



**MEMORANDUM**  
**PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES**  
**TRANSIT DIVISION**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: October 25, 2016  
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities  
By: Will Garner, Public Works Manager  
SUBJECT: Transit / Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit / Added Service

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize the Director of Public Works and Facilities, or designee to implement Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit added services in the amount of \$244,000 consistent with the TART Systems Plan and the FY 2016-2017 Budget.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2016-2017 Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART) plans to implement the following changes:

- 1) Increase frequency from 60-minute to 30-minute headways between Tahoe City and Crystal Bay from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM during the winter season;
- 2) Additional peak period AM and PM runs from Tahoe City to Squaw Valley during the winter season;
- 3) One additional early morning run to Northstar from Incline Village, Crystal Bay and Kings Beach (6:25 AM arrival) during the winter season;
- 4) Elimination of the free ski shuttle service;
- 5) Extension of service to 9:00 PM in the Spring of 2017, with no fare charged to the passenger on the extended runs after approximately 6:30 PM.

All of these services are in the TART Systems Plan Update that was adopted by your Board in April of 2016. The implementation of these added seasonal services are funded by one-time allocations of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds. If the programs are successful, they would be included in future County budgets and funded with TOT funding, increases in Federal Transit Administration Funding and the Countywide transportation sales tax, if passed.

The free ski shuttle, which was operated by TART the last two winters, and a contractor three years ago, will be replaced with the additional TART runs between Squaw Valley and Tahoe City in the morning and afternoon peak periods. With these added runs, there will be 30-minute headways between Tahoe City and Squaw Valley between 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM, and between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM. TOT funding will continue to fund TART passes for Placer County lodging properties to distribute to their guests to ride any of the TART routes for free during the winter.

TART will continue to operate late night service to 2:00 AM this winter, which was also operated last winter, and during the Summer of 2016. This year, the evening service will continue into the Spring, with service to 9:00 PM, which will be the first time night service after 7:00 PM will be operated in shoulder seasons.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

This project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 21080(b)(10), as it is a project to provide passenger service. These activities are also categorically exempt pursuant to NEPA requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

These services will cost approximately \$244,000, and will be funded by \$44,000 in fare revenue, and \$200,000 in TOT funds. These costs and revenue are budgeted in both the Fiscal Year 2016-17 TART and TOT Budgets.

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