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Transit Advisory Committee
El Dorado County Transit Authority
6565 Commerce Way
Diamond Springs, CA 95619
Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 8:15 AM

AGENDA

Chair Laurel Brent-Bumb
Vice-Chair Bill Wild

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- A. Presentation of Safe Driving Awards to El Dorado County Transit Authority Transit Drivers for Fiscal Year 2008/2009
- B. Presentation Acknowledging Fifteen (15) and Twenty (20) Year Employees of El Dorado County Transit Authority

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, any person may comment on any item which is not on the agenda. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD. Action will not be taken on any item that is not on the agenda. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on the next meeting agenda. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the TAC at one time without discussion. Any TAC board member, staff member or interested citizen may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The TAC may also add items from the Agenda to the Consent Calendar if they appear to be non-controversial.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT *

A. “Looking Forward”

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

* Verbal Report

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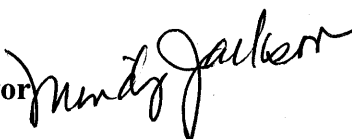
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AGENDA ITEM
Ceremonial Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Presentation of Safe Driving Awards to El Dorado County
Transit Authority Drivers for Fiscal Year 2008/09

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

Presentation of certificates, pins and plaques to Transit Drivers meeting the Safe Driving Awards Program for fiscal year 2008/09

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) is presenting twenty-nine (29) safe driving awards to Transit Drivers. These outstanding Transit Drivers met the criteria for the Safe Driving Award program: "On a yearly or 2,000 hour basis, safe driving awards are presented to eligible drivers who were not involved in on-the-job moving violations or chargeable accidents."

DISCUSSION

Exceptional driving skill is required of Transit Drivers. They consistently provide safe transport for members of the general public; seniors; persons with disabilities and students on public routes within and between the communities of the County of El Dorado; City of Placerville; Sacramento County; City of Folsom and City of Sacramento. El Dorado Transit drivers operate daily on paved, unpaved and gravel roads; state highways and the urban downtown Sacramento corridor. The Safe Driving Award program provides an opportunity to acknowledge safe driving and passenger transport.

El Dorado Transit drivers are certified and licensed to operate all fleet vehicles including mini-vans; 16-22 passenger buses and 37-45 passenger diesel-powered commuter coaches with air brakes. These professional drivers are trained on all routes and can successfully transition from commuter routes to local routes as needed. During fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 El Dorado Transit Drivers provided 449,175 passenger trips, traveled 1,138,424 miles in revenue service and clocked 50,720 in-service driving hours.

El Dorado Transit drivers do more than just drive safely. The drivers are knowledgeable, friendly and provide great customer service. The majority of comments received from the public are compliments regarding our driving staff.

El Dorado Transit management is proud of the caliber of the all Transit Drivers and recognizes the following individuals with Safe Driving Awards:

1 Year Safe Driving

Edwin Digesti
Patrick Fox
Thomas (Tom) House
Denyse Ingles
Jeffrey (Jeff) Means
Paul Minton
Sydney (Syd) O'Brien
William Varney

2 Year Safe Driving

Heather Evans
Edward (Ed) Garcia
David Nelson
Suzette (Susie) Saulter

3 Year Safe Driving

David Demaray
Bradford (Brad) Goode
James (Jim) Humphries
Michael (Mike) Nash
Marla Sisneros
Judith (Judy) Sullivan

5 Year Safe Driving

Beverly Davenport

6 Year Safe Driving

David Lawrence
Cindy Schmitt

7 Year Safe Driving

Albert French

8 Year Safe Driving

Patricia (Trish) Jones-Barber

9 Year Safe Driving

Carole Gatchet
Jayson Ravens

10 Year Safe Driving

Martin (Marty) Henry
Patricia (Pat) Hoskins

13 Year Safe Driving

Arthur (Art) Harms

17 Year Safe Driving

Linda Forni

AGENDA ITEM
Ceremonial Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Presentation Acknowledging Fifteen (15) and Twenty (20)
Year Employees of Dorado County Transit Authority

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, Presentation Acknowledging Fifteen (15) and Twenty (20)
Year Employees of El Dorado County Transit Authority

BACKGROUND

El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) is proud to recognize and acknowledge employees for long-term consecutive years of dedicated service to El Dorado Transit per the ***El Dorado County Transit Authority Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, Article 13.1 Longevity Pay.***

