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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members
FROM: Brittany Odermann
DATE: March 31, 2006
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Unmet Transit Needs Finding

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve a resolution adopting the attached Report & Findings: Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Unmet Transit Needs in Calaveras County.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 99401.5 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), recipients of TDA funds are required to perform an annual Unmet Transit Needs Finding after the annual public hearing. CCOG conducted the hearing at the regular February 8th meeting. Staff held additional public hearings in Rail Road Flat and Copperopolis. The attached document entitled, Report & Findings: FY 2006-2007 Unmet Transit Needs in Calaveras County documents the Calaveras COG's Unmet Transit Needs process for FY 2006-2007.

DISCUSSION

The attached report declares a finding of unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. CCOG staff recommends several actions to begin to accommodate these transit needs identified during the Unmet Transit Needs process. There are initiatives underway in the County that would marry well with meeting the unmet transit needs determined reasonable to meet. For example, transit has the opportunity to coordinate with Amador and Tuolumne Counties through the Foothill Commuter Services Project, which proposes linking foothill residents with transit and rideshare options for their daily valley commutes. In addition, the SSTAC and other community organizations can be used as a medium for information distribution and the development of an outreach program.

Other necessary service enhancements and modifications proposed to meet requested unmet transit needs include service expansion to Copperopolis and bus stop improvements. Summaries of these recommendations are included in the attached findings report.