

JOINT
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Friday, December 8, 2006
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201

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I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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B. Presentation by Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)

C. Presentation to the COG Board – Dr. Edward Moreno, County Health Officer, 12-14-06

D. Presentation to the COG Board -- Joe De Los Santos with DLS Security – Connecting People to Service Wi-Fi Technology, 12-14-06 (beginning at 6:30 p.m.)

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II. CONSENT ITEMS

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A. TTC Executive Minutes of October 11, 2006	Yes	Approve
PAC Executive Minutes of October 20, 2006	Yes	Approve
B. 2006-07 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Huron, Resolution 2006-40	Yes	Approve
C. 2007 Triennial Performance Audit, Contract Award to Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC)	No	Approve
D. Administrative Amendment No. 3 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program	No	Information
E. FY2005-06 Transit Productivity Evaluation	Yes	Accept

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

F. FY 2006-07 First Quarter Progress Report	Yes	Accept
G. Air Quality – Rules and Legislation Update	No	Information
H. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc. at COG Board, 12-14-06	No	Information
I. CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Solicitation for Concept Proposals	Yes	Information
J. Association for the Beautification of Highway 99: Committee Update	No	Information

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan	Yes	Approve
B. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program – Request by City of Firebaugh	Yes	Approve
C. 2006-07 Overall Work Program Amendment #1	Yes	Approve
D. Formal Amendment #2 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Resolution 2006-41, PUBLIC HEARING: 12-14-06	Yes	Approve
E. Proposition 1B: State Route 99 Corridor Improvements & Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Program Submittals, Resolution 2006-42	Yes	Approve
F. Measure "C" Update	Handout	Info/Discussion
G. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update	Yes	Info/Discussion
H. "One Voice" – 2007 Washington D.C. Project Recommendations	Yes	Approve
I. Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy Statement – AB 1234 Resolution 2006-43	Handout	Approval
J. Caltrans Monthly Report	No	Info/Discussion
1. Route 33 Concept Report	Yes	Info/Discussion
K. Support Appointment of Supervisor Judy Case as a Representative on the California Air Resources Board from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board, Resolution 2006-44	Yes	Approve

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

*Items listed as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Committee.



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Summary: Vikki Magee-Bauer, Mono County Supervisor and Chair of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority, has requested an opportunity to discuss the potential of YARTS providing a broader regional service, including service from Fresno Yosemite International Airport to Yosemite National Park. Supervisor Magee-Bauer will be accompanied by Dick Whittington, YARTS Transit Manager. At the request of Supervisor Bauer and Mr. Whittington, this matter will not be presented to the COG Policy Board this cycle of meetings.

YARTS, now in its seventh year, offers a choice to those traveling in the counties of Mariposa, Merced and Mono by providing an affordable, dependable alternative to driving into Yosemite National Park and in the region. Included in the agenda packet is a letter from Supervisor Magee-Bauer, YARTS background information, and YARTS budget, ridership, and scheduling information. The rockslide on SR-140 and subsequent road closure has forced YARTS to use many alternate routes and schedules and form new partnerships, prompting the YARTS Board to revisit the subject of YARTS serving a more regional audience in order to make the service better and more useful to the Yosemite region. Further information about YARTS is available from its website at www.YARTS.com.

Supervisor Magee-Bauer and Mr. Whittington will also be discussing the future of YARTS at a meeting this day from 11:00 to 12:00 in the Fresno COG Offices, Ash Room. [THOMPSON]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the committees.

C. Presentation to the COG Board – Dr. Edward Moreno, County Health Officer, 12-14-06

Summary: Dr. Edward Moreno, County Health Director will make a presentation to the Policy Board on 12-14-06. The presentation will focus on Pandemic Influenza, the potential impact to all Fresno County communities and response planning efforts underway. [MORENO]

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**A. TTC Executive Minutes of October 11, 2006
PAC Executive Minutes of October 20, 2006**

B. 2006-07 Transportation Funding Claim -- City of Huron, Resolution 2006-40

Summary: The City of Huron has submitted their 2006-07 Transportation Development Act Claim. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Total Funds:
City of Huron	\$ 231,322	\$ 31,351	\$ 262,673

Staff has reviewed the claim and finds the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the Board. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the funding claim by adopting Resolution 2006-40.

C. 2007 Triennial Performance Audit, Contract Award to Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC)

Summary: Per Section 99246(a) of the California Public Utilities Code we are required to have a Triennial Performance Audit performed of ourselves and the three transit operators to which we allocate Local Transportation Funds. In October an RFP was sent to a list of 36 consultants. We received bids from Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) (\$36,394) and Moore & Associates (\$39,380) by our November 15 deadline. A selection committee consisting of representatives from Fresno Area Express, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, Clovis Transit, and Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission reviewed the proposals and unanimously recommended PMC. PMC had the low bid and in addition, Derek Wong, PMC's principal, worked for the firm that satisfactorily provided the 2004 Triennial Performance Audit. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends authorization to contract with PMC in the amount of \$36,394 for the 2007 Triennial Performance Audit.

D. Administrative Amendment No. 3 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Summary: Administrative Amendment No. 3: This amendment was approved on November 7, 2006 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. Modifications to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program are as follows:

Change to the *Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program*. Fresno Unified School District CNG School Bus Project: Technical correction to the programming of funding in this project. Funding that should have been input as construction was input as preliminary engineering. This amendment adjusted the information accordingly. [DEVERE]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

E. FY 2005-06 Transit Productivity Evaluation

Summary: The productivity evaluation is conducted annually to assess the progress of transit operators who receive State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. The California Public Utilities Code 99244 requires that "Each Transportation Planning Agency shall annually identify, analyze, and recommend potential productivity improvements which could lower the operating costs of those operator's who operate at least 50 percent of their vehicle service miles within the area under it's jurisdiction." If operators fail to reasonably respond to recommended productivity improvements, local transportation funds cannot exceed appropriation for the prior year.

The FY 2005-06 Productivity Evaluation assesses the following transit agencies:

1. Fresno Area Express and Handy Ride
2. Clovis Stageline and Roundup
3. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
4. Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies for the Metropolitan and Rural Areas.

The FY 2005-06 Transit Productivity Report will be reviewed by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on December 5, 2006. If there are any major changes noted by the SSTAC, they will be explained at the meeting. [LONG]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the FY 2005-06 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report under the condition there are no major changes proposed by the SSTAC.

F. FY 2006-07 First Quarter Progress Report

Summary: The report is included in your agenda packet and is a listing of funds expended and work completed by work element during the first quarter 2006-07. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the FY 2006-07 First Quarter Progress Report.

G. Air Quality – Rules and Legislation Update

Summary: The following is an update of current rules and legislation that have an impact on the San Joaquin Valley:

(1) AB 32 - *California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006*

In September 2006, the Governor signed AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to:

- Establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions cap for 2020 by January 1, 2008.

- Adopt mandatory reporting rules for significant sources of greenhouse gases by January 1, 2009.
- Adopt a plan by January 1, 2009 indicating how emission reductions will be achieved from significant greenhouse gas sources through regulations, market mechanisms and other actions.
- Adopt regulations by January 1, 2011 to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas.
- Prior to imposing any mandates or authorizing market mechanisms, CARB must evaluate several factors, including but not limited to: impacts on California's economy, the environment and public health, and conformance with other environmental laws.

The California Air Resources Board has scheduled several upcoming events related to the implementation of AB 32. Information regarding these workshops will be posted when available and can be found at the ARB Climate Change website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>. Fresno COG staff will continue to follow development of the rules and provide additional information on the potential impacts to agencies in the San Joaquin Valley.

