

CLEAN CA TRANSIT PROJECT PROPOSAL

1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION					
CALTRANS DISTRICT	PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY NAME	AGENCY CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
6	FCRTA Bus Shelter Project	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	Janelle Del Campo	(559) 233-6789	delcampo@fresnocog.org

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION
<p>Currently, the proposed bus shelter locations are not aesthetically pleasing, comfortable for riders, and lack trash receptacles, causing issues with waste management. There is limited signage at any of the locations, providing challenges for riders navigating the transit system. Many of the proposed bus shelter locations currently lack a shelter, leaving riders waiting unprotected in the elements and a few of the shelter locations lack seating. FCRTA is seeking funding for the purchase and installation of ten (12) new bus shelters that will include seating, shelter, bike racks, trash receptacles, and signage. A list of proposed bus shelter locations is provided in Attachment F. The bus shelters will be powder-coated, resulting in easy graffiti removal, should it be necessary. The bus shelters will be spread across multiple FCRTA communities (including Selma, Riverdale, Coalinga, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, and Caruthers) and transit routes to promote social and environmental equity. The proposed project directly supports the primary objective of this initiative to “enhance the cleanliness and attractiveness of rail and bus stations...” The shelters will greatly improve the aesthetic appeal and functionality of the bus stop locations as community assets and improve the overall passenger experience, promoting increased transit ridership.</p>

1.3 PURPOSE AND NEED
<p>FCRTA is applying for Clean CA funding to fund the purchase and installation of bus shelters at some of FCRTA's existing bus stops that lack functional bus shelters and are unappealing to the community. The current lack of bus shelters across FCRTA's fixed-route transit system presents a challenge for riders as they have to wait at an uncovered location in extreme weather such as heat and rain, often with a lack of seating. Further, existing riders have challenges navigating the transit system because there is little to no signage demarcating the stops. A lack of signage and shelters also prevents potential riders from even knowing that transit service exists as a transportation option. Many of the stops also lack a trash receptacle, resulting in litter at the bus stop locations that can spread throughout the community. The proposed project would benefit the community by improving the aesthetic appeal of the stops and cleanliness of the curb space, as well as improve the transit rider experience for community members. It will also increase visibility and understanding of the transit service that exists in this highly transit- dependent community. Existing site photos are provided in Attachment B.</p>

1.4 MAP
<p>See Attachment A for a project location map.</p>

1.5 COST	
Project Phase	Estimated Cost (x1,000)
ENVIRONMENTAL	
DESIGN	
R/W	
CONSTRUCTION	\$200
TOTAL	\$200

1.6 SCHEDULE	
Milestone	Completion Date
R/W Clearance (If Applicable)	Not Applicable
Environmental Clearance (If Applicable)	Not Applicable
Advertise Contract(s)	Not Applicable – FCRTA is selecting a bus shelter vendor (Tolar) from the approved CALACT procurement list
Contract Award(s)	October 25, 2023
Project Completion	December 31, 2024
Project Close-out	June 30, 2025
End Project	June 30, 2025

1.7 KNOWN CONCERNS OR RISKS	
Known environmental concerns or risks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Known right-of-way concerns or risks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
There are not currently any known concerns or risks.	

2 EVALUATION CRITERIA ALIGNMENT

2.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA ALIGNMENT
1. Transit Demand/Need/Usage and Equity – The proposed project will directly benefit underserved communities. All twelve (12) of the proposed bus shelters are located in disadvantaged communities (DAC) as defined by CalEnviroScreen 4.0. The current bus stop locations are unappealing and many lack basic features including: trash receptacles, resulting in concerns with litter; shelter or covering, which makes it challenging when riders have to wait in extreme weather such as heat or rain; signage, making it difficult to navigate the transit system; bicycle racks, making it difficult to bike to a bus stop; and several of the locations lack any seating, reducing rider comfort. In FY 2022, the fixed routes that serve the bus

stops had a combined ridership of approximately 21,000. It is important to note that this ridership reflects COVID-19 pandemic conditions, where ridership declined significantly. The proposed bus shelters will greatly improve the rider experience and usability of the transit system, hopefully increasing future transit ridership.

