



Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2017

TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting

PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices
Sequoia Conference Room
Fresno, CA 93721
(Corner of Tulare and Van Ness Ave. - above Club One
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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.

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. APPROVAL ITEMS

- A. Approve Executive Minutes of July 27, 2017 (Attachment)
- B. Safety and Security Services Agreements with the Cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger and Selma for FY 2017-18

Summary: The FCRTA is continuing the Safety and Security service for passengers and drivers in each of the rural Cities. This collaborative partnership has proven beneficial and continues to be very successful for both the Police Departments of each City and FCRTA. Our passenger incidents and 911 calls have decreased substantially over the two years this program has been in place. Each contract has a \$4,000.00 annual payment for costs associated with providing this service of boarding buses when they are at transit stops and monitoring bus shelters.
(Attachment)

A JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR RURAL FRESNO COUNTY

THE CITIES OF: COALINGA, FIREBAUGH, FOWLER, HURON, KERMAN, KINGSBURG, MENDOTA, ORANGE COVE, PARLIER, REEDLEY, SANGER, SAN JOAQUIN, SELMA & FRESNO COUNTY

Action: It is recommended that the agreements be approved with each City in the amount of \$4,000.00 for FY 2017-18. The Reedley Agreement is attached as an example for participating Police departments.

C. Bus and Bus facilities Infrastructure Investment Program (5339 (b) Application through FTA (Federal Transit Administration)

Summary: FCRTA has applied for approximately \$3,300,000 in funding with a \$660,000 local match for a total of \$3,960,000 to construct a new bus Maintenance and Fuel yard facility. The current site is outdated and we have outgrown the location with our 90 plus vehicle fleet. FCRTA will acquire land (4-10 acres) large enough for the facility and all activities which will include vehicle storage, repair and maintenance, CNG fueling, and Electric Charging stations. All site improvements, infrastructure improvements, and any amenities necessary for the functioning of this facility will be included in this grant proposal (**Attachment**).

Action: Staff recommends approval of this grant application to Caltrans and FTA

D. FCRTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy Update (Handout)

Summary: An on-site review was conducted on 7/13/2017 by RLS Associates on behalf of Caltrans. The extensive review of the policy, supporting documentation and interviews resulted in findings which require corrective action through an update of our 1/16/2015 Policy. For your review and approval is the updated FCRTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy which will be forwarded to the consultant for final review and approval by Caltrans. This policy document will be implemented by all FCRTA sub contractors including the three (3) Cities that operate their own transit systems (Coalinga, Kerman and Reedley). This is a federal and state requirement since FCRTA is a recipient of federal and state DOT funding as a public transit operator.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the updated Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and submittal to Caltrans for approval.

E. Additional EV Bus through the SJVPD and CARB

Summary: The CARB through SJVDP recently notified FCRTA that we have been selected to obtain one (1) additional EV bus through a previous grant allocation that awarded FCRTA (4) EV buses. We were notified that we will be awarded one (1) additional EV bus with \$85,000 cash match. This bus will be added to the previous award to make this award allocation for a total of (5) Proterra EV buses. The revised total project will be \$4,147,862, with a funding commitment by FCRTA of \$420,325 (cash match), \$502,987 (in-kind) and \$3,224,550 by ARB. This provides funding for five (5) EV buses and eight (8) EV chargers. (**Attachment**)

Action: Staff recommends approval of this additional EV bus with the \$85,000 match and a budget amendment for this capital line item in the FCRTA 2017-18 Budget.

F. Proposed West Park Community Transit Route

Summary: At the June 29, 2017 Board meeting during the annual FCOG unmet transportation needs hearing it was brought up that there was an unmet transit need in the unincorporated community of West Park which is just west of the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence. After several meetings with the residents of the Community and their representatives from CRLA, we have agreed on a proposed general public transit route which will serve the community with Inter-City transit service into the City of Fresno with three drop off and pick up locations. The service will commence in October or November depending on finalizing the fares, route schedule and selecting a contractor to operate the new service. Attached for your review is the proposed map with the route and a time schedule. A preliminary budget has been developed for a "Demonstration" period of six (6) months to determine if it will meet the 10% minimum farebox

requirement of operating expenses to continue operation beyond the demonstration period.
(Attachment)

Action: Staff recommends approval of this New route for the unincorporated community of West Park for a demonstration period of six (6) months and amendment to the FCRTA 2017-18 Budget to reflect this modifications.

3. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1) – Title: General Manager

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

5. ADJOURNMENT