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FY 2022/2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2022

TO: Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee
The General Public

FROM: Tony Boren, Executive Director

SUBJECT: FY 2022-2023 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

RECOMMENDATION

On April 14, 2022, as part of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Assessment process, the Social Services Transit Advisory Committee (SSTAC) will be requested to make a finding that there are two unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within the County of Fresno. The TTC/PAC will be asked to approve the UTN and make a finding that there are two unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within the County of Fresno.

BACKGROUND

The Fresno Council of Governments, in its role as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, administers claims for the Transportation Development Act (TDA). At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Fresno COG must determine the amount of TDA funds available from the TDA Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for allocation to local agencies within Fresno County. Allocations are made in four categories: bicycle and pedestrian facilities, social service transportation, regional transportation planning, and public transportation. In certain cases, funding from the public transportation category can be applied to local streets and roads in individual jurisdictions if a finding has been made that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within the jurisdiction; however, public transit must be given priority. As a result, prior to allocating LTF funds for any use other than public transit in the public transportation category, the Fresno COG must identify any unmet public transit needs that may exist in Fresno County that are reasonable to meet.

The Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process is conducted to identify any unmet transit needs and make any related findings.

DISCUSSION

On April 28, 2022, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County, will hold a legally noticed Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public testimony to determine if public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023), prior to approving LTF claims for local streets and roads. The time and place of the Public Hearing is legally noticed as follows:

Date: April 28, 2022
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Fresno Council of Governments, Sequoia Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201
Fresno, California 93721-2004

To join virtually, Join Zoom Meeting

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Transportation Development Act – Local Transportation Funds

Transportation Development Act (TDA) - Local Transportation Funds are derived from the state sales tax. One-quarter of a cent of the state sales tax is allocated to the Local Transportation Fund and may be used for transportation projects. In FY 2022-2023, the estimated Local Transportation Fund amount for Fresno County is \$52 million, of which \$100,000 is programmed for administration and audits. The remaining \$51,900,000 is programmed by formula for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, social service transportation planning, regional transportation planning, and public transportation and streets and roads. Table 1 identifies the amount of projected funding by category that each local agency will receive in FY 2022-2023.

Of the Local Transportation Funds available for public transportation and streets and roads, priority must first be given to public transportation. The net difference may then be available for street and road projects.

Table 1
Available TDA - Local Transportation Funds
For Projects by Local Agencies FY 2022-2023

Agency	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities	Social Service Transportation	Regional Transportation Planning	Public Transportation	Total
Clovis	123,177	318,127	172,017	5,561,882	6,175,203
Coalinga	16,933		23,646	764,568	805,147
Firebaugh	8,216		11,473	370,963	390,651
Fowler	6,674		9,320	301,344	317,338
Fresno City	552,798		771,982	24,960,767	26,285,548
Huron	7,486		10,454	338,002	355,942
Kerman	16,296		22,757	735,808	774,860
Kingsburg	13,228		18,473	597,302	629,003
Mendota	12,585		17,575	568,268	598,428
Orange Cove	9,687		13,527	437,385	460,599
Parlier	16,003		22,347	722,569	760,919
Reedley	26,375		36,832	1,190,906	1,254,112
Sanger	27,655		38,620	1,248,700	1,314,974
San Joaquin	4,191		5,852	189,225	199,268
Selma	24,757		34,573	1,117,864	1,177,194
Fresno County	171,942		240,117	7,763,781	8,175,840
FCRTA		739,269			739,269
FAX		1,485,704			1,485,704
Total	1,038,000	2,543,100	1,449,567	46,869,333	51,900,000

Pursuant to Section 99401.5 of the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Fresno COG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, must make one of the following findings after holding a Public Hearing:

1. There are no unmet transit needs,
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, or
3. There are unmet needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.

DEFINITION OF "UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS," AND "NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET"

Section 99401.5(c) of the California Public Utilities Code specifies, "The transportation planning agency shall determine its definitions of the terms 'unmet transit needs' and 'reasonable to meet' for the purposes of this section which shall be documented by resolution or within the minutes of the agency."

The Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) defined these terms by Resolution 1990-15, adopted on June 28, 1990, as follows:

A. Unmet Transit Needs

"Those public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and/or documented through COFCG's Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process that have not been implemented or funded."

B. Reasonable to Meet

"Those public transportation services identified in the Regional Transportation Plan, or proposed amendment thereto, which meet the following criteria:

- (1) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator or service claimant to exceed its appropriations limitation as set forth by Proposition 4 (Gann Limit)
- (2) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of:
 - (a) Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds which may be available for such operator to claim;
 - (b) Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) funds or other support for public transportation services which are committed by Federal and/or State agencies by formula or tentative approval of specific grant requests; and
 - (c) Farebox and local funding in compliance with PUC Section 99268 et.seq.

The fact that an identified need cannot fully be met based on available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding a transit need is not reasonable to meet.

- (3) Services which, if implemented or funded, would result in the responsible operator or service claimant meeting the farebox recovery and local support requirements as set forth by PUC Section 99268 et. seq. Evaluation of existing operators shall be based on records provided to Council of Fresno County Governments by operators pursuant to the Transit Productivity Evaluation Process (PUC Section 99244)

Evaluation of proposed new service shall be based upon a feasibility analysis, which includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Forecast of anticipated ridership if service is provided;
- (b) Estimate of capital and operating costs for the provision of such services;
- (c) Estimate of fares and local support in relation to estimated operating costs for providing such services; and
- (d) An estimated fare, which the Council of Fresno County Governments Board would determine to be sufficient to meet farebox recovery requirements but would not be so high it would pose a financial burden on transit dependent patrons.”

Note: Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) was called Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) was called the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) at the time Resolution 1990-15 was adopted.

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)

The Fresno COG Policy Board established its Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on May 26, 1988, to aid in its review of transit issues with an emphasis on the annual identification of transit needs within Fresno County. These needs include the needs of transit-dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. The Fresno COG's establishment of this Advisory Council is consistent with State Law (SB 498, Chapter 673, 1987), which mandates both the purpose and minimum membership of this body. A list of SSTAC members is included with this report (Exhibit A).

The purpose of the SSTAC is to:

- (1) Annually participate in identification of transit needs (Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process)
- (2) Review and recommend appropriate action by the Fresno COG for a jurisdiction which finds by resolution, that:
 - (a) There are no unmet transit needs;
 - (b) There are no unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet; or
 - (c) There are unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet.
- (3) Advise the Fresno COG on any other major transit issues, including the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.

FY 2022-2023 SSTAC UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS

The SSTAC has developed an annual process for soliciting unmet transit need comments from the public. The timeline for the public notification process is contained within Exhibit B while the actual flyers themselves in English and Spanish are found as Exhibits B-1 and B-2, respectively.

Flyers with attached comment forms in both English and Spanish were sent to 337 agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. A discussion and summary of those who were sent the flyers is included in Exhibit B-3.

The electronic copy of the flyer and comment form was sent to 2,130 people that are signed up to receive the electronic newsletter, 'Coming Up at Fresno COG'. Respondents were requested to include the following information to assist staff in an initial evaluation of proposed services:

- Where new service is needed, and where the potential trips would start and end;
- When, and how often trips would need to be scheduled; and
- A description of the individuals needing the service, including age group, financial constraints, and whether they have disabilities requiring special services.

Members of the community and stakeholders were also able to submit public comments and their transit needs electronically and through the US Mail. An email address was set up at comments@fresnocog.org to receive comments electronically, and the mailing address was posted as follows:

Brenda Veenendahl
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 W. Tulare Street, Ste. 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Public outreach of the current cycle of the UTN process consisted of six scheduled in-person meetings: four in urban Fresno County and two in rural cities.

For the urban component of the UTN process, three meetings were held throughout the City of Fresno, with a fourth meeting held in the City of Clovis. For the meetings in the City of Fresno, the event locales were all public spaces. It is worthwhile to note, that the third public outreach meeting within the City of Fresno took place on a Saturday within the Sequoia Room at the offices of Fresno COG. This was the first Saturday meeting held at the request of stakeholders to accommodate those transit riders whose weekday schedules don't permit them to attend a weekday public outreach meeting.

The fourth urban public outreach meeting took place in the City of Clovis, specifically at the Clovis Public Library near old-town Clovis. The City of Clovis public library has been the preferred location for the public meeting in Clovis for the past several years. These events were heavily marketed through Fresno COG, FCRTA, and FAX marketing channels.

This year, outreach in rural Fresno County, meetings were held in Kerman and Fowler. In previous years, outreach in rural cities consisted of public meetings in three cities. In the current year, this number was scaled back to accommodate the request for a public meeting to take place on a Saturday.

Over the years, Fresno COG has invested heavily in developing relationships with community stakeholders. One way that this has been implemented through the Unmet Needs Process is by maintaining an open door to opportunities to talk about the Unmet Transit Needs process. On occasion, community groups and stakeholders would request that staff attend a meeting to speak with stakeholders about the UTN process. Because of the short lead times between when meetings were booked and when they took place, there was often not sufficient time to promote these meetings publicly. However, no one was ever turned away from participating in the event.

In addition to in-person public meetings, public outreach activities for the FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment consisted of:

- ZOOM Meetings
- A Facebook Event (live)
- An online survey
- Comment cards

ZOOM Meetings

Three ZOOM meetings were held over a single day, Thursday, February 17, 2022, with one meeting, the evening meeting, broadcast on Facebook. All meetings were well publicized in advance of the events through the UTN Mailing lists. Specific details of each in-person ZOOM meeting are provided below.