2. **Local/Transit Agency Collaboration and Community Engagement** – FCRTA will actively collaborate with Caltrans on the proposed project, and Caltrans has indicated support for the project. FCRTA has also received letters of support from the following entities: City of Firebaugh, City of Coalinga, City of Selma, Caltrans, and Fresno Council of Governments (included in Attachment C and D).
3. **High Visibility, Urgency, and Public Health** – The proposed bus shelters will be located on high-visibility corridors. Having bus shelters on these corridors will help to increase the visibility and appeal of FCRTA's transit service to existing and potential riders to grow ridership. There is an urgent need for improved transit services in the communities that FCRTA serves. There is a high transit-dependent population in FCRTA's service area, making it imperative that individuals are aware of and understand how to use the transit system. Further, with climate change, weather patterns have become increasingly unpredictable and more extreme weather is predicted. Therefore, it is critical to have shelter opportunities for transit riders so that they have a more comfortable experience and protection from the elements.
4. **Project Delivery and Sustainability** – FCRTA plans to complete the project within the specified timeline (project completion by December 31, 2024). FCRTA will select a vendor (Tolar) from the list of approved CALACT vendors to expedite the project delivery process. The proposed project will promote reduced greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled by promoting transit ridership (by making the bus stops more user-friendly) and promoting bicycling to bus stops (by providing bicycle racks).
5. **Active Transportation and Micro-Mobility Focus** – The proposed bus shelters will include bicycle racks, promoting travel via bicycle to transit stations.
6. **Waste Management and Graffiti Mitigation** – The proposed bus shelters will include a waste receptacle at each shelter, promoting waste management and community cleanliness. The shelters will also be powder-coated, making it easy to remove graffiti should graffiti become an issue in the future.
7. **Aesthetic Enhancement and Beautification** – The proposed bus shelters will enhance the visual appeal of the bus stops because they will establish a sense of place for transit riders and pedestrians. Key features of the bus shelters will include: LED illumination in the shelter roof, promoting safety for riders and pedestrians; stone ground (Terracotta) roof panels, promoting the aesthetic appeal of the bus shelters; and perforated metal panels at rear and end walls, protecting riders against the elements. The shelters will upgrade what are currently uninviting places for transit riders to aesthetically pleasing and comfortable spaces for transit riders.

3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INFLUENCE

To promote equity, FCRTA is distributing the bus shelters across seven communities (Selma, Riverdale, Coalinga, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, and Caruthers). All of the bus shelters will be located in a disadvantaged community (per CalEnviroScreen 4.0). FCRTA received letters of support from the following entities: City of Firebaugh, City of Coalinga, City of Selma, Caltrans, and Fresno Council of Governments as provided in Attachment C and D.

4 UNDERSERVED or HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED COMMUNITIES

4.1 ANALYSIS

Is the project located in an underserved or historically excluded community?

X ☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ partially located in an underserved community

List the communities:

All 12 of the 10 proposed bus shelters are located in a Disadvantaged Community per CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (shown in Attachment E).

The DAC census tracts that include the bus shelters are listed below:

- Census Tracts 6019008100, 6019007500, 6019007700, 6019007100, 6019006802, 6019008502, 6019006603, 6019006501

What was the basis for determining if any part of project is located in an historically excluded community: (only check a box if in or partially in an historically excluded community)

a. ☐ Median Household Income

b. X ☐ CalEnviroScreen 4.0

c. ☐ Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

d. ☐ Healthy Places Index

e. ☐ Native American Tribal Lands

f. ☐ Other

4.2 BENEFITS TO UNDERSERVED or HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED COMMUNITY

The proposed project will provide benefits to disadvantaged communities (DACs). One of the benefits provided will be that existing transit riders living in these communities will have a more comfortable place to wait for the bus, with a covered shelter and seating. The presence of the shelters will promote transit ridership in DACs by helping new riders navigate the system, as the shelters will provide more visibility for the bus stops (several of the bus shelters do not have any sign or indicator) as well as lighting. The shelters will have waste receptacles, promoting cleanliness and reducing litter at existing bus stop locations. DACs are disproportionately affected by the current and future impacts of climate change, making it important to have bus shelters to provide shade for transit riders, as well as pedestrians seeking temporary respite from extreme weather.

