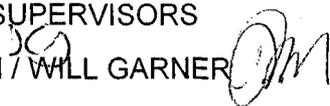


# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: JULY 7, 2009

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER 

SUBJECT: TOWN OF TRUCKEE TRANSIT SERVICE AGREEMENT

## **ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Board Chair to execute an Agreement to receive funding from the Town of Truckee for Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART) bus service.

## **BACKGROUND / SUMMARY**

TART provides bus service on the Highway 89 corridor between Tahoe City and Truckee with service into Squaw Valley year-round. In the winter, TART operates a route on Highway 267 between Kings Beach and Truckee with service into Northstar. TART began the Highway 267 route in 2007. This proposed agreement sets up an ongoing relationship with the Town of Truckee to provide funding to Placer County in FY 2008/09, and future years for both routes. Prior to this, our agreements were year-to-year and only included payment for the TART Highway 89 route. Table 1 in the Supplemental Information (Attachment 1) displays the historical ridership on these routes.

The TART bus service between Truckee and Tahoe City cost is approximately \$710,000 for the Highway 89 route and \$229,000 for the Highway 267 route for a total of \$939,000. Table 2 in the Supplemental Information (Attachment 1) shows the various funding sources for these routes. The calculation of costs in the Agreement determines Truckee's fair share contribution level to be \$197,518. However, based primarily on the Town's ability to pay, the fact that they spend 100% of their available funding on transit, and there are other funding partners contributing to the cost of the routes, the Town's contribution is set at \$90,300 in Fiscal Year 2008/09 for this Agreement. The Town staff has shown willingness to work with Placer County and has steadily increased contribution toward the service over the past two years. In FY 2005/06, the Town's contribution diminished to \$20,000 for the Highway 89 route which was only 5.4% of the service cost. Their contribution under this Agreement will be 9.6% of the costs in FY 2008/09. The Town also contributes approximately \$20,000 to Sugar Bowl for their winter shuttle program, which serves Placer County.

The Truckee connection is an important part of the regional transit system in North Tahoe. Truckee is a key location for affordable housing for employees working in Placer County, as well as, jobs for residents of Placer County. For these reasons, the Department believes this continued funding arrangement is in the best interest to Placer County and the connection should be continued by TART because it benefits Placer County businesses and residents.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This Agreement provides \$58,000 for the Highway 89 Route and \$32,000 for the Highway 267 route in FY 2008/09. In addition, this Agreement includes \$30,000 for reimbursement to TART for the winter of 2007/08. The revenue from the Town of Truckee covers the amount budgeted in the 2008/09 and 2009/10 TART Budgets.

Attachment : Attachment 1- Supplemental Information

A copy of the Agreement is on file for viewing with the Clerk of the Board.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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**Table 1 Historical Ridership**

### TART Ridership by Route 1999/2000 - 2008/2009

Year	Hwy 89 Route	Hwy 267 Route *
99/00	33,020	
00/01	40,267	
01/02	48,139	
02/03	46,477	
03/04	47,279	
04/05	49,172	
05/06	69,344	
06/07	76,491	
07/08	86,847	37,391
08/09	102,900 **	39,782

\* New winter service started in 07/08.

\*\* Estimated ridership.

**Table 2 Funding by Source**

Funding For TART Highway 89 and Highway 267 Routes Between Lake Tahoe and Truckee FY 2008/2009			
	Highway 89 Route	Highway 267 Route	Total
Placer County LTF Funds	\$ 256,700	\$ 52,600	\$ 309,300
Town of Truckee	\$ 58,300	\$ 32,000	\$ 90,300
North Lake Tahoe Resort Assn - TOT Funds	\$ 150,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 230,000
Federal Transit Administration 5311 Funds	\$ 130,000		\$ 130,000
Ski Resorts	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
Fares	\$ 90,000	\$ 39,400	\$ 129,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 710,000</b>	<b>\$ 229,000</b>	<b>\$ 939,000</b>