



May 5, 2020

Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD)  
Attention: Mr. Kevin Smith, General Manager  
10356 Truckee Airport Rd.  
Truckee, CA 96161

Subject: Funding Contribution for Truckee TART Night Service

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our TNT-TMA public and private members, I am writing to support the Town of Truckee in its request for a TTAD funding contribution for the addition of Truckee TART Regional Night Service.

The new Truckee TART Regional Night Service bridges a gap in our regional transportation system by providing an evening connection that previously did not exist. During both peak winter and summer seasons, the Truckee to Northstar route will operate from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, and the Truckee to Squaw Valley route will operate from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. During the shoulder seasons each route will end one hour earlier; however, the service will still allow for this much needed regional connection between Truckee and North Lake Tahoe in the evening hours.

The initial operation of this service began on December 12, 2019 and continued through February 28, 2020. During that time, there were 3,155 one-way passenger trips with 730 transfers between Truckee TART and the Placer County TART regional night service. These ridership numbers speak to the importance of the regional connections for our community.

Based on observational data, the majority of these riders were employees. Prior to this service, riders could take Placer County Regional TART to work from Truckee but had to find other transportation options to get home, such as, hitchhiking, walking, riding a bike, or getting a ride from friends or family.

Expanding night service to operate north of the resorts and into Truckee will improve and increase regional mobility. This service will not only provide transportation connections to employment, but also access to social activities, medical services, educational resources, and to basic necessities such as grocery stores.

Continuing to expand these connections is essential to the continued quality of life and economic vitality of our Truckee - North Lake Tahoe region. The Truckee Tahoe Airport District has been a valued partner in these connections in the past, and we look to continue our partnership with TTAD as we continue to improve and expand our transit and mobility systems.

The TNT-TMA is in full support of the Town's request for partnership in funding for this new connection. The TNT-TMA supports, the Town's recommendation of a 3-year funding commitment from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District for this service with a first-year funding amount of \$98,918. This represents a 50% contribution to the

shoulder season. To be noted, Placer County is funding the other portion of service for both peak winter and summer operations.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT/TMA)