(2) ARB Public Fleet Rule

On December 8, 2005, the California Air Resources Board adopted the Fleet Rule for Public Agencies and Utilities, which requires municipalities and utilities to apply best available control technology to diesel heavy-duty vehicles in their fleet. This affects municipally owned and operated diesel vehicles over 14,000 Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) with model year engines from 1960 to 2006. To assist municipalities and utilities with their compliance efforts, the Air Resources Board presented seven "training seminars" during the months of October and November 2006. Additional information, including presentations and compliance schedules, is available on the CARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/publicfleets/publicfleets.htm>.

(3) San Joaquin Valley Air District - School Bus Rule

The Air District recently adopted a rule that will impact school fleets in the San Joaquin Valley. By January 1, 2016 operators of existing school bus fleets must (1) replace pre-1978 school buses; and (2) replace, retrofit or repower their school buses manufactured during and after 1978. All existing gasoline or alternative fueled school buses, and any diesel school buses manufactured after October 1, 2002 are considered compliant subject to a few conditions.

By January 1, 2007, each school district must provide the District with a list of existing school buses. Each school district fleet must also maintain records of annual mileage per bus and the amount of fuel purchased annually for the fleet, recorded by fuel type. [PAUKOVITS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

H. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc. at COG Board, 12-14-06

Summary: California Consulting staff will provide an update to the Policy Board on 12-14-06. [SAMUELIAN]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

I. CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Solicitation for Concept Proposals

Summary: The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency on behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, requests submittals of Concept Proposals for Partnership Seed Grants. Eligible applicants include government entities (including school districts and institutions of higher education), other organizations (public and private), and consortia of public or private organizations, private firms, or individuals. A maximum of \$2,500,000 in state funds is available for awards. It is anticipated that projects funded under this solicitation will be for up to \$250,000. Funded projects are expected to begin in the spring of 2007. Deadline for proposals is January 16, 2007. For more information call 916-322-5400. COG staff will be evaluating potential COG projects. [GOODWIN]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

J. Association for the Beautification of Highway 99: Committee Update

Summary: The Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 (Association) will continue to meet on a bimonthly basis in 2007 with meetings now taking place at the COG office. The Association last convened on November 17 with the next meeting scheduled for January 12. The committee is currently working on three items: 1) planning a southern "Welcome to Fresno County Monument; 2) "overseeing the adoption process of the Zone District Overlay; and 3) opening discussion with Caltrans to discuss the mitigation of oleander removal along newly expanded freeway segments. At the November meeting a new chair and vice chair were elected. Jim Simonian of Fowler, Chair for the past two years, will be replaced by former Vice-Chair David Karstetter of Kingsburg. The new Vice-Chair is Don Tow of Selma. Information on the Association can be found at www.fresnocog.org under the Planning link or by contacting Renee DeVere of staff. [DEVERE]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

Summary: The Fresno COG has begun the process of preparing the next edition of the Fresno County Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The overarching purposes of the Plan, along with similar plans developed for other regions of the state, are to address the statewide concern for "decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family," and to reflect the shared responsibility among local governments for accommodating the housing needs of all economic levels.

Housing Element law requires quantification of each jurisdiction's share of the region's existing and projected housing need, by income level. This is otherwise referred to as the regional housing need allocation, or RHNA, for each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction's RHNA establishes the minimum housing development capacity to be provided for in its housing element. The allocation of the regional housing need to individual cities and counties within a region is typically determined by the region's COG. The projected housing need is allocated by four income categories. The RHNA Plan is scheduled to be adopted by June 30, 2007 and encompasses the 7½ year planning period from January 2006 through June, 2013. The 5-year housing element planning period extends from July 2008 through June 2013. A team of local planning and housing experts, formed to assist staff with this project, met recently and agreed on the following consensus recommendations:

Housing Construction Need: The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in consultation with individual COGs, are required to determine the projected need for housing in each region. This regional housing construction need figure is established for planning purposes and statutes recognize that future housing production may not equal the regional housing construction need. The methodology used by HCD to determine the housing construction need for Fresno County includes projected population and household formation rates (or headship rates), vacancy rates and housing replacement needs. During the consultation phase between Fresno COG and HCD, the housing construction need figure for Fresno County was reduced from HCD's original proposal of 56,762 units to 52,142 units, a reduction of 4,620 units or 8.14%. This reduction occurred because HCD agreed with COG staff analysis that the trend of declining headship rates (i.e. household formation rates) between 1990 and 2000 ought to be continued and applied to projected 2013 population. This resulted in lower household growth (and therefore a lower housing construction need) than projected by HCD, which kept headship rates the same in 2013 as in 2000 (i.e. no decline).

The housing construction need figure is broken down by income category. The income category allocation is calculated by multiplying total housing construction need by the proportion of households in each income category based on Fresno County Census 2000 median income and income definitions. Income group percentages in 2001 were 25% very low, 17% low, 21% moderate and 37% above-moderate. Percentages used in the 2007 RHNA Plan are, respectively, 23.8%, 16.2%, 18.1%, and 41.9%.

Market Areas: Housing market areas are used throughout the Plan in the gathering, analysis, and presentation of data. For this reason, the boundaries of the market areas are drawn along census tract boundaries. Market areas should not divide developed areas and should define subregions in which there is an interaction between employment opportunities and housing opportunities. The team agreed to utilize the same five market areas used in the 2001 RHNA Plan, a reduction from the seven market areas used in earlier RHNA Plans. These market areas recognize two ongoing trends; commuting trips have become generally longer over time and economic relationships among cities have been formed, particularly regarding the Five-Cities Economic Development Authority (Parlier, Selma, Fowler, Sanger and Reedley).

Methodology: The team concurred with staff recommendation to utilize the same methodology successfully used in the 2001 RHNA Plan and earlier RHNA Plans. The methodology is acceptable to HCD, is relatively straightforward to understand and implement, and reflects a city-centered and balanced development pattern. In addition, the methodology allows for the ability to make manual adjustments to each jurisdiction's allocation of the regional housing construction need. Recent changes to statute require that local jurisdictions be surveyed to gather information regarding local government infrastructure, housing market, and other local conditions that could influence the distribution of the regional housing need. Information from the survey will be particularly helpful during negotiations, if necessary, regarding potential manual adjustments. [THOMPSON]

Action: Approve the Housing Construction Need number of 52,142 units and, pursuant to statute, initiate the 60-day public comment period of the proposed allocation methodology.

B. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program – Request by City of Firebaugh

Summary: Section 22710(c)(2) of the Vehicle Code states that money received by an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority shall be used only for the abatement, removal, and disposal as public nuisances of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof from private or public property. The guidelines for program implementation, contained in the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Handbook developed by the California Highway Patrol, state that major purchases exceeding \$2,500 require the participating jurisdiction to request approval from the Service Authority, and these

requests shall include a detailed justification. When evaluating a request, a Service Authority shall ensure the funds are being expended in accordance with Section 22710(c)(2) and for the benefit of the AVA Program.

The City of Firebaugh has submitted a request (letter enclosed) to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority for the partial reimbursement of the cost to purchase code enforcement database software. Firebaugh is requesting reimbursement of \$5,000, or two-thirds of the \$7,500 total cost. Three city departments (Code Enforcement, Police and Public Works) have agreed to purchase the code enforcement database software, with each department responsible for one-third of the purchase cost. Firebaugh indicates that both Code Enforcement and Police, representing two-thirds of the purchase cost, will use the database software to conduct and ensure accurate reporting and tracking of abandoned vehicles. Firebaugh would be reimbursed from its formula share of funding, so the funding amounts of other agency AVA programs are not affected by this request. [THOMPSON]

Action: Staff recommends approval of Firebaugh's funding request.