An Online Survey

Because of the limitations associated with COVID-19 restrictions, staff created a survey in both English and Spanish that was marketed and circulated on Facebook.

The purpose of the online survey was to solicit specific perceived unmet transit needs within Fresno County. While conventional paper-based surveys were made available, most of the respondents provided their information through a survey created through PublicInput.com, a public outreach platform for Government agencies and consultants. The details of the survey are also provided below.

The UTN cycle for FY2021-2022 was the first year to run an online survey as was done so in response to the suspension of in-person meetings as a result of COVID. Because of the overwhelming number of responses, the decision was made to make the online survey an essential component of public outreach for the UTN Assessment.

Public Outreach Event Details

The minimum requirements to satisfy the public outreach requirements for the Unmet Transit Needs process call for a public hearing that is publicly noticed thirty days prior to the hearing. The public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting satisfies this requirement. Public outreach for the Fresno COG Unmet Transit Needs Assessment often consists of much more than what is required.

In FY2022-2023, public outreach for the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment consisted of six in-person meetings, three virtual meetings, an online survey, a mail-in comment card, and a public hearing. Details of the FY2022-2023 Fresno COG Unmet Transit Needs Assessment are as follows:

In-Person Public Outreach Meeting Number 1 – Tuesday, February 8, 2022, within the City of Fresno

The first in-person public meeting took place on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 5:30 PM PST within the City of Fresno at:

The Betty Rodriguez Library
3040 N. Cedar Avenue,
Fresno, CA 93703

The people present at this meeting included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX
Moses Stites, FCRTA

Like all in-person public events, this event was heavily marketed through all Fresno COG marketing channels, including its newsletter, and social media profiles. It was also advertised within the library where it was held for several weeks leading up to the meeting. Despite these measures, this meeting was not attended by a transit rider or stakeholders.

In-Person Public Outreach Meeting Number 2 – Thursday, February 10, 2022, also in the City of Fresno

The second in-person public meeting took place on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 5:30 PM PST in the City of Fresno at:

Mosqueda Center
4670 E. Butler Avenue,
Fresno, CA 93702

The people present at this meeting included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Robert Phipps, Assistant Director of Fresno COG

Like all in-person public events, this event was heavily marketed through all Fresno COG marketing channels, including its newsletter, and social media profiles. Despite these measures, this meeting was not attended by a single transit rider or stakeholders.

In-Person Public Outreach Meeting Number 3 – Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM in Rural Fresno County

The third in-person public meeting took place on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 5:00 PM in rural Fresno County, specifically the City of Fowler at:

City of Fowler, City Hall

128 S. 5th Street
Fowler, CA 93625

Attendees included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Dario Dominguez, City of Fowler
Robert Phipps, Fresno COG

Todd Sobrado provided a brief overview of the purpose of the UTN and the goal of the meeting. Once completed, the meeting was opened to discussion.

Mr. Dario Dominguez is the Director of Public Works for the City of Fowler and acquaintance of Moses Stites. As a result, Moses and Dario took this opportunity to talk about recent projects, each were completing.

Virtual Public Outreach Meeting Number 1 – Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM on ZOOM

This public outreach meeting was held virtually online via ZOOM. The meeting was facilitated by:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX

No stakeholders or transit riders attended this virtual event.

Virtual Public Outreach Meeting Number 2 – Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM on ZOOM

This public outreach meeting was held virtually online via ZOOM. The meeting was facilitated by:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX

No stakeholders or transit riders attended this virtual event.

Virtual Public Outreach Meeting Number 3 – Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM on ZOOM and broadcast on Facebook

This public outreach meeting was held virtually online via ZOOM and broadcast on the Fresno COG Facebook page. It was recorded, and is available at:

Several transit agencies were represented in this virtual event. Participating transit agency representatives included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX, facilitator
Carolina Ilic, FAX
Amy Hance, Clovis Transit

Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA

Robert Phipps, Assistant Director of Fresno COG

This particular outreach event was structured like a virtual Town Hall meeting and was well-attended. No unmet transit needs were raised, but participants asked questions and all three transit operators provided summaries of current and future transit-related projects.

In-Person Public Outreach Meeting Number 4 – Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM in Rural Fresno County

The fourth in-person public meeting took place on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:00 PM PST in the City of Clovis:

Clovis Senior Activity Center
850 Fourth Street
Clovis, CA 93612

The people present at this meeting included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, FAX
Amy Hance, Clovis Transit

Like all in-person public events, this event was heavily marketed through all Fresno COG marketing channels, including its newsletter, and social media profiles. It was also advertised in the library for several weeks leading up to the meeting. Despite these measures, this meeting was not attended by any transit rider or stakeholders.

In-Person Public Outreach Meeting Number 5 – Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM in Rural Fresno County

The fifth in-person public meeting took place on Wednesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:00 PM PST in rural Fresno County, specifically the City of Kerman:

City of Kerman Community Center
15101 W. Kearney Blvd.
Kerman, CA 93630

The people present at this meeting included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX
Marc Benjamin, Chief of staff for Brian Pacheco, Fresno Board of Supervisors, District 1

Like all in-person public events, this event was heavily marketed through all Fresno COG marketing channels, including its newsletter, and social media profiles. It was also advertised within the library

where it was held for several weeks leading up to the meeting. Despite these measures, this meeting was not attended by a transit rider or stakeholders.

In-Person Public Outreach Meeting Number 6 – Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12:00 PM in the City of Fresno

The sixth in-person public meeting took place on Saturday, February 26, 2022, in the City of Fresno at:

Fresno COG, Sequoia Room
2035 Tulare Street, Ste. 201
Fresno, CA 93721

The people present at this meeting included:

Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG and FAX
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, City of Fresno
McKay Duran

Participants in last year's Unmet Transit Needs Assessment requested that a meeting be held on a Saturday to enable transit riders and stakeholders unable to participate on weekdays, be given an opportunity to participate in a weekend meeting. This meeting directly addressed this request. No unmet transit needs were raised, but the participant asked questions and the transit operators provided summaries of current and future transit-related projects

Public Hearing, Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM, at:

The formal Public Hearing will take place as part of the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting. Public notification was completed, as required with documentation as provided in Exhibits E-1 and E-2 of this report.

COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED FOR THE FY 2022-2023 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS

Figure 1 includes the public comments received via the online survey at www.publicinput.com/unmettransitneeds/. As of this writing, no additional comments were received by mail, or electronically. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Figure 1 includes the public comments received, the operator response, whether the comment is an unmet need, and whether it is reasonable to meet. In the Unmet Need column, “N/A” signifies “Not Applicable.” In the Reasonable to Meet column, “N/A” signifies either “Not Applicable” or “Not Available,” in cases where sufficient information or analysis is not yet available to make a determination.

An additional field was added to the Matrix of Public Comments Received in the current cycle of the UTN assessment. In the FY2021-2022 cycle, stakeholders requested an additional field be added to show whether the comment received had been submitted in previous cycles of the UTN.

To date, only 12 comments have been received. Of the comments received, four items, numbers 4, 7, and 9, and 10, were found to be unmet needs, and none of these were found to be reasonable to meet.

Comments 3, 5, and 9 were received in previous cycles of the UTN. The rest of the comments are new.

Note: Public Comments shown below are included verbatim as received.

**Figure 1
Matrix of Public Comments Received, Operator Responses, and Determinations**

Item No.	Jurisdiction	Public Comment	Operator Response	Unmet Need? (Yes, No, N/A)	Reasonable to Meet? (Yes, No, N/A)	Previously Recorded Comment (Yes, No)
1	FAX	I'd like an easier way to get to Clovis. Would also like more night service.	FAX provides transit service primarily in the City of Fresno. However, FAX operates Route 9, along Shaw Avenue, extending eastward into Clovis, out to the Sierra Vista Mall. Route 9 connects with Clovis routes 10 and 50. FAX also operates Route 3 along Herndon and up Willow to Clovis Community College. Route 3 connects with Clovis Route 10. FAX service operates until approximately midnight Monday through Saturday on the busiest sections of its main routes (Routes 1, 9, 28, 32 and 38).	N	N/A	No
2	FCRTA	The Coalinga Senior Center is in great need of	City of Coalinga previously operated the Coalinga Transit	N	N/A	No

