



Memorandum

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To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Michael Rogers, City Manager 
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CC: Ed Lovell, Transit Manager
Subject: Bus Service from Tracy to Mountain House

This memo is in response to the request made by Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and seconded by Councilman Arriola on 4/19/2022.

The issue of providing bus service from Tracy to Mountain House has been an ongoing discussion for a number of years as part of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) hearings conducted through the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), especially after the establishment of a Delta College satellite campus in Mountain House.

With Mountain House having very few retail options, many of its residents go to Tracy for such conveniences. Additionally, residents of Tracy travel to the Mountain House Delta College campus for their educational needs. As Mountain House lies within San Joaquin County, but outside of the Tracy city limits, it falls under the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) to provide transit service.

Through collaboration between SJCOG, RTD, and the City of Tracy, a route between Mountain House and Tracy was finally created in November 2018 as a result of the county-wide UTN hearings. A pilot program was established through an SJCOG Board action with funding for 1 year being provided largely by the City of Tracy with some support from Measure K. After the initial pilot period, there was insufficient ridership to justify its continuance as a fixed route service. Additionally, during that pilot period, RTD's Van Go service began county-wide. This item was presented and approved by the SJCOG Board in December 2019.

The current transit service to and from Mountain House is provided through RTD's Van Go service, which is an on-demand curb to curb service. This service runs seven days a week from 8am – 5pm and services the entire county. Residents from Tracy are able to use this service to travel to the Mountain House Delta College campus, or anywhere else within San Joaquin County. Requests for extended hours of service can be addressed through SJCOG's annual UTN process which occurs in November/December each year.