C. 2006-07 Overall Work Program Amendment #1

Summary: This amendment affects two work programs and increases the FY 2006-07 budget by \$22,500 using state and federal funding.

The first part of the amendment involves Work Element 119 - *San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Blueprint*. The amendment does not change funding sources but does realign existing Blueprint funding. We are requesting approval to purchase a fixed asset (large format plotter) that will be needed to print large scale maps as we move into the scenario planning phase of the project. The estimated \$15,000 cost of the item would be paid from the existing Blueprint budget.

The second part of the amendment involves Work Element 914 - *State Route 99 Consensus Building*. Great Valley Center, the contractor on this project, was unable to complete the project as scheduled and has requested that we carry over the final report into this fiscal year. This project is funded 100% with a combination of state and matching funds from Great Valley Center. [BESHEARS]

Action: Authorize 2006/07 OWP Amendment #1 in the amount of \$22,500 to carry over funding for State Route 99 Consensus Building in Work Element 914. In addition authorize the purchase of a fixed asset (large format plotter) with existing funds in Work Element 119.

D. Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2006-41, PUBLIC HEARING: 12-14-06

Summary: This amendment is a request by Caltrans, the City of Fresno, City of Reedley, and City of San Joaquin to modify the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The amendment incorporates changes to the Hazard Elimination Safety Program, SHOPP-Collision Reduction Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Enhancement Program, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. Program changes include:

- Addition of funding to the Lump-sum Hazard Elimination Safety Program for Caltrans identified projects.
- Addition of new project category, Lump-sum SHOPP-Collision Reduction, for Caltrans identified projects.

- Addition of City of San Joaquin Transportation Enhancement project FRE040619. This project was originally programmed in the 2004 FTIP. Funding was allocated by the CTC in 2005/06 with an approved allocation extension granted in November 2006.
- RSTP Program modifications incorporate changes requested by the Cities of Fresno, Reedley, and San Joaquin. Changes include the addition of projects from the 2004 FTIP, schedule advances, schedule delays, and funding changes.
- CMAQ Program modifications incorporate changes requested by the Cities of Fresno and San Joaquin. Changes include the addition of projects from the 2004 FTIP, schedule advances, schedule delays, and funding changes.

For questions regarding individual projects in this amendment please contact Renee DeVere.
[DEVERE]

Action: Staff recommends the approval of Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-41.

E. Proposition 1B: State Route 99 Corridor Improvements & Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Program Submittals, Resolution 2006-42

Summary: With the passage of Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, Fresno COG in its role as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency will now have a responsibility (the role will vary based on the Bond program) to participate in the twelve different funding components that comprise Proposition 1B. Those components and the funding amounts allocated to each program are as follows:

1. Corridor Mobility Improvement Account:	\$4.5 bil.
2. State Route 99 Corridor Improvements:	\$1.0 bil.
3. Ports Infrastructure, Security & Air Quality	
a.) Trade Corridors Improvement Fund:	\$2.0 bil.
b.) Emission Reduction & Air Quality Improvements:	\$1.0 bil.
c.) Port, Harbor, and Ferry Terminal Security:	\$100 mil.
4. School Bus Retrofit For Air Quality:	\$200 mil.
5. State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation:	\$2.0 bil.
6. Public Transportation Modernization Improvement & Service Enhancement	
a.) Pro-rata Formula Distribution:	\$3.6 bil.
b.) Department Intercity Rail Improvement Program:	\$400 mil.
7. State-Local Partnership Program:	\$1.0 bil.
8. Transit System Safety, Security & Disaster Response Account:	\$1.0 bil.
9. Local Bridge Seismic Safety Retrofit:	\$125 mil.
10. Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account:	\$250 mil.
11. State Highway Operations and Protection Program:	\$750 mil.
12. Local Streets and Roads, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006	
a.) Cities-\$1.0 bil.	
b.) Counties-\$1.0 bil.	

The first of these responsibilities is developing and submitting Fresno COG's list of candidate projects for the State Route 99 Corridor Improvements program and the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program. Candidate project submittals are required to be consistent with the Draft SR 99 Guidelines (enclosed) and the CMIA Guidelines (enclosed) adopted by the CTC. Regional candidate project submittals are required to be submitted to Caltrans Headquarters and the California Transportation Commission by January 16, 2007. Once submitted, these projects will compete with other regional candidates statewide for the available Proposition 1B funding. In order to help identify potential candidate projects for the various bond programs, COG issued a "Call for Projects" for Proposition 1B funding programs in mid August, 2006. As a result of that process, COG received candidate project submittals

from four member agencies (see attached), the majority of which are seeking funding from programs which still lack necessary guidelines or legislation. In the months ahead COG staff will work with its member agencies and our state lobbyist California Consulting Inc. to ensure that those projects are placed in the statewide competitions for those Bond funding programs. COG did receive project submittals from Selma and Reedley for CMIA and SR 99 funding, unfortunately those projects were not eligible due to issues with lack of inclusion in the SR 99 Business Plan which established the funding priorities for the SR 99 corridor or the project would be unable to meet the project delivery date of 2012 established by the guidelines.

The State Route 99 Guidelines establish the policies and procedures for allocating Proposition 1B State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Program funding. As has been discussed previously, the State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Program decisions will be guided by the State Route 99 Business Plan which has been previously adopted by the California Transportation Commission. The Business Plan is a "nuts and bolts" approach to achieving the functional goals for the corridor laid out in the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan, Transportation Concept Reports, and the Route 99 Corridor Enhancement Master Plan. The SR 99 Business Plan was developed to provide a guide for decision makers as they address the needs of this developing corridor.

Following extensive discussion and analysis with Caltrans District 06 and Fresno County Transportation Authority staff, consensus was reached that based on the performance criteria as outlined in the SR 99 Guidelines, the State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Plan project list Fresno COG will be submitting is the following:

Facility	Project Limits	Project Description	Project Cost	Delivery Date
SR 99	Ashlan Ave. to Ave. 7	Const 4 Ln. to 6 Ln.	\$ 98 mil	2011

This project was selected as it has been previously identified in the SR 99 Business Plan as a Priority Category 2-Capacity Increasing Project (Fresno County has no Tier 1 projects) and therefore is a logical candidate project that would compete well with other SR 99 Tier 2 projects seeking funding in the San Joaquin Valley. Priority Category 2 projects consist of projects that would widen State Route 99 to a minimum of 6 lanes throughout the corridor, while also providing safety benefits by reducing or eliminating the incidences of stop-and-go traffic on the route thereby leading to a reduction in the number of congestion related accidents that currently occur.

Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA)

Included as an attachment are the CMIA Program Guidelines that were adopted by the California Transportation Commission at their November 8, 2006 meeting. The guidelines establish the policies and procedures for allocating Proposition 1B -- Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funding. After reviewing a lengthy list of potential candidate projects (attached) and following extended discussions with the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans District 06 and Fresno County Transportation Authority staff, it was determined that the next two State Route 180 E projects that are scheduled for delivery, Clovis Ave. to Temperance Avenue and Temperance Ave. to Academy Ave., can be funded through the following combination of funding sources: existing STIP funding (\$60.5 mil.), STIP augmentation funding (\$25.0 mil.), existing Measure "C" funding (\$10.2 mil.) and new Measure "C" funding (\$71.7 mil.) and therefore would not require CMIA funding. With that in mind, the following projects are recommended to be the CMIA candidate project submittals for Fresno COG based on their ability to meet the CMIA guidelines as adopted by the California Transportation Commission.