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		<p>transportation to get to and from warm meal program provided to our community by FMAAA nutrition site program. Coalinga is a rural community who usually goes unnoticed by the County of Fresno due to distance. The City of Coalinga does have a transit program but serves the public and cannot prioritize our senior citizens in need. I have witnessed our seniors on walkers having to get up from eating a meal so that she can catch her ride and not be faced to walk in the heat of midday during the summer. If additional services can be provided to meet that groups needs for that lunch period, this would be of great advantage and we would be able to serve more disadvantaged seniors. thank you for your consideration and time.</p> <p>Seniors come from several areas of town, making it extremely difficult for them to get to the senior center on time.</p>	<p>and as of 7/1/21, FCRTA's subcontractor MV Transportation currently operates the Coalinga Transit Services. There may have been a gap in the service due to issues with the previous operator including driver shortage and COVID related issues. Due to the low ridership on the existing services, seniors can use the current service and there is not the demand for additional services. The Coalinga Transit Services that FCRTA currently operates include the intra-city service providing on-demand service within the city limits as well as the inter-city fixed route service which originates in Coalinga and provides service to the FCMA. The intra-city demand response provides service to the senior center in Coalinga and seniors and disabled ride for free on the service and the fare is augmented with Measure C funds. The intra-city is a public transit service and demand response, and individuals call the dispatch number 1-855-612-5184 and are provided service on a first come first come basis. The Coalinga demand response is offered M-F, 8 hours per day, The Coalinga inter-city is offered M-S and the schedule is available at www.ruraltransit.org</p>			
3	FAX and Clovis Transit	<p>Willow/International (Clovis Community College) to Fresno State routine connections.</p> <p>The preferred timeframe would be Monday to Friday; 8 AM to 8 PM to cover the class times.</p>	<p>FAX recently extended Route 3 along Herndon Avenue to Clovis Community College along Willow Avenue. Through this extension, FAX provides access to Clovis Community College from all parts of the city via six connecting routes. A direct connection is provided between Clovis Community College and Fresno State University by taking Route 38 northbound on Cedar Avenue and transferring to Route 3 at Herndon eastbound, which then</p>	N	N/A	Yes

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			<p>turns north on Willow to arrive at Clovis Community College.</p> <p>FAX operates from approximately 6:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday.</p>			
4	FAX and Clovis Transit	Airport and ALL long-distance bus transportation lines at extended hours (after 7 pm, before 6 am, weekends)	<p>FAX serves Fresno Yosemite International (FYI) airport by Routes 26 and 39. The first arrivals to the airport as are early as 6:04 am (Route 39) and departures are as late as 8:49 pm (Route 26). Pre-Covid ridership was approximately 23 boardings and 28 alightings on an average weekday, with weekend ridership significantly lower. Ridership numbers do not support extended hours.</p> <p>Greyhound bus lines, located at the Amtrak train station, are directly served by Route 22 from approximately 6:00 am to 8:30 pm Monday through Friday. In addition, the Amtrak/Greyhound station is ½ mile from the major transit center at Courthouse Park. It is an estimated 10-minute walk to the station. FAX does not operate Route 22 within the hours requested. Low Ridership volumes on Route 22 in the early a.m. hours and the evening p.m. hours do not warrant extended operating hours.</p>	Y	N	No
5	FAX and Clovis Transit	<p>Commuting between Clovis CC and Fresno State.</p> <p>Monday to Friday; 8 AM to 8 PM to cover the class times.</p>	<p>With the new extension of Route 3 to Clovis Community College, FAX provides access to the college from all parts of the city, including Fresno State University. A direct connection is provided between Clovis Community College and Fresno State University by taking Route 38 northbound on Cedar Avenue and transferring to Route 3 at Herndon eastbound, which then turns north on Willow to arrive at Clovis Community College.</p>	N	N/A	Yes

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			<p>FAX operates from approximately 6:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday.</p> <p>In addition, Clovis Transit will undertake a route redesign project in the near future and will include this comment as community input.</p>			
6	FAX	Foster youth to access transportation to therapy.	<p>The Fresno County Department of Social Services (DSS) provides resources on a case-by-case basis. Resource parents of foster youth should contact their social worker to request specific transportation services, as needed.</p> <p>In addition, to facilitate more accessible transit service, FAX recently updated its fare schedule, reducing the base fare from \$1.25 to \$1, and allowing children under 12 to ride for free. FAX also updated its transfer policy, allowing unlimited transfers in any direction for 90 minutes. The FAX service network provides transit throughout the city, including numerous medical facilities for non-emergency services.</p>	N	N/A	No
7	FAX and Clovis Transit	I used transit from Tulare and Fowler: Fancher Creek Elementary school site to Ashlan and Leonard Clovis East High school	<p>Neither FAX nor Clovis Transit provide public transit service from Fancher Creek Elementary School to Clovis East High School. Clovis Transit provides service to the Clovis East High School campus via a Route 70, a school route that runs on school days only in the morning and afternoon.</p> <p>Due to a lack of infrastructure, low-densities, and large undeveloped parcels between these two locations, FAX and Clovis Transit are unable to provide this service to connect these two locations at this time. This area needs significant</p>	Y	N	No

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			infrastructure improvements, such as sidewalks, curb, and gutter, as well as more residential and commercial land use intensities, for transit service.			
8	FCRT A	<p>More frequent rural transit to urban centers eg Fowler to Fresno. opportunities for rural residents to get to small nearby services eg rural Fowler to Fowler. ? use uber type services rather than bus lines?</p> <p>I use transit between fulton mall, tower district, downtown selma, downtown fowler (from 3 miles out of town)</p> <p>To Rural Fowler and any day</p>	<p>FCRTA currently provides fixed route service from Fowler to Fresno via the Southeast Transit service. The Southeast Transit provides 3 trips per day from Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler and into Fresno. The Fowler intra-city demand response service is also available for passengers to provide rides within the City of Fowler. FCRTA deployed a pilot microtransit program in the communities of Biola and West Park and is currently working on expanding this microtransit service based on available funding and ridership and completion of a planning study.</p>	N	N/A	No
9	FAX	<p>West of 99 and north of Clinton. There are many new homes out there that do not have public transportation.</p>	<p>FAX recently extended Route 45, along Ashlan Avenue to Cornelia (Central High School East). In the next year, this route will be extended further east to serve Justin Garza High School at Bryan/ Grantland Avenue. In conjunction with the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan currently underway by the City of Fresno Planning Department and the eventual completion of Veterans Boulevard by the City of Fresno Public Works Department, FAX will evaluate additional transit service opportunities West of 99. Due to a lack of infrastructure, low-densities, and large undeveloped parcels, FAX is unable to serve this area at this time. This area needs significant infrastructure improvements, such as sidewalks, curb, and gutter, before service can commence.</p>	Y	N	Yes

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10	FAX	<p>There needs to be a bus route and sidewalk from Shaw and N Island Waterpark Dr. The sidewalk is extremely important because we always see people, mostly elderly and working class, walking or riding their bikes and it is dangerous to walk on the side of the road, especially at the curve. The closest bus stop is on Shaw Ave. There needs to be a bus route that goes from Shaw to N Island Waterpark Dr to W Barstow Ave to N Bryan Ave to W Bullard Ave to N Grantland Ave to Herndon Ave -- so basically from Shaw Ave to Herndon Ave through the neighborhood in between since there are no bus routes this way and it's very much needed!</p> <p>There also needs to be a sidewalk from N Grantland Ave to N Parkway Dr to N Herndon Ave. I always see folks walking down those extremely busy streets to get to the Marketplace Plaza on Herndon Ave. Again, this area needs a route mentioned above. There also needs to be a sidewalk down N Polk Ave from Shaw Ave. And sidewalk down W Fairmount Ave from N Polk Ave. In Fresno city.</p> <p>From Island Waterpark and Grantland neighborhood to Shaw Ave, the Sikh Institute Gurdwara, and the Herndon Marketplace.</p>	<p>Currently FAX does not serve the Island Waterpark and the surrounding area to north. The closest transit connection is Route 12 at Shaw and Polk. In conjunction with the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan currently underway by the City of Fresno Planning Department and the eventual completion of Veterans Boulevard by the City of Fresno Public Works Department, FAX will evaluate additional transit service opportunities in this area. Due to a lack of infrastructure, low-densities, and large undeveloped parcels, FAX is unable to serve this area at this time. This area needs significant infrastructure improvements, such as sidewalks, curb, and gutter, as well as more residential and commercial land use intensities, for FAX service.</p> <p>Sidewalk improvements are the responsibility of City of Fresno Public Works Department for incorporated areas and the County of Fresno Public Works and Planning Department for unincorporated areas. A portion of north Grantland to Herndon is in the County. FAX will forward this comment to the City and County Departments.</p> <p>As part of the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan currently underway by the City of Fresno Planning Department and the eventual completion of Veterans Boulevard by the City of Fresno Public Works Department, FAX will evaluate extending transit service further west on Shaw Avenue to Grantland Avenue and connecting to Veterans Boulevard to connect to The Marketplace at El Paseo. This area needs significant infrastructure improvements,</p>	Y	N	No

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		<p>There are no sidewalks on some busy streets down these routes, and not a single bus route.</p> <p>My house is near Water Island Park (shaw ave/island waterpark ave</p> <p>I use transit daily, daily, but definitely M</p>	such as sidewalks, curb, and gutter, as well as for Veterans Boulevard to open, for FAX buses to provide service.			
11	FAX	<p>Park and ride to baseball games and soccer games</p> <p>I travel between Chukchansi and Woodward Park.</p>	FAX has a major transit center at Courthouse Park, in downtown Fresno. The transit center is less than ¼ mile from Chukchansi Park. FAX Route 1 (FAX BRT) provides direct service from Woodward Park (Friant and Fresno) to Courthouse Park. Route 1 operates until approximately midnight Monday through Saturday.	N	N/A	No
12.	FAX and Clovis Transit	<p>My destination is often a west/east route on Bullard ave/ fig garden village would be nice. I am often going to Fresno State. Sometimes Old Town Clovis or the Fig Garden Loop Park, coming from Bullard and West</p> <p>A better transfer between Route 01 to route 09. I've used route 01 south from sierra to transfer to route 09 and then ride east to Fresno State. However, the bus on route 09 doesn't wait long enough to pick up passengers from route 01. One time I was left at the bus stop with 3 other people and had to walk to our destination. I had a bike, but the others didn't.</p> <p>My origination is Fresno State. Sometimes Old Town Clovis or the Fig</p>	<p>Fig Garden Village is served by Routes 9 and 26. Service along Bullard Avenue from El Paseo Shopping Center to Cedar Avenue is identified in the Regional Transportation Plan in the 2030 timeframe. FAX recently added service via Route 20 servicing the southern portion of Figarden Loop, which is less than a half-mile from the Figarden Loop Park. Route 20 connects to Route 9.</p> <p>Route 1 operates every 10 minutes, and Route 9 operates every 15 minutes. To make the transfer between Routes 1 and 9, it is suggested to take an earlier bus on Route 1.</p>	N	N/A	No

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		<p>Garden Loop Park.</p> <p>Occasionally, I have a car, but would like enough service coverage and reliability to one day not have to own a car. It would save money. Otherwise, I take transit when I have time and don't have to be on the other side of town in less than 30 minutes.</p> <p>My feedback applies to Clovis Round-Up, City of Clovis' paratransit service; Fresno Area Express (FAX)</p>				

Note: Sidewalks, bike lanes and gutter projects are the responsibility of local public works departments through the appropriate venue.

