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**FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)  
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, October 28, 2021  
TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the *Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting*  
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices  
Sequoia Conference Room  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
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.**

**THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PERSON AT THE FRESNO COG SEQUOIA ROOM AND VIA ZOOM.**

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734847360?pwd=Sjc3MVdGQVpMcVlEazVxWHpuay9Ddz09>

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**Those addressing the Board are asked to state their first and last name and agency for the record.**

To facilitate electronic access, no person shall speak until recognized by the Chair.



## 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. CONSENT ITEMS

### A. Approve Executive Minutes of September 30, 2021 [ATTACHMENT]

### B. Approve Executive Minutes of October 21, 2021 [ATTACHMENT]

### C. Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant Application [APPROVE]

**Summary:** FCRTA is proposing a project submittal for \$274,299 in funding through the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program to conduct a Transit Feasibility Study. The proposed project includes an evaluation of the physical/financial feasibility of developing a light rail, bus rapid transit (BRT), or monorail that utilizes existing medians/shoulders along Golden State Boulevard to connect Southern Fresno County with the cities of Malaga, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg, with extensions to Southwest and downtown Fresno, Sanger, Parlier, Reedley and Orange Cove. The feasibility study would evaluate multiple alternatives, including light rail, bus rapid transit (BRT), and monorail, to determine which alternative would best serve the corridor.

**Action:** Staff recommends Board approval of the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Application in the amount of \$274,299 and adoption of Board Resolution No 2021-20.

### D. Clean Mobility Options Transportation Needs Assessment Project in Biola [INFORMATION]

**Summary:** FCRTA received \$36,885 in funding through the Community Mobility Options (CMO) Grant Program. This project included a Community Transportation Needs Assessment focused on the community of Biola and comprised of a transportation access data analysis, community engagement plan and surveying to assess the transportation needs in Biola. The project goal is to identify general concerns around transportation options and to understand how people currently get around as well as obstacles faced by community members who do not have access to a vehicle to travel to destinations such as grocery stores, health care appointments, work, job interviews and other necessary locations. A report was prepared to summarize the efforts involved as part of this grant funding including the transportation needs assessment, community outreach process, and key findings/lessons learned. This report is intended to provide background information to help inform the future expansion of transportation services in Biola. The key findings include the majority of respondents go to Northwest Fresno for medical services, work and school; 70% of those surveyed do not own or ride a bicycle because they do not know how to ride; there is no bicycle infrastructure to learn to ride, and there is a willingness to use travel options other than a personal vehicle. The primary recommendations are the implementation of a private micro-transit rideshare program and encourage bike workshops to teach fundamentals of riding a bike and safety essentials. The CMO Biola Report is available at [www.ruraltransit.org](http://www.ruraltransit.org)

**Action:** Information only. The Board may provide additional direction at its discretion.

## 3. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Items from staff.

### B. Items from members.

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

## Executive Minutes

Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 5:30 P.M after COG Policy Board Meeting  
 COG Sequoia Conference Room  
 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

## Members Attending:

Mayor Ron Ramsey, City of Coalinga  
 Mayor Alfred Valdez, City of Firebaugh  
 Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler  
 Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County  
 Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron  
 Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman  
 Councilmember, Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg  
 Mayor Rolando Castro, City of Mendota  
 Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier  
 Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
 Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma

Moses Stites, General Manager  
 Janelle Del Campo, Operations Manager  
 Bryan Rome, County Counsel  
 Jeaneen Cervantes, FCOG

## Absent:

Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove  
 Mayor Eli Ontiveros, City of Sanger  
 Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 8:09 p.m.  
 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. **CONSENT ITEMS**
  - A. **Approve Executive Minutes of July 29, 2021 [ATTACHMENT]**
  - B. **State of Good Repair Application [APPROVE]**
  - C. **Request for Qualification (RFQ) Fleet Maintenance Facility Project [INFORMATION]**
  - D. **Grant Agreement Conflict Waiver for Representation of the FCRTA and FCTA [APPROVE]**
  - E. **National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) Community Rides Grant Award [APPROVE]**

A motion was made by Mayor Valdez (Firebaugh) and second by Councilmember Roman (Kingsburg). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. **OTHER ITEMS**A. **Items from Staff**

Moses informed the Board that a special meeting would be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:30 to discuss AB 361 and whether in person Board Meetings will go into effect on October 28<sup>th</sup> or if they continue using Zoom.

Mayor Beltran (Parlier) asked if this meeting was just for Board Members or was it

open to the public? Moses informed that it is open to the public as well and a formal agenda will be sent out.

**B. Items from Members**

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:23 p.m.**

A motion was made by Mayor Ramsey (Coalinga) and second by Mayor Beltran (Parlier). A vote was called, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites  
General Manager

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## Executive Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Special Meeting  
COG Sequoia Conference Room  
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

## Members Attending:

Mayor Ron Ramsey, City of Coalinga  
Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County  
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler  
Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman  
Councilmember, Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg  
Mayor Rolando Castro, City of Mendota  
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove  
Mayor Eli Ontiveros, City of Sanger  
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Moses Stites, General Manager  
Janelle Del Campo, Operations Manager  
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Jeaneen Cervantes, FCOG

## Absent:

Mayor Alfred Valdez, City of Firebaugh  
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron  
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier  
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:37 p.m.

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2. **ACTION ITEMS**A. **Future Board Meeting Format (ACTION)**

Moses thanked the Board for attending the Special Board Meeting. Moses informed the Board you have before you an action item and a proposed staff recommendation with a resolution extending the state of emergency.

The resolution declares the state of emergency as one of the findings and board action to extend and continue tele-conferencing for the board through 11/20/21.

A motion was made by Mayor Ramsey (Coalinga) and second by Councilmember Roman (Kingsburg). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. **ADJOURNMENT @ 5:40 p.m**

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites  
General Manager

**RESOLUTION # 2021-20**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FCRTA GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the FCRTA is an eligible project applicant and may receive funding from the California Department Of Transportation’s (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCRTA wishes to apply for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding to conduct a transit feasibility study to evaluate the physical/financial feasibility of developing a light rail, bus rapid transit (BRT), or monorail that utilizes existing medians/shoulders along Golden State Boulevard to connect Southwest Fresno with the cities of Malaga, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg, with extensions to southwest and downtown Fresno, Sanger, Parlier, Orange Cove, and Reedley and connections to the High Speed Rail station in downtown Fresno; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCRTA is preparing an Application for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding, in the amount of \$274,299 for the new transit feasibility study; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the FCRTA that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant requirements and any applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funded projects.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Manager, be authorized to make financial decisions, authorize the submittal of the application to Caltrans.

**AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER**

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
David Cardenas, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Duly adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Moses Stites, General Manager