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Subject: Approving a Title VI Service Change Equity Analysis and Discontinuing RT Provision of the Granite Park Shuttle

ISSUE

Approving a Title VI Service Change Equity Analysis and Discontinuing RT Provision of the Granite Park Shuttle.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 16-09-_____, Approving a Title VI Service Change Equity Analysis and Discontinuing RT Provision of the Granite Park Shuttle.

FISCAL IMPACT

The next fiscal impact from this action is cost neutral – RT will lose approximately \$90,000 of budgeted revenues, however, this will be offset by a reduction in cost of providing service.

DISCUSSION

The proposed resolution would formally end RT’s operation of the Granite Park Shuttle (Granite Shuttle); however, the shuttle will continue to operate, paid for by the Granite Regional Park Association (Granite Park) and operated by a third-party contractor.

Since 2011, RT has operated the Granite Shuttle between the Power Inn light rail station and Granite Park. This service was initiated and operated pursuant to an agreement between RT and the Granite Park. Under the agreement, which expires December 31, 2016, but which both parties desire to terminate for convenience, Granite Park pays RT \$39.20 per hour to operate the shuttle.

As part of RT’s review of service earlier in 2016, the Granite Shuttle was identified as a low-productivity route operating at a loss to RT, with the cost of service not being fully covered by reimbursement. Pursuant to negotiations between the parties, Granite Park entered into a contract with an alternative provider. Effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016, RT suspended its operation of the Granite Shuttle and the new provider assumed responsibility for providing the service. This provided continuous, uninterrupted service for Granite Shuttle riders.

Formal elimination of any fixed-route bus or light rail route operated by RT constitutes a major change to the RT system, according to RT policy. Federal law and RT policy therefore require the RT Board to approve a publicly-reviewed Title VI service change equity analysis prior to officially eliminating the Granite Shuttle.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 09/21/16

General Manager/CEO

Service Planner

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The minority and low-income compositions of the Granite Shuttle’s riders are within 5 percent of RT’s systemwide demographics, and are both below RT’s 15 percent threshold for statistical significance. Therefore, no potential disparate impacts on minority populations nor any potential disproportionate burdens on low-income populations are expected to result from the change. Moreover, even if the analysis had found potential disparate impacts or disproportionate burdens, they would have been effectively eliminated by the action of Granite Park in securing a new shuttle operator.

In accordance with RT policy, this analysis was made available for a 30-day public review via RT’s website beginning Friday, August 19, 2016. Riders were notified of the change and Title VI analysis via signs at the Power Inn light rail station and handouts given out by the shuttle bus operator. To date, RT has received one comment from a members of the public, which has been included in Attachment 1.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Title VI analysis and formalize the elimination of the Granite Shuttle from RT’s system.



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Rider Alert

Granite Park Shuttle Service Changes

Effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016

RT Seeks Comments on Title VI Analysis For Ending Granite Park Shuttle Contract

Read the Granite Park Shuttle [Title VI Equity Analysis](#)

Effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016, RT will no longer operate the Granite Park Shuttle. The shuttle is a service of Granite Regional Park. Granite Park will be continuing to provide the shuttle, but with a new shuttle provider. Riders of the Granite Park Shuttle should not experience an interruption in service; however, federal law and RT policy require RT to conduct a Service Change Equity Analysis prior to RT officially and permanently discontinuing service.

Questions/comments should be directed to:

James Drake

RT Planning Department
916-556-0505
jdrake@sacrt.com

The deadline to submit comments is:

Friday, September 23, 2016 at 5 p.m.

The analysis and all comments will be provided to the RT Board of Directors on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at 1400 29th Street (accessible by light rail to the 29th Street Station, and Routes 30, 38, 67 and 68).

To request language interpretation services, call 916-556-0515 at least 72 business hours in advance of the public hearing.

