



MEETING DATE: March 25, 2014
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kevin Smith, General Manager
SUBJECT: TART Highway 267 – Year Round Service Funding Request

OBJECTIVE: Review partnership proposal from Placer County Transit Services to expand TART service on Highway 267 to year round bus services.

DISCUSSION: Placer County Transit Services (operator of TART) has inquired as to the District's interest in participating in a partnership with Placer County (TART), The Town of Truckee, and TTAD to expand bus services on highway 267 to year round services.

In the past the District has supported transit services from TART and the Town of Truckee to and from the Airport. Members of the community as well as pilots use current transit services to access downtown restaurants and other community services when it is available. Due to the seasonal and varied schedule of this service, public transit to and from the Airport has not been realized to its fullest potential. Staff supports consistent year round service from TART and feels that as much if not more usage will occur during our busy summer months of July, August, and September. While we currently have winter service from TART accessing the full resort triangle, we do not have this service in the summer months. Implementing this year round service will provide hourly service from the airport to destinations within the resort triangle. An example would be hourly service between downtown Truckee and the airport or the village at Northstar and the Airport. In addition, the District would have year round service to Incline Village, Kings Beach, Squaw Valley, and west shore communities.

Please review the attached letter from Will Garner, Public Works Manager from Placer County regarding the details of this proposal. Mr. Garner will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

FISCAL IMPACT: Cost for service is \$620,000 per year. TART has inquired if the Airport and Town of Truckee could contribute \$125,000 per year combined (\$62,500 each) with a 3 year funding commitment. TART will cover the remainder of the required funding for the service per the attached letter and proposal.

TART will bill us annually on the Districts fiscal year of Oct. 1st. To begin service as soon as July 1st 2015 TTAD's funding commitment for the current fiscal year would be \$17,000 which staff proposes to fund from excess property tax revenue received this Fiscal year. Staff will work with the Town of Truckee to

understand their funding commitment and budget cycle before the April TTAD Board Meeting where final action is proposed for this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS:

TART Partnership Request Letter