



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCTPA Board of Directors **DATE:** May 7, 2013

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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT

1. TDM / Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Report / My Rides Update

The Summer Youth Bus Passes are currently on sale in Placer County. For \$10 students in elementary through high school can use the pass for unlimited fixed route transit in Placer County including Auburn Transit, Lincoln Transit, Placer County Transit and Roseville Transit. All schools in Placer County have been provided information on the Summer Youth Bus Pass program including an article for their school newsletters and websites. Additionally we have placed ads in the Gold Country Media papers and have a link on the PCTPA website. This pass is good from June 1 – August 31.

May is Bike Month is currently underway. This regional campaign challenges people in the six-county region to choose bicycling for all types of trips including those related to work, school, errands, and recreation. Cyclists are encouraged to register and log their cycling miles throughout the month of May on the mayisbikemonth.com website. Cycling clinics were offered throughout the County which provided safety and maintenance instruction.

Last year, people logged 1.75 million cycling miles and this year the goal is two million. This campaign was promoted at Earth Day events throughout the County, as well to jurisdictions, several large employers, bike shops, bike club organizations, and schools.

Additionally, PCTPA was a sponsor at the first annual May is Bike Month ride which was organized by the Sierra Foothills Cycling Club. Over 160 riders and their families participated in a day of rides and enjoyed a positive community experience with a focus on bicycling.



Basic Bike Maintenance Class held at Placer County offices, Auburn on April 17.

The Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) approved PCTPA's Clean Air Grant in the amount of \$40,000 for Placer County's Freeway Service Patrol program. Additionally PCTPA was awarded a \$16,500 grant from the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. This was the single highest amount awarded by the Committee under this year's grant program. The funding amounts provided by these grants will go toward the 25% matching funds required by Caltrans.

Staff made a presentation about the My Rides program to the Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Agency (TNT/TMA). The North Tahoe area, excluding the Tahoe Regional Planning Area, is one of the three expansion areas where volunteer drivers can be reimbursed for mileage that is expended by driving seniors and individuals with disabilities to their nonemergency medical appointments. Because the transportation needs of these individuals transcend the jurisdictional boundaries of WPCTSA and TRPA, we are actively working with agencies, such as the Tahoe Transportation District to find opportunities to collaborate and serve those in the North Tahoe area.

2. I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project – PA&ED Phase

The preliminary designs for the three build alternatives were submitted to the Project Development Team (PDT) for geometric review on March 27, 2013, with comments anticipated in May. A PDT meeting was held on April 9, 2013 to discuss comments received on the Draft Transportation Analysis Report and review the preliminary designs for the three build alternatives.

A value analysis pre-meeting was held on April 23, 2013 in Sacramento. The value analysis is required for all projects on the national highway system with construction costs exceeding \$25 million. A five day workshop will be held with experts not directly involved in the project to evaluate potential cost savings or project improvements to better meet the purpose and need. The workshop is anticipated in July once cost estimates for the three build alternatives have been completed.

PCTPA staff along with the project consultants attended the SACOG Regional Planning Partnership meeting on April 24, 2013 to present on the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project. The full partnership was asked to make a Project of Air Quality Concern (POAQC) determination. The partnership concurred that the I-80/SR 65 interchange is not a POAQC. Final concurrence that the project is not a POAQC from EPA and FHWA was received on May 7, 2013.

3. Bay to Tahoe Basin Tourism Travel Study

The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC), in partnership with PCTPA and other agencies, received a Caltrans transportation planning grant to study the impact of tourism travel on roadways including I-80, SR 49, 89, and 267 in Placer County. A kick-off meeting was held on April 9, 2013 including an overview of the project, project purpose, member agency expectations, and roles and responsibilities. PCTPA staff is currently assisting with data collection efforts, including previous Placer County related transportation studies and reports. The next meeting is anticipated at the end of May.

4. Transit Operations Quarterly Ridership Report

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The table below shows the total ridership counts for the various transit operators and their respective transit services in Placer County between the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011/12 and the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2012/13 (past two years). In an effort to keep the Board apprised of ridership trends among transit operations in Placer County, staff will provide this report once per quarter.

Quarterly Ridership Trends by Transit Operator

Transit Operator	FY 10/11	FY 11/12				FY 12/13			1-Year Change
	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun)	1st Quarter (Jul-Sep)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar)	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun)	1st Quarter (Jul-Sep)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar)	
Auburn Transit									
Total (all services)	12,199	11,675	12,825	11,543	12,332	12,868	13,139	12,207	4.8%
Lincoln Transit									
Fixed Route	12,165	11,430	16,352	17,202	13,504	9,847	14,316	14,484	-8.7%
Dial-A-Ride	2,259	1,780	1,593	1,778	1,592	1,782	1,320	1,356	-18.4%
Total (all services)	14,424	13,210	17,945	18,980	15,096	11,629	15,636	15,840	-9.8%
Placer County Transit									
Fixed Route	74,601	79,867	81,335	82,989	79,955	82,947	83,527	83,599	3.5%
Dial-A-Ride	9,407	8,551	8,574	8,690	8,869	8,086	8,501	8,434	-3.8%
Vanpool	8,142	8,442	7,787	8,189	8,134	7,743	8,233	8,113	-1.0%
Commuter	20,608	20,297	18,701	21,558	22,466	18,959	19,841	19,986	0.1%
Total (all services)	112,758	117,157	116,397	121,426	119,424	117,735	120,102	120,132	2.1%
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Total (all services)	65,951	94,248	66,778	129,985	66,817	80,244	72,555	129,714	-2.1%
Roseville Transit									
Fixed Route	52,104	55,068	50,796	51,432	53,044	51,927	53,422	57,914	3.3%
Dial-A-Ride	7,685	7,595	6,871	7,104	7,264	6,647	6,349	6,402	-8.9%
Commuter	33,502	33,403	30,245	33,054	32,122	31,350	31,733	32,586	-1.9%
Total (all services)	93,291	96,066	87,912	91,590	92,430	89,924	91,504	96,902	0.5%
Western Placer CTSA									
Non-emergency Medical	2,466	2,398	2,122	2,202	1,932	1,842	1,980	1,972	-15.9%
Volunteer Transportation	1,632	1,869	1,611	1,718	1,490	1,489	1,430	1,633	-11.5%