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James Drake - Re: Ending Granite Park Shuttle Contract

From: Theresa Weaver
To: James Drake
Date: 8/23/2016 11:13 AM
Subject: Re: Ending Granite Park Shuttle Contract

Assigned Feedback #33315. Thanks

>>> James Drake 8/23/2016 11:03 AM >>>
Hi Becky,

Thanks for your letter. I will share your letter with our operations manager for the shuttle.

Unfortunately, RT was operating the Granite Shuttle at a loss and RT is in the midst of a very tight budget (e.g., we had to raise fares in July). Since the business park is able to contract with another provider, which will maintain the service, we felt it was most appropriate to end the contract. This prevents us from having to raise fares even higher, cut other service, or take other actions we felt would be more impactful to our customers (e.g., reduce cleaning of vehicles, stations, etc.).

I'm glad you've enjoyed the service provided by RT and hope you will continue to be an RT customer on light rail and other bus routes. We have enjoyed serving the Granite Shuttle riders for the past five years.

Best regards,

James Drake
Service Planner
Sacramento Regional Transit
[916-556-0505](tel:916-556-0505) | jdrake@sacrt.com

>>> "Smith, Rebecca"

8/23/2016 10:28 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Drake,

I was deeply saddened by the news that RT will no longer be the shuttle provider for Granite Park. I am a daily rider within the park. I am in my 60's and have been battling cancer all year. It is so nice when you have the same drivers daily and the dependency RT provides. Since I have numerous appointments and have to rely on the shuttle to get me to my car, it is nice to know the shuttle will come right at the appointed time it is supposed to.

Your drivers are extremely polite and helpful. My fear is that we will be provided a shuttle service that is privately owned and perhaps not as "willing" to be on time, polite, etc. If there is ANY chance this route could be saved, we (Granite Park riders) would really appreciate it!

Thank you,

Becky Smith

RESOLUTION NO. 16-09-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

September 26, 2016

**APPROVING A TITLE VI SERVICE CHANGE EQUITY ANALYSIS
AND DISCONTINUING RT PROVISION OF THE GRANITE PARK SHUTTLE**

WHEREAS, Regional Transit (RT) has operated the Granite Park Shuttle (Granite Shuttle) since October 24, 2011 pursuant to an agreement between RT and Granite Regional Park Association (Granite Park); and

WHEREAS, the parties desired and arranged under the terms of the agreement for RT to suspend its provision of the service effective September 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, permanent termination of the Granite Shuttle is considered a major service change, as defined in Resolution 15-12-0137; and

WHEREAS, a Title VI service change equity analysis has been prepared and made available for a 30-day public review; and

WHEREAS, RT staff and the Board of Directors have considered comments related to the proposed change and the Title VI service change equity analysis; and

WHEREAS, the shuttle service itself will continue to be provided by Granite Park through a new shuttle operator, eliminating any mobility or environmental impacts.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the proposed change is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and

THAT, the Board of Directors has reviewed, is aware of, and approves the Title VI service change equity analysis set forth in Exhibit A; and

THAT, the Granite Shuttle is hereby discontinued as an RT route effective immediately.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary

REGIONAL TRANSIT MEMO

DATE: August 19, 2016
TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Regional Transit Planning Dept.
SUBJ: Title VI Service Change Equity Analysis for Elimination of Granite Shuttle

RT currently operates a light rail shuttle between the Power Inn light rail station and Granite Regional Park (Granite Shuttle). This service was initiated and is operated pursuant to an agreement between RT and the Granite Park Regional Association (Granite Park). Under the current agreement, which expires December 31, 2016, Granite Park pays RT \$39.20 per hour to operate the shuttle.

As part of RT's recent review of service, the Granite Shuttle was identified as a low-productivity route operating at a loss to RT, with the cost of service not being fully covered by reimbursement. Pursuant to negotiations between the parties, Granite Park has entered into a contract with an alternative provider. Effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016, RT will suspend its operation of the Granite Shuttle and the new provider will assume responsibility for providing the service. Riders will not experience an interruption in service.

