SLO Transit could turn toward more changes

A subcommittee will propose several revisions to San Luis Obispo’s Mass Transit Committee Nov. 9, including route shifts and extended hours.

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San Luis Obispo Transit may get the green light to make some route changes, which could result in increased efficiency for Cal Poly riders.

A subcommittee of the Mass Transit Committee (MTC) is proposing an extension of the current 6A and 6B routes, which link the downtown and Foothill Boulevard areas with Cal Poly. The extension would provide the most heavily-used bus stops with 20-minute headways, a 10-minute improvement over the current system, and could take effect next September.

“The more people who commute by bus, the more C’al Poly riders will have efficient transportation,” conference center manager Jennifer Gongaware said. “If we can better serve the people who are trying to get to Cal Poly, they’ll just hop in their car because it’s easier.”

Transit Manager Austin O’Dell, however, said that he is skeptical of the proposed changes, though he would support them if adopted.

“Right now, our service is doing great,” he said. “I’ve been in this business for 17 years now since I graduated from Cal Poly and my experience is we play it out. What my fear is . . . I think we’re trying to address something and we don’t have all the surveys that we’ve done before. I think we’re taking some big risks on things.”

Cal Poly riders account for 53 percent of San Luis Obispo Transit’s total ridership. The university currently pays San Luis Obispo Transit about $260,000 annually, which is about nine percent of the system’s total operating costs.

“Those are the areas that have the most intensive transit riderships,” Doyle said. “We’re trying to provide them with double service.”

The buses would run on 40-minute increments, but because of the extended overlap, they would hit the most rider-intensive areas every 20 minutes.

“I definitely think it will improve it,” ASI President Taylor Middletest said. “I hear students saying that if the bus would come more regularly or frequently, they would ride it. If we make alternative transportation more convenient, people will use it. If people have to go out of their way to take the bus, they’ll just hop in their car because it’s easier.”

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“The most crucial thing is to get the incentives right,” Doyle said. “To set it up so that every time the city picks up on the days he does not carpool with friends.

Aerospace laboratory receives grant from Edwards Air Force Base

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Cal Poly’s aerospace laboratory received an unprecedented $35,000 grant from Edwards Air Force Base that will cover the lab’s operational costs for the next year.

“They (the base) were very clear about the fact that it was our winning record in major design competitions that they decided to invest in us,” said Dave Hall, aircraft design professor.

Aerospace laboratory

The lab costs about $, 000 per year to operate. Hall said.

The lab usually receives annual funding from the three major aerospace companies to cover operating costs, in addition to some governmental grants.

“Every time in the lab is bought with donations from industry and the government,” Hall said. “So we don’t use state funds in the lab as a rule.”

Hall said it was unusual for an air force base to grant such a large amount.

“I was surprised and delighted,” he said.

Hall added that the money will fund “paper, supplies, printers, water, field trips,” and other operational costs over the next 12 months.

To commemorate the new tie with the base, the lab has been dedicated to the Edwards Air Force Base for the upcoming year, and a plaque has been placed outside in recognition. After that time, it will be moved inside, said Director of Corporate Relations Michelle Jenkins.
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another rider, the campus pays them another increment of money. And then that sets it up so that the city actually wants to pick up Cal Poly riders.

In addition to route changes, Doyle recommended an increase in transit service hours by 90 minutes. However, he was unsure about how successful those changes will be.

"The real problem with extended hours is that if you get on one of those buses, you're like five people on the bus," Doyle said. "From a transportation perspective, that's sloppy. But for five or six people, that's crucial. And guess what? The fact that they can ride that bus and not have to clean it up is determined how often they got to campus at 9 a.m.

San Luis Obispo Transit is also looking at another option: a trolley extension to Cal Poly in the evening hours.

"We are looking at a trolley to circulate through the campus to pick up students to come into downtown," said Tim Bochum, the deputy director of public works. "That would be a nice evening-time additional service out to the campus, but I think that the students would really like that."

The trolley currently circulates between the intersection of Grand Avenue and Monterey Street on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Doyle said this service would probably not be free for students, but would only cost as much as 50 cents per ride.

The other major change that the subcommittee is proposing is a revision of route 1.

"Instead of sending it up Santa Rosa where there's no stops, we're actually going to send it across Mill and up California so that it actually could drop people off at Mustang Village," Doyle said. "It doesn't go on all the new routes, but this is a new cost, we could either see more service or less service."

