

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16

IN THE MATTER OF:

SUSTAINABLE AVIATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
ONE VOICE SUSTAINABLE
AVIATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fresno COG One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" is a collaborative venture between seven different agencies including: CALSTART, the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturers Alliance, the City of Mendota, the City of Reedley, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, Reedley College and the City of Fresno (Fresno-Yosemite Airport/Chandler Field); and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" is designed to be a model for replication across airports from Bakersfield to Sacramento and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" will validate and prove the cost savings and value of electric propulsion for aircraft; that will lead to more development of electric aircraft which will eventually pave the way for advanced electric commuter airlines and electric aerial Personal Rapid Transit vehicle deployment in the San Joaquin Valley;

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" will establish the first network of electric aircraft charging infrastructure at regional airports in the world and transform the San Joaquin Valley into a center for innovation related to sustainable aviation and advanced electrified aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the partnership mentioned between the seven agencies mentioned above will work towards the recruitment, training and placement of veterans, youth and career seekers from disadvantaged communities surrounding the airports served by the project; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" seeks funding from the United States Department of Labor and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to begin the first deployment of production electric aircraft in commercial flight training service in the United States; and;

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" is requesting \$1,500,000 to train approximately 225 career seekers for Private Pilot certification through ground training at Reedley College Flight Science Program and 35 hours of flight training at a locally owned Flight Training service; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" is designed to be a model for replication across airports from Bakersfield to Sacramento and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" will validate and prove the cost savings and value of electric propulsion for aircraft; that will lead to more development of electric aircraft which will eventually pave the way for advanced electric commuter airlines and electric aerial Personal Rapid Transit vehicle deployment in the San Joaquin Valley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno Council of Governments hereby offers its complete and unconditional support for the Fresno COG 2017 One Voice "Sustainable Aviation Project" as it looks to obtain additional grant funding from State of California and United States Government sources.

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THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments
this 25th day of May 2017.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a
resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly
adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director