DISCUSSION FROM SSTAC RELATING TO THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE FY 2022-2023 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Figure 1 is the list of comments received during the FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment. Also included with each public comment is a comment number, the relevant jurisdiction(s), the operator response, whether the comment is an unmet need, whether the need is reasonable to meet, and whether the comment has been recorded in a previous UTN cycle. The definition of unmet needs and reasonable to meet are contained in Fresno COG Resolution 90-15 on pages 5 and 6 above.

Section 99401.5(c) of the California Public Utilities Codes specifies, “The transportation planning agency shall determine its definitions of the terms ‘unmet transit needs’ and ‘reasonable to meet’ for the purposes of this section which shall be documented by resolution or within the minutes of the agency.” The Fresno COG Policy Board does this with Resolution 90-15.

A brief summary of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment presentation at SSTAC, comments, questions, and feedback, and subsequent voting by committee members is provided below. A summary will be included in presentations to TTC/PAC and Policy Boards as well.

INSTRUCTIONS AND NEXT STEPS FOR SSTAC PERTAINING TO THE FY 2022-2023 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The publicly noticed hearing to receive comments regarding potential unmet transit needs in Fresno County will be held Thursday, April 28, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting. The hearing will be held in the Sequoia Room at the office of Fresno COG, located at 2035 West Tulare, Ste. 201, Fresno, CA 93721. The hearing will also be broadcast virtually via ZOOM.

At its April 14, 2022, meeting, SSTAC, using Fresno COG Resolution 90-15 will be asked to make a recommendation regarding whether any of the public comments in Figure 1 constitute:

- An Unmet Transit Need;
- An Unmet Transit Need that is reasonable to meet; or
- An Unmet Transit Need that is unreasonable to meet.

More specifically, the SSTAC will be asked to make a finding that there are no unmet needs that are reasonable to meet within the County of Fresno.

Todd Sobrado will present the UTN Assessment to SSTAC, addressing the challenges that were overcome this cycle due to COVID-19. Whereas public outreach in previous iterations of the UTN process primarily took place in the form of face-to-face meetings with stakeholders and transit riders, the current cycle included a blend of in-person and on-line meetings.

After holding six in-person public meetings and three virtual meetings, and conducting a public survey, committee members will be given the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments about the process and the Assessment itself. After an opportunity for questions or comments, the SSTAC will be asked to make a motion to approve the draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for the fiscal year 2022-23, forwarding it to the Fresno COG Technical Transportation Committee / Policy Advisory Committee (TTC/PAC).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY JURISDICTION

A. Overview

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for public transportation services contains a Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) component, a Fresno County rural component, and a social service transportation component.

The Metropolitan Area component is implemented through the "Short Range Transit Plan" (SRTP) for the FCMA. The 2022-2026 FCMA SRTP was adopted by the Fresno COG Policy Board on June 24, 2021. It will provide a detailed service plan for implementation over five years. The Rural Area component is implemented through the Rural SRTP for the Fresno County Rural Area, which provides a detailed service plan for the implementation of rural transit services over the same five-year period. Short Range Transit Plans are updated every other year and reviewed within the same timeframe as the Unmet Transit Needs.

In addition to these Short-Range Transit Plans, the Fresno COG annually adopts an Operations Program and Budget for the coordination and consolidation of transportation for specialized social service programs within Fresno County. The 2022-2023 Operations Program and Budget for the City of Clovis and the Urban and Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) are scheduled for adoption on June 24, 2021.

B. Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA)

The Regional Transportation Plan calls for fixed-route service within the Metropolitan Area to be provided by FAX, with financial participation from the City of Clovis and Fresno County for service to non-Fresno City residents within FAX's service area. Demand responsive Handy Ride service is provided through FAX under contract with National Express Transit (NEXT). The Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the FCMA sets forth the specific service implementation plan for the five-year fiscal period from 2022-2026 and was adopted on June 24, 2021. It is this SRTP that implements the near-term service goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan.

The Regional Transportation Plan and the FCMA Short Range Transit Plan also continue to emphasize specialized service for disabled and elderly residents, who are unable to utilize the fixed-route buses.

Service will be funded with \$30.14 million in State Transportation Development Act - Local Transportation Funds. FAX is also anticipating \$14.9 million in Measure C funds and \$4.6 million funded by the Federal Transit Administration. The remaining funds are derived from farebox revenues and special services provided under contracts with outside agencies such as the City of Clovis and Valley Children's Hospital. Although the City of Fresno does not propose to expend any of its Local Transportation Funds on streets and roads in FY 2022-2023, a "transit needs finding" is necessary to be consistent with SB-498. SB-498 states the lack of available resources shall *not* be the sole reason for finding a transit need is *not* reasonable to meet.

The City of Clovis operates two types of public transit services. Clovis Stageline provides public fixed-route service within the City Limits. Clovis Round-Up operates specialized demand-responsive service for the disabled residents. The City of Clovis has designated Round-up services

as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for the Clovis Transit Service Area. The estimated cost for the operation of Clovis Transit in FY 2022-2023 is \$4,000,000. Although the City of Clovis does not propose to expend any Local Transportation Funds on streets and roads in FY 2022-2023, a “transit needs finding” is necessary to be consistent with SB-498. SB-498 states the lack of available resources shall *not* be the sole reason for finding a transit need is *not* reasonable to meet.

C. Rural Areas

The Regional Transportation Plan calls for service to rural portions of Fresno County, including intra-city service in and around thirteen rural incorporated cities, two dozen unincorporated communities, and inter-city service linking those cities to the Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area on the following corridors:

- (1) Firebaugh - Mendota - San Joaquin - Kerman Corridor to Fresno
- (2) Kingsburg - Selma - Fowler Corridor to Fresno
- (3) Orange Cove - Reedley - Parlier - Sanger Corridor to Fresno
- (4) Coalinga - Huron – Five Star - Five Points - Lanare - Riverdale - Caruthers - Raisin City - Easton Corridor to the Fresno

During the latter part of FY 1978-1979 and the beginning of FY 1979-1980, in cooperation with rural incorporated cities in Fresno County, Fresno COG prepared and adopted specific short-range transit development programs to define the implementation of rural public transportation service in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan. In September 1979, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) was formed and assigned responsibility for implementing the service requirements of the Regional Transportation Plan as set forth by the Transit Development Programs. Services set forth by the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transit Development Programs were fully implemented by mid-February 1980.

A comprehensive Short-Range Transit Plan (Rural SRTP) for the Rural Fresno County Area, which updated the individual Transit Development Programs, was first adopted on November 17, 1983. The five-year Rural SRTP is updated biennially. The latest update of the "Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2022-2026" and was adopted on June 24, 2021. The estimated cost for the operation of the FCRTA in FY 2022-2023 is \$8,945,243. The Services will be funded with \$3,365,396 of State Transportation Development Act - (TDA) Local Transportation Funds (LTF). The FCRTA will utilize \$1,249,447 from its Measure – C funds to support the operations. An additional \$2,298,896 will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311. Farebox receipts are projected to be \$1,430,751 and Interest is estimated at \$123,700.

D. Social Service Transportation

The updated Social Service Transportation Action Plan and Inventory were adopted on January 29, 1998, and co-designated the City of Fresno and the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Fresno Urban Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA). The Action Plan further designates the City of Clovis, as the Clovis CTSA, and the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and the FEOC as the Fresno Rural Area CTSA.

In FY 2021-2022, FCRTA, FAX, and Fresno COG sought sole designation of the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA. With sole designation of both CTSA's, both FAX and FCRTA can be more inclusive of additional social services transportation services providers through an RFP process. Additionally, sole designation allows FAX and FCRTA direct oversight of the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA's. Under this new-sole designation status, FEOC continues to be a significant participant in both the Urban and Rural CTSA's.

Since FY 1982-1983, the Fresno COG has set aside each year five percent (5%) of Local Transportation Funds (Table 1) for social service transportation. An Operations Program and Budget (OPB) have been prepared for the Fresno Urban CTSA, Clovis CTSA, and the Fresno Rural CTSA. The FY 2021-2022 OPB's are scheduled for adoption on June 24, 2021, which documents commitments for matching funds from participating social service agencies and defines the types of coordinated/consolidated services to be provided so funds may be released.