5 LETTER OF SUPPORT

5.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT

Included as Attachment C is a letter of support from Caltrans District 6.

6 ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

6.1 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Attachment A: Project Location Map

Attachment B: Existing Site Photos

Attachment C: Letter of Support

Attachment D: Additional Letters of Support

Attachment E: Disadvantaged Communities Map

Attachment F: List of Proposed Bus Shelter Locations

Prepared by:



9/19/23

Moses Stites
General Manager
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

Date

Approval Recommended by:

District Clean California Coordinator

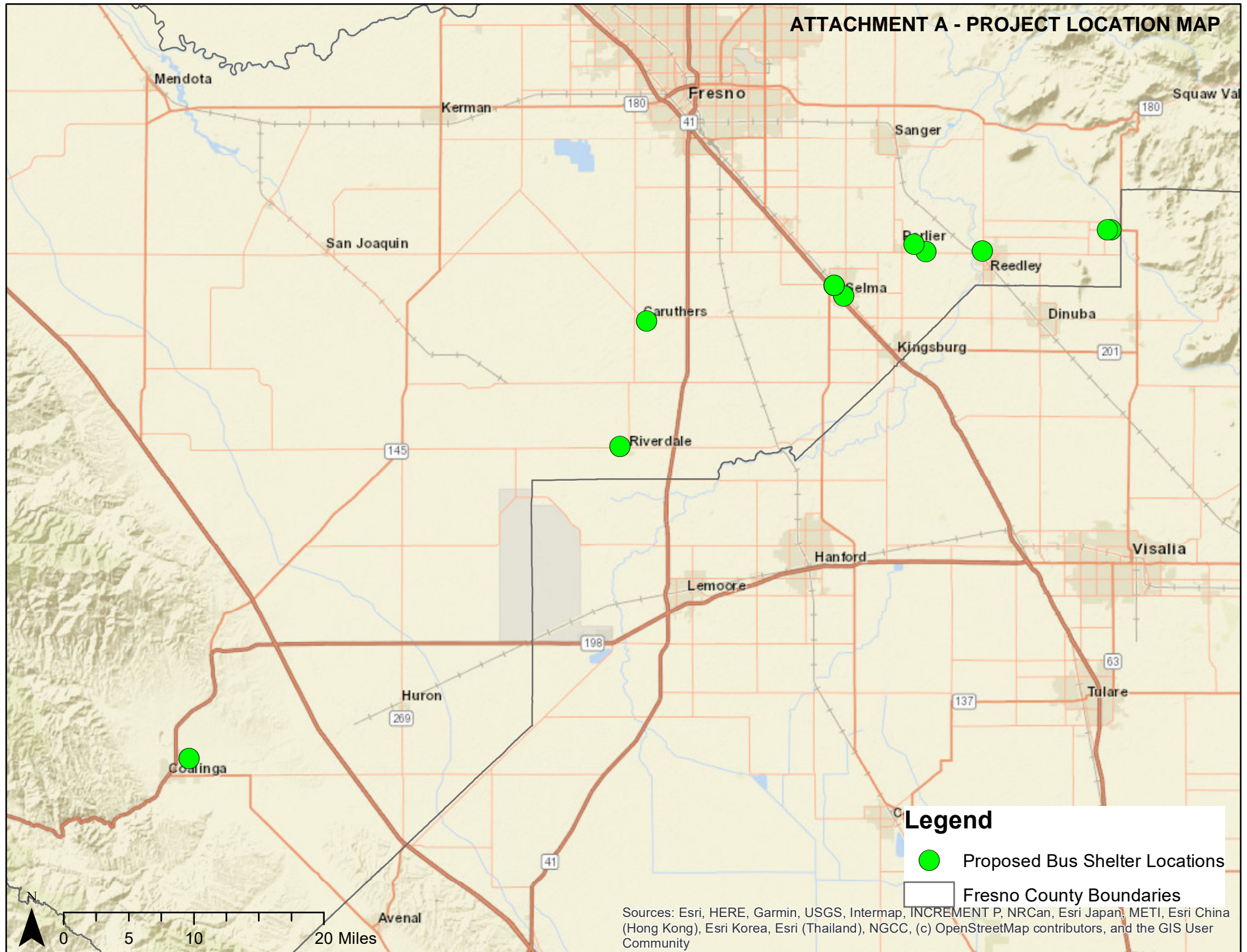
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Approved by:

