesar Chavez in Oxnard at the corner of Saviers and Hueneme Rd.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
Dolores Rodiles, Oxnard (805) 754-5949 lo53rods@hotmail.com ASERT postcard	wants a bus stop in Saviers and Hueneme close to Villa Cesar Chavez.	Yes (15 persons requested)	No	Gold Coast Transit
DID NOT MEET UNMET NEEDS CRITERIA				
Mike Munoz, Fillmore 2/6/2014 voicemail # unknown mikeslostmind@gmail.com	wants service from Fillmore to Moorpark at 7:20am, to return to Fillmore at 3:30pm, for students	No	No	VISTA/ City of Moorpark/ City of Fillmore
Melanie Fiers, Fillmore 2/12/2014 email (805) 625-3334 melanie.fiers@g	wants service from Fillmore to Moorpark at 7:00am, to return to Fillmore at 3:30pm, for students	No	No	VISTA/ City of Moorpark/ City of Fillmore

mail.com				
Melanie Fiers, Fillmore 2/12/2014 email (805) 625-3334 melanie.fiers@gmail.com	wants service from Fillmore to Moorpark train stations, to take train to Burbank Airport	No	No	VISTA/ City of Moorpark/ City of Fillmore
Keith York 2/5/2014 UTN Oxnard comment (805) 642-9052 keithyork@att.net	wants an added loop route in Ventura Foothill/Ondulando areas, to interface with regular bus routes	No	No	Gold Coast Transit
03/03/14 comments submitted on COAST/ASERT postcard	wants to re-route or create a route to provide service to Santa Clara Cemetery and Vineyard (surrounding area)	No	No	Gold Coast Transit
Karen Lee Hudspeth, Ventura 02/27/14 (805) 641-4401	wants a late morning route from Pacific View Mall to Pierpont beach	No	No	Gold Coast Transit
unknown laborandmoving@yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants bus service down Ventura Road in Oxnard	No	No	Gold Coast Transit
Mony Torough, Oxnard (805) 509-8349 ASERT postcard	wants bus service to Harbor Blvd. and Fifth Street and Wooley Road.	No	No	Gold Coast Transit
Camille Harris 2/6/2014 email (805) 901-8188 harris.cam@gmail.com	wants a route from Ventura Avenue area and Oxnard Transit Center to the VC Youth Correctional Facility in Camarillo on 3100 Wright Road on weekends from 9am - 3:30pm (visitor hours) for senior visitors	No	No	GCT/Ventura County
Janet Rizzoli, Camarillo 10/14/2013 email (805) 437-8427 janet.rizzoli@csuci.edu	wants bus service from Camarillo Metrolink to CSUCI on Sundays	No	No	
Nick Otaway 12/20/2013 email (805) 640-0324	wants bus service in East Ojai (Valley)	No	No	County of Ventura

In addition to these requests, there were several requests for Thousand Oaks Transit to operate on Saturdays, several requests for the bus to stop in Piru and/or Rancho Sespe, and a request for a VISTA route from Oxnard to Camarillo Hearing Conservation Center on 5100 Adolfo Road. All of these services are in existence.

A petition was received that identified possible future stops for the planned Heritage Valley fixed route service. These comments are not Unmet Transit Needs since all of the locations are currently being served by the Heritage Valley Dial-a-Ride, and as such, are operational improvements. The VCTC is

working with the Cities of Fillmore, Santa Paula, and the County to refine the routes for the planned local service modifications, and will be referred to the Heritage Valley Transit technical and policy committees for consideration.

<i>3/3/2014 comments made via CEDC letter/petition, emailed *petition signed by 59 people*</i>	wants fixed route stop at Fillmore High School
	wants fixed route stop at Vons/Starbucks shopping center on Hwy 126/A Street
	wants fixed route stop at Fillmore Mountain Vista Elementary School or Delores Park
	wants fixed route stop at Rancho Sespe Apartments
	wants fixed route stop at Piru's Downtown Center Train Depot
	wants fixed route stop at Piru's Valle Naranjal Apartments

The following table provides the comments which are operational in nature, including minor adjustments in existing service times and routes, increased frequency of buses, changes in modes, reductions in transfers, marketing, bus stop amenities, and fares. These are not Unmet Transit Needs. The Commission is providing the individual comments to the appropriate agencies (when a specific agency can be identified) for future consideration.