Since 1983, the Fresno and Urban CTSA's consisted of the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA), and the City of Fresno. In FY2020-2021, FCRTA and FAX recommended that each agency be solely designated without FEOC for each of their respective CTSA's. Fresno COG approved self-designation for the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA's on November 19, 2020.

Analysis of Proposed Public Transportation Services and Recommended Findings for -Local Agencies FY 2022-2023

A. City of Clovis

The City of Clovis contributes funds to the operation of three (3) transit services within its jurisdiction. First, it operates the Clovis CTSA Round-up service on a demand-responsive basis to its elderly and disabled social service clients. Second, it operates Clovis Stageline to serve general public patrons with four (4) coordinated fixed-routes; and third, it provides funding to Fresno Area Express (FAX), which operates fixed-route service on Route 9 into Clovis.

Inter-city service to Fresno is available on Clovis CTSA's Round-up and Fresno Area Express / Handy Ride.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that there are two unmet transit, both of them shared with the City of Fresno that are reasonable to meet, and that public transportation needs within the City of Clovis will be reasonably met. It is recommended that the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Clovis will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained within the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

B. City of Coalinga

The City of Coalinga, under an inter-agency agreement with the FCRTA, provides intra-city and inter-city service using vehicles owned by the FCRTA. All FCRTA vehicles are lift-equipped for elderly and disabled accessibility.

The Coalinga Transit intra-city demand responsive service operates with one (1) vehicle during an approximate eight (8) hour service period Monday through Friday.

Coalinga Transit also provides inter-city fixed-route service, with route deviation to pick-up disabled passengers, between Coalinga and Fresno. The vehicle provides one (1) round trip through Pleasant Valley Prison, Huron, Five Points, Lanare, Riverdale, Caruthers, Raisin City, and Easton, during an approximate nine and $\frac{3}{4}$ (9.75) hour period, Monday through Saturday.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Coalinga, Sphere of Influence, and surrounding Area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

C. City of Firebaugh

The City of Firebaugh, under an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides demand-responsive service within Firebaugh's Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area is available by an FCRTA's lift-equipped vehicle, Monday through Friday for approximately nine and $\frac{3}{4}$ (9.75) hours per day. A second vehicle is available for inter-city trips between Firebaugh and Mendota during an approximate nine (9) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding communities, Kerman, and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Firebaugh, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

D. City of Fowler

The City of Fowler, under an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides transportation services within its Sphere of Influence and surrounding area. A lift-equipped FCRTA vehicle is in the service of the community approximately eight (8) hours per day, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Southeast Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, for approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the

City of Fowler, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

E. City of Fresno

Fresno Area Express (FAX) provides fixed-route service seven (7) days-a-week throughout the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area. The City of Clovis and Fresno County financially participate for service to non-Fresno City residents within FAX's service area. FAX contracts with National Express Transit (NEXT) for weekday and weekend demand-responsive service on Handy Ride. This paratransit service is oriented toward those who are unable to use the fixed-route service.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that there are four unmet transit, two of them shared with the City of Clovis that are reasonable to meet, and that public transportation needs within the City of Fresno will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained within the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

F. City of Huron

The City of Huron, under an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides general public transportation service within the Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area utilizing two (2) FCRTA wheelchair accessible modified vehicles. This service was reduced to one (1) vehicles temporarily as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The intra-city services are available during an approximate eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The City of Huron continues to provide funding for an inter-city "life-line" service to Coalinga. Three (3) round trips are provided during an eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday.

Coalinga Transit also provides inter-city fixed-route service, with route deviation to pick-up disabled passengers, between Coalinga and Fresno. The vehicle provides one (1) round trip through Pleasant Valley Prison, Huron, Five Points, Lanare, Riverdale, Caruthers, Raisin City, and Easton, during an approximate nine and $\frac{3}{4}$ (9.75) hour period, Monday through Saturday.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Huron, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

G. City of Kerman

The City of Kerman, under an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides demand-responsive public transportation service with an FCRTA vehicle within its Sphere of Influence and surrounding area using a lift-equipped FCRTA vehicle, for approximately eight (8) hours a day, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, for approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday,

using lift-equipped vehicles, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding unincorporated communities, and Kerman and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Kerman, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

H. City of Kingsburg

Two (2) FCRTA wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles are available for providing public transportation services to Kingsburg Area residents. These transit services are provided to the City of Kingsburg under an inter-agency services agreement with FCRTA. Service within the Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area, are available on a demand- responsive basis during an approximately eight (8) hour service period, Monday through Friday, and approximately eight (8) hours on Saturday utilizing just one (1) vehicle.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Southeast Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler and "to" and "from" Fresno.

An additional vehicle was added in 2016 to provide service to the Kingsburg-Reedley College fixed-route service operating from 7:00am-4:35pm Monday through Friday to serve patrons between Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, Parlier and Reedley. Due to Reedley College not having students on campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, FCRTA ceased operating this route in the Spring of 2020 until Reedley College resumes a normal class schedule.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Kingsburg, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

I. City of Mendota

The City of Mendota, under an inter-agency agreement with the FCRTA, provides demand-responsive service within its Sphere of Influence and the surrounding area using a FCRTA lift-equipped vehicle. This service is provided Monday through Friday for approximately eight (8) hours per day.

Firebaugh Transit has a second vehicle, which is available for inter-city trips between Firebaugh and Mendota during an approximate nine (9) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled

passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding unincorporated communities, and Kerman and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Mendota, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

J. City of Orange Cove

The City of Orange Cove, under an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides transportation services within its Sphere of Influence and the surrounding area using an FCRTA lift-equipped vehicle. Orange Cove Transit operates on a demand responsive basis area for approximately nine (9) hours per day, Monday through Friday.

Orange Cove Transit also provides a lift-equipped vehicle for inter-city fixed-route service. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, Sanger, and "to" and "from" Fresno. Multiple round trips are available each service day. The inter-city service is provided, during an approximately ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Orange Cove, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

K. City of Parlier

The City of Parlier, under an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, currently operates a lift-equipped demand responsive service within its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area using a wheelchair lift-equipped FCRTA vehicle. Service is currently provided, during an approximate eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Orange Cove Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Parlier, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

L. City of Reedley

The City of Reedley, through an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides demand-responsive public transportation within its Sphere of Influence and the surrounding area, using four (4) vehicles on an eight (8) hour staggered basis during an approximate eight (8) hour service period, Monday through Friday, and one (1) vehicle on Saturdays during an approximate eight (8) hour period.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Orange Cove Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Reedley, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

M. City of Sanger

To provide public transportation service within the Sanger Sphere of Influence and the surrounding area, the FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement, with the City of Sanger operates two (2) wheelchair accessible FCRTA vehicles that offer service in Sanger. The vehicles provide staggered service during an approximate eight (8) hour period and, one (1) vehicle provides service during an eleven and a half (11.5) hour period, Monday through Friday, and one (1) vehicle during an eight (8) hour period on Saturday.

FCRTA also contracts to operate Orange Cove Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximate ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift-equipped bus, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger and "to" and "from" Fresno.

An additional vehicle began providing service between Sanger and Reedley College in September of 2014 to support a new training program to address a critical concern by manufacturers in Sanger who have been unsuccessful at finding skilled workers to employ and residents in Sanger who are underemployed or unemployed. One (1) vehicle provides route service during an eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday. Due to Reedley College canceling in-person classes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sanger Express route ceased service, but will continue operations once in-person classes resume.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Sanger, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

N. City of San Joaquin

The City of San Joaquin, under an inter-agency agreement with the FCRTA, provides for demand-responsive Intra-City service within their Sphere of Influence and surrounding area. Inter-community service is also provided between the unincorporated communities of Cantua Creek, El Porvenir, Halfway, Three Rocks, and Tranquility. Inter-City service to Kerman is also available. As a result of low ridership and the COVID-19 pandemic this service transitioned to a demand response rural transit operation in June 2020, Monday through Friday using FCRTA lift equipped vans.

The FCRTA contracts to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximate eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding unincorporated communities, and Kerman and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of San Joaquin, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area with its identified unincorporated communities will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

O. City of Selma

The City of Selma, under an inter-agency agreement with the FCRTA, provides for demand-responsive and fixed-route Intra-City service within their Sphere of Influence and the surrounding area.

This service utilizes four (4) FCRTA wheelchair accessible vehicles. It operates four (4) vehicles on a demand-responsive basis for eight (8) hours each on a staggered basis, and one (1) for four (4) hours for lunchtime driver relief, Monday through Friday, during an approximate eight (8) hours service day. Saturday demand-responsive services are provided with a single (1) vehicle during an approximate eight (8) hour service period.

The FCRTA also contracts to operate Southeast Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximate eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday using a lift-equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed-route to serve patrons "between" Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler and "to" and "from" the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA).

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Selma, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding Area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

P. Fresno County

Fresno County financially participates through the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency for provision of service to unincorporated area residents within the Spheres of Influence and the surrounding areas of the thirteen (13) rural cities and two dozen unincorporated communities

situated on established fixed-routes.

Fresno County also provides the funding for six (6) other unincorporated area transit services.

