

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: MAY 18, 2010

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER <sup>RS</sup> *WG*

SUBJECT: **FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FOR TART SERVICE IN WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

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## **ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or designee, to file applications and execute all documents related to obtaining Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funds from the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

## **BACKGROUND / SUMMARY**

Beginning this fiscal year, Placer County is receiving Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 funds allocated through NDOT for Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART) services in Washoe County. This coincided with the reduction of \$150,000 in funding from the Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The FTA 5311 funds have been in existence for over 20 years and have been used continuously by Placer County through the State of California to fund operating costs in non-urbanized areas.

Over a year ago, as it became evident that the RTC was going to significantly reduce funding for TART service in Washoe County, DPW staff collaborated with the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) and NDOT to identify this funding source that was not being fully used in Nevada. DPW staff completed the application materials and began establishing contacts with NDOT. The NDOT 5311 funds for this fiscal year (FY 2009/10) were awarded to the TTD and are being passed through to Placer County pursuant to an agreement approved by your Board in September of 2009. NDOT recently asked Placer County to apply for the funds directly in order to streamline the process. The TTD staff is supportive of this approach. To that end, DPW staff has submitted an application for the Fiscal Year 2010/11. The attached Resolution from the Board of Supervisors is necessary for that application to be successful. The NDOT FTA 5311 funds would provide approximately \$233,200 toward the TART service. This will cover 45% of the fully allocated cost of the service in the State of Nevada. 29% of the cost will be funded by RTC, 16% will be funded by Placer County and 10% funded by fares. The funding support by Placer County is justified because the route carries Placer County residents to work in Washoe County. Exhibit 1 (attached) shows the funding breakdown.

TART provides service seven days per week on a route between Sugar Pine Point State Park on the west shore and the Hyatt in Incline Village. This route connects with a route between Tahoe City, Squaw Valley and Truckee on Highway 89 and a route between Crystal Bay, Northstar and Truckee on Highway 267 in the winter months. In the summer, TART adds additional night time routes to the Hyatt.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10), as it is a project to provide passenger service.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This application is for \$233,200 in operating funding. The proposed 2010/11 Budget includes \$225,000 from this funding source. Placer County has received FTA funds for several years and already has in place all practices necessary to comply with FTA regulations. Administrative work necessary to receive these funds will be conducted by existing staff.

Attachment: Exhibit 1- 2010/2011 Washoe County, NV TART Operating Budget  
Resolution

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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FOR TART SERVICE IN WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

**Exhibit 1**

<b>TART Operating Budget in Washoe County, Nevada FY 2010/2011</b>				
Annual Operating Cost in Washoe Co., NV	\$	519,200		
Total TART Budget - Systemwide	\$	3,043,300		
<b>Funding</b>		<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent of Washoe</b>	<b>Percent of TART System</b>
Fare Revenue	\$	52,800	10%	2%
Nevada Department of Transportation 5311	\$	233,200	45%	8%
Washoe County RTC	\$	150,000	29%	5%
Placer County	\$	83,200	16%	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>519,200</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17%</b>

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

Resol. No: .....

Ord. No: .....

First Reading: .....

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR DESIGNEE, TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR, AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OBTAINING FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5311 FUNDS ALLOCATED THROUGH THE STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PLACER COUNTY FOR TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDED IN WASHOE COUNTY.

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_,

by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support transportation projects under 49 USC Chapter 53; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) has been designated by the Governor to administer certain transportation projects under 49 USC Chapter 53; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon Placer County, including provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that the Director of Public Works or his/her designee, is authorized to execute and file an application and any documents necessary with NDOT on behalf of Placer County to aid in the financing of transit capital, administration, and/or operating costs for service provided in Washoe County, pursuant to 49 USC Chapter 53; and that the Director of Public Works or his/her designee is authorized to furnish such additional information as NDOT may require in connection with the application or the project.

