



**Resource Management Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: June 2, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 733-6291			

SUBJECT: Affirmation of the County's LOOP Bus Transportation Program

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Affirm the County's LOOP Bus Transportation Program to provide youth transportation services.

SUMMARY:

A Gang Intervention Task Force was formed in Tulare County to identify how communities can effectively influence positive change in youth behavior and activities. Connecting rural youth with the mentoring and delinquency prevention programs is part of the Tulare County Gang Intervention Task Force's priorities for reducing gang violence. As a member of the task force and with support of your Board, the County established a LOOP Bus Transportation Program for at-risk youths in June of 2007. This pilot program was established to connect the youth in the County's communities with established youth services at local community centers. This program initially transported 8 to 18-year-old youths from Ivanhoe and Goshen to the City of Visalia's recreation centers on regularly scheduled routes. In the summer of 2007, the LOOP Bus Program served over 1,700 riders.

During the summer of 2008, the LOOP Bus Transportation Program expanded the

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routes to include youths from Linnell Camp, Patterson Tract, New London, Dinuba, Cutler, Orosi, East Orosi, Porterville, Allensworth and Seville. In 2008, a used bus was purchased for \$25,482 for the County LOOP Route. The LOOP Bus Transportation Program was expanded to include special requests for on-demand service for the Ivanhoe Community Center, Ivanhoe Elementary School, Ivanhoe Boys and Girls Club, Goshen Community Service Employment Training (CSET), Goshen Elementary School, New London Proteus, Step-Up Committee, State Parks System, Sequoia Council Boy Scouts and Cutler-Orosi School District. In 2008, the LOOP Bus Program served over 2,200 riders.

With the demand for the regularly scheduled routes and the special on-demand service expanding, the LOOP Bus Transportation Program has proven to be a success. In response to the requests for on-demand service, staff has developed a formal application form to be used by prospective participants.

The Resource Management Agency requests the Board affirm the County's LOOP Bus Program to include regularly scheduled routes and any other special on-demand service requests through the application process.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for the LOOP Bus Program will be included in the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Transit Budget. Measure R funding provides \$125,000 for the LOOP Program annually.

There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

One of the Strategic Initiatives in the County's Strategic Plan is the collaboration with school districts, cities and community-based nonprofit organization to promote early intervention for youth involved in gang activities. The LOOP Bus Program was developed to meet this goal.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not continue the County's LOOP Bus Program. This is not recommended because it provides a needed service for youth.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Tulare County Gang Intervention Task Force

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Brou", written over a horizontal line.

Jean Brou,
Assistant Director-Transportation

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment:

LOOP Bus Service Application

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AFFIRMATION)
OF THE COUNTY'S LOOP BUS)
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Affirmed the County's LOOP Bus Transportation Program to provide youth
transportation services