While not Unmet Transit Needs, there are several “operational” issues which should be given high consideration in agency service planning. These include route adjustments to Gold Coast Transit Route 9, extending transit service serving Oxnard College to end after 10 pm instead of at 10 pm (allowing students whose classes end at 10 pm to use the bus), increasing capacity on the VISTA CSUCI buses, and addressing the park-and-ride capacity problem at the Camarillo Metrolink Station. Also of note, but not easily addressed, is the desire through the county for more direct buses without transfers.

NAME/DATE/PHONE	COMMENT(S)	AREA / AGENCY
Bob Dawson, Camarillo 1/7/2014 email (805) 701-2197 bob.dawson@goodsam.com	wants service from Camarillo to The Collection in Oxnard before 8am, to return to Camarillo at 5pm, for those who work at Collection	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Oxnard
Lois Lipeles 2/7/2014 email llipeles@gmail.com	wants a direct route from Simi to Ventura or VCMC, for medical appointments	VISTA/ City of Simi Valley/Gold Coast Transit District
Lucas Hardeman 2/13/2014 voicemail (310) 701-2445 lucas.hardeman@gmail.com	wants service from Camarillo to Westlake around 8am, with return service to Camarillo around 5pm	VISTA 101
	wants integration of bus routes into Google Maps, like LA Metro	All Transit operators
Dave Kropp, Moorpark 2/15/2014 email dkropp@pacbell.net	wants benches at each bus stop in Moorpark, for ADA riders who can't stand for long periods	Moorpark
Ryan Uyematsu 2/19/14 email worm88@hmail.com	wants a VISTA bus dedicated to only rail stops in VC, feeding into both Metrolink rail departures in Moorpark and Coastal Express	VISTA
Ted Malos 2/19/14 email # unknown teo.malos@live.com	wants to have more buses that are smaller than SCAT sized buses run a more frequent schedule	N/A
	wants better advertisement of public transit/bus routes at the Ventura Amtrak/Metro station	N/A

Angela Madsen 10/22/2013 email aelthene@gmail.com	wants to extend the 126 route into Ventura later in the evening (10pm)	VISTA 126/ Santa Paula/ Fillmore/ County
Don Hall, Camarillo 02/04/14 # unknown, email unknown	wants later routes (CAT or otherwise) in Camarillo for night shift employees	Camarillo
Jeffery Felburg, Moorpark 2/10/2014 social media # unknown, email unknown	wants a direct route to/from Simi Valley to Moorpark	VISTA East
Meagan Carrasco, Camarillo 4/27/13 email wolfnmegs@gmail.com	wants summer service on CSUCI route extended past 5pm, specifically to/from 1732 S. Lewis Road to downtown Camarillo	VISTA CSUCI/ Camarillo
Catherine Tran 2/6/14 email ctran92@juno.com	wants a shelter erected over the stop(s) on CSUCI route	CSUCI
Narda Fargotstein, Santa Barbara 10/11/13 mail # unknown, email unknown	wants Metrolink routes from Ventura into Santa Barbara to align with 8am-5pm "working persons schedule"	N/A
Dave Kern / Simi Valley Neighborhood Council comments made on 02/14/14 and 02/16/14 relayed to CTAC	wants service from Simi Valley to VC Government Center for anyone required to appear in Court	VISTA/ Simi Valley/ Gold Coast Transit
	wants service from Simi Valley to VC Government Center and returning to Simi Valley, for Jury Duty jurors	VISTA/ Simi Valley/ Gold Coast Transit
Keith York 2/5/2014 UTN Oxnard comment (805) 642-9052 keithyork@att.net	wants schedules on VISTA buses	VISTA
Keith York 2/5/2014 UTN Oxnard comment (805) 642-9052 keithyork@att.net	wants to allow SCAT [Gold Coast ACCESS] drivers to call seniors with an approx. pick up times so they don't have to wait or potentially miss a pick up	Gold Coast Transit
Keith York 2/5/2014 UTN Oxnard comment (805) 642-9052 keithyork@att.net	wants added training for drivers on connections so the drivers can inform the riders	N/A
Robert Rodriguez, VCBRU (805) 827-7524 rrsuaue53@gmail.com 2/5/2014 comment made at Oxnard Listening Session	wants Nextbus or electronic signs to better inform public if bus is out of service	N/A
	wants extended hours of Route 8 in Oxnard in evening for students	Gold Coast Transit
	wants better lighting at bus stops in Port Hueneme and Oxnard because some stops have inadequate lighting and drivers drive by at night because they don't see people/bus stop	Oxnard/ Port Hueneme
	wants to let bus drivers translate routes to riders via a worksheet or other method	N/A
<i>2/24/2014 comments made at Camarillo Public hearing</i>	wants later routes for stops near colleges, specifically Oxnard College to/from Port Hueneme	Gold Coast Transit
	wants bicycle racks (on rear of the buses or racks that can hold more than three bikes)	N/A
	wants to be able to track the resolution of operational need/comments	VCTC
	wants bus stops to be cleaner	N/A
03/03/14 comments submitted on COAST/ASERT postcard	wants route 9 to either be extended or re-configured so it continues down Ash St. to Five Points, then turn right on Oxnard Blvd, to include CVS Pharmacy (new stop)	Gold Coast Transit

