

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: August 9, 2011

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER *WG*

SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF EXPANDED TAYLOR ROAD SHUTTLE ROUTES**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to terminate the portions of the Placer County Transit Taylor Road Shuttle Routes, which were expanded as part of a pilot project and noted on Exhibit A, beginning August 18, 2011.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Taylor Road Shuttle is a route that operates on two-hour headways between Auburn and Sierra College and provides pick-ups and drop-offs up to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the route, which is generally on Taylor Road. This route is operated via contract by PRIDE Industries.

In August of 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved an Agreement with the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (WPCTSA) to add runs on the Taylor Road Shuttle on Tuesdays and Thursdays to create hourly headways between 7:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. The Agreement was a pilot project funded by the WPCTSA to try to meet unmet transit needs that surfaced that year during the annual public input process held by the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA). The pilot project funding ran for two years and has now run out. Placer County received notice from the WPCTPA that the Agreement would be terminated. The ridership on some of the added runs was comparable to the ridership on the rest of the runs. In April and May of 2011—the final two full months of regular school schedules—ridership on the added runs averaged 1.9 passengers per run during the pilot project compared to 3.2 per run on the pre-existing routes. Ridership dropped to 1 passenger per run on the added routes during the week.

The Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) was active in advocating for the additional service to serve students of a special education class located at Horseshoe Bar Plaza in Loomis. Ridership when the PCOE was out of session was very low compared to when school was in session, indicating that the PCOE students were the main users of the added routes. The PCOE informed us that they have ceased operation as of the end of summer school in July, 2011. This was one of the main factors for WPCTSA to decide not to recommend additional funding for the continuation of the pilot program.

Due to low ridership, the ceasing of the special education classes in Loomis and discontinuation of the funding for the pilot, DPW recommends terminating the added routes. Notice of the terminated routes has been posted.

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

The reduction of service has been anticipated in the FY 2011/12 Placer County Transit Budget.

Attachment: Resolution w/Exhibit A

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
TERMINATE A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT TO
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ROUTES ON THE TAYLOR
ROAD SHUTTLE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
BETWEEN 7:30 A.M. AND 1:30 P.M., BEGINNING
AUGUST 18, 2011.

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 _____,
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency and Placer County entered into an Agreement in August of 2009, to provide additional routes on the Taylor Road Shuttle on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a two-year pilot project; and

WHEREAS, the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency has provided us with a notice to terminate the funding Agreement for the two-year pilot project; and

WHEREAS, the ridership on the added service was determined not to be substantial enough to continue the service; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2011, the Placer County Office of Education Special Education Class ceased operation of a special education class in Loomis, which generated a significant portion of the added ridership on the new routes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board directs the Director of Public Works to take all actions necessary for the purpose of terminating the runs on the Taylor Road Shuttle identified on Exhibit A, beginning August 18, 2011.

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Pilot Program Routs to be Terminated - Tuesdays & Thursdays

| Taylor Road Shuttle - WESTBOUND | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-------------|------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|------|--|------|------|
| Westbound | A.M. | | | | | P.M. | | | | | |
| Auburn Station | 6:35 | 7:35 | 8:35 | 9:35 | 10:35 | 11:35 | 12:35 | 2:35 | | 4:35 | 6:35 |
| Ophir Park 'n' Ride | 6:40 | 7:40 | 8:40 | 9:40 | 10:40 | 11:40 | 12:40 | 2:40 | | 4:40 | 6:40 |
| Newcastle/Taylor Rd | 6:42 | 7:42 | 8:42 | 9:42 | 10:42 | 11:42 | 12:42 | 2:42 | | 4:42 | 6:42 |
| Penryn | 6:50 | 7:50 | 8:50 | 9:50 | 10:50 | 11:50 | 12:50 | 2:50 | | 4:50 | 6:50 |
| Loomis | 6:55 | 7:55 | 8:55 | 9:55 | 10:55 | 11:55 | 12:55 | 2:55 | | 4:55 | 6:55 |
| Sierra College | 7:15 | 8:15 | 9:15 | 10:15 | 11:15 | 12:15 | 1:15 | 3:15 | | 5:15 | 7:15 |

| Taylor Road Shuttle - EASTBOUND | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|------|------|------|----------|------|
| Eastbound | A.M. | | | | | P.M. | | | | Sat Only | |
| Sierra College | 7:45 | 8:45 | 9:45 | 10:45 | 11:45 | 12:45 | 1:45 | 3:45 | 5:15 | 5:45 | 7:45 |
| Loomis | 8:05 | 9:05 | 10:05 | 11:05 | 12:05 | 1:05 | 2:05 | 4:05 | 5:25 | 6:05 | 8:05 |
| Penryn | 8:10 | 9:10 | 10:10 | 11:10 | 12:10 | 1:10 | 2:10 | 4:10 | 5:35 | 6:10 | 8:10 |
| Newcastle/Taylor Rd | 8:17 | 9:17 | 10:17 | 11:17 | 12:17 | 1:17 | 2:17 | 4:17 | 5:45 | 6:17 | 8:17 |
| Ophir Park 'n' Ride | 8:20 | 9:20 | 10:20 | 11:20 | 12:20 | 1:20 | 2:20 | 4:20 | 5:50 | 6:20 | 8:20 |
| Auburn Station | 8:25 | 9:25 | 10:25 | 11:25 | 12:25 | 1:25 | 2:25 | 4:25 | 5:55 | 6:25 | 8:25 |

Shaded Runs Will Be Terminated

