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## FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA) MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2023  
TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the *Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting*  
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices  
Sequoia Conference Room  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721  
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Up Elevator to Second Floor, Left to Sequoia Conference Room)

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**AB 23 Requirement: In accordance with the Brown Act and AB23 the amount of stipend paid to members of the Board of Directors for attending this meeting of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, is \$50.00.**

## **THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PERSON AT THE FRESNO COG SEQUOIA ROOM.**

### 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 April 27, 2023 [ATTACHMENT]

#### B. FCRTA Fiscal Year 2023-24 Draft Budget [INITIATION]

**Summary:** The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's draft budget has been prepared to reflect Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the draft Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the rural Fresno County area, 2024-2028.

The document recommends continuing existing services and capital improvements. This year's draft budget has been developed to include continued review, comment and action during its 30-day public review period that will culminate on June 29, 2023 with the scheduled FCRTA Board meeting following a public hearing. The numbers in the draft budget are subject to refinement following service contract negotiations, an opportunity for public presentations and a public presentation before the Board of Directors. The budget, which may require periodic amendments during the 2023-2024 fiscal year, is

available on FCRTA's website [www.ruraltransit.org](http://www.ruraltransit.org)

Action: Staff recommends initiation of the 30-day review with a proposed adoption of June 29, 2023 following a public hearing.

**C. 2024-2028 Draft Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area [INFORMATION]**

Summary: The draft Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the rural Fresno County area has been developed by the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), and updated by FCRTA in cooperation with the Cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and County of Fresno. The SRTP for the rural Fresno County area provides a five (5) year action-oriented program to implement the Public Transportation Element of the Regional transportation Plan (2022). The SRTP is also consistent with the Fresno County Regional Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP) 2019-2050 and the FCRTA EV Rollout Plan. The SRTP has a proposed adoption of June 29, 2023 following a 30-day public review period. The document is available for your review on the Fresno COG website [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org) and the FCRTA website [www.ruraltransit.org](http://www.ruraltransit.org).

Action: Information only. Board may provide additional direction at its discretion.

**3. ACTION**

**A. FCRTA Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan [APPROVE]**

Summary: California Air Resources Board (CARB) requires each transit agency to complete and submit a Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan (Rollout Plan) by July 1, 2023 showing how it plans to achieve a full transition to zero-emission buses (ZEBs). The FCRTA Rollout Plan is a living document and is meant to guide the implementation of zero-emission bus fleets and help FCRTA work through many of the potential challenges and explore solutions. The plan includes estimated timelines based on best available information for bus purchases and infrastructure upgrades. The FCRTA Rollout Plan is available on the FCRTA website [www.ruraltransit.org](http://www.ruraltransit.org).

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the FCRTA Rollout Plan and adoption of Resolution No. 2023-08.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Items from staff.**

**B. Items from members.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

**ITEM 2A**

Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 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  
Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg  
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier  
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma  
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota  
Mayor Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh  
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Mayor Diana Guerra Silva, City of Orange Cove  
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger  
Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler  
Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County  
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin

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

Absent:

Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 6:32 p.m.

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2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. **Minutes of March 30, 2023 Meeting [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. **Request for Joint Proposals for FCRTA and FAX for Social Services Transportation Services [INFORMATION]**
- C. **Grant Agreement Conflict Waiver for Representation of FCRTA and FCOG [APPROVE]**
- D. **Transportation Network Company Access for All Grant Agreement [APPROVE]**
- E. **2023 Annual CHP-Motor Carrier Division Terminal, Vehicle and Driver Inspection Report [INFORMATION]**

A motion was made by Mayor Parra (Fowler) and second by Mayor Pro Tem Pursell (Kingsburg). A vote was called, and motion carried.

**3. OTHER ITEMS**

- A. Moses thanked the Board for attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the FCRTA Maintenance and Operations Facility in Selma. The event was on April 21<sup>st</sup> and there was an excellent turnout. The \$15 million dollar project in Selma will serve the entire County as well as the unincorporated county areas by providing centralized maintenance for the FCRTA fleet and operations. This facility will be named in memory of our former FCRTA Chair, David Cardenas, Mayor of Fowler. The estimated completion date is January 2024.

**B. Items from Members**

None Reported.

**4. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:37P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites  
General Manager

**RESOLUTION #2023-08**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY ZERO-EMISSIONS BUS (ZEB) ROLLOUT  
PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER  
TO SUBMIT THE ZEB ROLLOUT PLAN TO THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INNOVATIVE CLEAN TRANSIT REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS**, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) is a Joint Powers Authority and its Board of Directors is comprised of one elected official from each member agency in Fresno County.

**WHEREAS**, FCRTA has been a leader in advancing energy-efficient transportation and the transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). FCRTA has transitioned some of its fleet to electric vehicles (EV), installed public EV charging infrastructure throughout the County, and implemented an EV micro-transit service.

**WHEREAS**, to prepare the electric grid for the transition to EVs and ZEVs, FCRTA conducted an electrical grid analysis study and an EV charging infrastructure network and readiness plan. FCRTA is also conducting a microgrid feasibility study to plan a rural transit solar-powered microgrid network on vacant land that would power its ZEV fleet and support community mobility and resiliency.

**WHEREAS**, the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulations were adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in December 2018 and became effective on October 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (13 CCR 2023.1 through 2023.11) requires all public transit agencies to gradually transition their bus fleet to zero-emissions technologies, with the following requirements for small agencies:

- January 1, 2026 - 25% of all new bus purchases must be zero-emission
- January 1, 2027 - 25% of all new bus purchases must be zero-emission
- January 1, 2028 - 25% of all new bus purchases must be zero-emission
- January 1, 2029+ - 100% of all new bus purchases must be zero-emission
- March 2021-March 2050 – Annual compliance report due to CARB

**WHEREAS**, each transit agency must adopt and submit to CARB a ZEB Rollout Plan describing how the agency will transition to a zero-emission fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, FCRTA's goal is to fully transition to zero-emission technologies by 2030, with a plan that avoids early retirement of gasoline or compressed natural gas (CNG) powered buses, and can be achieved with available funds; and

**WHEREAS**, per the requirements of the ICT, the Board of Directors of Fresno County Rural Transit Agency adopts the FCRTA ZEB Rollout Plan, a living document intended to guide FCRTA's conversion to a ZEB fleet, which achieves the following pursuant to the ICT Regulations:

- Introducing FCRTA's operation, service area, and other operational factors;
- Identifies the current fleet composition and current bus purchases;
- A goal to transition its bus fleet to zero-emission by 2030 with careful planning that avoids early retirement of gasoline buses;

- Identifies the types of ZEB technologies that FCRTA intends to continue to deploy, including battery electric and solar microgrid technologies;
- Identifies construction of facilities and infrastructure modifications or upgrades required to deploy and maintain the ZEBs;
- Sets forth a schedule of ZEB purchases;
- Describes how FCRTA plans to deploy ZEBs in disadvantaged communities;
- Background on workforce training in regard to ZEB implementation;
- Identifies a rough order of magnitude costs for full ZEB transition.
- Identifies potential funding sources; and
- Identifies start-up and scale-up challenges that FCRTA must address to achieve the ZEB Rollout Plan goals.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency hereby adopts the FCRTA Zero-Emissions Bus Rollout Plan and approves it for submission to CARB in accordance with the ICT Regulations.

**AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER**

**ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Moses Stites, General Manager