DEPARTMENT: Public Works  By: Michael Edwards  966-5356
Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes  No X)
Resolution authorizing utilization of the Rest Area as a bus stop for the Yosemite Connection Bus Service and direct Public Works staff to:

(a) Move the bus stop sign from its current location at the Frost Shop and post the new schedules at the Rest Area.

(b) Work with bus company (VIA Adventures) to monitor use of bus slots by vehicles other than the Yosemite Connection and work to improve the situation if necessary.

(c) Return as soon as possible with recommendations on funding of short-term improvements such as a bus shelter and signing improvements for the Rest Area bus stop location.

A letter from VIA Adventures (ATTACHMENT 1), outlines the bus company's contributions to this proposal. Recommendations for additional long-term improvements utilizing the Section 18i grant funds will be made at a later date.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board previously approved contracts with VIA Adventures to provide bus service along Highway 140.

In June 1995, the LTC approved an application for grant funds to improve an area for a bus stop. At this meeting, members of the LTC suggested use of the Rest Area vicinity for the town bus stop. The grant funds, in the amount of $34,000 have been approved.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Delay relocation of the bus stop. If the relocation is delayed, the change would need to wait until the next bus schedule change, which will likely be April, 1996.

2. Identify another site for the bus stop. This would essentially delay relocation of the bus stop. Staff feels that all other potential sites are inferior to the Rest Area.

3. Leave the bus stop where it is presently located at the Frost Shop. The property owners would prefer that any bus stop improvements not be done adjacent to their property, however, improvements are necessary to improve safety.

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Vote - Ayes:  6  Noes:  4
Absent:  2  Abstained:  0
Approved:  6  Denied:  0
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:  
ATTEST:  MARIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
By:  
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

- Recommended  
- Not Recommended  
- For Policy Determination  
- Submitted with Comment  
- Returned for Further Action

Comment:  
A.O. Initials:  

Action Form Revised 5/92
October 12, 1995

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Post Office Box 784
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Members of the Board:

We are writing to ask your consideration to change the primary bus stop for Mariposa from the Frost Shop to the Rest Area located on Jessie Street near the Library. For some time VIA has been looking into alternate possibilities for its stop in Mariposa. The Frost Shop has traditionally been very supportive. However, we have had several concerns with safety at that location. The Rest Area, as an alternative, already meets most of the requirements needed.

Some of the existing benefits of the Rest Area are:

1. A safe place for passenger boarding;
2. Level pavement for use of wheelchair lift;
3. Good lighting;
4. Restroom facilities;
5. Public telephone;
6. Enclosed area for posting schedule;
7. Bike rack;
8. Safe access with center turn lane Eastbound; and
9. Clear visibility when re-entering traffic flow in both directions.

We see the need for only a couple additional items to enhance this location:

1. VIA would provide a weather-proof lock box to drop freight that was not picked-up upon bus arrival;

2. VIA would include the Rest Area stop in the new schedule which will be distributed prior to November 1, 1995, and place an ad in the local paper to inform the public. We will have flyers on the buses in advance to inform the riders of the upcoming change;

3. The Department of Public Works would use some of the allotted funds to provide a shelter from wind and rain, such as a covered enclosure at one of the existing benches; and

4. The Department of Public Works would install signs along Highway 140 directing visitors to the Yosemite Connection bus stop.