

Merced, CA

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation Strategy



Nelson\Nygaard was the architect of the Yosemite Area Regional Transit service (YARTS): a unique shuttle service designed to serve the gateway community and the national park. The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System began running regional transit buses in May of 2000, serving communities in the counties of Mariposa, Merced and Mono. This award-winning service has been operational since the summer of 2000.

YARTS offers a choice to those traveling in the region by providing an affordable, dependable alternative to driving into Yosemite National Park and in the region.

The system was developed to fill the need for innovative transportation alternatives brought about by demand for visitation to Yosemite. It grew out of a partnership between the surrounding communities that had evolved over nearly a decade of planning, and it was focused on maintaining visitation levels needed for the economic well being of the gateway communities while meeting the Park's goals for restoration and preservation of the unique resources of Yosemite Valley.



Project Duration: 1997-1998

Total Budget: \$131,000

Nelson\Nygaard Budget: \$60,000

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