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El Dorado Transit Announces Fare Increases for FY 2009/10

Placerville, CA, May 13, 2009 – On May 7, 2009 El Dorado Transit approved a fare increase on three (3) services to be effective June 29, 2009. The decision came after an extensive public process that included five (5) Board meetings and two (2) public hearings to finalize system-wide service cuts and fare increases for FY 2009/10. “These changes were necessary to balance the budget for 2009/10 in the face of declining retail sales tax receipts for the County and a significant loss of State funding for transit.” said El Dorado Transit Executive Director Mindy Jackson.

These latest changes follow fare increases implemented in April 2009 that included local fixed route fares; increases to monthly pass rates; raises to the base fare for Dial-A-Rides in outlying areas of the County and higher rates for Senior Day Care client transportation. In June, fares will increase for Senior Day Care and Sac Med (non-emergency medical transport service, Tuesdays and Thursdays to facilities in Sacramento County). The first of two (2) planned 50¢ hikes to the Sacramento Commuter fare will go into effect; the second of which will be phased in after the first six months of the fiscal year, eventually bringing the one-way fare to \$5.00. Service cuts will also be implemented in June including a 15% reduction in Dial-A-Ride capacity on weekdays, cuts to weekend local bus service and a reduction of service on the weekday Pollock Pines, Iron Point Light Rail Connector and afternoon Sacramento commuter services. Thursday service to Grizzly Flat will continue on a trial basis for at least the first three (3) months of the fiscal year.

El Dorado Transit Fares Effective June 29, 2009:

	<u>One-way</u>	<u>*Discount</u>	<u>Monthly Pass</u>	<u>*Discount Pass</u>
Local Community Bus Routes	\$1.50	75¢	\$60.00	\$30.00
Grizzly Flat (Thursdays Only)	\$2.75	\$1.35	\$60.00	\$30.00
Sacramento Commuter	\$4.50	N/A	\$162.00	N/A
Iron Point Connector	\$2.50	\$1.25	\$90.00	N/A
Sac Med	\$10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

Dial-A-Ride	<u>One-way</u>	<u>*Discount</u>
Zone A (Placerville)	\$3.00 + \$1.00 per zone crossing	\$1.50 + 50¢ per zone crossing
Zone B-E	\$5.00 + \$1.00 per zone crossing	\$3.00 + 50¢ per zone crossing
Zone F-L	N/A	\$5.00 + 50¢ per zone crossing

*Discount fares are available to seniors (60+), persons with disabilities and students K-12

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