

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2009

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER *WG*

SUBJECT: PLACER COUNTY TRANSIT – TAYLOR ROAD SHUTTLE EXPANSION

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## ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Board Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (WPCTSA) to receive an additional \$78,000 over two fiscal years to provide additional service on the Taylor Road Shuttle.

## BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) annually conducts an unmet transit needs public input process and makes a finding on unmet transit needs within Placer County. This year, there were numerous comments regarding transit service in the Taylor Road corridor between Rocklin and Auburn. Placer County, through a contract operator, provides a deviated bus route between Auburn and Sierra College connecting with Placer County Transit fixed routes. The route, known as the Taylor Road Shuttle, operates on two hour headways and provides pick-ups and drop-offs up to ¾ mile from the route, which is generally on Taylor Road.

Comments came from the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE), the Loomis Life Senior Center, the Placer Visual Center and members of the general public. For a variety of reasons, the commenter's requested that the service be operated with hourly headways instead of two hour headways. A number of meetings were held with the interested stake holders, and staff from PCTPA, Placer County, City of Auburn, City of Rocklin, and Town of Loomis. Concerns were shared regarding the high cost of potentially doubling the Taylor Road Shuttle service. The group was able to agree that the highest priority times to add service would be on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

In May, as part of the unmet transit needs finding, the PCTPA directed the WPCTSA to enter into a contractual arrangement with Placer County to fund and implement a pilot program to add hourly service on the Taylor Road Shuttle on Tuesdays and Thursdays only between 7:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. This would serve the most critical needs of the Transitional Life Skills program operated by PCOE in Loomis and the Loomis Life Senior Center. The Tuesday & Thursday added service does not address the transit needs of the Placer Visual Center, however, we have learned that The Placer Visual Center has been forced to suspend operation due to budget impacts. Through the proposed agreement, Placer County would add the additional Tuesday/Thursday Taylor Road Shuttle service with funding from the WPCTSA.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is categorically exempt as there is no possibility that this will have an effect on the environment per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(2).

## FISCAL IMPACT

The two-year cost of the pilot program is estimated to be \$78,000. This additional cost will be funded by the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency. The added cost and funding will be added to the PCT Budget as part of the final budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2009/10.

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

