

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: APRIL 17, 2007

FROM: KEN GREHM / RICK DONDRO

SUBJECT: **PLACER COMMUTER EXPRESS CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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## **ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with Amador Stage Lines for 1) a one-year extension of the contract to operate Placer Commuter Express, and 2) an expansion of service from two to three round trips per weekday, for a total of \$605,153.

## **BACKGROUND / SUMMARY**

Placer Commuter Express is a commuter bus service that runs along the I-80 corridor between Colfax and Downtown Sacramento with two round trips on weekdays. The service contract was awarded to Amador Stage Lines on May 12, 2004 for a two-year period that was funded primarily with a demonstration Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for the first two years. The contract has a provision for two, one-year extensions through June 30, 2008.

The service is jointly funded by Placer County, the City of Colfax, the City of Auburn, the Town of Loomis and the City of Rocklin based on ridership from each of those jurisdictions. Placer County Transit (PCT) provides the customer support, scheduling, marketing, and ticket sales for the service.

DPW is proposing to add a third scheduled morning and afternoon run to the service to accommodate the growth in ridership. Since the service began, ridership has grown steadily to an average of 180 passengers per day in February 2007. This equates to an average of 45 passengers per bus. Over the past year, the ridership has grown to a level where the buses have occasionally had to leave passengers behind due to overcrowding. To address this problem, PCT has been providing back-up buses to handle the overloads. With the recent disruption of the Capitol Corridor trains due to the trestle fire, the ridership is even higher necessitating daily back-up buses.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost for the two-bus level of service will be \$389,435 in FY2007/08, which is an increase of seven percent over 2006/07. The cost to expand to a third bus will be an addition of \$215,718, for a total of \$605,153. An estimated \$193,000 in fare revenue will be collected during the fiscal year. An amount of \$243,000 will be funded by the cities, and \$169,153 will be funded with Placer County Transportation Development Act funds. This expense and associated revenue is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007/2008 budget.

A copy of the Contract Amendment No.1 is on file for viewing with the Clerk of the Board

**Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT NO. 1, CONTRACT NO. 11799,  
WITH AMADOR STAGE LINES IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$605,153.**

**Resol. No:.....**

**Ord. No:.....**

**First Reading:.....**

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held April 17, 2007  
by the following vote:

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Signed and approved by me after its passage.**

**Attest:  
Clerk of said Board**

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**Chair, Board of Supervisors**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board authorizes the Chairman to execute Contract No. 11799, Amendment No. 1, with Amador Stage Lines for \$605,153 for 1) a one-year extension of the contract with Amador Stage Lines to operate Placer Commuter Express, and 2) an expansion of service from two to three round trips per weekday.

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