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YARTS to offer FREE service to Yosemite for Mariposa County Residents

MERCED – Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) announced this week that it will offer FREE service to Mariposa County residents to Yosemite National Park starting August 15, 2018. Passengers must contact the Mariposa County Community Service at (209) 955-5315 to purchase tickets.

“We are excited to offer free service to the residents of Mariposa County,” said Assistant Transit Manager, Cindy Kelly. “We hope to encourage people who’ve never ridden YARTS to give it a try and experience our nation’s jewel without adding to the congestion problem.” This free fare program is made possible through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). LCTOP is provided to transit agencies to improve mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The grant will fund free fares through June 30, 2019.

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 connects to transit providers in Mono, Tuolumne and Fresno Counties during summer operations.

For more information about YARTS or the seasonal schedules, please visit www.yarts.com 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.

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