Auberry Transit is provided, through an inter-agency service agreement with FCRTA. The service area includes the communities of Alder Springs, Auberry, New Auberry, the Big Sandy Indian Rancheria, Burrough Valley, Cold Springs Indian Rancheria, Jose Basin, Marshall Station, Meadow Lakes, Mile High, Prather, Sycamore, and Tollhouse. A lift- equipped vehicle provides approximately seven (7) hours of service per day, Monday through Friday. A second Auberry Transit vehicle is to provide “life-line” inter-city service from the foothill communities and through Friant and the Table Mountain Indian Rancheria to the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, one (1) day a week during an eight (8) hour service period.

Del Rey Transit operates as a general public demand-responsive service. The FCRTA continues to fund the service four (4) hours per service day and Fresno County TDA monies fund the remaining four (4) hours. The service is under contract for driver services through the FCRTA and continues to be available during an approximate eight (8) hour period Monday through Friday. The operation will continue to maintain priority service to seniors attending the mid-day Hot Meal Nutrition Program. The service transports passengers within the community on a shared ride basis; arranges passenger grouping for trips to Sanger; and transfers passengers in Sanger to access Orange Cove Transit for service to Fresno, Parlier, Reedley, and Orange Cove. As of April 1, 2019 the, service was modified to 7 hours per weekday and 5 hours on Saturday on a 3-month demonstration period to accommodate requests for Saturday service from Del Rey residents.

Dinuba Connection is in its tenth (10th) year of service. In cooperation with the FCRTA, the City of Dinuba (in Tulare County) provides an inter-County service, referred to as the Dinuba Connection, between Dinuba and Reedley (in Fresno County). It allows Dinuba residents to travel from their City and its Vocational Training Center to the Adventist Medical Center (for on-the-job training) and to attend Reedley College. Eastern Fresno County residents travel to regional retail and entertainment centers in Dinuba. The service has proven to be very successful. The operations encourage transfers between Reedley Transit’s Intra-City services and Orange Cove Transit’s Inter-City services, to facilitate connectivity between Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, Sanger, and Fresno. Both entities will continue to utilize a portion of their locally approved half-cent sales tax (Measure R in Tulare County and Measure C in Fresno County) to continue to split the costs of this transit expansion program.

Laton Transit continues to be provided by the FCRTA through an ongoing inter-agency services agreement with Kings Area Rural Transit (KART). Round trip, inter-community service between the unincorporated Community of Laton and the City of Hanford, in Kings County, is available Monday through Friday. An existing inter-County service by KART from Hanford through Laton and then Selma (Kaiser Clinic) and Hospitals in Fresno and the Central Valley Children’s Hospital in Madera County is provided Monday through Friday.

Rural Transit between remote areas of Fresno County has been mentioned in the Regional Transportation Plan and Rural Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for many years. The Measure-C Expenditure Plan referenced the concept for funding and implementation. Service beyond the current transit service areas associated with incorporated cities has been difficult to justify. Four (4) vehicles were purchased to facilitate the operation of three (3) in regular services, Monday through Friday, with the fourth (4th) reserved as a back-up vehicle. The adopted Rural SRTP reflects the demand-responsive operation to be available on a twenty-four (24) hour prior

reservation basis. Transfers to existing operations have eliminated service duplications.

FCRTA deployed the Rural Transit Expansion in October 2020 through a contractor services agreement with Inspiration Transportation, a 501(c)3 social service transportation provider. This service is a demand response 24-hour advance reservation service providing transportation to the communities of West Park and Biola to the Fresno Clovis Metropolitan areas. This service is operated with two (2) electric sedan vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the unincorporated portions of the County of Fresno will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

Additional Information

It should be noted additional transit needs are being met through three (3) other programs, which have been implemented with Measure – C funds. The Fresno COG administers the programs:

- Carpooling - A subsidized carpooling program is available for individuals willing to share rides with others. A computerized program may assist individuals in making successful contacts to form successful arrangements to share rides conveniently.
- Commuter Vanpooling – A subsidized vanpooling program is available for a group of individuals who may have common interests in commuting for employment or schooling at City Colleges and Universities. Several commercial entities have complete programs to provide vans ranging from seven (7) to fifteen (15) passenger capacities. A lead and back-up driver volunteer to make arrangements to transport the group as needed. The vehicle, fuel, maintenance, and insurance are covered. Participants share in a portion of the costs. Several hundred vehicles are currently in operation, and more are being formed on a regular basis.
- Farm Labor Vanpooling – A subsidized farm labor vanpooling program facilitates group transportation to field and packing facilities. The program is flexible to meet the seasonal needs of the workers, originating in Fresno County. Fifteen (15) passenger vans accommodate seven (7) to fifteen (15) individuals. A lead and back-up driver volunteer to make arrangements to transport the group as needed. The vehicle, fuel, maintenance, and insurance are covered. Participants share in a portion of the costs. Several hundred vehicles are currently in operation, and more are being formed on a regular basis.

Individuals and groups desiring to know more about these programs should call 559-441-RIDE (7433) or contact www.valleyrides.com for more information.

Appendix A - Demographic Information

Transit Dependent Groups

Per the Transportation Development Act, Unmet Transit Needs findings must include an annual assessment of the size and location of identifiable groups likely to be transit-dependent, including but not limited to, the elderly, the disabled, including individuals eligible for paratransit and other special transportation services pursuant to Section 12143 of Title 42 of the United States Code, and persons of limited means, including, but not limited to, recipients under the CalWORKs program.

For the purposes of this document:

- The elderly is considered to be individuals age 65 years old and older.
- The term "disability" refers to persons who because, of physical or mental impairment, are unable to drive automobiles or use public transit, which is not specifically tailored to meet their needs.
- Persons of limited means are considered as having incomes below the poverty threshold as defined by the federal government.

Demographic Data - Charts and Highlights

The determination of the size and location of identifiable groups likely to be “transit-dependent” is based on the American Community Survey, 2020 Census, and other pertinent data. The demographic data relevant to determining unmet transit needs in Fresno County is presented in the form of tables and maps.

The American Community Survey (ACS) replaced the decennial census long form in 2010. The ACS now collects detailed questions about socioeconomic and housing characteristics on an annual basis. The function of the decennial census will be to provide counts of people for the purpose of congressional apportionment and legislative redistricting. The primary purpose of the ACS is to measure the changing social and economic characteristics of the U.S. population. The use of the ACS data will provide “snapshots” of our region’s socioeconomic characteristics. The decision to select one-year, three-year, or five-year ACS “snapshots” is dependent on whether the intent is to reflect the most current data (e.g., one-year ACS) or a statistically more accurate “snapshot” (e.g., lower margin of error) over a larger period of time.

In this section, Table 2 presents an overview of the population in Fresno County. Figure 2 illustrates graphically how the population is dispersed throughout the incorporated and unincorporated areas in Fresno County.

