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### **YARTS Asks For Community Input on Future of Public Transit to Yosemite**

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System is currently updating its Five Year Transit Plan and will be holding a series of public workshops to secure input from the community about the future of the transit service. YARTS currently connects Merced County, Mariposa County and Mono County with Yosemite National Park.

Six public workshops are scheduled for the various communities served by YARTS.

Merced, July 21, 4 PM—6 PM

Merced County Association of Governments, 369 W. 18th Street

Yosemite National Park, July 22, 9:30 AM—10:30 AM

East Auditorium, Yosemite Valley

Mariposa, July 23, 9 AM—11 AM

Mariposa County Library, 4978 10th St.

Lee Vining, July 26, 8 AM—9 AM

Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Ave.

June Lake, July 26, 10 AM—11 AM

June Lake Community Center, 90 W. Granite Ave

Mammoth Lakes, July 26, 3 PM—5 PM

3rd Floor BOS Conference Room, Sierra Central Mall, 452 Old Mammoth Rd.

In addition, there will be a special meeting for employees at Yosemite National Park to be held on July 22 at noon, at the El Portal Warehouse.

According to YARTS Transit Manager, Dick Whittington, “We are taking a serious look at every aspect of YARTS service to determine how we can enhance the service to our customers, increase ridership and improve efficiency. We’d like to know how YARTS can better meet the needs of current users and what we can do to attract new customers.”

Residents, businesses and others with an interest in public transit to Yosemite are encouraged to attend the meetings and share their views. YARTS planning consultant, Transit Resource Center, will facilitate the meetings and use the input to help guide the planning effort. For more information contact:

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