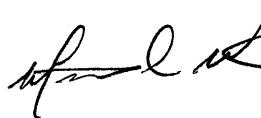


AGENDA ITEM 7 A  
Information Item

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 4, 2009  
**TO:** El Dorado County Transit Authority  
**FROM:** Matt Mauk, Transit Services Assistant   
**SUBJECT:** FY 08/09 and 09/10 Service Reductions and Fare Increases

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**BY MOTION,**

**No action. Information only**

**BACKGROUND**

Faced with a projected budget shortfall for fiscal year (FY) 2009/10 due to significant losses in State funding, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) has approved a series of service reductions and fare increases over the course of the last four (4) months. The latest round of fare increases, approved May 7, 2009, will be implemented on June 29, 2009 along with previously approved service reductions. These changes follow fare increases already in place since April 6, 2009.

**DISCUSSION**

The following is a summary fare increases and service reductions:

**IMPLEMENTED APRIL 6, 2009**

**Local Fixed Routes**

- Fare increased to \$1.50 one-way/\$60.00 monthly pass (discount fare for seniors age 60+, persons with disabilities and students K-12: 75¢ one-way/\$30 monthly pass)
- Grizzly Flat fare increased to \$2.75 one-way (discount fare: \$1.35)
- 25¢ charge for local route transfers implemented
- Additional cost for local off-route deviations (available to registered persons with disabilities) increased to 50¢ one-way

**Iron Point Connector**

- Discount fare of \$1.25 implemented for seniors and persons with disabilities

### Dial-A-Ride

- Base fares for trips originating in Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills increased to equal existing fares for trips of similar distances originating in other outlying areas

### Senior Day Care

- Fare increased for all passengers to \$1.50 one-way (\$3.00 round trip)

## **EFFECTIVE JUNE 29, 2009**

### Sacramento Commuter

- PM Route #10 will be eliminated (other adjustments to the PM schedule are being considered)
- Fare will increase to \$4.50 one-way/monthly passes to \$162.00 (starting with July passes)

Note: Effective January 2010, fare will increase to \$5.00 one-way/monthly passes to \$180.00

### Iron Point Connector

- Schedule will be reduced to four loops per weekday (6am, 8am, 4pm & 6pm starts)
- Adding stops at Red Hawk Casino, Ingersoll Way and Parker Dr. in Folsom and Intel Folsom Campus

### Local Fixed Routes

- Saturday Cameron Park, Diamond Springs and FLC will be eliminated
- Saturday Placerville and Pollock Pines will be combined and trimmed; hourly runs 9am to 5pm
- Weekday Cameron Park will be reduced to 5 runs on 3 hour headways; 2:00 pm express run will be suspended during the summer (effective May 26)
- Weekday Pollock Pines; 7:40am East, 4:40pm West and 5:40pm East will be eliminated
- Placerville 5:00pm West to become an all request, express run
- Grizzly Flat to become a flex route; will operate by reservation only (minimum of 5 passengers)

### Dial-A-Ride

- Weekday capacity will be reduced by one (1) van per/day

### Sac Med

- Fare will increase to \$10.00 one-way

### Senior Day Care

- Zone fare system; fares for passengers in Zones B-L will increase to \$3.00 one-way; fares for passengers in Zone A (Placerville) will remain at \$1.50 one-way

Special Services

“Holly Jolly Trolley” (annual downtown Placerville holiday shuttle) will be discontinued

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The implementation of service reductions and fare increases for FY 08/09 and 09/10 allow El Dorado Transit to provide service within a balanced budget, provide some relief for the continued decrease in retail sales tax operating revenue; offset increase in expenses due to inflation and may provide some protection against further service cuts.

The preliminary FY 2009/10 budget presented in Item 6 A is based on the approved changes. El Dorado Transit management reviews ridership counts; operating revenues and budget vs. actual on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to verify that the agency operates efficiently and within budget constraints. This management review will continue in FY 2009/10 and any necessary changes will be discussed or presented to the Board for consideration.