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In accordance with RT policy, this analysis will be made available for a 30-day public review and approved by the RT Board prior to official elimination of the Granite Shuttle from the RT system. Following the review period, the analysis will be provided to the RT Board on September 26, 2016, for consideration and approval, which would formally approve elimination of the Granite Shuttle.

Demographics of Granite Shuttle Riders
Compared to RT Systemwide Ridership

| | Granite Shuttle | RT System |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| % Minority Riders | 73.7% | 69.0% |
| % Low-Income Riders | 50.0% | 53.0% |

Minority riders make up a slightly greater fraction (73.7 percent) of Granite Shuttle riders than the RT system (69.0 percent). Low-income riders make up a slightly lower fraction (50.0 percent) of Granite Shuttle riders than the RT system (53.0 percent).

Questions/comments should be directed to:

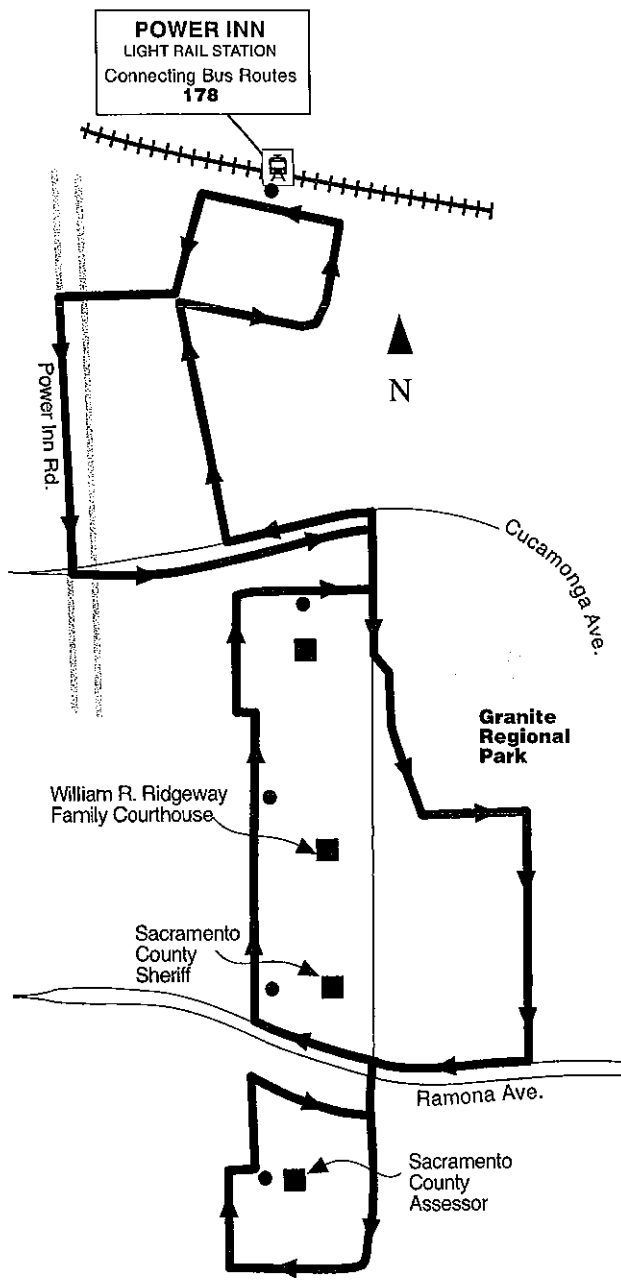
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RT operates the Granite Park Shuttle, which provides fixed route bus service between the Power Inn light rail station and the Granite Regional Park mixed-use complex. The complex includes the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, state and county offices and Granite Regional Park. Granite Regional Park offers amenities including soccer fields, an off-leash dog park, running trails, a skate park and picnic areas.



Fare: Free
Service Days: Monday through Friday
Service Time: Every 15 minutes from 6:37 a.m. to 6:12 p.m.
Number of Local Routes: 1
Connections to RT: The Granite Park Shuttle connects with RT at the Power Inn light rail station.
Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes
Bikes Permitted: Yes
Phone: 556-0257
Website: sacrt.com