Bus service caters to Truckee area seniors

TAHOE CITY — A one-year transportation pilot program in the Truckee region is benefitting seniors.

"It's not just for folks without a vehicle or the disabled," explained Tara Styer, mobility manager with Tahoe Transportation District.

While the curb-to-curb service is designed for those 60 and older, anyone is allowed to use the system. But preference will be given to the older crowd because that is whom the grant is designed to serve.

Scheduled trips go to Reno, Grass Valley-Nevada City, Auburn-Roseville-Sacramento, and Kings Beach-Tahoe City-Homewood. Many of these are doctor and shopping related. But trips can also be social in nature.

An additional trip has been added Jan. 15 to take people to Reno. Cost is \$8 round trip.

"We provided a couple holiday trip so seniors could get out," Styer said Jan. 6 when she made a presentation before the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association's Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club. "We've added trips to South Lake Tahoe so seniors could see specialists there."

She said if the demand is there, the goal is to continue the program beyond June.

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Notes:

• For more info, go online.

- To book a ride, call 530.550.7451.
- Reservations may be made 72 hours in advance.
- Personal care assistants ride for free.

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