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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA) MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023 TIME: 5:30pm, <u>AFTER</u> the *Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting* PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices and Zoom Webinar Sequoia Conference Room 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201 Fresno, CA 93721 (*Corner of Tulare and Van Ness Ave. - above Club One Park in Underground Garage - Entrance off Tulare & Van Ness Ave. Exit Elevator on Tulare St., Turn Left, Enter Lobby Door, Up Elevator to Second Floor, Left to Sequoia Conference Room*)

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Those addressing the BOARD must state their first and last name and ANY AFFILLIATED agency for the record. To facilitate electronic access, no person shall speak until recognized by the Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda. NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of January 26, 2023 [ATTACHMENT]

B. Annual Productivity Evaluation FY 2021-22 [ACTION]

Summary: The productivity evaluation is conducted annually to assess transit operators that receive State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. This is an evaluation of all routes and services provided by FCRTA for FY 2021-22 which provides an excellent tool to evaluate ridership and costs of all the subsystems that FCRTA oversees. This analysis is very detailed for routes, hours and days of service by inter-city and intra-city routes.

There is also data that is measured by the TDA performance indicators for passenger costs, fares, miles, hours and farebox ratio to determine state compliance for funding. This report will also be used to submit to funding sources and for the Triennial performance Audit. The FY 2021-22 Productivity Evaluation is available on FCRTA's website <u>www.ruraltransit.org</u>.

Action: Staff recommends Board accept FY 2021-22 Annual Productivity Evaluation.

C. MOU Biola Community Services District [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA deployed a microtransit program on October 3rd on a demonstration basis in the community of Biola. The microtransit service utilizes Chevy Bolt electric vehicles and is operated by FCRTA's subcontractor MV Transportation. MV has hired a local driver in the community of Biola for the service. The League of Women Voters has generously donated \$12,000 to be used as a 50% subsidy for fares for passengers which is providing an excellent opportunity to make this pilot project successful by providing a discounted fare for these passengers. FCRTA will be installing a Level 2 charging unit and automated gate at the Biola Community Services District (BCSD) parking lot where the electric vehicle will be stored to provide charging and increased security. The MOU with the BCSD is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the MOU with the Biola Community Services District.

D. Grant Agreement Conflict Waiver for Representation of FCRTA and FCTA [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was awarded a grant through the FCTA New Technology Grant Program. FCRTA was awarded for two (2) grant proposals; inductive charging unit at the new maintenance facility, and a resiliency hub located in the City of Kingsburg. As part of the grant procedures, FCRTA will enter into an agreement with FCTA as the administer of the grant funding. The Office of Fresno County Counsel provides legal services to FCRTA, and also represents FCTA with regard to the drafting and review of the agreement. One of the office's deputy county counsels already provides legal representation to the FCRTA in all matters, pursuant to a legal services agreement between the FCRTA and the County of Fresno, and would provide representation in this agreement negotiation as well. Another deputy county counsel provides legal services for FCTA, and will assist FCTA in the drafting and review of the agreement. The Office of Fresno County Counsel will provide "dual representation" in this particular instance, and attached is the Conflict Waiver for your review (ATTACHMENT).

<u>Action:</u> Staff recommends Board Approval of the Conflict Waiver for representation of the FCRTA and FCTA regarding conflict for administration of grant funding.

E. Kingsburg Resiliency Hub - New Technology Grant Agreement

Summary: FCRTA was awarded \$598,000 in funds through the New Technology Grant Program to construct a resiliency hub, including a solar carport and electric vehicle charging system on a public parking lot located in Kingsburg. The solar carport will include Level II electric vehicle charging infrastructure that will enable FCRTA to transition to a fully electric vehicle fleet. The solar carport and EV charging system will help FCRTA overcome these challenges by powering their electric vehicle (EV) fleet and allowing FCRTA to expand their innovative on-demand EV Micro Transit service to bring more riders to the system and better connect rural communities to jobs, healthcare, social services, and other quality of life locations. The solar chargers would also further reduce reliance on the electrical grid, bringing FCRTA's fleet closer to zero emission and net zero solution. As part of the grant procedures, FCRTA will enter into an agreement with FCTA as the administer of the grant funding. The agreement is available at the FCRTA website <u>www.ruraltransit.org</u>.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the agreement with FCTA in the amount of \$598,000.