**Fresno COG Candidate Projects
CMIA Program (Prop. 1B)**

Facility	Project Limits	Project Description	Est. Cost (\$mil.)	Delivery Date
State Route 180 East (Interregional CMIA)	Academy Ave. to Trimmer Springs Rd..	Widen Existing SR 180 to a 4 Ln divided Expressway	\$61.0	2010/11
State Route 180 East (Interregional CMIA)	Trimmer Springs Rd. to Frankwood Ave.	Widen Existing SR 180 to a 4 Ln divided Expressway	\$66.0	2010/11
SR 180/168/41 (Urban CMIA)	SR 180/168/41	Braided Ramps to Improve Safety and Connectivity Between State Routes	\$50.0	2012
State Route 41 (Urban CMIA)	Divisadero Ave. to Shields Ave.	Convert 6 Ln. Freeway to 8 Ln Freeway & Widen SB off-ramp at Divisadero	\$65.0	2011

[BOREN]

Action: Staff recommends the TTC/PAC approve submittal of the above identified projects as candidate projects for the State Route 99 Improvement Program and the Corridor Mobility Improvement Program by approving Resolution 2006-42.

F. Measure "C" Update

Summary: COG staff will provide a verbal update on Measure "C" including next steps in the process and formation of the Citizens Oversight Committee mandated by the new Measure C.
[BOREN]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

G. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update

Summary: During the past two months, COG staff has been providing Blueprint update presentations at all member agencies' City Councils and to the Board of Supervisors. Concurrently, our outreach consultant has been conducting workshops and meetings around

the county in an effort to learn what values the general public consider important regarding future growth. These values will be translated into the goals, objectives and measurable outcomes that the Blueprint planning process will address as we move forward. We will conduct a community workshop on Thursday, January 11th from 4:30 – 8:00 PM at the U.C. Center across from Fashion Fair, where we will engage the audience in an exercise aimed at prioritizing the community's values. We want to have a large and diverse group in attendance and hope that all COG committee members and the COG Policy Board attend the workshop and encourage their friends and neighbors to attend as well. A flyer for the Community Workshop is included in your package. [STECK]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

H. "One Voice" – 2007 Washington D.C. Project Recommendations

Summary: The One Voice project selection committee held two meetings last month to review, prioritize and recommend a list of regional projects to be promoted during our February 2007 trip to Washington D.C. Our consultant, Simon & Company, suggested that we limit our list to three projects, one for each appropriations bill. Eighteen infrastructure projects were submitted. Project proponents presented details at the first committee meeting and committee members scored each project. We held a second meeting after the election so that we could consider how the ballot measures might affect prioritizing the projects. At the second meeting, committee members were given the project scores and ranking. After reviewing the recommendations of our consultant, and considering the appropriations bills and project scores, the committee agreed upon recommending the attached list of 9 projects to the COG Policy Board. Three of the projects are not asking for dollar amounts per se. The list represents high scoring projects and/or ones that qualify for different appropriations bills and accounts. [STECK]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the list of projects submitted by the One Voice project selection committee.

I. Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy Statement – AB 1234, Resolution 2006-43

Summary: Staff will present an update on the Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy Statement as it relates to AB 1234 and a resolution will be handed out for approval by the COG Board.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy by adoption of Resolution 2006-43.

J. Caltrans Monthly Report

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities. [CALTRANS]

1. Route 33 Concept Report

Summary: Pedro Ramirez, Caltrans staff will report on the Route 33 Concept Report that is included in your agenda packet. Colored copies of this document are available on Caltrans website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning/tcrs/index.htm>. [CALTRANS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

K. Support Appointment of Supervisor Judy Case as a Representative on the California Air Resources Board from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board, Resolution 2006-44

Summary: Chairman Trinidad M. Rodriguez has requested this resolution be placed before the COG Policy Board, in support of Supervisor Judy Case. Included in your agenda packet is a resolution supporting the appointment of Supervisor Judy Case as a representative on the California Air Resources Board from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. [GOODWIN]

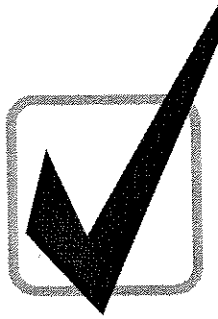
Action: Support the appointment of Supervisor Judy Case to the California Air Resources Board by adoption of Resolution 2006-44.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff**
- B. Items from Members**

*Items listed as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Committee.

Joint TTC/PAC Meeting



YARTS PRESENTATION



YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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As the Chair of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority, and a Mono County Supervisor, I would like to invite you to join me in a discussion of the future of YARTS.

Now in its seventh year, YARTS has become important to both the employees and the visitors to Yosemite National Park, as a needed alternative to driving. YARTS experienced over 61,000 boarding's and a 2% increase in ridership in the last fiscal year, despite the rockslide on Hwy 140 and has had ridership increases in nearly every year since its inception. (Prior to the rockslide the cumulative FY increase was 15%)

The rockslide on Hwy 140, and subsequent road closure, has had major impacts on the Yosemite Region and YARTS was not spared from them. During this time, YARTS was forced to use many alternate routes and schedules and we partnered with numerous agencies and organizations to the benefit of all concerned.

The road closure turmoil prompted the YARTS Board to revisit the subject of YARTS serving a more regional audience and the benefits of partnering with our neighbors to make the service better and more useful to the Yosemite region. The YARTS Joint Powers Authority is currently made up of representatives from Merced, Mariposa and Mono counties. Merced County Association of Governments has served as the contract manager of the system since the beginning.

YARTS has become an important element in the transportation planning in the areas it currently serves and has played a significant role in the reduction of traffic and congestion in the park and on the roads serving the park. It has also contributed to the quality of the experience of those who choose to drive, through those reductions.

We believe that YARTS currently serves an important function, but that it could be even more valuable to the Yosemite area if it served a broader region. I would like to have the opportunity to meet with you individually and also have you participate in a regional meeting where these ideas can be openly discussed.

I look forward to the opportunity of seeing you soon. (I will be attending the annual CSAC meeting in Anaheim and will have time to meet with you there if you are attending.)

I encourage you to visit the YARTS web site at www.YARTS.com to learn more about the levels of service YARTS currently provides and to look over the history of the organization, agreements and meeting minutes and agendas.

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Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is operating in its seventh year under the guidance of a three-county Joint Powers Authority (JPA); Merced, Mariposa and Mono counties. One supervisor from each of the member counties sits on the JPA Board.

Supervisors currently serving on the YARTS JPA Board include:
Vikki McGee-Bauer, Mono County, Chair
Mike Nelson, Merced County, Vice Chair
Lee Stetson, Mariposa County

An eleven-member Authority Advisory Committee (AAC), which reviews and recommends on agenda items going to the governing body, supports the YARTS Board. The AAC is made up of private citizens from the three JPA counties and represents lodging and business, visitor bureaus, economic development interests, environmental concerns, and others. Yosemite National Park and Caltrans are also represented on the AAC.

YARTS is a public entity separate and distinct from its member entities. YARTS functions as the regional representative, within the combined territory of the members of this Joint Powers Authority, for transit and alternative transportation to and from Yosemite National Park.

YARTS contracts with the Merced County Association of Governments to provide transit management and marketing, financial and grant administration, and transportation planning services. YARTS also contracts for buses, drivers and day-to-day operations. In the past, YARTS has used different contractors on the two service corridors (Hwy. 140 and Hwy. 395/120 East). It is anticipated this practice will change this year as YARTS goes out to bid for a single contractor to provide all of the scheduled service on both corridors.

YARTS has no paid staff at this time.

The stated intent of the JPA agreement is to offer a transportation option to visitors and employees. Additionally, it directs that alternative transportation that does not degrade the visitor experience or the natural resources in the region is to be of key importance.

The Service

YARTS operates on Hwy. 140 year round, 365 days a year. There are multiple runs per day and they are adjusted seasonally as the visitation to Yosemite and the tourist season grow and fade. The timing of the runs and the fare structure are indicated on the attached schedules.

On Hwy. 395/120 East from Mono County, the service operates only during the summer when Tioga Pass is open, typically June through September. In previous years, service was available in June and September on weekends only, with July and August being daily. Only one run is currently scheduled each day because of the distances involved in this run. A schedule for this corridor is also attached.

YARTS Funding

Funding for YARTS has come from local, state and federal sources as well as from the fare box revenues. In the FY 2006-2007 YARTS budget, which is attached, roughly 19% comes from local contributions, about 21% comes from fare box, and roughly 40% comes from state and federal sources. The \$250,000 that YARTS receives from Yosemite National Park represents roughly 20% of the total budget.

Ridership

YARTS has seen slow, but consistent, growth in ridership. However, in FY 2005-2006, ridership on the Hwy. 140 service corridor grew dramatically with a cumulative increase of 15% during the first 10 months of the year. Then the rockslide, which ended up closing Hwy. 140 for about three months, changed everything. YARTS ended the FY with only a 2% increase in ridership.

Since the rockslide, ridership has declined every bit as dramatically, but is now coming back. The attached ridership history shows the effect of the road closure and the return of better numbers following the opening of the highway to length-restricted vehicles in late August.

The length-restricted detour on Hwy 140, that has reopened the road to use, currently limits vehicles traveling across the detour bridges to 28 feet. Normally, YARTS uses 40-foot over-the-road coaches that carry between 45 and 50 passengers. The smaller 26.5 foot buses that we are currently forced to use carry 18 to 22 passengers. The transition to the smaller buses has been challenging.

Caltrans is looking at the possibility of “tweeking” the detour bridges to allow somewhat larger vehicles. There is considerable local pressure to see this change take place.

According to Caltrans, the final solution to how to reopen Hwy 140 to full size vehicles appears to be 3 years away. However, they are working urgently to solve the problem.

Ridership is divided between visitors (roughly 65%) and commuters and locals (35%). The fare structure is noted on the attached schedules. Additionally, YARTS makes available commuter passes that offer significant savings for regular users of the system.

Ridership on the Hwy. 395/120 East service corridor from Mono County has seen erratic growth. In 2005, daily service was extended for the first two weeks of September and in 2006 for the entire month, which created more ridership for the season.

Park and Ride Lots in Mariposa County

YARTS is currently involved in the acquisition and construction of two park-and-ride lots in Mariposa County. Funding has been secured for all phases of this work and YARTS is again going through planning approval due to changes that came about in the encroachment permit processes. A hearing by the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for December of 2006.

New Buses

YARTS has programmed the purchase of new over-the-road coaches for the service and has received a \$2.09 million grant from the federal government for that purpose. Additionally, YARTS has approximately \$600,000 in 5309 federal earmark funding that can be used for the purchase of buses or for the contracting for buses. Unless the service expands onto highways other than Hwy 140., or something changes dramatically with the detour bridges, the purchase of new over-the-road coaches will have to wait for the final resolution of the rockslide/detour situation.

Attachments:

YARTS FY 2006-07 Budget
Hwy. 140 Ridership History
Hwy. 140 Schedule(s)
Hwy. 395/120 East Schedule

Misc:YARTStest

FY 06-07 Budget
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

EXPENDITURES		<u>OPERATIONS</u>		<u>REVENUES</u>	
Service contract-Hwy 140	\$	787,150			
	\$	200,000			
Service contract-Hwy 120-395	\$	76,360		Mariposa County	\$ 136,360
Subtotal for Svc Contract(s)	\$	1,063,510		Mono County	\$ 30,000
				NPS Contribution	\$ 250,000
				FTA Section 5311(f)	\$ 400,000
				FTA Section 5309	\$ 97,407
Management, Accounting, Planning & Service Monitoring	\$	80,000			
Audit, insurance	\$	27,500		NPS Fare Subsidy	\$ 80,000
Transpo Station Lease	\$	3,040		Farebox-Hwy 140	\$ 165,000
Subtotal	\$	110,540		Farebox-Hwy 120-395	\$ 25,000
Subtotal	\$	1,174,050			\$ 1,183,767
Public Education/Media Relations- Marketing Admin	\$	84,717		Merced County-CMAQ	\$ 75,000
Subtotal for Public Education	\$	84,717		Subtotal for Public Education	\$ 75,000
Total	\$	1,258,767			\$ 1,258,767
CAPITAL					
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				<u>REVENUES</u>	
Staging Areas - Admin		\$3,000		Caltrans-STIP	\$3,000
Consultant/Planning		\$2,500		Caltrans-STIP	\$2,500
Total		\$5,500			\$5,500
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL FY2006-2007</u>					
EXPENDITURES		\$1,264,267		REVENUES	\$1,264,267

Hwy 140 Ridership
by Fiscal Year

	Jul-99	Aug-99	Sep-99	Oct-99	Nov-99	Dec-99	Jan-00	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	May-00	Jun-00
Visitors & Others											1,541	4,779
NPS/YCS											739	3,236
TOTAL											2,280	8,015
year to date											2,280	10,295
%												

	Jul-00	Aug-00	Sep-00	Oct-00	Nov-00	Dec-00	Jan-01	Feb-01	Mar-01	Apr-01	May-01	Jun-01
Visitors & Others	3,370	3,707	2,793	2,096	1,418	1,131	1,514	1,452	1,647	2,088	2,517	3,120
NPS/YCS	3,774	3,552	3,017	2,423	2,516	2,265	2,525	2,211	2,427	2,331	2,274	3,130
TOTAL	7,144	7,259	5,810	4,519	3,934	3,396	4,039	3,663	4,074	4,419	4,791	6,250
% Change previous year											110%	-22%
year to date	7,144	14,403	20,213	24,732	28,666	32,062	36,101	39,764	43,838	48,257	53,048	59,298
%												

	Jul-01	Aug-01	Sep-01	Oct-01	Nov-01	Dec-01	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02	Apr-02	May-02	Jun-02
Visitors & Others	3,641	3,980	2,848	1,842	1,640	2,056	1,671	1,749	2,189	2,423	3,496	3,795
NPS/YCS	3,478	3,331	2,664	1,788	1,400	1,665	1,857	1,665	1,788	1,679	1,748	1,707
TOTAL	7,119	7,311	5,512	3,630	3,040	3,721	3,528	3,414	3,977	4,102	5,244	5,502
% Change previous year	0%	1%	-5%	-20%	-23%	10%	-13%	-7%	-2%	-7%	9%	-12%
year to date	7,119	14,430	19,942	23,572	26,612	30,333	33,861	37,275	41,252	45,354	50,598	56,100
%	0%	0%	-1%	-5%	-7%	-5%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-5%	-5%

	Jul-02	Aug-02	Sep-02	Oct-02	Nov-02	Dec-02	Jan-03	Feb-03	Mar-03	Apr-03	May-03	Jun-03
Visitors & Others	4,670	5,019	3,682	2,896	1,785	2,517	2,088	1,642	2,118	2,584	3,184	3,856
NPS/YCS	1,926	1,929	1,764	1,663	1,448	1,626	1,687	1,554	1,697	1,678	1,777	1,480
TOTAL	6,596	6,948	5,446	4,559	3,233	4,143	3,775	3,196	3,815	4,262	4,961	5,336
% Change previous year	-7%	-5%	-1%	26%	6%	11%	7%	-6%	-4%	4%	-5%	-3%
year to date	6,596	13,544	18,990	23,549	26,782	30,925	34,700	37,896	41,711	45,973	50,934	56,270
%	-7%	-6%	-5%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%

	Jul-03	Aug-03	Sep-03	Oct-03	Nov-03	Dec-03	Jan-04	Feb-04	Mar-04	Apr-04	May-04	Jun-04
Visitors & Others	4,511	4,388	3,383	2,738	1,853	2,451	2,252	1,758	1,916	2,705	3,968	4,270
NPS/YCS	1,857	1,920	1,812	1,724	1,358	1,422	1,660	1,595	1,895	1,781	1,765	1,966
TOTAL	6,368	6,308	5,195	4,462	3,211	3,873	3,912	3,353	3,811	4,486	5,733	6,236
% Change previous year	-3%	-9%	-5%	-2%	-1%	-7%	4%	5%	-0.1%	5.3%	13%	17%
year to date	6,368	12,676	17,871	22,333	25,544	29,417	33,329	36,682	40,493	44,979	50,712	56,948
%	-3%	-6%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-3%	-3%	-2%	0%	1%

	Jul-04	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05
Visitors & Others	4,632	4,484	3,666	2,542	1,561	2,102	1,946	1,766	2,653	2,519	3,807	4,723
NPS/YCS	2,220	2,123	1,871	1,643	1,877	1,628	1,690	1,428	1,909	1,761	1,778	2,287
TOTAL	6,852	6,607	5,537	4,185	3,438	3,730	3,555	3,194	4,562	4,280	5,585	7,010
% Change previous year	8%	5%	7%	-6%	7%	-4%	-9%	-5%	20%	-5%	-3%	12%
year to date	6,852	13,459	18,996	23,181	26,619	30,349	33,904	37,098	41,660	45,940	51,525	58,535
%	8%	6%	6%	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%

	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06
Visitors & Others	4915	5289	4042	3018	1949	1739	1943	1960	2740	3045	2465	2662
NPS/DNC	2480	2839	2206	2174	2020	1808	2174	1875	2417	2331	775	603
TOTAL	7395	8128	6248	5192	3969	3547	4117	3835	5157	5376	3240	3265
% Change previous year	8%	23%	13%	24%	15%	-5%	16%	20%	13%	26%	-42%	-53%
year to date	7395	15523	21771	26963	30932	34479	38596	42431	47588	52964	56204	59469
%	8%	15%	15%	16%	16%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	9%	2%

	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07
Visitors & Others	2921	3452	3371	2610								
NPS/DNC	612	741	1205	1409								
TOTAL	3533	4193	4576	4019								
% Change previous year	-52%	-48%	-27%	-23%								
year to date	3533	7726	12302	16321								
%	-52%	-50%	-44%	-39%								

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

IMPORTANT RIDER INFORMATION

- Please wait a minimum of 15 minutes past time listed. Times indicate scheduled departure, but unexpected delays may occur.
- Refer to the **YARTS** stop map and list located at each stop for complete bus stop information.
- **SOD** – Stop On Demand: stops only when requested by passenger, or when a passenger is waiting at the stop location.
- **YARTS** provides convenient connections with the Yosemite Park shuttles and tours inside the Yosemite Valley, including the free shuttle that stops at each Yosemite drop-off point.
- With each paid adult passenger, one child 16 or younger rides free.
- **YARTS** Multi-Use Yosemite passes available. Check with ticket sellers for complete details.
- Runs 1 & 7 **OPERATIONAL MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. NO WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS**
- Commuter passes available – check with **YARTS** driver for prices and information.
- **YARTS** provides connections to "The Bus" in the city of Merced. Call 384-3111 for more information.
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FALL 2006 HIGHWAY 140

SCHEDULE, FARES & TICKET SELLERS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16, 2006 – OCTOBER 30, 2006

Bear Creek Cabins Midpines, CA (209) 966-5253	KOA – Yosemite Midpines, CA (209) 966-2201
Best Western – Yosemite Way Station Mariposa, CA (209) 966-7545	Mariposa County Chamber/Visitors Center Mariposa, CA (209) 966-2456
California Welcome Center Merced, CA (209) 384-2791	Miners Inn Mariposa, CA (209) 742-7777
Cedar Lodge El Portal, CA (209) 379-2612	Sierra Stationers Mariposa, CA (209) 966-3083
Comfort Inn Mariposa, CA (209) 966-4344	Yosemite Bug Rustic Mountain Resort Midpines, CA (209) 966-6666
Happy Burger Diner Mariposa, CA (209) 966-2719	Yosemite View Lodge El Portal, CA (209) 379-2681

For more information on YARTS call 1-877-98-YARTS
(1-877-989-2787) or local (209) 388-9589

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the YARTS comment line at (209) 723-3153, ext. 345

For information on Mariposa County Transit connections
call (209) 966-RIDE (209) 966-7433



FALL 2006 HIGHWAY 140 SCHEDULE & FARES – EFFECTIVE Oct. 16, 2006

NOTE: RUNS 1 & 7 OPERATE MONDAY - FRIDAY ONLY – NO WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS

INBOUND TO YOSEMITE

Stop Location	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6
Merced Airport					10:05A	5:00P
Merced College						5:05P
Merced Mall/Target						5:07P
M Street (PG&E)						5:25P
Merced Transpo						5:15P
Merced AMTRAK						5:18P
Courthouse (M Street)						5:55P
Cathays Valley						6:12P
Midtown Mariposa						6:15P
Roadside Rest						6:18P
Visitors Center						6:28P
KOA						SOD
Midpines Park/Ride						SOD
Midpines Post Office						6:31P
Bug Hostel						6:35P
Cedar Lodge						7:04P
NPS Maintenance						7:08P
Barium Mine Road						7:11P
El Portal Post Office						7:14P
Yosemite View Lodge						7:17P
Curry Village						7:50P
Ahwahnee Hotel						7:55P
Valley Visitors Center						8:00P
Yosemite Lodge						8:05P

