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## YARTS to begin winter service

**MERCED** – The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) will transition to a winter schedule on September 30, 2017 which will conclude summer service from Mammoth Lakes, Sonora, and Fresno for the season. Year-round service from Merced and Mariposa along Highway 140 will continue with a <u>new winter schedule</u>. Summer service from Sonora and Fresno will resume in May 2018. Service from Mammoth Lakes is scheduled to resume the first weekend in June 2018.

YARTS is a regional public transit service that provides a year-round alternative to driving to Yosemite from Merced and Mariposa along Highway 140, and from Highways 120, 395 and 41 during summer months. YARTS schedules make connections with all intercity transportation providers in Merced: Amtrak, Greyhound and Boutique Air at the Merced Airport, and also connects to transit providers in Mono, Tuolumne and Fresno Counties during summer operations.

For more information about YARTS or the seasonal schedules, please visit <a href="www.yarts.com">www.yarts.com</a> or call (877)989-2787.

YARTS is a California Joint Powers Authority comprised of Merced, Mariposa and Mono Counties in partnership with Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service and the United States Forest Service. MCAG provides staff services and operational support for YARTS.