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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON 24-HOUR CURB-TO-CURB SERVICE

Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV – The South Tahoe Area Transit Authority (BlueGO) will hold a public hearing at its Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, June 6, 2008, to discuss the proposed reinstatement of 24-Hour BlueGO Curb-to-Curb service operating within the City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County. This will restore nighttime and early morning services that were discontinued in 2007.

The curb-to-curb service is used by seniors, persons with disabilities and others with special needs and general public passengers. At night, the curb to curb service from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. was discontinued following the implementation of a paratransit program that is mandated by law. By bringing the night time curb-to-curb service back and combining it with the paratransit service, BlueGO would be able to provide both services and remain in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As proposed, the service would operate with two vehicles in the daytime and one to two vehicles at night.

The BlueGO board will consider the proposal following a public hearing.

BlueGO intends to utilize Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Transportation Development Act (TDA) and fare revenues to support this new service. If implemented and approved, the service will be a demonstration and is subject to discontinuance if there is low ridership or no funding available.

In addition, a separate public hearing will be held to discuss the filing of Federal Transportation Administration grants with the California Department of Transportation for operational and capital assistance to support BlueGO.

For more details, call John Andoh, BlueGO Transit Administrator at (775) 589-5284, email jandoh@trpa.org or comment at the BlueGO Board of Directors meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency offices, 128 Market Street, Stateline Nevada. BlueGO Nevada Flex & BlueGO Kingsbury Express serves this facility.

The South Tahoe Area Transit Authority, in partnership with its member agencies operate and administer a coordinated transit system on the south shore of Lake Tahoe called BlueGO. This consists of fixed routes, flex routes, demand responsive service, shuttles, trolley routes and commuter express routes. For additional BlueGO Transit Information call 530.541.7149. TDD/TTY users may call 711. You can also visit the BlueGO website at www.bluego.org.

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