F. Inductive Charging Unit - New Technology Grant Agreement

<u>Summary:</u> FCRTA was awarded \$469,250 in funds through the New Technology Grant Program. to install an inductive charging unit at the FCRTA Maintenance Facility in Selma. The inductive charging unit provides a wireless, fast charger, without a plugin requirement that will enable FCRTA to quickly charge vehicles providing an efficient method to extend the mileage range of the bus to complete the route. The in-ground inductive rapid charging stations have a low profile and limited associated infrastructure. The WAVE inductive charging unit is a critical component for FCRTA to achieve the transition from gasoline and CNG vehicles to EV and ZEVs. FCRTA will enter into an agreement with FCTA as the administer of the grant funding. The agreement is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the agreement with FCTA in the amount of \$469,250.

G. Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant Application [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA is proposing a project submittal for \$199,500 in funding through the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program to conduct an electric vehicle charging master plan and energy management system plan. The next step in FCRTA's electrification efforts is to develop a comprehensive EV charging master plan and an energy system management plan. Building on FCRTA's previous efforts, the EV charging plan will evaluate the locations that charging equipment is needed, the types of equipment, cost of the equipment, electrical grid capacity, and integration with future microgrids. FCRTA has a need for an energy management system to monitor the energy needs, consumption, solar generation and storage.

<u>Action:</u> Staff recommends Board approval of the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Application in the amount of \$199,500 and adoption of Board Resolution No. 2023-03.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Audit [ACCEPT]

Summary: The CPA firm Price Paige and Co. have completed the 2021-22 Financial and Compliance audit for FCRTA. The report details that FCRTA managed its operations according to funding covenants, within budget and has no findings of non-compliance This report satisfies requirements of local, federal, and state funding agencies.

FCRTA's operating revenues were \$986,982 and operating expenses were \$9,106,315, which includes \$3,021,762 for depreciation. Non-operating revenues were \$6,021,283; however, when depreciation is netted out, revenues and expenses are in balance. Capital contributions net of depreciation were \$2,098,050, resulting in an ending net position of \$9,579,464. Copies of the audit will be available at the meeting to interested parties and available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff recommends Board acceptance of the 2021-22 FCRTA Financial and Compliance Audit.

B. <u>Rejection of Claim [APPROVE]</u>

Summary: On February 14, 2023 FCRTA received a claim submitted on behalf of Levi Hill by the B&D Law Group of Los Angeles, CA. The claim relates an incident which allegedly occurred on August 27, 2022 on a bus in the City of Fresno, at or near 2524 E Jensen Ave, Fresno CA 93726. Attached is the Claim for Damages form and proposed Rejection Letter for your review (ATTACHMENT).

The facts alleged in the claim demonstrate that the injury could not have occurred on equipment owned by FCRTA or as a result of the acts of any FCRTA agent or employee.

<u>Action:</u> Staff recommends the Board (a) adopt Resolution No. 2023-04, rejecting the claim of Levi Hill and (b) direct staff to send a notice of rejection to Mr. Hill or his attorney.

4.OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from staff.
- B. Items from members.
- 5. ADJOURNMENT

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

ITEM 2A

Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting COG Sequoia Conference Room 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending: Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman Councilmember, Laura North, City of Kingsburg Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota Mayor Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley

Moses Stites, General Manager Janelle Del Campo, Operations Manager Bryan Rome, County Counsel Denise Flores, FCOG

Absent: Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County Mayor Diana Guerra-Silva, City of Orange Cove Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger

1. ROLL CALL — Meeting called to order 8:31 p.m.

Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda. NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

2. OFFICER ELECTIONS

A. Chair Mayor Beltran (Parlier) was elected as Chairperson

B. Vice Chair Mayor Robertson (Selma) was elected as Vice Chairperson

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Minutes of December 15, 2022 Meeting [ATTACHMENT]
- B. Minutes of January 12, 2023 Meeting [ATTACHMENT]
- C. Transit Feasibility Study Consultant Selection [APPROVE]
- D. AB 361-Board Meeting Format [ACTION]

A motion was made by Mayor Perez (Firebaugh) and second by Mayor Martinez (Mendota). A vote was called, and motion carried.

4. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Moses provided an update to the Board on the Microgrid Study that is currently underway and funded by a Caltrans Planning Grant. Moses informed the Board that FCRTA is currently planning the outreach to provide meaningful engagement for this project. FCRTA is using a consultant for this study due to the level of expertise and it is a technical study. FCRTA is looking at vacant lots that are available in the rural areas that are a minimum of a half of an acre or more.

B. Items from Members

None Reported.

5. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:54P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Moses Stites General Manager

Conflict Waiver:

Representation of the FCRTA and FCTA regarding contract for administration of funding grant

It has been proposed that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) enter into two contracts with the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) to administer funding grants for (a) the Kingsburg Resiliency Hub project and (b) the Selma Maintenance Facility and Charging Station project.

As you know, the Office of Fresno County Counsel provides legal services to FCRTA, and also has been asked to represent FCTA with regard to the drafting and review of said contract. One of our office's deputy county counsels already provides legal representation to the FCRTA in all matters, pursuant to a legal services contract between the FCRTA and the County of Fresno, and would represent it in this contract negotiation as well. Another deputy county counsel provides legal services to FCTA, and will assist FCTA in the drafting and review of the contract. Accordingly, we are required to inform you regarding the proposal that our Office provide such "dual representation" in this particular instance, and to obtain your informed written consent.

RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Rule 1.7 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct provides, in pertinent part:

- (a) A lawyer shall not, without informed written consent from each client and compliance with paragraph (d), represent a client if the representation is directly adverse to another client in the same or a separate matter.
- (b) A lawyer shall not, without informed written consent from each affected client and compliance with paragraph (d), represent a client if there is a significant risk the lawyer's representation of the client will be materially limited by the lawyer's responsibilities to or relationships with another client, a former client or a third person, or by the lawyer's own interests.
- (c) Even when a significant risk requiring a lawyer to comply with paragraph (b) is not present, a lawyer shall not represent a client without written disclosure of the relationship to the client and compliance with paragraph (d) where:
 - (1) the lawyer has, or knows that another lawyer in the lawyer's firm has, a legal, business, financial, professional, or personal relationship with or responsibility to a party or witness in the same matter; or
 - (2) the lawyer knows or reasonably should know that another party's lawyer is a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of the lawyer, lives with the lawyer, is a client of the lawyer or another lawyer in the lawyer's firm,* or has an intimate personal relationship with the lawyer.
- (d) Representation is permitted under this rule only if the lawyer complies with paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), and:

- the lawyer reasonably believes that the lawyer will be able to provide competent and diligent representation to each affected client;
- (2) the representation is not prohibited by law; and
- (3) the representation does not involve the assertion of a claim by one client against another client represented by the lawyer in the same litigation or other proceeding before a tribunal.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE REPRESENTATION

We are obliged, under the rule cited above, to inform you of any actual or reasonably foreseeable adverse effects of this representation. It is possible that conflicts between the FCTA and FCRTA may develop into disputes. This scenario could have potentially problematic results in regard to our representation of the FCRTA, specific examples of which are:

- Someone may argue that we would be tempted to favor the interests of one client over the other.
- Our exercise of independent judgment to the FCRTA may be impaired or clouded by our pre-existing relationship with FCTA.
- We may not be able to present the appropriate position, claims or defenses for one client in order to avoid taking adverse positions to the other client.
- We may be restricted from forcefully advocating a client's position for fear of alienating the other client.
- We may be forced to withdraw from representing either or both clients because of disputes or further conflicts of interest which could increase either or both clients' attorney's fees and costs.
- There may be an appearance of impropriety in our representation of both clients simultaneously.

