

DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Regional Transit

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the agreement with Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to continue providing transportation services within Mariposa County and between Merced and Mariposa County, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement.

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System provides bus service between the town of Mariposa and Yosemite National Park, as well as bus service between the City of Merced and Yosemite National Park. The service provides park employees and park visitors a chance to utilize public transportation instead of driving private vehicles to Yosemite. The service also provides Mariposa County residents with a means of getting to Merced Junior College as well as connecting with the Amtrak station in Merced. The complete schedule listing all stops on the Highway 140 bus runs is included as an attachment to the agreement.

The Human Services Department decided not to utilize YARTS for its CalWORKS program for fiscal year 2005-06, so the \$11,000 in funding that their Department contributed in prior years has been deleted from the agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board approved a similar agreement with YARTS at their regular meeting of April 6, 2004, Res. No. 04-128, for the fiscal year 2004-05.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the agreement, and direct staff to seek other options for transportation services.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$136,360	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ 136,360		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ -0-		1. Proposed Agreement with YARTS
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other _____		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 05-390 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____

CAO: R.H.