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

DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2025
TIME: 5:30pm, **BEFORE** the *Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting*
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices
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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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 March 27, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]

B. FCOG Unmet Transit Needs Update [INFORMATION]

Summary: The draft FY2025-26 Fresno COG (FCOG) Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report has been released for public review and comment on the Fresno COG website at:

<https://www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-assessment/>

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting. In addition to the public hearing coming up, Fresno COG's public outreach process consisted of six in-person public meetings: four in the urban area, two in rural areas (Reedley and Kerman), and one virtual event. Public outreach also included flyers sent to the UTN mailing list, an online survey, and social media posts. Transit riders and stakeholders were also able to submit their comments via telephone, text, or email. The survey ran for most of February and all of March and was primarily how most comments were received. This year, 32 individual comments were received, 4 of which are similar, and they are being counted as a single comment, for a total of 29 consolidated comments. Of the comments received, three were unmet transit needs, none of which were found to be reasonable to meet. The comments received, transit agency responses, and the determination of unmet transit needs will be included in the draft FY2025-26 FCOG Unmet Transit Needs Report to be released at the link

referenced above.

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

C. Caltrans Comment Letter for Draft FCOG OWP [INFORMATION]

Summary: Caltrans has provided comments on the FCOG OWP for FY 2025-26 and several of the comments are in regards to FCRTA and collaborative work with the FCOG. Some comments from Caltrans include; the acknowledgement of both the FCOG and FCRTA for their ongoing coordination and efforts to improve mobility for residents with limited transportation options. Their work ensures that individuals have greater access to healthcare, education, employment, and other essential services beyond their immediate communities. FCRTA remains a leader in addressing the evolving transit needs of Fresno County's Rural communities. By adopting an innovative and forward-thinking approach. FCRTA proactively works to reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainability. This includes the transition to electric buses, exploring micro transit options, conducting electrical grid analysis, installing electric charging stations, and enhancing transit infrastructure throughout the county. Additionally, FCRTA is collaborating with the HQ-Division of Transit to develop a comprehensive blueprint that guides transit agencies on how to transition their bus fleets, including a detailed analysis of electric grid systems, infrastructure, operations, development of a future transit maintenance yard to centralize its fleet services for rural Fresno County. These comments are an acknowledgement of FCRTA's commitment to collaboration and transit projects.

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

D. Construction Management Services Amendment II [APPROVE]

Summary: The Board approved in October 2022, the agreement with Kitchell to provide construction management services as needed on an on-call basis for the duration of the construction phase of the maintenance facility project based on a competitive bid process. An extension of the Construction Management Services Agreement is necessary due to the extended timeline of the maintenance facility project due to weather delays, long lead items, utility connection, and Phase 2 of this project. Staff is recommending to extend the agreement to June 30, 2025 for a total not to exceed budget of \$17,000 in order complete the project and provide assistance with close out. The Amendment II is available on the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the Amendment II for construction management services in the amount not to exceed \$17,000 effective 5/1/2025 to 6/30/2025.

E. RFP for Transit Operations [INFORMATION]

Summary: FCRTA currently has an agreement with MV Transportation for Transit Operations and the agreement is coming due in FY 2024-25 after 7 years which began in 2018. FCRTA released an RFP for the Transit Operations and this is a requirement of FTA and Caltrans and will require oversight and approval. The RFP was reviewed and approved by Caltrans DRMT Procurement Branch for approval. The RFP was released on January 23rd and proposal submittals were due on February 25th. FCRTA received three proposals and a scoring committee met and held interviews on April 10th. Staff will return to the Board with a proposed firm and agreement following Caltrans approval.

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

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

B. Items from members.

4. ADJOURNMENT

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

ITEM 2A

Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting
COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Mayor Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Matthew Tuttle, City of Reedley
Mayor Diana Guerra Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron

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

Absent:

Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler
Mayor Adam Flores, City of San Joaquin
Supervisor Brian Pacheco, Fresno County

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:33 p.m.

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2. OFFICER ELECTIONS

A. Chair

Mayor Beltran (Parlier) was elected as Chairperson

B. Vice Chair

Mayor Martinez (Mendota) was elected as Vice Chair

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Minutes of February 27, 2025
- B. FCRTA Transit Feasibility Study [ACCEPT]
- C. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Application [APPROVE]
- D. RFP for Transit Operations [INFORMATION]

A motion was made by Mayor Robertson (Selma) and second by Mayor Pacheco (Kerman). A vote was called, and motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

1. Janelle Del Campo provided an update to the Board on the maintenance facility project and recent tours at the site.
2. Moses provided an update to the Board on the TIRCP project and AHSC applications in Huron and Fowler.

B. Items from members.

Nothing to report.

5 ADJOURNMENT 5:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager