

RESORT TRIANGLE TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION GROUP

October 1st, 2019

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am at the Truckee Town Hall conference room.

INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and noted their group affiliation.

ATTENDEES

Alison Schwedner, CCTT
Jaime Wright, TNT/TMA
Julia Tohlen, TNT/TMA
Kira Smith, TRPA
Tara Styer, TTD
Scott Behren, Achieve Tahoe
Christian Risquez, BGCNLT
Nataly Zarate, Kidzone Museum
Mike Woodman, NCTC
Kelly Beede, Town of Truckee
Whitney Polk, Nevada County Social Services

ON THE PHONE

Will Garner, Placer County Public Works
Kathleen Hanley, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

1. 2019 Unmet Transit Needs Process

Every year, regional transportation planning agencies conduct the unmet transit needs process as a requirement of the Transportation Development Act (TDA). Local jurisdictions can allocate a portion of TDA funds to streets and roads projects (as opposed to public transit). If they do allocate to streets and roads, they must go through the formal unmet transit needs process.

Each year, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC), and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) hold a joint workshop to solicit unmet transit needs from the community. The 2019 workshop will be held on October 4th, 2019 at the North Tahoe Events Center.

Documenting unmet transit needs every year is helpful to planning agencies and ensures that projects are prioritized by highest need and implemented as funding is available.

DISCUSSION:

- Families attending KidZone would like an app or website to figure out how which buses to take and when the buses are arriving.
 - Anyone looking to plan a trip on TART should go to www.truckeetransit.com to view bus schedules and link to the NextBus app/website for real-time arrival information.
- Truckee transit is now free fare for all users since July 2018. This includes the door-to-door service for ADA eligible riders. Ridership has increased 32% on all fixed routes overall. Truckee is also working to extend service hours from 9am – 5pm to 7am – 7pm. They hope to have these extended hours running in the next few months.
- Placer County TART is not free currently, but the Town of Truckee is working with Placer County to add free fares within Truckee even on Placer County TART service.
- Both Placer County and the Town of Truckee provide ADA paratransit service to eligible paratransit riders. People need to fill out an application to receive ADA certification.
- In the last year, Placer County’s paratransit service has increased nearly 10-fold. Prior to providing the daily paratransit service to Choices in Truckee, Placer County gave paratransit rides to about 250-400 riders annually. They are looking at about 2500 rides in FY19.

OTHER UPDATES

1. NCTC Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
 - a. NCTC is working to put out an RFP to hire a consultant to develop the Coordinated Plan. The plan will identify projects to address needs for paratransit and specialized services. Funding is provided through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 program. Truckee currently uses FTA 5310 funding to provide dial-a-ride services beyond the required $\frac{3}{4}$ mile service area
 - b. NCTC will be reaching out to the Resort Triangle Transportation Discussion group to provide input on plan recommendations and projects.
2. Placer County Transportation Planning Agency Regional Transportation Plan
 - a. The draft plan is out for public comment and available online at www.pctpa.net/rtp2040/. Public comments are currently being accepted. Any project that receives federal funding must be included in the Regional Transportation Plan.

NEXT STEPS AS A COLLECTIVE:

1. The Collaborative will vet recommendations for unmet transit needs on October 16th and provide those to the different planning agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.