Figure 2
Fresno County Population Density

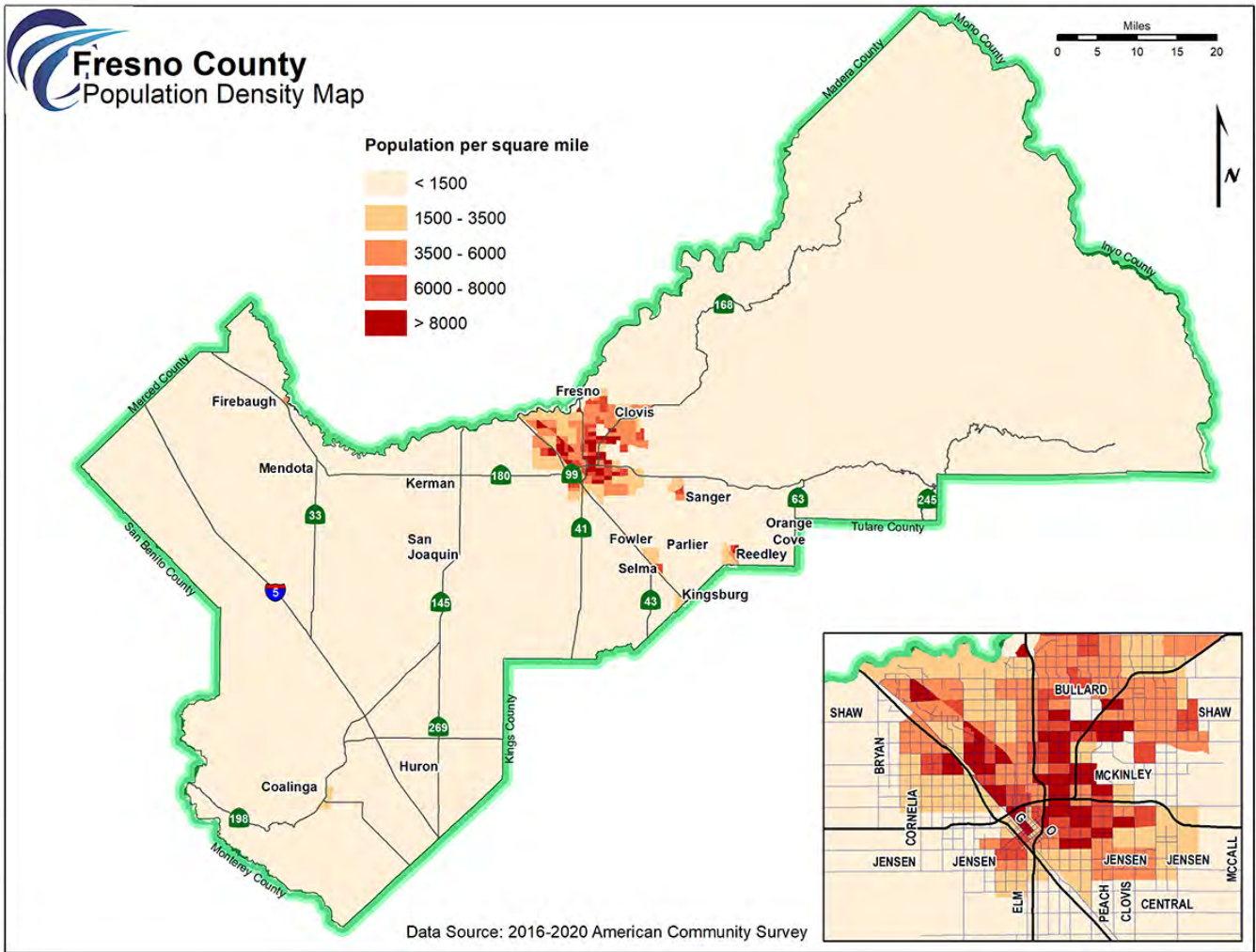


Table 2 shows the 2020, 1-year population estimate. The most rapid population increase between 2010 and 2020 occurred in the City of Coalinga, with growth of over 31%. Other Fresno County cities with large increases were Clovis (25%), Fowler (20%), and Kerman (18%). The population for Fresno County as a whole declined over 5% between 2010 and 2020.

The Cities of Fresno and Clovis both have a population more than 100,000 people. Pursuant to Senate Bill 716 (enacted 2009), cities with a population of 100,000 or more within a county that has a population of 500,000 or more will be required to expend 100% of the Local Transportation Funds (LTF) apportionment for public transit purposes. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis have already been complying with this requirement.

Population forecasts suggest that none of the other incorporated cities in Fresno County will exceed 100,000 in the next 20 years and therefore, will be exempt from the provisions of Senate Bill 716. The California Department of Finance annual city and county population estimates will be used to identify when the population threshold has been met. SB 716 represents a fundamental change in the way public transit will be financed in the future.

Table 2
Total Population and Percent Change, Year 2020

Jurisdiction	Population			% Change 2010 - 2020
	2000	2010	2020	
City of Clovis	66,468	95,631	120,124	25.61%
City of Coalinga	11,668	13,380	17,590	31.46%
City of Firebaugh	5,743	7,549	8,096	7.25%
City of Fowler	3,979	5,570	6,700	20.29%
City of Fresno	427,652	494,665	542,107	9.59%
City of Huron	6,306	6,754	6,206	-8.11%
City of Kerman	8,551	13,544	16,016	18.25%
City of Kingsburg	9,199	11,382	12,380	8.77%
City of Mendota	7,890	11,014	12,595	14.35%
City of Orange Cove	7,722	9,078	9,649	6.29%
City of Parlier	11,145	14,494	14,576	0.57%
City of Reedley	20,756	24,194	25,227	4.27%
City of San Joaquin	3,270	4,001	3,701	-7.50%
City of Sanger	18,931	24,270	26,617	9.67%
City of Selma	19,444	23,219	24,674	6.27%
County of Fresno	170,683	171,705	162,396	-5.42%
Total	779,407	930,450	1,008,654	8.40%

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census(2020, 2010, 2000)

Table 3 presents the 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS 5-year) data on population by age and income characteristics. This data is important to this analysis because studies have shown that age and income have a high correlation with automobile usage and transit dependency. Persons aged 65 and over are separated as a subset of the total population figures. In some jurisdictions, these individuals become eligible for transit services solely based on their age. In others, they qualify for reduced fares because of their age. In either case, they are recognized as a select group of people who may have special transportation needs met through public transportation.

Poverty statistics in ACS products adhere to the standards specified by the Office of Management and Budget in Statistical Policy Directive 14. The Census Bureau uses a set of dollar value thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. Further, poverty thresholds for people living alone or with nonrelatives (unrelated individuals) vary by age (under 65 years or 65 years and older). The poverty thresholds for two-person families also vary by the age of the householder. If a family's total income is less than the dollar value of the appropriate threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. Similarly, if an unrelated individual's total income is less than the appropriate threshold, then that individual is considered to be in poverty.

Table 3
Age and Income, Year 2016-2020

Jurisdiction	Population for whom poverty status is determined	Persons age 65 years+		Persons in poverty		Persons age 65 years+ & in poverty	
		Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
City of Clovis	111,804	14,421	12.9%	9,884	8.8%	876	0.8%
City of Coalinga	13,584	1,608	11.8%	2,569	18.9%	111	0.8%
City of Firebaugh	7,772	790	10.2%	2,573	33.1%	257	3.3%
City of Fowler	6,318	945	15.0%	1,103	17.5%	127	2.0%
City of Fresno	517,104	59,357	11.5%	121,485	23.5%	8,821	1.7%
City of Huron	7,084	493	7.0%	2,923	41.3%	143	2.0%
City of Kerman	14,624	1,430	9.8%	2,102	14.4%	235	1.6%
City of Kingsburg	12,028	1,452	12.1%	710	5.9%	139	1.2%
City of Mendota	12,112	837	6.9%	4,663	38.5%	200	1.7%
City of Orange Cove	10,093	749	7.4%	4,534	44.9%	270	2.7%
City of Parlier	15,629	1,285	8.2%	4,969	31.8%	550	3.5%
City of Reedley	25,209	2,525	10.0%	5,802	23.0%	234	0.9%
City of San Joaquin	4,025	236	5.9%	1,057	26.3%	53	1.3%
City of Sanger	26,656	2,527	9.5%	6,189	23.2%	400	1.5%
City of Selma	24,183	2,607	10.8%	5,643	23.3%	550	2.3%
County of Fresno	164,940	27,333	16.6%	26,090	15.8%	3,067	1.9%
Total	973,165	118,595	12.2%	202,296	20.8%	16,033	1.6%

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 4 provides data on individuals with disabilities by gender and age. This information is from the 2016-2020 ACS data and includes non-institutionalized persons aged five and older who have a "disability." Individuals were asked if they, or others in the household, had a health condition that has lasted for six or more months, making it difficult to go outside of the home alone. Persons that have such difficulty because of a health condition are said to have a mobility limitation. Increased public transportation would be an asset to those who have mobility limitations.

Table 4
Disability Status by Age by Sex, Year 2016-2020

Age	Male		Female		Total	
	Persons with a disability	Percent with a disability	Persons with a disability	Percent with a disability	Persons with a disability	Percent with a disability
Under 5 years	407	1.0%	224	0.6%	631	0.8%
5 to 17 years	6,482	6.2%	4,588	4.6%	11,070	5.4%
18 to 64 years	31,936	11.1%	34,502	11.9%	66,438	11.5%
65 years and over	21,828	41.0%	27,489	42.1%	49,317	41.6%
Total	60,653	12.5%	66,803	13.5%	127,456	13.0%

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 4 shows that 60,653 males, or 12.5% of the male population within Fresno County meet the

definition of a person having a disability. In contrast, 66,803 females, or 13.5% of the female population within Fresno County meet this definition.

Table 5
Employment Status by Disability Status, 2020

Disability Status	Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years					
	In the labor force				Not in labor force	
	Employed		Unemployed			
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
With a disability	22,958	34.6%	4,073	6.1%	39,407	59.3%
No disability	363,776	71.0%	33,302	6.5%	115,398	22.5%
Total	386,734	66.8%	37,375	6.5%	154,805	26.7%

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 5 expands on the number of individuals in Fresno County age 18, and over by their disability and employment status. Looking at the Civilian noninstitutionalized population between the ages of 18 and 64, which numbers 578,914, the data shows that there are 386,734 persons, or 66.8% of which, that are employed. Of this number, 22,958 or 34.6% have a disability, whereas 363,776, or 71% of those employed do not have a disability.

Of the Civilian noninstitutionalized population between the age of 18 and 64 within the labor force, 37,375, or 6.5% are unemployed. Of this number, 4,073, or 10.8% are disabled, whereas 33,302, or 89.1% are able-bodied.

Of the Civilian noninstitutionalized population between the age of 18 and 64 within the labor force, 154,805, or 26.7% are not in the labor force. Of this number, 39,407, or 22.2% are disabled, and 115,398, or 74.5% are able bodied.

Fresno COG's definition of transit-dependent focuses on individuals who, by virtue of their age, income, or disability, are not adequately served by the automobile. Information from the last available version of a summary from Caltrans entitled "Travel and Related Factors in California" was used as a foundation for identifying the incidence of individuals that are transportation dependent.

Table 6 below shows the Population of driving Age in Fresno County for 2020 as 738,854 persons. Driving age is defined as people between '16-18', and '18+'.

Table 6
Population of Driving Age in Fresno County, Year 2020

Age	Population	Percent
0-15	251,350	25.4%
16-18	30,041	3.0%
18+	708,813	71.6%
Total	990,204	100.0%

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

According to the [California Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\)](#), in 2020, 600,899 persons, or 81.3% of the population over the age of 16 are licensed drivers.