	wants bike racks to be expanded or added to accommodate more bikes	N/A
	wants schedules to be adjusted so route 8 can accommodate evening class schedules at Oxnard College	Gold Coast Transit
unknown, Oxnard 2/5/2014 comment made at Oxnard Listening Session	wants schedules / information translated in Mixtec, in addition to Spanish and English	
unknown, Fillmore 2/12/2014 comment made at Fillmore Listening Session	wants lighting at bus stops in Rancho Sespe	County of Ventura
Juliana Gallardo, CEDC (805) 672-2588 julianagllrdo@gmail.com 2/12/14 comments made at Fillmore Listening Session	wants buses and DAR to arrive on time, notify riders of delays and pick ups that will take over an hour	HVDAR?
<i>03/03/14 comments made via COAST/ASERT postcard</i>	wants the buses to arrive on time	N/A
<i>03/03/14 comments made via COAST/ASERT postcard</i>	wants more bike racks on the bus	VISTA 126?
<i>03/03/14 comments made via COAST/ASERT postcard</i>	wants Wi-Fi on buses that works	VISTA 126?
<i>3/3/2014 comments made via CEDC letter/petition, emailed *petition signed by 59 people*</i>	wants fixed route stop at Fillmore High School	New Heritage Valley Service
	wants fixed route stop at Vons/Starbucks shopping center on Hwy 126/A Street	New Heritage Valley Service
	wants fixed route stop at Fillmore Mountain Vista Elementary School or Delores Park	New Heritage Valley Service
	wants fixed route stop at Rancho Sespe Apartments	New Heritage Valley Service
	wants fixed route stop at Piru's Downtown Center Train Depot	New Heritage Valley Service
	wants fixed route stop at Piru's Valle Naranjo Apartments	New Heritage Valley Service
	wants to fix Dial-A-Ride service delays and over crowding issues	Heritage Valley DAR?
Maleke Malayeri, Moorpark (805) 532-1475 2/18/2014 comment made at Moorpark Listening Session	wants immediate rescheduling of DAR service for seniors who have to reschedule medical appointments asap, they can't wait a day to be scheduled	N/A
John B. , Moorpark 2/18/2014 comment made at Moorpark Listening Session	wants a bus stop at Villa Del Arroyo Mobile Home Park in Moorpark	City of Moorpark
Flo Doctrow, Camarillo 2/23/2014 email khakimoon@aol.com	wants a non-transfer route to/from from Leisure Village in Camarillo to both Ventura and Thousand Oaks	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Thousand Oaks
Charlotte Sheldon, Newbury Park 2/24/14 email (805) 499-6128	wants a direct route to/from Newbury Park to Camarillo Metro station	
Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeisenhauer@gmail.com	wants buses to run at intervals of less than ten minutes during normal hours, fifteen minutes during outside hours and run around the clock.	
Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeisenhauer@gmail.com	wants an app to access bus schedules	
Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeisenhauer@gmail.com	wants GPS on buses to provide location to app, so riders can see their bus in real time	
Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeisenhauer@gmail.com	wants WiFi on buses	

Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeseinhauer@gmail.com	wants buses to be "wired" to sync with traffic lights, so buses always get green lights	
Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeseinhauer@gmail.com	wants smaller buses	
Phyllis Phillips, Camarillo 2/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 504-3749 jackn.phyls@verizon.com	wants a solution to the issue of "standing room only" on CSUCI buses at certain times of the day	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ County of Ventura
	wants safety straps (seat belts) for the first row seats on the bus	VISTA CSUCI
	wants more parking at the Camarillo Metro Station	City of Camarillo
	wants a solution to drivers rushing through yellow/yield traffic lights	VISTA CSUCI
	wants a different fare method, the box with slots for dollars/coins is tedious and holds up the line for people wanting to get on the bus	VISTA CSUCI
	wants better external identification of buses, what line, what destination.	VISTA CSUCI
Gary Collins, Camarillo 02/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 987-7988 garyofca@verizon.net	wants a solution to the issue of "standing room only" on CSUCI buses at certain times of the day	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ County of Ventura
	wants more parking at the Camarillo Metro Station, some seniors can't walk the stairs to the other parking lot	City of Camarillo
John Phillips, Camarillo 2/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 504-3749 jackn.phyls@verizon.com	wants a solution to the issue of "standing room only" on CSUCI buses at certain times of the day	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ County of Ventura
	wants more parking at the Camarillo Metro Station, some seniors can't walk the stairs to the other parking lot	City of Camarillo
Sunzi Trzvedz, Moorpark 2/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 323-6053 sttest@yahoo.com	wants non-transfer route to/from Simi Valley to Ventura College	City of Simi Valley/ Gold Coast Transit
	wants a stop added at Camarillo Airport	City of Camarillo
	wants a monthly pass for ADA riders	N/A
Dawn E. Noorda Boldrin, ITT Tech. Inst. 02/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 988-0143 dnoordaboldrin@itt-tech.edu	wants later (PM) stops for routes in Oxnard & Port Hueneme areas for working students	Gold Coast Transit
	wants student discounts to extend to College students	N/A
	wants real-time alerts for delayed service as well as alternative routes while delay occurs	N/A
Patricia Meredith, Camarillo 02/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 484-1220 pmeredithca@gmail.com	wants more parking at the Camarillo Metro Station	City of Camarillo
Ezequiel A. Sanchez, Oxnard (805) 844-7170 aezequiels17@gmail.com ASERT postcard	wants bus benches in El Rio, near Vallarta and Wendy's for bus routes 14, 15, and 17	Gold Coast Transit

	wants drivers to wait longer to pick up passengers on routes 8 and 17	Gold Coast Transit
	wants a public restroom at the Esplanade Transfer Center	City of Oxnard [NOTE: No Transfer Center at Esplanade]
Jenifer Garcia, Fillmore (805) 421-3016 jenifer.garcia35@yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants Wi-Fi___33 on buses that works	N/A
	wants the buses to arrive on time	N/A
	wants to "low the pay of bus"	N/A
	wants "affordable sits"	N/A
	wants "nice persons who drive the buses"	N/A
Monica Campos, Fillmore (805) 218-6180 mcampos@cabrilloEOC.org ASERT postcard	wants more stops within the city	N/A
	wants more bike racks on the bus	N/A
	wants WiFi on buses that works	N/A
	wants the buses to arrive on time	N/A
	wants a route in Piru	Heritage Valley DAR
Vanessa Palomar (805) 524-4403 ASERT postcard	wants buses to be on time	N/A
	wants more bike racks on the bus	N/A
	wants Wi-Fi___33 on buses that works	N/A
	wants extended bus service to Piru	Heritage Valley DAR
Michael Parisian, Pt. Hueneme (805) 824-7529 ASERT postcard	wants a "direct bus to Mobile Ave. in Camarillo"	N/A
L. Mendoza, Oxnard (805) 263-9979 ASERT postcard	wants route 21 to run more frequently on the weekends	Gold Coast Transit
Geri Gretan ggretan@me.com	advised there is "standing room only" on CSUCI buses at certain times of the day	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ County of Ventura
	advised there is not enough parking in Camarillo Metro parking lot	City of Camarillo
Michael, Oxnard (805) 415-2979 playmkr9@hotmail.com ASERT postcard	wants service after 10pm from Oxnard College	Gold Coast Transit
Sharon Roberts, Pt. Hueneme ASERT postcard	wants service after 10pm from Oxnard College	Gold Coast Transit
Alma Alvarez, Pt. Hueneme almaalvarez@yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants bus service after 10pm for students at Oxnard College	Gold Coast Transit
Patty Smith, Port Hueneme pattysmith22@yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants later (pm) week day bus service from Oxnard College	Gold Coast Transit
Cheryl Roberson, Oxnard (805) 612-9913 littlecherb99@yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants later evening service from Oxnard College (last class lets out at 9:50pm and last bus leaves at 9:05pm)	Gold Coast Transit
Linda Brown, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants a bus from Oxnard College to North Oxnard that runs until 10pm	Gold Coast Transit
Wanda Johnson (disabled), Oxnard (805) 760-0014 ASERT postcard	more bus benches	City of Oxnard

