



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT

1. TDM & Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Report

The Bucks for Bikes incentive program is scheduled to kick off on January 25, 2011. This program, administered by PCTPA, is intended to promote bicycling as a viable alternative to driving alone thereby reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality in the region. Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be employed and/or attend school in Placer County and must reside within the County. Successful applicants are required to attend a free Smart Cycling Clinic. Additionally all bicycles must be purchased within Placer County. This program also serves to increase awareness of May Is Bike Month as successful applicants are required to register and log their cycling miles throughout the month.

PCTPA is assisting the City of Auburn in their first annual bikefest scheduled for May 7, 2011. Geared toward children, this event will promote safe bicycling practices and will include helmet fittings, bike maintenance, and include a safety obstacle course.

The Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) is currently accepting applications under their Clean Air Grant program. PCTPA is currently working on an application which will help fund programs identified under the Congestion Management Program (CMP). Additionally, staff will be applying for matching funds for Placer County's Freeway Service Patrol program for 2011/12.

2. Capitol Corridor Update

Ridership increased by 10.6 percent in November compared to the same month in 2009, with an overall twelve month growth of 1.92 percent. Ridership at the three Placer stations varied compared to the same month in 2010: a -13.4 percent decline at Auburn; a 4.7 percent increase at Rocklin; and a 2.2 percent increase at Roseville. The Capitol Corridor continues to be the third busiest Amtrak route in the nation, with ridership at 1.598 million for the last twelve months.

November 2010 revenue increased 10.4 percent compared to November 2009, and increased 1.7 percent compared to the adopted Business Plan.

November fare recovery was 46.5 percent, which is below the State and Business Plan goal of 50.0 percent. Year-to-date fare recovery is at 49.0 percent.

November on-time performance averaged 92.9 percent, continuing the reliability trend that began with the completion of the tie-renewal programs in the first half of 2010. The Capitol Corridor remains number one as the most reliable route in the Amtrak national system with its on-time performance.

3. Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

- a. California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook. The staff is participating on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to update the 2002 California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook). This document, published by the California Dept. of Transportation – Division of Aeronautics, provides guidance on airport land use compatibility planning. State law requires ALUCs to use the Handbook to prepare/adopt/amend airport land use compatibility plans (ALUCPs). The purpose of the update is to refine the current Handbook with an emphasis on ‘end users’ such as airport staff and city/county planners.

The staff prepared extensive comments on the Draft Handbook. These focused on 1) differences between the 2002 Handbook and the Draft, 2) any changes, which would affect the Placer County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (PCALUCP), and 3) whether the Draft will help commissioners, local jurisdictions, landowners/developers.

TAC comments and public input will be considered before completing update project. The final product is anticipated for release later this year.

- b. Auburn Municipal Airport. Staff submitted airport land use compatibility comments on the proposed Timberline at Auburn DEIR. The project would consist of a continuing care community and commercial/retail center, trails, and wetlands. The 119-acre site is approximately one-half mile west of SR 49 and north of Bell Road in north Auburn. Airport Compatibility Zones C1 and C2 cover the site.

The staff started work in 2007 with the applicant and Placer County to identify airport land use compatibility issues. These focused on assisted living facilities, residential lofts, and mixed use density/use intensity calculations. In June 2008, ALUC staff found the proposal to be consistent with the PCALUCP subject to several conditions.

The first DEIR comment was to clarify the project description and assisted living buildings. The DEIR Notice of Availability cites the potential for assisted living buildings. If assisted living buildings are proposed, the June 2008 ALUC review would no longer be valid. Another PCALUCP consistency determination would be required before the County could take action on the proposed project. A second DEIR comment requested that the County confirm the DEIR’s project description and site plan are the same as the ones used for the June 2008 ALUC staff PCALUCP consistency determination. If different, further ALUC work may be required before the County can take action on the proposal.

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4. Transit Operations Quarterly Ridership Report

The table below shows the total ridership counts for the various transit operators and their respective transit services in Placer County between the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2008/09 and the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2010/11 (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

	FY 08-09			FY 09-10				FY 10-11	1-Year Change
	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar)	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun)	1st Quarter (Jul-Sep)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar)	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun)	1st Quarter (Jul-Sep)	
Auburn Transit									
Total (all services)	17,964	15,215	16,726	13,878	14,126	12,443	12,131	12,997	-18.9%
Lincoln Transit									
Fixed Route	[data not collected by service type]					8,397	8,125	10,775	n/a
Dial-A-Ride	[data not collected by service type]					1,926	2,336	1,963	n/a
Total (all services)	8,873	8,376	7,374	6,458	11,778	10,323	10,461	12,738	45.7%
Placer County Transit									
Fixed Route	96,388	91,048	87,908	80,717	77,672	75,242	70,404	77,424	-15.5%
Dial-A-Ride	9,740	9,517	8,986	8,492	8,500	8,282	8,866	9,021	-5.6%
Vanpool	8,349	7,717	8,066	8,203	7,410	7,835	7,810	8,359	-2.8%
Commuter	18,054	18,282	19,849	19,675	16,972	18,867	19,415	20,507	-0.1%
Total (all services)	132,531	126,564	124,809	117,087	110,554	110,226	106,495	115,311	-11.7%
TART									
Total (all services)	81,436	161,342	70,152	94,773	65,453	118,203	64,447	92,347	-16.5%
Roseville Transit									
Fixed Route	71,263	67,436	70,423	70,011	68,403	64,509	55,570	55,203	-12.7%
Dial-A-Ride	8,814	8,569	8,939	9,027	7,928	7,498	8,309	8,000	-10.2%
Commuter	25,480	24,700	26,270	25,787	26,784	27,938	29,075	31,331	12.6%
Total (all services)	105,557	100,705	105,632	104,825	103,115	99,945	92,954	94,534	-6.3%
Western Placer CTSA¹									
Non-emergency Medical ²	1,429	1,317	1,398	1,554	1,374	1,504	1,934	2,042	20.3%
Volunteer Transportation	1,619	1,605	1,616	1,455	1,404	1,414	1,923	1,572	0.3%

1. PRIDE Industries ceased to be the CTSA on January 1, 2008, but continued service under contract with WPCTSA until December 31, 2008. Seniors First began new WPCTSA services on January 2, 2009.

2. Ridership through 2nd Quarter FY08-09 reported by PRIDE Industries as either the CTSA or under service contract with WPCTSA.