



**Presentation to the
Arroyo Grande City Council
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SoCo Transit Consolidation into the RTA

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SoCo Transit Goals for Consolidation

1. Avoid financial penalty
2. Realize other net operational savings
3. Benefit from lower combined RTA/SCT efficiency standard
4. Increased access to State Transit Assistance funds
5. Maintain local control

RTA Goals for Consolidation

1. Ensure no negative financial or operating impacts
2. Streamline staff resources & simplify procedures

Joint Powers Agreement impacts

- The SoCo Transit JPA would be abolished; assets transferred to the RTA
- The RTA JPA would be amended & restated:
 - Adds new *South County Transit Committee* for local control –
 - SCTC consists of three city reps & one county rep from RTA Board
 - Meets annually to consider budget & service levels in South County

Planned Next Steps

1. Present consolidation concept to city councils in April & May
2. Present final RTA JPA amendment to RTA & SoCo Transit Boards in July
3. Seek city councils/BoS adoption of final RTA JPA & cessation of SoCo JPA in August & September
4. File with Secretary of State in November

>>> Effective date: January 1, 2019 <<<

Council Input

1. Should SoCo Transit still be considered as separate entity?
2. Is SCTC structure sufficient for local control?
3. How to transition branding to RTA?
4. Should fares remain “local” vs. “regional”?