



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of May 29, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4-J

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SUBJECT:

YARTS 2024 Summer Schedule and Reservations

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) summer service starts this month in May. Reservations for summer service opened the week of March 18, 2024. A reservation is required to drive into or through Yosemite National Park on certain days from April 13 through October 27, 2024, for those driving into the park between 5:00 am and 4:00 pm as follows:

- **April 13 through June 30:** A reservation is required from 5:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and on holidays (May 27 and June 19). A reservation is not required on other days.
- **July 1 through August 16:** A reservation is required from 5:00 am to 4:00 pm every day.
- **August 17 through October 27:** A reservation is required from 5:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays (September 2 and October 14). A reservation is not required on other days.

Driving *through* the park also requires a reservation if entering between 5:00 am and 4:00 pm (on days a reservation is required).

State Route 41 summer service began on May 10, 2024, and operates until September 10, 2024, with stops in Oakhurst, Fish Camp, Mariposa Grove, Wawona, and Yosemite National Park.

State Route 140 summer service began on May 13, 2024, and operates until September 30, 2024, with stops in Merced, Catheys Valley, Mariposa, Midpines, El Portal, and Yosemite National Park.

State Route 120 summer service began on May 17, 2024, and operates until September 30, 2024. Runs 120-1, 120-2, 120-4, and 120-5 operate June 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024. State Route 120 services Sonora, Jamestown, Groveland, Buck Meadows, Yosemite Lakes, Rush Creek, Big Oak Flat, Crane Flat, and Yosemite National Park.

State Route 395/120E summer service begins July 1, 2024, and operates until September 30, 2024. Runs 395-1 and 395-2 operate July 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024. State Route 395/120E services Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, Lee Vining, Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, Crane Flat, and Yosemite National Park.

For more information about YARTS schedules, fares, routes, or to reserve tickets, visit www.yarts.com or call (877) 989-2787.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.