


YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair
 Fresno Council of Governments
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Re: Public Transit on Hwy 41
 Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

Mr. Mayor

The Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board recently approved a contract and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fresno COG and the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) for the provision of public transit service between Fresno and Yosemite National Park. In the MOU there is an offer extended by the YARTS Board of Commissioners for two positions on the YARTS Board. While the seats are non-voting, they offer the Fresno COG a voice in the decision making that is regularly done by the YARTS Board.

Per the YARTS Joint Powers Authority agreement, the seats on the YARTS Board are required to be filled by elected officials. The YARTS Board is asking the Fresno COG Board to have a discussion at the earliest possible to make appointments to the seats on the YARTS Board.

There will be new members coming onto the YARTS Board from JPA-member counties and it is anticipated that an orientation will be held for all new board members in late January or early February. The next regularly scheduled YARTS Board meeting is on Monday, March 3 in Merced. Having participants named and contact information available on the newly appointed members will be critical to the meeting.

The YARTS Board of Commissioners looks forward to working with representatives from the Fresno COG as we move forward.

Best Regards

John Carrier, Chair
 Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System
 Mariposa District V Supervisor

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