OUTBOUND FROM YOSEMITE

Stop Location	Run 7	Run 8	Run 9	Run 10	Run 11	Run 12	Run 14
Curry Village		9:32A	4:00P	4:20P	5:00P	5:30P	7:50P
Ahwahnee Hotel		9:37A	4:05P	4:25P	5:05P	5:35P	7:55P
Valley Visitors Center		9:42A	4:10P	4:30P	5:10P	5:40P	8:00P
Yosemite Lodge		10:00A	4:15P	4:35P	5:15P	5:45P	8:20P
Yosemite View Lodge		10:25A	4:40P	5:05P	5:45P	6:15P	8:45P
El Portal Post Office		10:28A	4:43P	5:08P	5:48P	6:18P	8:48P
Barium Mine Road		10:31A	4:46P	5:10P	5:51P	6:21P	8:51P
NPS Maintenance		10:34A	4:49P	5:12P	5:53P	6:23P	8:54P
Cedar Lodge		10:37A	4:52P	5:15P	5:56P	6:26P	8:57P
Bug Hostel		10:59A	5:14P	5:37P	6:18P	6:48P	9:19P
Midpines Post Office		6:30A	SOD	5:40P	6:20P	6:51P	9:22P
Midpines Park/Ride		SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD
KOA		6:35A	5:21P	5:43P	6:23P	6:54P	9:25P
Visitors Center		6:44A	5:31P	5:53P	6:33P	7:04P	9:35P
Roadside Rest		6:45A		5:56P	6:36P	7:07P	9:38P
Midtown Mariposa		6:47A	5:33P	5:59P	6:39P	7:10P	9:41P
Cathays Valley		7:00A	5:46P		6:53P	7:24P	9:55P
Merced AMTRAK		SOD	6:23P		7:46P	8:17P	10:48P
Merced Transpo		7:47A	6:33P		7:56P	8:27P	10:58P
Merced College		7:37A					
Merced Mall/Target		SOD					
M Street (PGE)		7:40A					
Courthouse (M St.)		7:43A					
Merced Airport		SOD	SOD		SOD	SOD	SOD

YARTS FARES

The following fares are good through October 30, 2006.
With each paid adult ticket, one child 16 and younger rides free!
Multi-Use passes available. See ticket vendors for details.
Commuter passes available. Check with driver for prices.

	Merced	Cathays Valley	Mariposa	Midpines	El Portal	Yosemite
Merced		(\$2) \$3	(\$6) \$7	(\$6) \$7	(\$9) \$10	(\$14) \$20
Cathays Valley	(\$2) \$3		(\$5) \$6	(\$5) \$6	(\$6) \$7	(\$14) \$15
Mariposa	(\$6) \$7	(\$5) \$6		\$1*	(\$6) \$7	(\$9) \$10
Midpines	(\$6) \$7	(\$5) \$6	\$1*		(\$6) \$7	(\$9) \$10
El Portal	(\$9) \$10	(\$6) \$7	(\$6) \$7	(\$6) \$7		(\$6) \$7
Yosemite	(\$14) \$20	(\$14) \$15	(\$9) \$10	(\$9) \$10	(\$6) \$7	

ALL FARES TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK INCLUDE GATE FEE

- On the Mariposa/Midpines run only (*), passengers pay driver directly. \$1 fee for each direction.
- Passengers bound for Merced receive priority boarding on Run #9 in order to meet connections to other transit.
- Fares listed (except*) are round trip (US\$), leaving/returning to the same stop.
- One-way tickets cost one half of full trip amount-rounding up the nearest \$
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YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

IMPORTANT RIDER INFORMATION

- Please wait a minimum of 15 minutes past time listed. Times indicate scheduled departure, but unexpected delays may occur.
- Refer to the **YARTS** stop map and list located at each stop for complete bus stop information.
- **SOD** – Stop On Demand: stops only when requested by passenger, or when a passenger is waiting at the stop location.
- **YARTS** provides convenient connections with the Yosemite Park shuttles and tours inside the Yosemite Valley, including the free shuttle that stops at each Yosemite drop-off point.
- With each paid adult passenger, one child 12 or younger rides free.
- **YARTS** Multi-Use Yosemite passes available. Check with ticket sellers for complete details.
- **Runs 1 & 7 OPERATIONAL MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. NO WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS**
- Commuter passes available – check with **YARTS** driver for prices and information.
- **YARTS** provides connections to “The Bus” in the city of Merced. Call 384-3111 for more information.
- **YARTS** does not stop at Merced College on weekends or holidays.
- Please contact **YARTS** 48hrs in advance if you require a wheel chair equipped bus. 877-989-2787.



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**WINTER 2006/2007 HIGHWAY 140
SCHEDULES, FARES & TICKET SELLERS
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2006 – MAY 13, 2007**

Bear Creek Cabins Midpines, CA (209) 966-5253	KOA – Yosemite Midpines, CA (209) 966-2201
Best Western – Yosemite Way Station Mariposa, CA (209) 966-7545	Mariposa County Chamber/Visitors Center Mariposa, CA (209) 966-2456
California Welcome Center Merced, CA (209) 384-2791	Miners Inn Mariposa, CA (209) 742-7777
Cedar Lodge El Portal, CA (209) 379-2612	Sierra Stationers Mariposa, CA (209) 966-3083
Comfort Inn Mariposa, CA (209) 966-4344	Yosemite Bug Rustic Mountain Resort Midpines, CA (209) 966-6666
Happy Burger Diner Mariposa, CA (209) 966-2719	Yosemite View Lodge El Portal, CA (209) 379-2681

For more information on YARTS call 1-877-98-YARTS
(1-877-989-2787) or local (209) 388-9589
If you have experienced a problem with the YARTS service, call
the YARTS comment line at (209) 723-3153, ext. 345

For information on Mariposa County Transit connections
call (209) 966-RIDE (209) 966-7433



WINTER 2006/2007 HIGHWAY 140 SCHEDULE & FARES – EFFECTIVE Oct. 31, 2006 NOTE: RUNS 1 & 7 OPERATE MONDAY - FRIDAY ONLY – NO WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS

INBOUND TO YOSEMITE

Stop Location	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6
Merced Airport					10:05A	
Merced College						5:00P
Merced Mall/Target						5:05P
M Street (PG&E)						5:07P
Merced Transpo						5:25P
Merced AMTRAK						5:15P
Courthouse (M Street)						5:18P
Cathays Valley						5:55P
Midtown Mariposa	5:52A	6:24A	7:57A	9:50A	11:50A	6:12P
Roadside Rest	5:54A	6:26A	8:00A	9:53A		6:15P
Visitors Center	5:56A	6:28A	8:03A	9:56A	11:53A	6:18P
KOA	SOD	SOD	8:13A	10:06A	12:03P	6:28P
Midpines Park/Ride	6:06A	6:38A	SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD
Midpines Post Office	6:07A	6:39A	8:16A	10:09A		6:31P
Bug Hostel	SOD	SOD	8:20A	10:13A	12:10P	6:35P
Cedar Lodge	6:37A	7:09A	8:49A	10:42A	12:39P	
NPS Maintenance	6:41A	7:13A	8:53A	10:46A		
Barium Mine Road	6:44A	7:16A	8:56A	10:49A		
El Portal Post Office	6:47A	7:19A	8:58A	10:52A		
Yosemite View Lodge	6:50A	7:22A	9:01A	10:55A	12:48P	
Curry Village	7:28A	8:00A	9:37A	SOD	SOD	
Ahwahnee Hotel	7:33A	8:03A	9:42A	SOD	SOD	
Valley Visitors Center	7:23A	7:55A	9:47A	11:43A	1:30P	
Yosemite Lodge	7:38A	8:08A	9:52A	11:48A	1:20P	

