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

DATE: Thursday, May 29, 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 April 24, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]

B. 2026-2030 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 26, 2025 following a 30-day public review period. The document is available for your review on the Fresno COG website www.fresnocog.org and the

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FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org.

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

C. FCRTA Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Budget [INFORMATION]

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, 2026-2030.

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 was initiated at the May 20, 2025 SSTAC meeting and will culminate on June 26, 2025 with the scheduled FCRTA Board meeting. 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 2025-2026 fiscal year, is available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org

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

D. 2025 Annual CHP-Motor Carrier Division Terminal, Vehicle and Driver Inspection Report [INFORMATION]

Summary: The CHP has completed the FCRTA Annual Inspection for the Terminal, Maintenance, Vehicles and Driver's Records. This included Drug & Alcohol testing requirements under the Federal Transit Administration and Caltrans. The satisfactory ratings meet Local, State and Federal requirements to continue operations and remain eligible for funding allocations in FY 2025-26 as a Public Transit Agency. The Transit Operator Compliance Certificate, Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Program and Motor Carrier Certification are available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org

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

E. Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program [APPROVE]

Summary: The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by Senate Bill (SB) 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) and modified by SB9 (Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015) to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emission of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. FCRTA will be receiving an allocation of these funds which will be used for capital projects such as microgrid infrastructure.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of Resolution No. 2025-07.

F. 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. FCRTA has

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revised the following dates based on the current schedule; Notification of Selected Bidder- June 16th, Post Award Protests- June 20th, Contract Award by FCRTA Board- June 26th. 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, April 24, 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 Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler
Supervisor Brian Pacheco, Fresno County

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

Absent:

Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Adam Flores, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:23 p.m.

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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]**
- C. **Caltrans Comment Letter for Draft FCOG OWP [INFORMATION]**
- D. **Construction Management Services Amendment II [APPROVE]**
- E. **RFP for Transit Operations [INFORMATION]**

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Yep (Kerman) and second by Mayor Martinez (Mendota). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. 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. Shane Gunn from Caltrans thanked FCRTA for the tour and hosting the vehicle monitoring training.

B. Items from members.

Nothing to report.

4 ADJOURNMENT 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT
AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL
CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) & ZERO
EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM
(ZETCP)

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL
SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS OF
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE TIRCP & ZETCP
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by Senate Bill (SB) 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) and modified by SB9 (Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015) to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emission of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion; and

WHEREAS, SB 102 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023) and SB 125 (Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023) created the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) and provided direction with regards to the funding appropriated in the Budget Act of 2023 as amended in the Budget Act of 2024 creating specific categories for funding to be allocated to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and passed on to local transit operators; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation (CALSTA), provided guidance, Budget Act of 2024 SB125 Formula-Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program & Zero Emission Transit Capital Final Guidelines, dated January 10, 2025, and

WHEREAS, those guidelines are subject to future modification by CALSTA; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) is the RTPA designated by the Governor for the Fresno County Region; and

WHEREAS, FCOG recognizes the City of Fresno, i.e. Fresno Area Express (FAX), the City of Clovis i.e. Clovis Transit, and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) as public transit operators in Fresno County eligible to receive TIRCP, ZETCP GGRF, and ZETCP Public Transit Account (PTA) funding pursuant to SB125; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, CALSTA approved an allocation of \$119,707,058 across all fiscal years of the program to support the projects attached to this resolution, and authorized initial disbursement of \$51,406,113 representing the first year of TIRCP (FY 2023-24) and \$6,249,069 ZETCP (FY2023-24, FY 2024-25); and

WHEREAS, CALSTA will make subsequent program disbursements to FCOG subject to their adopted policy and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, FCOG will make disbursements to eligible Transit Operators in compliance with this resolution based on the CALSTA approved Allocation and deposits received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (Transit Operator) adopts this resolution 2025-07, agreeing to covenants herein;

Transit Operator shall deposit program proceeds received from FCOG in a dedicated interest bearing account, report interest earnings to FCOG and receive authorization prior to spending interest on an approved project.

Transit Operator shall carry the unspent balance of program proceeds and interest earnings in a deferred revenue account until expended on an approved project.

Transit Operator shall spend program proceeds received from FCOG only on approved projects per the adopted guidelines.

Transit Operator shall adhere to requirements in the adopted guidelines, CALSTA Budget Act of 2024 SB125 Formula-Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program & Zero Emission Transit Capital Final Guidelines, dated January 10, 2025, or subsequent revisions as made by CALSTA.

Transit Operator shall provide program reporting per a template designed by FCOG in conjunction with CALSTA requirements.

The State of California and FCOG retain the right to review project documents and conduct audits during project implementation and over the life of the project.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 29th day of May, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Alma Beltran, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed: Moses Stites, General Manager