Clean California Program Director

Date

ATTACHMENT A - PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Existing Site Photo –
Selma (Selma Station
Shopping Center)



Existing Site Photo –
Selma (Selma Plaza
Shopping Center)



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Selma (Family HealthCare
Network)



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Riverdale (Bank of the
West)



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Coalinga Regional
Medical Center



Existing Site Photo –
Orange Cove (Bus Shelter
across from Orange Cove
Branch Library)



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Orange Cove (AC Market
Bus Shelter)



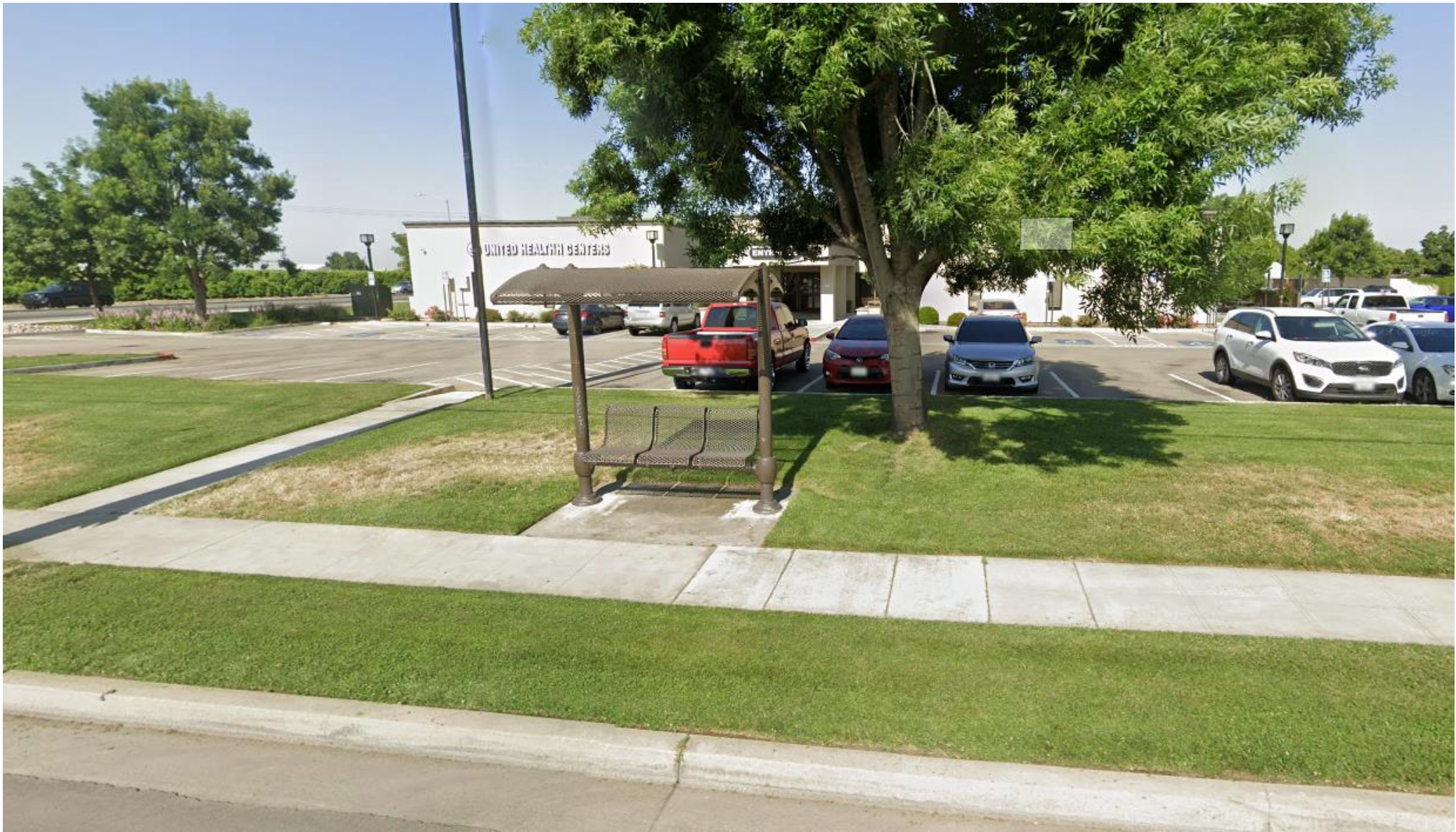
Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Parlier City Hall Bus
Shelter



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Parlier (United Health
Center Bus Shelter)



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Reedley College



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Reedley College (Manning
Ave)



Source: Google Streetview

Existing Site Photo –
Caruthers (Valley Foods
Supermarket)



Source: Google Streetview

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August 31, 2023



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Jennifer Nishikawa, P.E.
Caltrans District 6 Clean CA Program Manager
1352 W. Olive Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

Subject: Letter of Support for Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's Clean CA Transit Initiative Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Yu,

I am writing on behalf of Caltrans District 6 to express our enthusiastic endorsement and support for Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's (FCRTA) project proposal submitted as part of the Clean CA Transit Initiative. This initiative, focused on enhancing public transit infrastructure and addressing key challenges, is a testament to the dedication of FCRTA to improving the transit experience within our district.

Having thoroughly reviewed the project proposal, we are pleased to acknowledge that it aligns exceptionally well with the initiative's goals and the established qualitative evaluation criteria. FCRTA has demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the importance of enhancing public spaces, promoting equity, implementing sustainable practices, and prioritizing active transportation within our community.

The proposal's emphasis on installing ten powder-coated bus shelters, trash receptacles, bike racks and signage at some of FCRTA's existing bus stops that lack bus shelters and are unappealing to the community is highly commendable. By incorporating these ten proposed bus shelters across multiple FCRTA rural and disadvantaged communities such as Mendota, Firebaugh, Selma, Riverdale, and Coalinga to promote social and environmental equity with our rural partners. The proposed project directly supports the primary objective of this initiative to "enhance the cleanliness and attractiveness of rail and bus stations..." The shelters will greatly

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Clean CA Program Director
August 31, 2023
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improve the aesthetic appeal and functionality of the bus stop locations as community assets and improve the overall passenger experience, promoting increased transit ridership. FCRTA is taking a proactive approach to create a more inviting and attractive transit environment for our riders. This not only addresses our district's unique challenges in waste management and graffiti but also contributes to the overall improvement of public transit facilities in alignment with the Clean CA Transit Initiative.

Based on the comprehensive evaluation of FCRTA's project proposal, it is evident that the proposed project is well-conceived, feasible, and poised to make a significant positive impact on our public transit system. We are confident in the FCRTA's ability to execute the project within the specified timeline and milestones, resulting in the creation of more vibrant, accessible, and climate-friendly bus stops.

Caltrans District 6 is fully committed to supporting FCRTA's efforts to enhance public transit infrastructure within our district. The proposed project's alignment with the Clean CA Transit Initiative guidelines and qualitative evaluation criteria further solidifies our endorsement and confidence in its potential success.