OUTBOUND FROM YOSEMITE

Stop Location	Run 7	Run 8	Run 9	Run 10	Run 11	Run 12
Curry Village		9:32A	4:00P	4:20P	5:00P	5:30P
Ahwahnee Hotel		9:37A	4:05P	4:25P	5:05P	5:35P
Valley Visitors Center		9:42A	4:10P	4:30P	5:10P	5:40P
Yosemite Lodge		10:00A	4:15P	4:35P	5:15P	5:45P
Yosemite View Lodge		10:25A	4:40P	5:05P	5:45P	6:15P
El Portal Post Office		10:28A	4:43P	5:08P	5:48P	6:18P
Barium Mine Road		10:31A	4:46P	5:10P	5:51P	6:21P
NPS Maintenance		10:34A	4:49P	5:12P	5:53P	6:23P
Cedar Lodge		10:37A	4:52P	5:15P	5:56P	6:26P
Bug Hostel	6:30A	10:59A	5:14P	5:37P	6:18P	6:48P
Midpines Post Office	6:33A	11:02A	SOD	5:40P	6:20P	6:51P
Midpines Park/Ride	SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD	SOD
KOA	6:35A	11:05A	5:21P	5:43P	6:23P	6:54P
Visitors Center	6:44A	11:15A	5:31P	5:53P	6:33P	7:04P
Roadside Rest	6:45A	11:18A		5:56P	6:36P	7:07P
Midtown Mariposa	6:47A	11:21A	5:33P	5:59P	6:39P	7:10P
Cathays Valley	7:00A	11:34A	5:46P		6:53P	7:24P
Merced AMTRAK	SOD	12:27P	6:23P		7:46P	8:17P
Merced Transpo	7:47A	12:37P	6:33P		7:56P	8:27P
Merced College	7:37A	SOD				
Merced Mall/Target		SOD				
M Street (PGE)	7:40A	SOD				
Courthouse (M St.)	7:43A	SOD				
Merced Airport	SOD	SOD	SOD		SOD	SOD

YARTS FARES

The following fares are good through May 13, 2007.
With each paid adult ticket, one child 12 and younger rides free!
Multi-Use passes available. See ticket vendors for details.
Commuter passes available. Check with driver for prices.

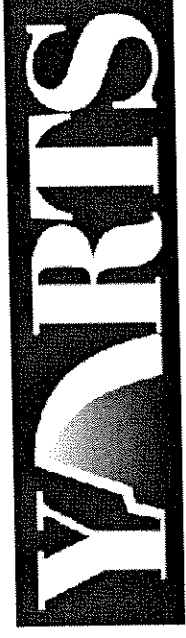
	Merced	Cathays Valley	Mariposa	Midpines	El Portal	Yosemite
Merced						
Cathays Valley	(\$4) \$6		(\$8) \$12	(\$8) \$12	(\$13) \$18	(\$18) \$25
Mariposa	(\$4) \$6	(\$4) \$6		(\$4) \$6	(\$8) \$12	(\$13) \$18
Midpines	(\$8) \$12	(\$4) \$6	\$1*		(\$4) \$6	(\$8) \$12
El Portal	(\$13) \$18	(\$8) \$12	(\$4) \$6	(\$4) \$6		(\$5) \$7
Yosemite	(\$18) \$25	(\$13) \$18	(\$8) \$12	(\$8) \$12	(\$5) \$7	

ALL FARES TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK INCLUDE GATE FEE

- On the Mariposa/Midpines run only (*), passengers pay driver directly. \$1 fee for each direction.
- Passengers bound for Merced receive priority boarding on Run #9 in order to meet connections to other transit.
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**PLEASE CONTACT YARTS 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
IF YOU REQUIRE A WHEEL CHAIR EQUIPPED BUS.
888-899-2787.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING YOUR VISIT TO
THE PARK ITS BEST!**



**SUMMER 2006 HIGHWAY 120 EAST / HIGHWAY 395
SCHEDULE & FARES
EFFECTIVE JUNE 2006 – OCTOBER 1, 2006**

IMPORTANT RIDER INFORMATION

- This schedule is for runs along Highway 120E/395. For route information along other highways, check those schedules.
- Please wait a minimum of 15 minutes past time listed. Although times indicate scheduled departure, delays may occur.
- Refer to the YARTS Stop Map. Purchase your ticket from the bus driver.
- Schedules may change within the season. Check online or call the toll free number.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
1-888-89-YARTS**

**VISIT YARTS ONLINE AT
www.yarts.com**



SUMMER 2006 - HIGHWAY 120E/395 SCHEDULE & FARES - *Effective June 2006

	YARTS BUS STOP	TO YOSEMITE	FROM YOSEMITE
Mammoth Lakes	Mammoth Mountain Inn	7:00 A.M.	8:50 P.M.
	Juniper Springs Summit	7:15 A.M.	8:42 P.M.
	HWY 203, Shilo Inn	7:20 A.M.	8:35 P.M.
	HWY 203, Mammoth Mountain RV Park	7:30 A.M.	8:33 P.M.
June Lake	June Mountain Ski Area Parking Lot	8:05 A.M.	8:10 P.M.
	Rush Creek Trailhead Parking Lot	8:10 A.M.	7:55 P.M.
Lee Vining	Best Western Motel	8:20 A.M.	7:40 P.M.
	Forest Service Visitor Center	8:23 A.M.	7:37 P.M.
	Tioga Mobil Gas Mart	8:30 A.M.	7:32 P.M.
	Tuolumne Meadows Store	9:05 A.M.	6:50 P.M.
Tuolumne Meadows	Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center	9:10 A.M.	6:45 P.M.
	Cathedral Trailhead	SOD	SOD
	White Wolf Lodge	9:50 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
	Crane Flat Gas Station	10:20 A.M.	5:30 P.M.
	Yosemite Visitor Center	10:55 A.M.	5:00 P.M.

SOD – Stop On Demand: stops only when requested by passenger, or when a passenger is waiting at the stop location.

These runs connect to many tours in Yosemite National Park, including YARTS service on Hwy 140 and the Valley Tour beginning as early as noon. For more information on Yosemite Park tours, please call (209) 372-1240.

	Kind of Ticket	Mammoth Lakes	June Lake	Lee Vining	Tuolumne Meadows	White Wolf	Crane Flat	Yosemite Valley
Mammoth Lakes	Round trip		(\$3) \$5	(\$5) \$10	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20
	One way		(\$3) \$4	(\$4) \$8	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15
June Lake	Round trip	(\$3) \$5		(\$3) \$5	(\$8) \$15	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20
	One way	(\$3) \$4		(\$3) \$4	(\$6) \$12	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15
Lee Vining	Round trip	(\$5) \$10	(\$3) \$5		(\$5) \$10	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20
	One way	(\$5) \$8	(\$3) \$4		(\$4) \$8	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15
Tuolumne Meadows	Round trip	(\$10) \$20	(\$8) \$15	(\$5) \$10		(\$5) \$10	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20
	One way	(\$10) \$15	(\$8) \$12	(\$4) \$8		(\$4) \$8	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15
White Wolf	Round trip	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$5) \$10		(\$5) \$10	(\$5) \$10
	One way	(\$10) \$15	(\$10) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$4) \$8		(\$4) \$8	(\$4) \$8
Crane Flat	Round trip	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$5) \$10		(\$3) \$5
	One way	(\$10) \$15	(\$10) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$4) \$8		(\$3) \$4
Yosemite Valley	Round trip	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$10) \$20	(\$5) \$10	(\$3) \$5	
	One way	(\$10) \$15	(\$10) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$8) \$15	(\$4) \$8	(\$3) \$4	

- Fares for children and seniors are indicated within parenthesis ().
- Fares listed include gate fees into Yosemite National Park.
- Call the YARTS information line for more information.

Summer 2006 service runs on Saturday and Sunday only through June. Starting July 1, runs are available daily through October 1, 2006.

***Service dates are based on the assumption that Tioga Pass will be open. These dates are subject to change if the status of Tioga Pass differs.**

Service is available on the following holidays: May 30, July 4, September 4.