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**DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEM****STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** JULY 3, 2008  
**TO:** EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
**FROM:** JERRY BARTON, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER  
**SUBJECT:** DISPOSITION OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS COMMENTS

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

None. This item is for discussion and/or information only.

**BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) §99238.5 requires EDCTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, to ensure the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process including provisions for at least one public hearing in the jurisdiction represented by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Since the El Dorado County Transit Authority (EDCTA) currently claims all TDA funds for transit purposes, the formal unmet needs process and analysis referenced in the TDA Statutes and California Code of Regulations does not apply.

**DISCUSSION**

EDCTC conducted a Citizen Participation Process public hearing for public transportation on June 5, 2008. EDCTC staff received five comments from the public via e-mail prior to the EDCTC public hearing. No new comments were received at the public hearing. Responses have been sent by EDCTC staff to each of the individuals who provided comments.

The comments and responses have been summarized as follows:

- Amy Longwill stated that she is very appreciative of how accommodating El Dorado Transit is. She asked that EDCTC consider at least one more route for Pollock Pines in the evenings during the week. Ms. Longwill noted that there are many employees that don't get off until 5:00 pm [EDCTA currently provides local service until 5:00 pm]. Ms. Longwill would like County employees to be availed the opportunity to set a good civic example by riding transit. Ms. Longwill also indicated that she has spoken to a lot of people who live north of Placerville in the Lotus/Coloma area who would be interested in commuting via El Dorado Transit. Ms. Longwill noted that there is no service to that area of the County.

This comment has been forwarded to the EDCTC Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) and El Dorado Transit for consideration.

**Response:** *The draft El Dorado County Short-Range Transit Plan 2008/09 through 2012/13 (SRTP) includes a service plan proposal to extend all local route service, including the Pollock Pines Route one hour in the evenings. Extending the local route service through 6:00 pm would provide the opportunity for El Dorado County Government Center employees to commute home to the Pollock Pines area. El Dorado Transit will consider implementation of this service plan proposal after the plan is adopted in July 2008. The SRTP does not include a proposal to provide regular transit service to the Lotus/Coloma area. The SRTP does include a proposal to consider one day per week service from the "Divide" area of the County to the City of Auburn. It is recognized in the SRTP that the rural nature of the "Divide" area of the county would require a considerable funding subsidy to provide regular transit service operated from the Placerville area.*

- Kelly Paur requested that El Dorado Transit add more commuter buses, particularly between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. in El Dorado Hills. Ms. Paur indicated that local businesses are using the El Dorado Hills Park-and-Ride and some people are parking in unmarked spaces creating a hazard.

This comment has been forwarded to the SSTAC and El Dorado Transit for consideration.

**Response:** *El Dorado Transit is currently unable to provide additional commuter transit services due to the limited amount of available transit funding. EDCTA is currently working with The Mansour Group to revisit original agreements that allow parking by local businesses in the park-and-ride lot.*

- Daniel Little requested that the student transit pass for Folsom Lake College be extended to include the summer term. Mr. Little indicated that the student transit pass greatly benefits students without transportation and that the student rate eliminates some of the financial strain of attending college.

This comment has been forwarded to the SSTAC, Los Rios Community College District and EDCTA for consideration.

**Response:** *The Los Rios Community College District subsidizes the El Dorado Transit student pass.*

- Kelly Segura requested that transit service be provided from Pleasant Valley to Main Street in Placerville.

This comment has been forwarded to the SSTAC and El Dorado Transit for consideration.

**Response:** *The draft El Dorado County Short-Range Transit Plan service plan does not include a proposal to provide regular transit service from the Pleasant Valley area to Placerville. Existing service is provided twice weekly from the south County area of Grizzly Flat which may partially meet Ms. Segura's needs. Providing increased service in the south County area is an operational issue.*

- Robert Purser provided four pages of comments that elaborated on the following transit-related subjects: Flag stop for downtown commuter buses, unfair fares, flag stop definition, local college bus route to El Dorado Center, bike lockers, departure times vs. full schedules, missing connection schedules, shopping bag limit, ADA pedestrian needs, shopping bus stops, incorrect bus schedules, new stops on the Express, scheduling different needs, County maps vs. route maps, marketing vs. scheduling information, requesting pickups on Iron Point Connector, design guidelines supplement, upgrade the Placerville local route, and the Zoran data.

These comments have been forwarded to the SSTAC and El Dorado Transit for consideration.

**Response:** *Mr. Purser's comments are operational issues to be reviewed by El Dorado Transit.*

Approved for Agenda:

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