RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-267

MEETING: May 9, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Dahlem, County Counsel

RE: Annual Agreement Between County and YARTS JPA

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to Continue Providing Public Transit Services; and Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Sign the Agreement.

The Agreement is for Transportation Services Between Merced Junior College and Mariposa County; Public Transit Commuter Services to Employees of Yosemite National Park and Businesses Near the Park; Transit Commuter Services to Mariposa Residents Traveling to Work Centers in Merced County; Maintain Connectivity with Intercity Transportation Providers in Merced County (Amtrak, Greyhound, and Merced County “The Bus”); to Provide Transit Service Options for Visitors Traveling to Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park; and to Provide Transit Service Options for Visitors Traveling Along the Highway 41 Corridor to Yosemite National Park.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has approved this Agreement annually since May of 2000. This year is the first year that the Highway 41 corridor has been included.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the agreement. Some Mariposa residents and visitors may not have transportation options to Merced, Mariposa and/or Yosemite, which could negatively affect their employment and Mariposa tourism.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$191,000; Funding for this Agreement is from Local Transportation funds and there is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Annual YARTS Agt (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey