



## TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA TITLE:** Review and Consider Request from Town of Truckee seeking funding support for the new Truckee TART Regional Night Service Pilot Program.

**MEETING DATE:** January 22, 2020

**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Smith, General Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Review and consider staff recommendation to allocate \$92,977 a year for 3 years from the District's budgeted transit funds for funding support for the TART Regional Night Service 3-year pilot program. Staff request approval to work with funding partners to complete final Contracts/Agreements for approval on the consent agenda at the July 29, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. This is a three-year agreement requesting \$92,997 in 2020 with a 3% escalator for 2021 and 2022.

**DISCUSSION:** The Town of Truckee with support from Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART) and the Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT-TMA) is requesting the District's funding participation in a new Regional Night Service Pilot Program. Please review the attached letter from the Town of Truckee as well as the letter of support from the TNT-TMA outlining the details of the proposal and the specifics of the funding request. The Town of Truckee Letter provides a good overview of the program.

Staff is supportive of the request and feels the request meets the Airport District's 2020 Transit Goal to *"Seek additional public transit partners to support regional transit connectivity. Look for additional opportunities to connect District and Reno Tahoe International Airport via transit and shuttle."* The night Shuttle fills an unmet need for locals and employees to be able to move about the District to and from work as well as increases connectivity to the Airport. Staff feels this is a good use of District Transit funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The FY2020 Budget includes \$366,000 for transit projects. This request would encumber \$92,977 each year for 3 years if the Board chooses to approve the program. Currently \$153,200 of the \$366,000 is committed to the Free Fares program. If the Board approves the Night service request the Transit budget will still have \$119,823 for other transit projects and ideas in 2020.

**SAMPLE MOTION(S):** I move to (approve, continue, deny) allocating \$92,997 in 2020 with a 3% escalator for 2021 and 2022 from the Districts Transit funds for the 3 year Night Service Pilot Program on the Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit System. I move to have staff work with partners to complete final Contracts/Agreements for approval on the consent agenda at the July 29, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting based on the following findings:

- The proposed Night Service program will encourage use of public transit enhancing connectivity to the Airport for all District constituents.
- The proposal may decrease the number of vehicles on local roads helps improve traffic congestion and benefits our local environment.
- Supporting this program assists the District in achieving Goals related to regional partnerships, carbon reduction, and transit strategy Goals. (see 2020 Goals attached)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposal Letter from Town of Truckee

Support Letter from the Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association

District Goals for 2020