

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 27, 2006

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER ^{RWD} 

SUBJECT: TOWN OF TRUCKEE TRANSIT SERVICE MOU

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Board Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to receive funding from the Town of Truckee for Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART) bus service in FY 2005/2006.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

TART provides five round-trips daily between Tahoe City and Truckee with service into Squaw Valley year-round. In the winter, TART adds two extra morning round-trips and one additional afternoon trip to better serve the employee commute times for the ski resorts. The Town of Truckee will reimburse Placer County in the amount of \$20,000 for TART service in FY 2005/2006 under the terms of the MOU. The TART bus service between Truckee and Tahoe City cost approximately \$370,000 in FY 2005/06. The remaining costs are covered by contributions from a group of Highway 89 resorts, the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, Federal Transit Administration, TDA funds, and fare revenue.

While DPW has requested an increased level of funding from the Town, the contribution has instead decreased from \$40,000 last fiscal year to \$20,000 this fiscal year. Town staff has stated they are spending all of their available transit funds on transit services and are not able to either increase or maintain the level of funding from past years. DPW continues to work with the Town to reach a solution to their transit funding.

The Town also provides transit service between Truckee, Northstar, and Kings Beach in the Hwy. 267 corridor in the winter. Placer County does not pay for this service.

The Truckee connection is an important part of the regional transit system and should be continued by TART because it benefits Placer County businesses and residents. Ridership on the Truckee route has increased steadily and is one of the fastest growing segments of the TART service. Ridership on this route increased from 49,172 in FY 2004/2005 to 83,578 in FY 2005/06 (+70%). The overall TART ridership grew by 26% during that same period.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resource Code 21080(b)(10), as it is a project to provide passenger service.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue from the Town of Truckee covers the amount budgeted in the 2005/2006 TART budget.

A copy of the MOU is available for viewing with the Clerk of the Board.

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