

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 15, 2008

FROM: KEN GREHM/^{KS}WILL GARNER 

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, Tahoe City and Crystal Bay during the winter of 2007/2008 in an amount not to exceed \$171,400.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

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 along Hwy. 89. TART also adds one additional morning and evening run on the TART mainline route between Tahoe City and Crystal Bay to connect with the additional Highway 89 runs. New this winter, the Hwy. 267 route operates between Truckee and Crystal Bay, including stops at the employee housing at Northstar (Sawmill Heights) and Northstar Village. These additional services were identified as a high priority in the TART Systems Plan adopted by the Board in 2005. These services were also identified as unmet transit needs 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 along Hwy. 89 so far this winter is averaging about 400 boardings per day. Ridership on the new Truckee-Crystal Bay Route along Hwy. 267 is averaging about 344 boardings per day. Overall winter ridership is up 30% over Fiscal Year 2006/2007.

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 estimated to be \$171,400 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 \$420,000 for the season and is included in the FY 2007/2008 TART Budget.

Funding Summary

TMA (Resort Contributions)	\$50,000
TMA (NLTRA Contribution)	\$121,400
Town of Truckee	\$35,000
Placer County TDA	\$108,000
FTA 5311	\$41,000
Fares	<u>\$65,000</u>
TOTAL	\$420,000

A copy of the MOU is on file with the Clerk of the Board's Office for review

