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Lompoc Transit Enjoys Continued Success

Lompoc, CA – After an impressive 2006, the City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) ridership numbers continue to show signs of upward growth. March 2007 saw 28,015 riders board the local transit system for a year to date total of 79,571 passengers. This translates to a 3.2 percent increase from the same period last year and an approximate 18 percent increase over February ridership.

Ridership trends across the country are showing an increase compared to previous years. Nationally, 10.1 billion trips in 2006 was the highest level of transit ridership in nearly five decades. Still, ridership on COLT has consistently surpassed national trends.

“With the approach of warmer weather the City of Lompoc is looking forward to more residents and visitors coming out to enjoy the sites,” noted Richard Fernbaugh, City of Lompoc Aviation/Transportation Administrator. “With skyrocketing gas prices and the affordability COLT offers, we encourage Lompoc residents to leave their personal vehicles behind and try the convenience of public transportation.”

During the month of March, the City installed updated information posts at the most frequented bus stops and distributed new systems maps to reflect COLT's latest route adjustments.

For those residents looking for a day getaway, COLT also operates one round trip to Santa Barbara each Tuesday and Thursday. Vehicles depart Mission Plaza at 9:00 a.m. and depart the Santa Barbara MTD bus depot at 3:30 p.m.

COLT's five fixed-routes and demand-response services operate Monday through Friday, from 6:30 am to 8:00 pm. Saturday service operates 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Information about City of Lompoc Transit is available at (805) 736-7666 or online at www.lompoctransit.com.

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