


AGENDA ITEM 8 A
Information Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Limited Commuter Service in conjunction with days designated as furlough days for State of California employees

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

None. Information item.

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) provides three (3) weekday commuter services:

- Downtown Sacramento Corridor
- Iron Point Connector (connects with light rail in Folsom)
- Reverse Commuter (2 routes)

The State of California is considering implementing furloughs for state employees on the first and third Friday of each month.

DISCUSSION

El Dorado Transit is experienced in operating limited service on some holidays to provide transportation options to commuter passengers that are required to work those days. State employees represent 85% of commute passengers therefore; if furloughs are implemented there will be a significant reduction in ridership on days designated as furlough days.

Limited commuter service will be developed to provide efficient service while reducing operating costs on days with low ridership demand. El Dorado Transit staff will closely monitor ridership, usage and customer comments to address any issues related to modified service.

FISCAL IMPACT

Reduction in operating costs to be determined after limited service routes are developed.