

DATE: September 8, 2005

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 7653 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE FOLSOM STAGE LINE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN 2005-2010**

BACKGROUND/ISSUE

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) works cooperatively with public transit operators to develop Regional Transportation Plans (RTPS) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPS) for urbanized areas, which are intended to further the national interest to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportations systems. SACOG has an agreement with the regional operators to update their Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) every five years.

POLICY/RULE

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that a Short Range Transit Plan be prepared. SACOG practice includes adoption of the plan by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

The SRTP is an ongoing process. The TDA has a requirement called the Unmet Needs Assessment. The SRTP is an integral part of, and the basis for, the unmet needs process and is the method by which transit projects are implemented. Through the update process, the entire transit system structure and any demonstration or other transit projects can be evaluated. The SRTP and the coinciding unmet needs process provides for more intense public participation in the transportation (transit) planning.

SACOG provides planning assistance in the development of planning documents and other duties including, but not limited to securing funds, providing assistance in obtaining and analyzing data from various sources to develop concrete demographic, growth, and use assumptions for the purpose of transit forecasting and development. They have provided regional planning, long-range planning and development of this SRTP.

This SRTP covers the period FY 2005-2010. The report provides a description of the current transit system in Folsom, reviews performance trends, analyzes the current organization/management structure, proposes formal goals and objectives and performance monitoring methods, assesses transit needs, presents a service plan for local transit, proposes a financial plan, analyzes planning considerations for conversion to alternative fuels, and outlines a marketing program.

The most significant change reflected in the SRTP are changes in the local Folsom Stage Line transit routes to accommodate light rail service.

The City advertised and held Bus Service Planning Public Workshops on March 29 and May 3, 2005. The results of these workshops were incorporated into the plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no specific allocation associated with this plan. However, the plan puts forth a spending plan that is largely consistent with the FY05/06 approved budget, except that a fare increase is recommended. Where exceptions occur, these variances will be brought to the City Council at a later date.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

No environmental review is required.

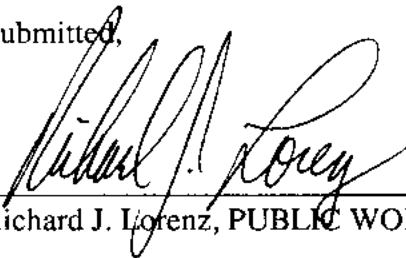
ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 7635 - A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Folsom Stage Line Short Range Transit Plan 2005-2010
2. Folsom Stage Line Short Range Transit Plan 2005-2010

RECOMMENDATION/CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 7635 - A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Folsom Stage Line Short Range Transit Plan 2005-2010.

Submitted,



Richard J. Lorenz, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

RESOLUTION NO. 7653

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE
FOLSOM STAGE LINE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN 2005-2010**

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom is a public transit provider in the Sacramento urbanized area and is served by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for regional planning and assistance; and,

WHEREAS, all powers of the City of Folsom are vested in a duly comprised City Council of elected officials empowered to perform all duties of and obligations of the respective City as imposed by State law; and,

WHEREAS, the Transit Development Act (TDA) of the State of California in its code of regulations provides for the requirement of an unmet needs process, and that process is facilitated by a Short Range Transit Plan to provide regional public transit planning for rural and urbanized areas, which are intended to further encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility of people and foster economic growth and development within and through urbanized areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom relies upon a cooperative regional planning relationship to foster comprehensive regional transit planning that feeds directly into State and national planning:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Folsom that the Short Range Transit Plan prepared by SACOG is hereby adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of September 2005, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Council Member(s):	Howell, King, Morin, Miklos
NOES:	Council Member(s):	None
ABSENT:	Council Member(s):	Starsky
ABSTAIN:	Council Member(s):	None



Stephen E. Miklos, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Christa Schmidt, CITY CLERK