Doyle and the rest of the subcommittee will submit their proposed changes to the entire MTC board on Nov. 9 at 2:30 p.m. If approved, the proposal will travel to the San Luis Obispo City Council for consideration.

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San Luis Obispo Transit last made major route changes in January 2004 when it added the 6A and 6B routes among others. O'Dell said that those alterations have been very successful.

"Our ridership from fiscal year 2005 comparing it with 2004, has increased 29 percent," O'Dell said. "As far as productivity, our ridership per hour has increased by 36 percent. I would say that looking at state-wide, nobody else compares to this in the state."

However, because of the ridership increase at peak times, some buses have to leave riders behind at the stops, particularly at the beginning of the school year.

"That could be easily mitigated by eliminating some seats in the front, which would increase loading passenger on board and that would eliminate that problem all together," O'Dell said.

In addition to the MTC meeting in November, San Luis Obispo Transit will face another heavy issue when its contract goes up for grabs in spring 2006.

"Right now we have a bid out for the contractor who operates the bus service for us," Bochum said. "Every five years, we circulate that and get new bids so depending on the new contract could absolutely result in less service." Doyle added.

"The thing that drives me nuts is that the campus is actually going to send it across Mill and up California so that it actually could drop people off at Mustang Village," Doyle said. "It doesn't go on all the way to campus." It goes to "fairly volatile" market conditions.

O'Dell, however, said that the new contract will most likely be more expensive than the last because of the economy and fuel prices. He said that since 2003, fuel costs have increased 300 percent.

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Bochum also said that the MTC meeting in November did not include an address concern to San Luis Obispo Transit. More information is available at www.slocity.org or 781-2210.

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Security officials said a third bomb struck the area around the same time. All three were believed to be suicide attacks.

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The U.S. military nominated no U.S. troops were injured. It counted 10 dead Iraqis.

A U.S. Bradley Fighting Vehicle parked inside the compound was destroyed in the blast. No one was inside at the time.

The security adviser said at least 40 journalists were injured, most of them protected by another officer. Deputy Interior Minister Hussein Kamal, said four or five Iraqi police were among the dead.

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The attacks caused heavy damage to the south side of the 18-story Palestine Hotel, forcing jornalists including those from AP, Fox News and the U.S. government-funded Alhurra TV station to take refuge in the corridor. Fox and Alhurra said their employees were unharmed.

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The AP counted six wounded inside the hotel, which was last hit by an insurgent rocket attack on Oct. 7, 2004.

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Spinning up a costume

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**Tiger**

Wear black or brown clothes. Purchase a tail and ears or make them out of felt. Roll your hair into a lions mane. Put a layer of white makeup around your eyes and mouth. Then take light brown makeup and cover the rest of your face. Take dark brown makeup and place spots on your cheeks and forehead. Using black makeup, paint your lips, put a thick line around your eyes and make black spots on your cheeks and black whiskers.

**Beer**

If you’re partying at a fraternity house, then you might want to try a beer can costume. Take a barrel and cut a hole in the bottom. Then cut holes for your arms and head. Paint it to look like a beer can.

**LeFouer**

If you are looking for something simple, try going to your favorite hangout as a leFouer. Rub a little green make-up on your cheeks and wear green, brown or grey clothes. Take a roll of foil and wrap it around portions of your torso and arms. Use duck tape to keep the foil attached.

**The Dukes of Hazzard**

**Daisy**

Daisy wears cut-off denim shorts, a shirt tied at the waist and cowboy boots. The hair is worn down and curled. Bo wears jeans, a T-shirt and a cowboy hat. Luke looks like a mountain man wearing a plaid shirt, jeans and a cowboy hat.

**Britney Spears**

Try stepping out as a pop icon this Halloween. Wear a short plaid skirt with a white shirt tied so that your midriff shows and wear your hair in pigtails. Remember to go barefoot and carry a gas station restroom key.

**Mummy**

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Discriminating the American way

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1857: In a case known commonly as the Dred Scott Decision, the U.S. Supreme Court finally ended the long debate over the legality of slavery, declaring that A) Mr. Scott was not a person and B) that he is a piece of property. This famous decision thus presented a civil war.

1920: In what was known as the suffrage movement (called suffrage because women were forcing men to suffer by not allowing them to vote) white, married males were finally given the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment.