Our office believes that we can adequately mitigate any risks of these consequences, especially since this is for such a discrete task, based on the following: 1) we will have two different attorneys in our office represent each side of the contract; 2) neither attorney will have access to the other's files or documents as regards this contract; 3) the two attorneys will not discuss the matter with each other, except in arm's-length negotiations on behalf of their respective clients when authorized by the clients to do so, and 4) each attorney will report to different superiors with any issues that arise. Moreover, this is simply a contract for the administration of grant funding and the parties have a preexisting governmental relationship. Under these circumstances, the parties do not appear to be adverse with respect to this transaction. As regards reviewing the subject contract, the attorney representing FCRTA will report to Chief Deputy County Counsel Brian Melikian, and the attorney representing the FCTA will report to County Counsel Dan Cederborg.

YOUR CONSENT

If you wish to have our office represent the FCRTA in this matter, we will need to have the FCRTA Board authorize its Chairman to sign this consent letter. It is understood that this consent will not prevent County Counsel from representing the FCRTA now or in the future, and will not waive any protection that you may have with regard to attorney-client communications with us in this matter. Those communications will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party without your consent. The files will be kept separate and there will be no communication regarding the respective representations except as among those persons solely working for that entity.

If there is any material change in the circumstances described above, or we become aware of new information that requires a new consent from the parties, you will be notified of that fact immediately, and in such event our continued representation will be subject to the informed written consent of both involved parties in connection therewith.

Your execution of this consent letter will constitute an acknowledgment of full disclosure in compliance with the requirements of Section 1.7 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct previously quoted above.

ACCEPTED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Moses Stites, General Manager Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

Alma Beltran, Board Chair Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

RESOLUTION # 2023-03

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FCRTA ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PLAN TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is an eligible project applicant and may receive funding from the California Department Of Transportation's (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA wishes to apply for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding to conduct a County-wide electric vehicle charging master plan and energy system management plan; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is preparing an Application for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding, in the amount of \$199,500 for the County-wide electric vehicle charging master plan and energy system management plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the FCRTA that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant requirements and any applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funded projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager, be authorized to make financial decisions, authorize the submittal of the application, and enter into an agreement with Caltrans.

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER

Passed and approved this 23rd day of February, 2023.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed

Alma Beltran, Chairperson

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Duly adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Signed

Moses Stites, General Manager

	ITEM 3B
1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
2 FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY	
IN THE MATTER OF:	
Claim for Damages Filed on Behalf of LEVI	DENIAL OF CLAIM
HILL, an individual.	Resolution No. 2023-04
7 Acting upon the recommendation of Staff and upon motion duly made, seconded and	
8 carried, IT IS ORDERED that the claim for damages submitted by Attorney Daniel Geoulla, of	
9 the B&D Law Group, APLC, 10700 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles, California	
10 90025, on behalf of Levi Hill, the amount within Unlimited Civil Court limits, filed on February	
1 14, 2023, is hereby DENIED.	
13 THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	
14 this 23rd day of February, 2023.	
6 AYES:	
17 NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
19 ABSENT:	
	Signed:
	Alma Beltran, Chairperson
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Signed:	
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DENIAL OF CLAIM	
	IN THE MATTER OF: Claim for Damages Filed on Behalf of LEVI HILL, an individual. Acting upon the recommendation of carried, IT IS ORDERED that the claim for of the B&D Law Group, APLC, 10700 Santa D 90025, on behalf of Levi Hill, the amount with 14, 2023, is hereby DENIED. THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed at this 23rd day of February, 2023. AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of duly adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 237 Signed:

B&D LAW GROUP, APLC

10700 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 200 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90025 TEL: (310) 424-5252 FAX: (310) 492-5855

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

(Government Code §911.2)