Carlos Morlay, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants more lights at benches	City of Oxnard (?)
	wants more trash cans at stops	City of Oxnard (?)
Paul Abbey, Oxnard (805) 827-3130 ASERT Postcard	wants route 8 college bus to run later at night	Gold Coast Transit
David Johnson, Pt. Hueneme (805) 236-4121 ASERT postcard	wants buses to run later on the weekends (until 10pm)	
Ferenado, Pt. Hueneme (805) 890-9889 ASERT postcard	wants route 8 to extend hours at Oxnard College	Gold Coast Transit
Timothy Herron, Pt. Hueneme (805) 814-3930 ASERT postcard	wants route 8 to have a bus stop by Oxnard Park and Rose Ave.	Gold Coast Transit
Marianne Slaughter (805) 484-8415 twobirderz@gmail.com	lack of parking at the Camarillo Metro Station, and seniors are not able to park across the tracks and walk over the stairs	City of Camarillo
	concerned about the over-crowded CSUCI buses	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ County of Ventura
Ruth Johnson, Oxnard ASERT Postcard	wants to see easier bus schedules at stops	
Bruce Harper, Oxnard ASERT postcard	"it gets crowded on [GCT] #1-A-B."	Gold Coast Transit
Eddie Bernard Prince, Oxnard (805) 483-2156 ASERT postcard	wants Route 8 to extend longer into the evening	Gold Coast Transit
Joaquin Osuna, Oxnard (805) 612-4092 ASERT postcard	wants a bus route that goes from Oxnard to the Camarillo Outlets	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Oxnard
Jessica Apancio, Oxnard (805) 488-4907 apanciojessica18@gmail.com ASERT postcard	wants a bus route that goes from Oxnard to the Camarillo Outlets	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Oxnard
	wants the bus route from Oxnard to the Camarillo Outlets to be faster	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Oxnard
Jessica Lopez, Oxnard (805) 486-7109 ASERT postcard	wants a direct bus route from Oxnard to the Camarillo Outlets for work	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Oxnard
Christopher Palma, Oxnard (805) 884-3214 christopherspalm@gmail.com ASERT postcard	wants a direct route from Oxnard to the Camarillo Outlet Mall	VISTA/ City of Camarillo/ City of Oxnard
Steven Martinez, Oxnard (805) 204-7411 martinez.steven1994@gmail.com ASERT postcard	wants bus stops to have shelter and benches	City of Oxnard
Celia Chiquito, Oxnard (805) 253-5960 ASERT postcard	wants Dial-A-Ride to be on time, said that DAR "bus company leaves the people that ride waiting for a very long time"	N/A
Patricia Suarez, Fillmore (805) 229-5272 pattysuarez12@yahoo.com ASERT postcard	wants Wi-Fi that works	N/A
	wants buses to Piru	Heritage Valley DAR/County
Luis Salinas, Santa Paula (805) 509-0442 ASERT postcard	wants "better transportation system to travel within the city and more frequent service"	Heritage Valley DAR (?)
Maria Gomez, Oxnard (805) 814-2443 ASERT postcard	"some drivers are very rude or they brake abruptly and someone is going to get hurt someday"	N/A
Rosalia Romero (805) 871-0186 ASERT postcard	wants a bus that stops at the corner of Saviers and Pleasant Valley.	Gold Coast Transit

