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New Intercity Shuttle Service to link Up Valley with Santa Rosa

Napa, California Bill Dodd, Chair of the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA) announced today that the NCTPA was awarded \$37.5K in federal funds for a new intercity shuttle service that will operate four days a week to Santa Rosa from Calistoga and St. Helena, and is scheduled to begin service in spring 2005. The shuttle was specifically designed to support transit connections between Up Valley non-urbanized residents with a larger regional intercity bus system in Santa Rosa for medical, shopping, school and other trip purposes.

“The new intercity service will give Up Valley residents the opportunity to travel to Santa Rosa for services and shopping, and to medical centers on a regular basis all in the same day”, said Supervisor Diane Dillon, NCTPA Board member.

In 2004 Greyhound discontinued its daily service to Santa Rosa from Calistoga, which created a considerable service gap for bus riders that traveled to Santa Rosa and beyond. Currently the only service to Santa Rosa from Calistoga is operated by Lake County Transit with one roundtrip on Thursdays.

The new intercity shuttle will provide 3 roundtrips to Santa Rosa, between 9am and 7pm, on Monday-Wednesday and on Saturdays via Highway 128/Petrified Forest Road. Four key destinations in Santa Rosa will be to the Kaiser Hospital, the Golden Gate Transit transfer depot, Coddington Mall and the Sutter Medical Center. The

shuttle will provide connections to Santa Rosa City Bus, Sonoma County Transit and Golden Gate Transit. VINE Route 10 will provide connections in Napa Valley with transfer service to the Calistoga HandyVan, St Helena Shuttle and Yountville Shuttle community services.

In May 2004, NCTPA conducted a transit service survey that was distributed to residents of Calistoga and St Helena to identify potential riders to/from Santa Rosa, identify transportation needs and use key survey findings to develop a schedule and routing for an intercity shuttle service to Santa Rosa.

About NCTPA: Formed in 1988 by the cities of American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St Helena the Town of Yountville and the County of Napa, NCTPA serves as the countywide transportation planning agency. It's charged with coordinating planning and funding within an intermodal policy framework in the areas of highways, streets and roads, transit and paratransit and bicycle improvements. Board members are: Bill Dodd, Chair, County of Napa; Eric Knight, Vice Chair; Town of Yountville; Kevin Block, City of Napa; Diane Dillon, County of Napa; Joe Potter, City of St Helena; Doug Sterk, City of Calistoga; Jill Techel; City of Napa; and Margaret Lee, Chair, Napa County Paratransit Coordinating Council.

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