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YARTS Mammoth Lake Service Begins July 1st

MERCED – The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) will begin its service between Mammoth Lakes and Yosemite National park on Monday, July 1, 2019. This service was originally scheduled to begin on June 1st but was delayed due to the late opening of Tioga pass. This route, which runs along the I-395 corridor, is only available seasonally and is currently scheduled to conclude on Thursday, October 31st. However, this date is subject to change depending on weather conditions at Tioga Pass.

YARTS operates four runs to and from Mammoth Lakes daily. Ticket prices for passengers traveling from Mammoth Lakes to Yosemite are \$44.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children, ages 6-12, veterans, disabled persons and seniors. A child, 12 and under may ride for free with each adult paid fare, children 5 and under always ride free. Passengers may purchase tickets from the bus operators on day of travel, but seating is first-come first-served. Reservations are encouraged and can be made in advance at www.yarts.com.

YARTS is a regional public transit service that provides a year-round alternative to driving to Yosemite. 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. United Airlines also provides connection through its carriers to Fresno Yosemite International Airport and Mammoth Lakes Airport.

For more information about YARTS, ticket prices, 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. The Merced County Association of Governments provides staff services and operational support for YARTS.

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