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City Manager

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Mr. Tony Boren, Executive Director
Fresno County Council of Governments
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Dear Mr. Boren:

Thank you and your staff for all the hard work you do to keep our community moving forward every day.

As you know, over the last few years the City of Fresno Department of Transportation, Fresno Area Express (FAX), has been working more closely with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) to fulfill its duties as a co-designee for the urban Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) program.

In 1983, COG formed a partnership between the City and EOC with a Policy Board action and was to be followed with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and EOC. However, the MOU was never completed. City Council action was not required, as this was a COG resolution and not a formal City action.

In the last few years, as FAX has engaged and monitored this program more closely, and doing so has raised a number of concerns. Our counterpart, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA), is EOC's rural co-designee and has had similar concerns. FAX and FCRTA have been working hand-in-hand to address these concerns.

My understanding is that FCRTA has been moving toward being the sole designee for the rural program. FAX has communicated to my office its desire to do the same. This will allow FAX and FCRTA to jointly pursue an RFP process to secure a contractor for both urban and rural social services transportation. We feel this will be a cleaner process for all, while opening up more opportunities for other entities to receive funding.

My staff has kept me updated on this effort, and I support the move to FAX being a sole designee. I understand that FAX staff have met with the EOC's new leadership regarding the issues and have confirmed with them that this course of action is best for both parties.

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We look forward to moving the CTSA process into a new era and continuing to work directly with you and COG staff to ensure on-going financial oversight.

Again, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,


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