DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Regional Transit

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

Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $136,360
Additional Funding Needed: $0

Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

1. Proposed Agreement with YARTS

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 04-128
Vote – Ayes: 5 Noes: 
Absent:
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

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

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

By: 

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
( ) Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: 

Revised Dec. 2002