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## State Budget Cuts Lead to Reductions in Public Transit Service

Hollister, CA – County Express is facing a state funding shortfall that has forced the government agency to seriously consider service reductions.

On December 11, 2008, the Board of Directors for the Local Transportation Authority considered several service reduction options for County Express in anticipation of the funding cuts. The Board of Directors selected its preferred service reduction option that will approximately reduce County Express services by 35%.

The Local Transportation Authority will make its final decision at the public hearing that will be held on:

January 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
481 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hollister, CA

The public is encouraged to attend and make comments on the service reduction plan below. Translation services will be provided and transportation to the public hearing is available from County Express. Please call (831) 636-4161 for transportation to the public hearing.

If you are unable to attend the hearing you may express your concerns in writing to:

By Mail:  
LTA  
330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C7  
Hollister, CA 95023

By Email:  
[betty@sanbenitocog.org](mailto:betty@sanbenitocog.org)  
Subject: Service Reduction

By Fax:  
831.636.4160

The deadline for written comments is January 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the proposed service reduction, please visit [www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org](http://www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org) or call the Local Transportation Authority at 831.637.7665.

### PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTIONS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2009

Service	Description	Times Affected	Days Affected
Fixed Route	Eliminate service on all routes.	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Monday thru Friday
Dial-A-Ride	End service one hour earlier.	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Monday thru Friday
	New service hours.	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Saturday
	Eliminate service.	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Sunday
Intercounty Gavilan	Eliminate routes with low ridership.	7:40 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. 7:55 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. 8:20 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. 2:10 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.	Monday thru Friday
Intercounty Greyhound	Eliminate routes with low ridership.	10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.	Saturday
	Eliminate service.	7:40 a.m. to 5:55 p.m.	Sunday