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Public Meetings to Discuss Consolidation of Guadalupe Transit with Santa Maria Regional Transit (SMRT)

Santa Maria, CA –The City of Santa Maria and the City of Guadalupe announce a series of public meetings to discuss the consolidation of the City of Guadalupe’s transit system (Flyer) with Santa Maria Regional Transit (SMRT). These meetings will provide an opportunity for community members to learn about the benefits of consolidation and share their valuable input.

Currently, both Santa Maria and Guadalupe operate separate transit systems, each managing its own operations, funding, and compliance requirements. However, the close connection between the two communities and the shared ridership highlight the potential benefits of a unified transit system.

Benefits of Consolidation:

- **Improved Service Reliability:** Access to a larger pool of SMRT drivers and vehicles.
- **Enhanced Efficiency:** Streamlined administration, reduced duplication of efforts, and better resource allocation.
- **Fare Uniformity:** Consistent fare structure across both communities.
- **Faster Technology Adoption:** Quicker implementation of rider-centric technologies for Guadalupe residents.
- **Better Coordination:** Improved coordination between transit services.
- **Increased Accessibility:** Simplified navigation for riders traveling between Santa Maria and Guadalupe.
- **State and Federal Compliance:** Improved adherence to state and federal regulations.
- **Electrification of Fleet:** Streamlining the states requirements for fleet electrification.

Under the proposed consolidation, Guadalupe’s transit routes would be integrated into the SMRT system, rebranded as SMRT routes (e.g., Route 40 and 41), and serviced by SMRT vehicles. SMRT would assume full responsibility for the administration of these routes, while Guadalupe would continue to support the service through the allocation of transit funding.



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Public Meeting Details:

April 16, 4-5 pm , City of Guadalupe City Hall

April 16, 5-6 pm , City of Guadalupe City Hall

April 25, 4-5 pm , Shepards Hall, Santa Maria City Library

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“We are committed to providing our community with safe, reliable, and efficient public transportation,” said Gamaliel Anguiano, Transit Manager for the City of Santa Maria. “These public meetings are crucial for gathering feedback and ensuring that our communities are informed and that the consolidation meets the needs of our riders.”

“We encourage residents of both Santa Maria and Guadalupe to attend these meetings and share their valuable insights,” said David Trujillo, Public Works Director for the City of Guadalupe. “Your input will help us shape the future of our regional transit system.”

Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the proposed consolidation and provide their feedback.

Questions may be directed to the SMRT Transit Services Manager at (805) 925-0951 extension 2480 or to smrtcomments@cityofsantamaria.org.

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