DISCUSSION

El Dorado Transit management is proud to recognize the following eight (8) fifteen (15) year employees and one (1) twenty (20) year employee for their dedicated service to this agency:

15 Years of Service

Deana Easterwood, Transit Dispatcher
Arthur Harms, Transit Driver
Mindy Jackson, Executive Director
Patricia Jones-Barber, Transit Driver
Barbara McDonald, Admin Services/HR Manager
Robert O'Brien, Transportation Supervisor
Scott Ousley, Operations Manager
Andrew Vasquez, Equipment Mechanic II

20 Years of Service

Linda Forni, Transit Driver

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CONFORMED AGENDA

Chair Laurel Brent-Bumb
Vice-Chair Bill Wild

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurel Brent-Bumb at 8:18 AM.

Members present: Bill Wild, Pauline McCann, Ellen Yevdakimov, Laurel Brent-Bumb, Susie Davies and Jerry Barton

Members absent: Ruth Tausta, Beth Erickson, Rebecca Garrison and Lorraine Clifton

Staff present: Mindy Jackson, Scott Ousley and Matt Mauk

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded by Susie Davies / Ellen Yevdakimov; All

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Conformed Agenda/Minutes of March 25, 2009
Moved and Seconded by Susie Davies / Pauline McCann; All

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. 1. Approve Proposal Final Operating Budget for FY 2009/10
- 2. Approve Organizational Chart for FY 2009/10
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 09-13 defining agency contributions for health premium benefits for regular and management employees

4. Adopt Resolution No. 09-14 approving the salary schedule for regular and management employees for FY 2009/10

Moved and Seconded by Susie Davies / Jerry Barton; All

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Disposition of Citizen Participation Process Comments
- B. Fiscal Year 2009/10 Service Reductions and Fare Increases
- C. News Articles/Press Releases
 - Press Release dated 04/17/09; *El Dorado Transit to Reduce Service and Raise Passenger Fares*
 - Press Release dated 04/23/09; *El Dorado Transit to Provide Free Transportation on "Spare the Air" Days in 2009*
 - Press Release dated 05/11/09; *El Dorado Transit Closed on Monday, May 25, 2009*
 - Press Release dated 05/13/09; *El Dorado Transit Announces Fare Increases for FY 2009/10*

Information only; No action taken

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT*

Information only; No action taken

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Information only; No action taken

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Laurel Brent-Bumb adjourned the meeting at 9:13 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

* Verbal Report

Respectfully submitted,

D. Pedrique


Danielle Pedrique
Office Assistant II

AGENDA ITEM 2 A
Action Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Administrative Operations Report
Fiscal Year 2008/09

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, Receive and file the El Dorado County Transit Authority Annual Administrative Operations Report, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) began providing public transportation to residents on the Western Slope of El Dorado County in 1975 as a sub-department of the County of El Dorado Department of Community Services. El Dorado Transit continues to provide public transportation under a Joint Powers Agreement effective November 4, 1993 between the County of El Dorado and the City of Placerville and operates under authority of the Mills-Dilquist-Deddeh Act (SB325) known as the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971. This law establishes funding for transit operators providing public transportation services. Continued funding requires compliance with TDA Statutes and California Codes of Regulations. Two funding sources were provided by TDA:

1. Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is derived from a ¼ cent of the sales tax collected, and
2. State Transit Assistance fund (STA) derived from the statewide sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel.

STA was diverted to the general fund by the state legislature and will no longer be available until at least 2012.

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El Dorado Transit prepares six-month and twelve-month administrative operations reports to apprise the board and general public on transit operations. The El Dorado County Transit Authority Annual Administrative Operations Report, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 (Admin Ops Report) includes performance indicators as required per TDA statute and are presented to the El Dorado County Transit Authority Board of Directors, El Dorado County Transit Authority Transit Advisory Committee, State Controller's Office and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission.

TDA reporting guidelines require the following information and specific performance measures defined under the TDA Public Utilities Code Chapter 4. Transportation Development Article 1 – General Provisions and Definitions Performance Measure Definitions Section 99247:

- Operating Cost/Expense
- Passenger Trip Count
- Revenue Hours
- Revenue Miles
- Employee Hours
- Fare Revenue

Additional performance measures were adopted based upon the currently adopted triennial performance audit recommendations. Included in the Admin Ops Report are a summary of customer complaints and compliments; road calls by service mode and on-time performance reporting.