1944: During World War II, thousands of Japanese Americans living on the West Coast “voluntarily” decided to move to “internment camps” for a “vacation.” A disgruntled man named Korematsu sued the United States claiming that his “vacation” infringed upon his civil rights. The court ruled that individual civil liberties outweigh national security interests, especially in time of war, thus forever ending government infringement upon individual freedoms and the debate over civil rights.

It is clear from this brief overview of history, that if discrimination ever did exist, it doesn’t anymore, especially not among the homosexual community. Legislators should just quit wasting time and taxes on efforts to outline fictional problems like “discrimination” and “equal protection.” Instead, why don’t our lawmakers focus on real, non-fictional problems, like finding Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction?... Oh, wait.

Comments or ideas? Maybe you just have something to say. Get on the soapbox and talkback with Jack at frogman6ere@gmail.com. Next Tuesday I will present a new topic for debate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Modey is the best showoff! The CPD’s last posters are inappropriate, and for the exact opposite reasons that many of the recent let­ ters to the Mustang Daily have ridiculed. The human body is a beautiful thing. It is something that is to be kept healthy and treated well. And the parts of the human body that are so intrinsically tied to one’s sexuality are also beautiful. It is for this same reason that I was saddened to see the posters during the first week of class. If the human body is God’s finest creation, then how can we approve of it being used in such a cheap and demeaning way — as a mere advertisement. The problem of the posters was not that they showed too much, but that they showed too little. The people in those posters were reduced to a mere assemblage of body parts. I personally noted how, in most of the posters, the faces of the people were obscured. The human body is not shown as something valuable, guarded like a treasure.

It is spilled out over campus like cheap water used to was off the sidewalk. ‘The modey the poster sends out is what is devaluing, not the censorship efforts. To say “If you show off your body, you will receive attention” is a horrible mes­sage to send to both women and men.

Similarly, to say “There are people who will show off their bodies, those are who you should pay attention too,” is equally horrible. If these are the messages that are heard by the people of our soci­ety, then any respect due to the humankind body for its beauty and digni­ty will not be given. And if no respect is given to the body, then none will be given to the person. The opposite message must be sent.

“You body is beautiful because it is the ‘you’ that I see.” Nothing com­pliments the jewel of the human body like an appropriate setting of modesty.

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**Player spotlight: Kylie Atherstone, volleyball, freshman outside hitter**

Johnathan Drake  
**MUSTANGS DOUBLE**

The Cal Poly volleyball team lost to UC Santa Barbara 3-0 Saturday and gave up a chance to earn the Most Valuable Player award with freshman Kylie Atherstone, an outside hitter for the volleyball team.

Katie Shield keeps the ball from a Pacific forward in the Mustangs' 1-0 victory at Mustang Stadium on Sunday.

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**Cal Poly defeats Pacific 1-0 at Mustang Stadium**

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**Football falls to No. 10 after losing at Montana**

Cal Poly, which achieved its highest ranking ever in Division 1-AA football last week, No. 3 in both The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today polls, dropped seven positions to No. 10 in both polls after Saturday's 36-27 loss at Montana.

However, the Mustangs' first loss of the season didn't hurt their Conference USA (C-USA) title hopes as they moved up to 4-0 in the conference and remain in the playoff hunt. Montana, which was ranked No. 9 prior to the game, improved to No. 8 in The Sports Network poll and No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

The Mustangs were ranked 17th in the ESPN/USA Today poll and the Montana State University of Pennsylvania, ranked 16th in both polls, dropped one position to No. 10 in both polls.

The Mustangs opened the defense of their Great West Conference title with a 24-16 victory at South Dakota State on Sept. 24 and jumped to No. 10 in the polls, then climbed one more position to No. 9 following their 31-14 triumph at Northern Colorado. After a 37-6 victory over North Dakota State on Oct. 5, Cal Poly moved up to No. 6. The Mustangs had a bye Oct. 15 and moved up three spots in the polls as the No. 1, 2, and 4 teams all lost.

In this week's polls, the top four teams are Western Kentucky (6-1), Furman (7-1), Hampton (8-0) and New Hampshire (6-1). Montana (8-2) is No. 5 in the Sports Network poll while Texas State (6-1) is No. 6. The Mustangs had a bye last week and will face Idaho State this week.

Cal Poly also is ranked No. 10 in the Any GIVEN Saturday poll, dropping one position.

The third Gridiron Power Index (GPI) rating of the 2005 season was released by 1-AA.org last week. The BCS-style rankings placed Cal Poly No. 1, followed by William & Mary and Montana.

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