

RESORT TRIANGLE TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION GROUP
January 7, 2020
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

Kira Smith, TRPA
Carolyn Pretzer, Community Member (ADA, elderly)
Amanda Hill, Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal
Jenny Roberts, Sierra Community House
Peggy Martin, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Delana Ryan, For Goodness Sake
Jaime Wright, TNT/TMA
Julia Tohlen, TNT/TMA
Sheryl Schultz, Tahoe Forest Hospital
Shannon Decker, The Speedy Foundation
Christian Riquez, boys and Girls Club, North Lake Tahoe
Lizzy Henasey, Tahoe Forest Health System
Victoria Bocking, Tahoe Forest Health System
Alison Schwedner, CCTT

ON THE PHONE

Will Garner, Placer County Public Works

PRESENTATION

1. **TART Winter Service Enhancements and Updates on Free-to-the-User Service**
 - a. **Jaime Wright, TNT/TMA**
 - Placer County is looking for drivers. The pay starts at \$19/hour (training paid at \$17/hour). The driver shortage is causing reduction in running time on some routes.
 - TOT will fund a project to rebuild the bus stop at Northstar.
 - TART is looking at a trip matching system for the new website.
 - There is interest in reviving the Lake Lapper service or something similar to connect North and South Tahoe.

2. **Linking Tahoe: Regional Transportation Plan 2045**
 - a. **Kira Smith, TRPA**
 - TRPA is updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP provides a comprehensive vision for the transportation system using a 20+ year planning horizon.
 - It includes goals and specific strategies (some are physical projects, and some are programs) to reach the goals.
 - The RTP also lays out the funding for these programs and projects.

- This RTP will focus on implementation of projects and programs, including new transportation innovations like micro shuttles, recreation access through implementing corridor planning work that has been completed over the past couple of years (the recent trail connection from Incline Village to Sand Harbor is an example of this focus), connecting land use and transportation in Tahoe by focusing on town centers, and continuing work on corridors for multimodal planning with an emphasis on quality of life.
- The outreach strategy and materials were developed in the fall, with public outreach launched in December via a new website with online survey and presentations to associations and board meetings. Outreach will continue through spring with the draft and final plans developed in summer/fall of 2020. TRPA Governing Board approvals are anticipated in the fall.

OTHER UPDATES

1. Amanda Hill, Medi-CAL (service in all parts of Placer County).
 - MediCAL provides free transportation for Anthem and California Health & Wellness patients. Door-to-door service is provided for all doctor, dental and vision appointments, pharmacy pick-up, social service appointments, food bank visitation and other health supporting trips are eligible for transportation.
 - Logisticare is contracted to provide service. All appointments require seven-day in advance scheduling for the first ride. Subsequent rides require a five-day advance reservation.
 - If Logisticare is unable to provide service, MediCAL provides mileage reimbursement. This could be used to reimburse a friend or neighbor if they provide the client a ride.
 - Taxi rides may also be eligible for reimbursement.
 - In some rural areas, MediCAL will reimburse for an Uber or Lyft. However, sometimes these areas don't have enough Uber/Lyft drivers to provide this service.
 - MediCAL is also experiencing a driver shortage, with only two drivers in the Tahoe/Truckee area.
2. Will Garner, Placer County Public Works
 - All TART services are now free to the user for a two-year pilot project.
 - Saw a 30% increase in ridership (day-over-day) on the first day of free service.
 - Year-over-year are seeing a 12% increase in ridership.
 - Truckee – TART has expanded night service into Truckee connecting to Placer TART service. Many transfers are already happening. Night Service hours are until 2:00 a.m. (Placer County) and 11:00 p.m. (Truckee).
 - Have Park-and-Ride services on highways 89 and 267 ad at the Tahoe City transit center. These provide intercept lots with shuttle service to ski resorts. The Biltmore is also providing park-and-ride services every weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.