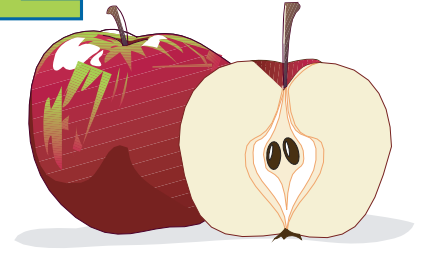
DISCUSSION

El Dorado Transit management and staff are proud to present the El Dorado County Transit Authority Annual Administrative Operations Report, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 for review and discussion. The full report is included under separate cover and available by contacting Matt Mauk, Transit Services Assistant at (530) 642-5383 ext. 201 or mmauk@eldoradotransit.com.

The report includes details on services and ridership trends. Highlights, as noted in the report, are an increase in passenger trips of nine-percent (9%) over FY 2007/08 to 449,175 trips and an increase in the fare box recovery ratio. Farebox recovery ratio (fbr) is the ratio of fare revenue to operating costs and the FY 2008/09. Although requested to meet a ten-percent (10%) fbr, the FY 2008/09 fbr was 25.67%.

The report be submitted to the El Dorado County Transit Authority and El Dorado County Transportation Commission for information and reference.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 B
Information Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Public Comment on Reverse Commute

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, No action, information and discussion only.

BACKGROUND

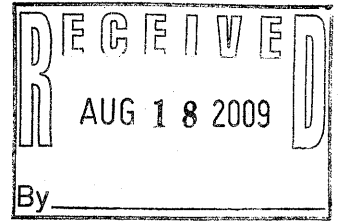
The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Sacramento commuter service provides eleven (11) morning and eleven (11) evening routes between El Dorado County and the downtown Sacramento corridor. Two (2) of those routes provide reverse commute options.

Nine (9) buses are in-service on eleven (11) commuter routes. Four (4) of the buses do not deadhead (return out-of-service) but are parked in Sacramento to avoid the unnecessary cost of fuel and wear and tear. Two (2) of the five (5) that return are reverse commute routes that carry passengers from the downtown Sacramento Corridor to El Dorado County. The other three (3) buses deadhead to the maintenance facility to transport drivers back to El Dorado County are rotated for regular service maintenance and to be placed in-service on the afternoon commute.

DISCUSSION

Correspondence from Mr. Stobbe requesting free reverse commute service is included for consideration.

August 16, 2009



Ms. Mindy Jackson, Executive Director
El Dorado County Transit Authority
6565 Commerce Way
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Dear Ms. Jackson;

I want to share with you and the El Dorado County Transit Authority's Board of Directors a simple idea that has the potential of helping many professional businesses in El Dorado County, without incurring any costs to the County or to the Transit Authority.

A significant challenge to professional businesses in El Dorado County is lack of talented professional local labor. Professional firms such as architects, engineers, programming firms, health care providers, and many others must compete for high talented and experienced employees. As an owner of a small professional business, I know how critical it is to be able to attract and hire the right professional employee for the well being of the company. Whether we are an existing business in El Dorado County, or wanting to start a professional services business in El Dorado County, we must somehow attract the best and unique person(s) that will match our firm's unique professional needs.

Yet, employers in El Dorado County have a significant disadvantage. The larger labor pool from which we need to attract really exceptional staff is in Sacramento. Here is where El Dorado County Transit can make a really huge difference. The Transit Authority already has commuter bus schedules that take El Dorado County residents to and from work in Sacramento. However, the buses returning from Sacramento to El Dorado County in the morning (and from El Dorado County to Sacramento in the evening) are virtually empty. The Transit Authority could give El Dorado County businesses a big boost by offering free commuter services only on this "reverse" direction: that is, from Sacramento to El Dorado County in the morning, and from El Dorado County to Sacramento in the evening. No new routes, schedules, buses or drivers would be needed.

This would cost the Transit Authority nothing, while El Dorado County, its communities, and the Transit Authority could publicize this free service to El Dorado County businesses and to potential new employees (residents in Sacramento). What a promotion and assistance for El Dorado County businesses! Any increase in ridership in this reverse direction would mean significant and real benefit to El Dorado County businesses and their communities.

I believe this is a terrific idea, and I ask that you and the Transit Authority's Board of Directors take up this matter at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Stobbe".

Bill Stobbe

cc: EDCTA Board of Directors (via M. Jackson)