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RE: Re-Designating of the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA for FY 2021-22

Dear Mr. Boren,

As you know, in 1982 and 1983, the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC), the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA), and the City of Fresno Area Express (FAX) established the urban and rural Consolidated Transportation Agencies (CTSA). Each CTSA was formed via separate MOUs outlining each party's obligations in order to ultimately create a seamless level of transportation service for social service agencies within both the rural and urban areas in Fresno County. Fresno EOC and FAX are co-designated to operate the urban CTSA and Fresno EOC and FCRTA are co-designated to operate the rural CTSA.

It has come to my attention that FAX and FCRTA have recommended that their agencies be designated solely within their respective CTSA regions. By this letter, I am informing you that Fresno EOC is strongly opposed to a sole designation by the respective agencies for each CTSA. In fact, Fresno EOC has been a strong partner in the operation of each CSTA. Our agency has met all obligations contained in the MOUs between COG and the Fresno EOC, and have met both the spirit and intent of the requirements contained therein. Moreover, there have been no findings of all audits related to Fresno EOC's activities within each CTSA over the past 37 years (since 1983) administering the funding.

My understanding is that Fresno COG may request action during its November 2020 Policy Board meeting re-designating FAX and FCRTA as sole providers in their respective CTSA's for FY 2021-22. Given the uncertainty of transportation due to the pandemic/ COVID-19, Fresno EOC respectfully requests that such action be delayed in favor of a meeting with myself and each agencies respective leadership to address any concerns you might have.

I look forward to meeting with you and discussing how we can better serve our community in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Emilia Reyes, MBA
Chief Executive Officer