TO: FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY

SENT VIA PRIORITY MAIL: 9405 5112 0620 3997 0260 61

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Moses Stites, General Manager 2035 Tulare Street Suite 201 Fresno, CA 93721

> RE: Levi Hill Date of Incident: 08/27/2022 Our File Number 20398

Name of Claimant(s): Levi Hill

Mailing Address of Claimant:

1240 Broadway Plaza Unit 804 Fresno, CA 93703

Give Address to Which You Desire Notices or Communications to be Sent regarding this Claim:

B&D LAW GROUP, APLC , 10700 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90025-4768

How Did Damage or Injury Occur? Give full particulars:

Claimant Levi Hill was in his wheelchair as a Fresno Area Express bus passenger on Route 38, when the bus driver rapidly decelerated, shook, bounced, and/or otherwise operated the bus in an unsafe manner, causing damages and injuries to claimant when he was rocked back and forth.

Name of Agency against which this claim is filed?

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency; Fresno Area Express; County of Fresno; City of Fresno

When Did Damage or Injury Occur? Give full particulars; date, time of day: On or about August 27, 2022 at approximately 3:00pm

Where Did Damage or Injury Occur? Describe fully.: At or near 2524 E Jensen Ave Fresno, CA 93706

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By: FRESNO COG

City of Fresno Attention: Fresno County Rural Transit Agency RE: Levi Hill Page 2 of 2

What Particular Act or Omission Do You Claim Caused the Injury or Damage?

Claimant was injured when the Fresno Area Express bus rapidly decelerated, shook, bounced, and/or was otherwise operated in an unsafe manner, causing damages and injuries to the Claimant. The public entity Respondents owed Claimant a duty or duties, pursuant to, including but not limited to, Government Code §§ 815.2, 815.4, 815.6, 815.20 and/or 820, as well as Vehicle Code §§ 17001, 17002, 21703 22350 and/or 23123 for their acts and/or failures to act, and thus are not immune from liability.

Claimant further alleges that as common carriers, the public entity Respondents owed Claimant a duty to use the utmost care and diligence for passenger safe carriage and to ensure that the vehicles were safe, hazard free and being operated in a safe and hazard free manner and the public entity Respondents breached these duties. In addition, the bus did not have proper and/or adequate safety restraints for wheelchair-bound passengers. Furthermore, the public entity failed to comply with ADA requirements and failed to adequately and properly accommodate Claimant.

Give Names of employees causing the injury or Damage, if known: N/A

Names and Address of Witnesses, Doctors and Hospitals:

Community Regional Medical Center 2823 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721 Pain Clinics of California-Fresno 3795 E Shields Ave Fresno, CA 93726 Plus Imaging 108 West Shaw Ave Fresno, CA 93704

What Damage or Injuries Do You Claim Resulted? Please give full extent of injuries or damages claimed.

By way of example and without limitation: Injuries to their person and body, including but not limited to head, neck, shoulders, back, and legs.

What is the amount of Your Claim? Please itemize your Damages:

Within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court (Unlimited Civil Case). Demand excess of \$25,000.00.

DATED: 2-6-2023

DANIEL D. GEOULLA, ESQ. On Behalf of Claimants



Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721 tel 559-233-6789 Fax 559-233-9645 www.ruraltransit.org

February 24, 2023

Daniel Geoulla B&D Law Group, APLC 10700 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90025

On behalf of Levi Hill, an Individual

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the claim, which you presented to the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency on February 14, 2023 on behalf of Levi Hill, was rejected by the Board of Directors on February 23, 2023.

WARNING

Subject to certain exceptions, you have only six (6) months from the date this notice was personally delivered or deposited in the mail to file a court action on this claim. (See Government Code Section 945.6.) "The six month time limit referred to in this notice applies only to claims or causes of action which are governed by the California Tort Claims Act." You may seek the advice of an attorney of your choice in connection with this matter. If you desire to consult an attorney, you should do so immediately.

Sincerely,

Moses Stites, General Manager Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

c. Cassandra Angel, FCRTA Special Counsel