


AGENDA ITEM 6 B
Information Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Matt Mauk, Transit Services Assistant 

SUBJECT: FY 2009/10 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 its last four (4) meetings. These changes will be implemented on June 29, 2009 and follow the fare increases already in place since April 6, 2009.

DISCUSSION

A summary of fare increases and service reductions to be **effective June 29, 2009** are provided as follows:

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The service reductions and fare increases for FY 2009/10 will 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 is presented in Item 5 A and 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 Committee for consideration.