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Latest Statistics Reveal Increase in Transit Use

Lompoc, CA – The City of Lompoc Transit’s latest ridership numbers are indicating an impressive summer season is on the horizon. During May, over 30,000 passengers utilized COLT services, a 15 percent increase in ridership when compared to April. Year-to-date, the local transit service has provided nearly 132,000 rides.

With summer temperatures on the rise and gas prices continuing to climb, COLT looks to alleviate residents’ mounting transportation stress levels. More than ever, public transportation plays a vital role in reducing pollution, traffic congestion, and gasoline consumption, while providing an economic boost through increased jobs, accessibility, and personal freedom.

“COLT is the most cost-effective and convenient way to get around the Lompoc area,” commented Richard Fernbaugh, City of Lompoc Aviation/Transportation Administrator. “The City of Lompoc is prepared to handle the increase in visitor and local use aboard COLT during the upcoming summer months.”

Nationwide, households using public transportation save over \$6,200 every year, compared to households with no access to public transportation service, according to studies by the American Public Transportation Association. Millions of gallons are saved each day when public transportation is used optimally, reducing our need for oil and other natural resources.

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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