



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**TRANSIT DIVISION**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: June 23, 2020  
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works  
By: Will Garner, Deputy Director  
SUBJECT: Transit / Authorize Agreement / Town of Truckee Transit Agreement for Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve an agreement substantially similar to the agreement on file with the Clerk of the Board with the Town of Truckee for transit operations and services operated by Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit and authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to take all actions necessary to execute the agreement upon Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART) is operated collaboratively by both Placer County and the Town of Truckee. Placer County and the Town of Truckee have had an agreement in place for several years for Placer County to be reimbursed for providing TART service within the Town. The most recent agreement amendment was approved on June 2, 2015, which added year-round Highway 267 route service.

The proposed agreement will replace the current agreement and adds payment from Placer County to the Town for new transit services provided by the Town into Placer County. The terms in the current agreement remain substantially unchanged. The agreement will automatically renew each July 1. The Transit Services included in this agreement are briefly described below.

- The Highway 267 route operated by Placer County is a year-round fixed route service between Crystal Bay and Truckee with service into Northstar. The Town pays for a portion of the segment between Northstar and Truckee based on a formula of vehicle revenue miles and hours.
- The Highway 89 route operated by Placer County is a year-round fixed route service between Tahoe City and Truckee with service in Squaw Valley. The Town pays for a portion of the segment between Squaw Valley and Truckee based on a formula of vehicle revenue miles and hours.
- Truckee night service is a fixed route service operated by the Town during peak summer and winter seasons between Truckee, Squaw Valley, and Northstar. This service was established in the winter of 2019-20 as part of the transit services funded by Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). The cost of the route is split evenly between Placer County and the Town.
- Placer County TART's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services are currently operated by Placer County utilizing TART staff and vehicles. Under the ADA, a paratransit service must be operated within ¾ miles of a fixed route. Until October of 2017, Placer County contracted the ADA paratransit service to a local taxi company that went out of business, requiring TART to take operations in-house. Beginning July 1, 2020, the Town will operate Placer County TART's ADA Paratransit service using the third-party contractor that operates fixed route and dial-a-ride transit services on behalf of the Town. This service will be operated in both Placer County and Truckee to support Placer County's TART routes. Placer County will reimburse the Town for the full cost of the service.
- The Placer County TART free fare pilot program was implemented on December 12, 2019. Staff worked to develop free fare funding agreements with individual resort partners, Tahoe Truckee Airport District, and the Town. The Town will provide fare reimbursement for passengers boarding Placer County buses within the Town.

- The Town implemented free fares in 2018. Under this agreement, Placer County will pay 25% of the fare revenue for the night service provided by the Town to Squaw Valley and Northstar.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The proposed action is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065, CEQA guideline 15378 (b) and is therefore not subject to CEQA.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The expense and revenue in this agreement is consistent with the FY 2019-20 budget and the FY 2020-21 budget. Under the terms of the agreement, final charges to both Placer County and the Town from the other party will be compared each fiscal year. The party with the lesser amount of costs will pay the balance to the other. For example, per the current year calculations, Placer County would have \$198,729 in charges for providing these services to the Town and the Town would have \$163,759 in charges for providing these services to Placer County and therefore the Town would pay Placer County \$34,934.

Placer County will pay the Town approximately \$48,000 for ADA paratransit service under this agreement. However, there will be an offsetting savings of approximately the same amount by transferring this program from County staff to the Town's contractor. This will also free up a much needed bus driver position for the TART route service.

TOT funds in the amount of \$115,800 annually will be used to pay the Town for night service. These funds are included in the FY 2020-21 TOT Budget.

### **ATTACHMENT**

None

On file with Clerk of the Board: Town of Truckee Transit Services Agreement