

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: February 24, 2009

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SUBJECT: **TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**

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## **ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Transfer Agreement between Placer County Transit and the Sacramento Regional Transit District and authorize the Board Chairman and Public Works Director to execute the Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND / SUMMARY**

Placer County Transit (PCT) and Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) have had a transfer agreement in place since 2001. In 2004, an amendment was adopted to include the Placer Commuter Express service into the agreement. The new proposed agreement will replace the original agreement and amendment. The new agreement has minimal changes and continues to allow passengers to transfer free of charge between PCT fixed-route buses and RT buses and light rail. Passengers with an RT pass or transfer must pay an additional fare to board Placer Commuter Express in order to compensate for the lower cost of the RT fare. 53,683 passengers transferred between both systems in FY 2007/2008.

RT has initiated new transfer agreements with all of their surrounding transit entities in accordance with their recently completed fare study. RT did not request a change to the fare revenue reimbursement aspects of our agreement. The new agreement formalizes Placer County's responsibility to keep records for three years and also adds a provision to re-negotiate the payment method should either entity owe the other in excess of \$6,000 in a 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**

At the end of each fiscal year, Placer County Transit conducts an accounting of the transfers between both systems. Under the agreement, Placer County will either pay or receive funds based on the difference of transfers issued by PCT and RT transfers, tickets and passes accepted by PCT. In FY 2007/2008, PCT issued 26,027 RT transfers to passengers and accepted 27,656 boardings from passengers holding an RT transfer, pass or ticket. Based on this difference, RT paid approximately \$2,900 to reimburse PCT for these boardings. This agreement is factored into the estimate of fare revenue included in the PCT Budget.

