

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 3, 2007

FROM: KEN GREHM/RICK DONDRO

SUBJECT: TART WINTER SERVICE

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chairman and Public Works Director to execute a MOU with the Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TMA) to reimburse Placer County for transit services between Truckee, Squaw Valley and Tahoe City during the winter of 2006/2007 in an amount of \$52,000.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART) operates five round trips daily between Tahoe City and Truckee during the non-winter months. During the winter months, TART increases service to meet the employee commute demand. In the winter, TART operates hourly service all day on the Tahoe City – Truckee Route. TART also adds one additional morning and evening run on the route between Tahoe City and Crystal Bay to connect with the additional Highway 89 runs. These additional services were identified as a high priority in the TART Systems Plan adopted by the Board in 2005. The additional Highway 89 service was identified as an unmet transit need by Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA).

This service has been well-received by the resorts and TART passengers. Ridership on the Tahoe City-Truckee Route so far this winter (December 15 – February 28) is 30,954, which is 11.5% percent higher than last year during the same time period. Overall winter ridership is up 10% over 2007.

Under the terms of the proposed MOU, the TMA collects funds from Squaw Valley Ski Corporation, Resort at Squaw Creek, Alpine Meadows, Village at Squaw Valley, Homewood Ski Resort, and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) and pays Placer County for the added service. The contributions from the resorts are voluntary and are based on a collaborative effort. The TMA is only required to pay the amount they are able to collect, which is \$52,000 this year.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resource Code 21080(b)(10), as it is a project to institute passenger service.

FISCAL IMPACT

This extended service will cost approximately \$150,800 for the season and is included in the FY 2006/2007 TART budget.

Funding Summary

TMA (Resort Contributions)	\$17,000
TMA (NLTRA Contribution)	\$35,000
Town of Truckee	5,000
Placer County TDA	23,800
Federal Transit Jobs Access Funds/5311	50,000
Fares	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$150,800

