

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 24, 2009

FROM: KEN GREHM/ WILL GARNER *WG*

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 Truckee, Northstar and Crystal Bay during the winter of 2008/2009 in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

Since 1999, TART has added extra winter service on the Highway 89 Route to meet employee commute demand. This winter level of service on Highway 89 became the year-round level of service in 2007/08. In the winter of 2007/08, TART added winter only service on Highway 267 to Northstar, including a stop at the Sawmill Heights workforce housing complex. 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 513 boardings per day. Ridership on the Truckee-Crystal Bay Route along Hwy. 267 is averaging 393 boardings per day. Overall winter ridership is up 14% over Fiscal Year 2007/2008.

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, Northstar and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) and pays Placer County for the added Highway 267 service and the winter portion of the Highway 89 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 \$170,000 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 winter service will cost approximately \$460,000 for the season and is included in the FY 2008/2009 TART Budget.

Winter Added Service Funding Summary

TMA (Resort Contributions)	\$50,000
TMA (NLTRA Contribution)	\$120,000
Town of Truckee	\$51,000
Placer County TDA	\$118,000
FTA 5311	\$43,000
Fares	<u>\$78,000</u>
TOTAL	\$460,000

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

