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TO: Gold Coast Transit Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Information Regarding Bus Stops Near Naval Base Ventura County and Potential Bus Service to Point Mugu Naval Air Station

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gold Coast Transit staff has begun working with the Naval Base of Ventura County (NBVC) to work on getting easements for future bus stops at both Channel Islands Blvd. and Victoria Ave., as well as Ventura Rd. and Bard Rd. to enhance bus service in those areas. We will also work with NBVC to determine if there is a demand for bus service to the Point Mugu Naval Air Station and whether such a route would be feasible.

II. BACKGROUND

In February, the new Route 21 will begin service, traversing Channel Islands Blvd., Victoria Ave., and Telegraph Rd. from the C St. Transfer Center to the Ventura Transit Center. When this route begins, it will have stops on the northern side of Channel Islands Blvd between Ventura Rd. and Victoria Ave. The only stop along eastbound Channel Islands Blvd. will be on the south side at Patterson (in the turn lane for the closed Base entrance). We are unable to provide additional stops on the south curb of Channel Islands Boulevard between Victoria Ave. and Ventura Rd. as there is no sidewalk along this section and the right of way belongs to the Base.

In the past, we have fielded numerous requests for a route serving the commercial and retail establishments along Channel Islands Blvd., and staff believes it would be beneficial to have a stop as close as possible to the intersection of Channel Islands Blvd. and Victoria Ave. in the eastbound direction. This would provide access to and from the Channel Islands Harbor and Oliveira Shopping Center in both directions. Given this articulated demand, staff will begin working with Naval Base Ventura County to obtain an easement in order develop a stop in the eastbound direction. We hope to have the stop operational within the next year.

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Similarly, GCT hopes in the future to have a transit route in both directions along Ventura Rd. to serve the SEABEE Museum, households in this area, and NBVC, as it is the biggest employer in the County. To maximize connectivity, we would establish a stop on the west side of Ventura Rd. at the Bard gate (as well as the Sunkist gate where there is already a bus pullout) to best serve the people who live and work on the Base. We will work closely with NBVC and the City of Port Hueneme to obtain the necessary easement in this location to safely stop there.

In approaching NBVC to discuss these potential stops, we have been asked to look at the possibility of providing service to Point Mugu Naval Air Station from the Base. Over the upcoming months, staff expects to look at the feasibility of providing a transit connection to the Naval Air Station. We will work with the NBVC to research demand, travel patterns, and whether such a route could sufficiently serve such a spread-out destination.

III. RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.



General Manager's Concurrence