We commend FCRTA for its proactive approach and dedication to creating a more welcoming and attractive transit environment for our community. We look forward to the positive impact that this project will undoubtedly bring to our district. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information or assistance regarding the proposed project or the Clean CA Transit Initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Nishikawa", followed by a horizontal line.

Jennifer Nishikawa, P.E.
Caltrans District 6 Clean CA Program Manager
1352 W. Olive Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

cc: Walter Yu, Clean CA Program Director
Dallia Foster, Clean CA Program Manager
Chanta Apodaca, Clean CA Strategic Coordinator

CITY OF FIREBAUGH

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FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

August 18, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Stites,

Subject: Letter of Support for the Clean CA Program Transit Project Proposal

The City of Firebaugh is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's (FCRTA) application for a Clean CA Transit Project Grant for the purchase and installation of ten (10) new bus shelters that would include seating, shelter, bike racks, trash receptacle provision, and signage.

The current lack of bus shelters across FCRTA's fixed-route transit system presents a challenge for riders as they have to wait at an uncovered location in extreme weather such as heat and rain, often with a lack of seating. Further, there is no signage demarcating many of the stops, presenting challenges for riders trying to navigate the transit system. Further, the stops lack trash receptacle provision, resulting in litter at the bus stop locations. The proposed project would benefit the community, by improving the aesthetic appeal and cleanliness of the bus stops, as well as improve the transit riding experience for community members.

The City of Firebaugh supports FCRTA's Clean CA Transit Project Grant proposal to install new bus shelters, enhancing the usability of the public transit system and improving the cleanliness and attractiveness of the bus stops.

Sincerely,

Ben Gallegos, City Manager
City of Firebaugh



CITY OF SELMA

1710 TUCKER STREET • SELMA, CALIFORNIA 93662

August 21, 2023

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

Subject: Letter of Support for the Clean CA Program Transit Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Stites,

The City of Selma is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's (FCRTA) application for a Clean CA Transit Project Grant for the purchase and installation of ten (10) new bus shelters that would include seating, shelter, bike racks, trash receptacle provision, and signage.

The current lack of bus shelters across FCRTA's fixed-route transit system presents a challenge for riders as they have to wait at an uncovered location in extreme weather such as heat and rain, often with a lack of seating. Further, there is no signage demarcating many of the stops, presenting challenges for riders trying to navigate the transit system. Further, the stops lack trash receptacle provision, resulting in litter at the bus stop locations. The proposed project would benefit the community, by improving the aesthetic appeal and cleanliness of the bus stops, as well as improve the transit riding experience for community members.

The City of Selma supports FCRTA's Clean CA Transit Project Grant proposal to install new bus shelters, enhancing the usability of the public transit system and improving the cleanliness and attractiveness of the bus stops.

Sincerely,

Fernando Santillan
City Manager



August 17, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Stites,

Subject: Letter of Support for the Clean CA Program Transit Project Proposal

The City of Coalinga is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's (FCRTA) application for a Clean CA Transit Project Grant for the purchase and installation of ten (10) new bus shelters that would include seating, shelter, bike racks, trash receptacle provision, and signage.

The current lack of bus shelters across FCRTA's fixed-route transit system presents a challenge for riders as they have to wait at an uncovered location in extreme weather such as heat and rain, often with a lack of seating. Further, there is no signage demarcating many of the stops, presenting challenges for riders trying to navigate the transit system. Further, the stops lack trash receptacle provision, resulting in litter at the bus stop locations. The proposed project would benefit the community, by improving the aesthetic appeal and cleanliness of the bus stops, as well as improve the transit riding experience for community members.

The City of Coalinga supports FCRTA's Clean CA Transit Project Grant proposal to install new bus shelters, enhancing the usability of the public transit system and improving the cleanliness and attractiveness of the bus stops.

