

Interregional Travel Possibilities from Tuolumne County for TCTC December 2004 Staff Report

Pursuant to a request from Supervisor Paolo Maffei, staff researched the possibilities of interregional transit service from Tuolumne County through our neighboring county's transit services. The purpose of this agenda item is to report on the findings of this research.

Tuolumne County Transit meets up with Calaveras Transit at Columbia College three times each day. Calaveras Transit offers a route from their County into Lodi, also three times per day. These connections provide opportunities for interregional travel from Tuolumne County. Basically, a person could ride Tuolumne County Transit to Columbia College, transfer to Calaveras Transit and travel to Lodi, where they could connect with Amtrak or Greyhound and travel throughout the State or beyond.

As identified in the attached examples, Staff developed two possible trip scenarios where one could leave Tuolumne County in the morning and return the same day. Each of these scenarios would have about a 4 hour layover for shopping, recreation, medical appointments and/or educational purposes. The layover in the first scenario would be in Sacramento, and the second would be in the Lodi/Stockton area. Currently, these trips would need to originate from Columbia College at 7:45 a.m. However, with a 6-minute adjustment to the Tuolumne County Transit Schedule, the trip could originate in Sierra Village, Tuolumne, Jamestown or Sonora. Finally, Scenario No. 1 will return you to Columbia at 7:50 p.m., while Scenario No. 2 will connect you with Tuolumne County Transit at 5:00 p.m., where you may continue your travel to Sonora, Jamestown, Tuolumne or Sierra Village. It should be noted that, currently the last Tuolumne County Transit bus at the College is 5:33 p.m.

In addition to the above round trip scenarios, other opportunities are available based upon individual trip needs. Attached you will find a sampling of other possible trips to Sacramento, the Airport and Southern California. It should be noted that, prior to finalizing personalized trips, the various transit service agencies should be contacted to ensure changes to those schedules have not occurred since these trip scenarios were developed. The following websites should provide the most updated information on routes and schedules:

www.amtrak.com - for interregional connections throughout California

www.greyhound.com - for interregional connections throughout California

www.YOLOBUS.com - from downtown Sacramento to the Airport

www.sj-smart.com - within the Stockton/Lodi area

www.sacrt.com - for travel within the Sacramento area (*does not go to Airport*)

Attachments Interregional Trip Scenarios

Recommended Action:

No action required. Informational item only