Carmen Montejo, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants the benches at the bus stops to be cleaner	
Lorena Cisneros, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants buses that "pass by on Saviers Road and stop in between Bard and Pleasant Valley"	Gold Coast Transit
Blanca Martinez, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus # 5 to "pass by every twenty to twenty five minutes"	Gold Coast Transit
Pedro Zanches, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus # 3 to have the same schedule, seven days a week.	Gold Coast Transit
Maria Soto, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus # 8 to "pass every twenty minutes"	Gold Coast Transit
Patricia Maldonado, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus # 7 to have the same schedule, seven days a week.	Gold Coast Transit
Teresa Cabrera, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus #7 to pass by every twenty minutes	Gold Coast Transit
Angela Ayala, Oxnard ASERT postcard	"says that the drivers are very polite and, for her, the bus routes are very good because she lives in an area where like three buses pass by where she catches the bus"	N/A
Maria Reyes, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus [GCT] #3 to pass by every twenty to twenty five minutes.	Gold Coast Transit
Ana Rodriguez, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants the drivers to be more polite to the riders.	N/A
Maria Elena Mendoza, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants bus [GCT] #9 to run later	Gold Coast Transit
Lucila Guilen, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants Bus [GCT] #4A to run later	Gold Coast Transit
Lourdes Gomez, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants benches for people to sit on at the bus stops	City of Oxnard
Irene Ayala, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants shelter at bus stops "some bus stops there is no shelter from the sun or from the water when it rains"	City of Oxnard
Rosa Magana, Oxnard ASERT postcard	wants [GCT] bus #4B to have an extended schedule	Gold Coast Transit
Jessica Conway, Ventura 03/04/14 email j1conwa@sbch.org	wants extended pm hours for Vista, leaving Cottage Hospital area at 7:50pm or 8:00pm	VISTA Coastal Express

The following table provides the comments received during the Unmet Transit Needs process which address process issues and are not Unmet Transit Needs nor are they operational needs.

NAME/DATE/PHONE	COMMENT(S)
Aracely Preciado, ASERT 2/24/14 comment made at Camarillo Public Hearing (805) 824-6039 asert@coast-santabarbara.org	wants clearer definitions of unmet needs regarding expansions of routes.
	wants to be able to track the resolution of operational need/comments
	wants more information on what are the criteria for operational needs, for those requests to be taken into consideration?
<i>2/24/2014 comments made at Camarillo Public hearing</i>	wants to be able to track the resolution of operational need/comments

Dave Kern / Simi Valley Neighborhood Council comments made on 02/14/14 and 02/16/14 relayed to CTAC	wants unmet transit needs comments to be put online in public forum
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The following table provides comments received as part of the unmet needs process which are so general as to be unable to be evaluated; or services beyond Ventura County.

NAME/DATE/PHONE	COMMENT(S)
Tara Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/9/14 email (909) 289-6565 taraeisenhauer@gmail.com	wants to use all existing rail lines for public transit, to run from 5am until midnight, from Simi to/from Ventura
	wants to purchase old rail cars from larger cities like Los Angeles
Ted Malos 2/19/14 email # unknown teo.malos@live.com	wants improvement of tourist train service in Santa Clara River Valley, including the station in Saticoy
Felix Eisenhauer, Oxnard 2/24/2014 email felixeisenhauer@gmail.com	wants rail lines to be used for public transit
	wants to re-design existing transit network, looking at rail routes first, then bus routes to fill in where rail can not cover
	wants buses to run at intervals of less than ten minutes during normal hours, fifteen minutes during outside hours and run around the clock.
Tad Ludes 2/23/2014 email stattad@gmail.com	wants a "link to Woodland Hills Metro stop" so passengers can connect to LA Subway to Staples Center, etc.
	wants a late am Metrolink train for connections to Bob Hope Airport
	wants to be able to "go to an Angels game once in a while by using Metrolink, but there are no trains coming back after the game ends."