Sincerely,

Marissa Trejo
City Manager

August 17, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Stites,

Subject: Letter of Support for the Clean CA Program Transit Project Proposal

The Fresno Council of Governments is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's (FCRTA) application for a Clean CA Transit Project Grant for the purchase and installation of ten (10) new bus shelters that would include seating, shelter, bike racks, trash receptacle provision, and signage.

The current lack of bus shelters across FCRTA's fixed-route transit system presents a challenge for riders as they have to wait at an uncovered location in extreme weather such as heat and rain, often with a lack of seating. Further, there is no signage demarcating many of the stops, presenting challenges for riders trying to navigate the transit system. Further, the stops lack trash receptacle provision, resulting in litter at the bus stop locations. The proposed project would benefit the community, by improving the aesthetic appeal and cleanliness of the bus stops, as well as improve the transit riding experience for community members.

The Fresno Council of Governments supports FCRTA's Clean CA Transit Project Grant proposal to install new bus shelters, enhancing the usability of the public transit system and improving the cleanliness and attractiveness of the bus stops.

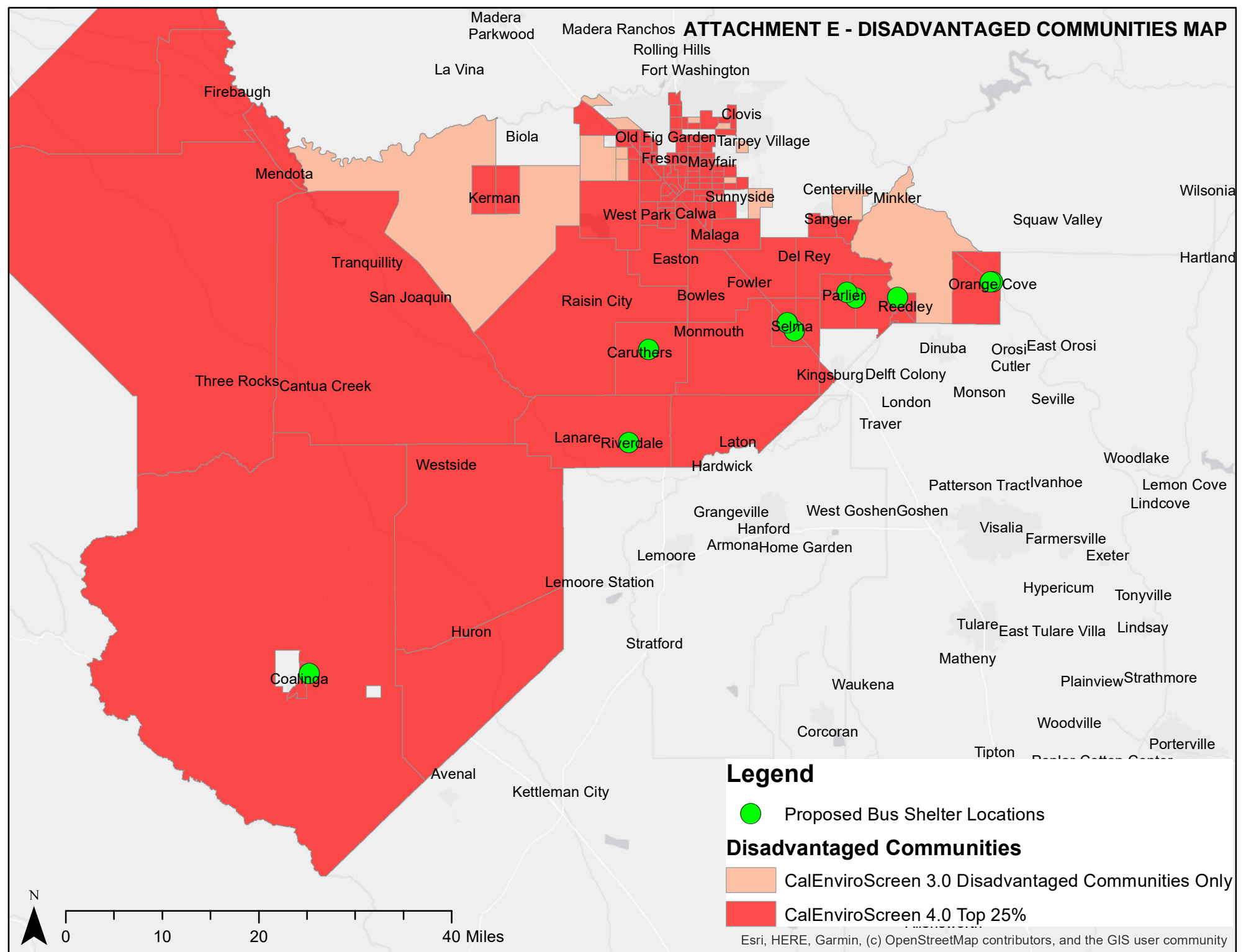
Sincerely,



Tony Boren
Executive Director, Fresno Council of Governments

City of Clovis
City of Coalinga
City of Firebaugh
City of Fowler
City of Fresno
City of Huron
City of Kerman
City of Kingsburg
City of Mendota
City of Orange Cove
City of Parlier
City of Reedley
City of San Joaquin
City of Sanger
City of Selma
County of Fresno

ATTACHMENT E - DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES MAP



Shelter Number	Stop Name	Address	SB 535 Disadvantaged Community (Yes/No)	Assumed Cost per Shelter	Bus Lines Served	Existing
1	Selma (Selma Station Shopping Center)	2772 Whitson St, Selma, CA 93662	Yes	\$16,667	Kingsburg to Reedley, Southeast Transit	Standard bench
2	Selma (Selma Plaza Shopping Center)	2701 Whitson St, Selma, CA 93662	Yes	\$16,667	Kingsburg to Reedley, Southeast Transit	Standard bench
3	Selma (Family HealthCare Network)	1850 Whitson St, Selma, CA 93662	Yes	\$16,667	Southeast Transit	Quality concrete bench
4	Riverdale (Bank of the West)	3494 Mt. Whitney, Riverdale, CA 93656 (bus stop on Malsbary St)	Yes	\$16,667	Coalinga Transit	Standard bench
5	Coalinga Regional Medical Center	1191 Phelps Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210	Yes	\$16,667	Huron Transit	Nothing
6	Orange Cove (Bus Shelter across from Orange Cove Branch Library)	Across Park Blvd from 815 Park Blvd, Orange Cove, CA 93646	Yes	\$16,667	Orange Cove Transit	Bus Shelter (poor condition)
7	Orange Cove (A C Market Bus Shelter)	1145 Park Blvd, Orange Cove, CA 93646	Yes	\$16,667	Orange Cove Transit	Bus Shelter (poor condition)
8	Parlier City Hall Bus Shelter	1100 E Parlier Ave, Parlier, CA 93648	Yes	\$16,667	Orange Cove Transit	Bus Shelter (poor condition)
9	Parlier (United Health Center Bus Shelter)	650 S Zediker Ave, Parlier, CA 93648	Yes	\$16,667	Orange Cove Transit	Bus Shelter (poor condition)
10	Reedley College	995 N Reed Ave, Reedley, CA 93654 (bus stop in front of Student Services building)	Yes	\$16,667	Kingsburg to Reedley, Orange Cove Transit, Sanger Express	Bus Shelter (poor condition)
11	Reedley College (Manning Ave)	995 N Reed Ave, Reedley, CA 93654 (bus stop on Manning Avenue in front of Parking Lot B)	Yes	\$16,667	Orange Cove Transit	Nothing
12	Caruthers (Valley Foods Supermarket)	2259 W Tahoe Ave, Caruthers, CA 93609	Yes	\$16,667	Coalinga Transit	Nothing
			Total Cost	\$200,000		
	*Specification to fit approx 12x5ft footprint shelter					
	*Installed shelter footprints will maintain minumum 5ft sidewalk clear path					