Table 7
Percent of Licensed Drivers of Driving Age, Population

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Valid driver licenses	588,753	596,540	605,627	600,899
Percent of licensed drivers of driving-age population	81.6%	82.0%	82.6%	81.3%

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, California Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver Licenses Outstanding by County

Between 2017 and 2019, the number of valid driver licenses in Fresno County increased from 588,753 in 2017 to 605,627 in 2019. Between 2019 and 2020, this number reversed course, dropping to 600,899 driver licenses outstanding, a reduction of 628 driver licenses, or a decline of less than 1%.

Table 7 below shows the number of vehicles and licensed drivers per household. It shows that there are 333,357 total housing units, 310,097 occupied housing units and 580,700 household vehicles available. The numbers show an average household size is 3.14 individuals with 1.87 average vehicles available per household and 1.94 average drivers per household.

Table 8
Occupied Household / Vehicles in Fresno County, Year 2016-2020

Label	Estimates
Total housing units	333,357
Occupied housing units	310,097
Average household size	3.14
Household Vehicles available *	580,700
Average vehicles available per household	1.87
Average drivers per household	1.94

Data Source: United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, California Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver Licenses Outstanding by County

* ACS doesn't have vehicles statistics. This value is estimated with assumption that vehicles available for households in ACS with "5 or more vehicles available" is 5.

Appendix B – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Process

In the FY 2021-22 meeting cycle, Fresno County was largely shut down because of COVID-19. As a result, public outreach for the Unmet Transit Needs took place virtually as face-to-face interactions and public meetings were prohibited.

For the FY 2022-23 meeting cycle, public outreach took place virtually and face-to-face. This was a change over the UTN meeting cycle from FY 2021-22 when Fresno County was shut down from COVID-19, and the entire public outreach process was forced to take place entirely online. This new hybrid approach to public outreach enables us to utilize the best of both in-person and virtual strategies.

Tasks carried forward from the FY 2021-22 UTN cycle include the online survey and virtual meetings. Tasks carried forward from previous entirely in-person unmet transit needs assessments are the in-person meetings, four in the Fresno Clovis metropolitan area and two in unincorporated cities in Fresno County, on an alternating basis.

The Survey

As with the previous cycle, the survey was designed to collect transit-related information from transit riders and stakeholder that pertain to the Unmet Transit Needs assessment. The survey was released on February 2, 2022, and closed April 2, 2022. Thirty-three participants left 87 responses and 47 comments, many of which could be consolidated as they were submitted by the same participant. When reviewed by participating transit agencies, only 12 of these comments provided any information that could be used within the UTN. These The remaining surveys were deleted since they did not contain any informational value.

While screenshots of the surveys are shown below, the survey questions are as follow:

Question #1 – Do you use public transportation or social services transportation?

Yes

No

Question #2. – Are there any locations/destinations you would like to access by transit or social service transportation that are currently not being served?

Yes

No

If yes, please list locations/destinations

Question #3. – If you answered “yes” to question #2, please answer the questions below.

- a. What is your zip code?
- b. Where are you going (what is your destination address)?
- c. Where are you coming from (what is your originating address)?
- d. What days do you need service?
- e. What transit system does your feedback refer to?

Fresno Area Express

Handy Ride, City of Fresno’s paratransit service

Clovis Round-Up, City of Clovis’ paratransit service

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA)

A social service agency provider

If you selected a social services provider, who is the provider?

Clovis Round-Up, City of Clovis' paratransit service

A social service provider

Question #4. – Do you have any additional comments or feedback?

In-Person Public Meetings

Six in-person public meetings were held within Fresno County: three in the City of Fresno, one in the City of Clovis, and two in smaller cities in Fresno County, specifically Kerman and Fowler. The third event within the City of Fresno was held on a Saturday to accommodate people whose schedule would not allow them to attend any of the other in-person public events.

Virtual Events

Three virtual events took place on Thursday, February 17, 2022, all on ZOOM with one broadcast on Facebook. The first meeting was held at 9 AM, the second at 2:30 PM, and the third at 5:30 PM.

Comment Cards

Comment cards were made available in English and Spanish, distributed to the Unmet Transit Needs mailing list, and available online for download.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for the FY 2022–2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment is scheduled to take place before the April Fresno COG Policy Board meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The hearing will be taking place at the offices of Fresno COG, located at:

2035 E. Tulare Ave, Ste. 201,
Fresno, CA 93721

To join virtually, Join Zoom Meeting

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Exhibit A

**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
Membership List
Updated March 2022**

Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older (minimum of 1)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Michael Mendez, Jr.	Sanger/Fresno County	1-2023	Hispanic

Representatives of the Local Social Service Providers for Seniors (minimum of 2)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Sonia Del La Rosa, Fresno County	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2023	Hispanic
Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno County Public Works	Fresno/Fresno County	1-2023	Caucasian

Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled (minimum of 1)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Sarin Wakimian	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2023	Caucasian

Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled (minimum of 2)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Vidal Medina, RICV	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2022	Hispanic
Chenier Derrick	Fresno/Fresno County		African American

Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means (minimum of 1)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Hector Medina, Fresno County	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2023	Hispanic

Representatives from the Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (minimum of 2)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Amy Hance, Clovis Transit	Clovis/Fresno County	6-2022	Caucasian
Thomas Dulin, FEOC/CTSA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2022	Caucasian
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Fresno/Fresno County	2-2023	Hispanic
Darlene Christiansen, FAX	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2023	Asian American

Representatives of General Public, who use Public Transit			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Yonas Paulos	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2022	Caucasian
Matthew Gilliam	Fresno/Fresno County	10-2023	African American

Exhibit A-1

List of Acronyms

Acronym	Agency Name
ACS	American Community Survey
ADA	American Disabilities Act
CCNF	Central California Nikkei Foundation
COFCG	Council of Fresno County Governments (old name of Fresno COG)
COG	Council of Governments
CTSA	Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
FAX	Fresno Area Express
FCHSS	Fresno County Health and Social Services
FCMA	Fresno County Metropolitan Area
FCRTA	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
FEOC	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
KART	Kings Area Rural Transit
LTF	Local Transportation Fund
OPB	Operations Program and Budget
PUC	Public Utilities Commission
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SB	Senate Bill
SRTP	Short Range Transit Plan
SSTAC	Social Services Transit Advisory Committee
TDA	Transit Development Act
UMTA	Urban Mass Transit Agency
UTN	Unmet Transit Needs
VCH	Valley Children's Hospital

Exhibit B

2022-23 Unmet Transit Needs Process Outreach Schedule – Fresno COG

What	Whom	Number	Date
Fresno COG website	Posted to COG website under Get Involved and Public Transit Planning.	213 page views	1/2022
Included in “Coming Up at Fresno COG” e-newsletter	UTN article included in the Coming Up at Fresno COG enews publication. Initially sent to 3,998 email addresses and resent to 2,261 email addresses. There were 900 emails opened, which represents a 30% open rate.	6,259	2/2022
Specific UTN emails to the COG mailing list	COG database - Includes all Constant Contact email contacts, elected officials, committees, community agencies, consultants. February 10, 2022: Sent 3,212 emails, and resent to 1,897 email addresses that did not open the first email. There were a total of 782 emails (15.3%) opened from both campaigns with 28 click-throughs (0.5%).	5,109 emails sent	2/10/2022 with follow up within one week.
Social Media posts about the UTN	Posted to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn on February 8, 2022, in English and Spanish. Subsequently reposted on February 10, 2022. Impressions: 229 Reach: 117 Engagements: 11 Impressions: 624 Reach: 517 Engagements: 8 Link Clicks: 37 Facebook has suspended Fresno COG’s boosting privileges, for some reason.	853 Impressions	2/8/2022 and 2/10/2022
ZOOM Virtual meeting broadcast on Facebook	Promotion of the virtual public meeting broadcast on Facebook on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Impressions: 279 Reach: 176 Engagements: 11	279 Impressions	2/17/2022
Mail out of the UTN flyer to the UTN mailing list	Mail out the UTN flyer to the names on the UTN database	338	2/2022
Public Notice publication in the Fresno Bee	Public notice for the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment public hearing on Thursday, April 28, 2022 in English within the Fresno Bee.		3/26/2022

What	Whom	Number	Date
Public Notice publication in the Spanish edition of the Fresno Bee.	Public notice for the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment public hearing on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in Spanish edition of the Fresno Bee.		

Exhibit B-1

Unmet Transit Needs Request Flyer and Comments Form



Do you or someone you know have a public transit need that is not being met?

The Fresno Council of Government's (FCOG)

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council would like to hear from you!

If you would like to provide comments on public transit needs in Fresno County, please join us at one of the following virtual meetings or submit written comments via email or US mail. Please see the section titled "How To Participate" on the back of this flyer for more information and links.

Public input and feedback is a critical part of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. In partnership with local transit providers, Fresno COG is collecting public comments on Unmet Transit Needs in several ways. The first is an online survey available in English and Spanish.

The Fresno County Unmet Transit Needs Survey – [English Link](#)

Or take the survey by opening the stock Camera app on your cell phone, then point it steadily for 2-3 seconds towards the QR Code to the right. Whenever scanning is enabled, a notification will appear. Touch the notification to open the survey. If nothing happens, you may have to go to your Settings app and Enable QR Code scanning.



There are also nine public events: six in-person, and three virtual, that allow the public to speak directly with transit providers and staff. These events will be held as follows:

In-Person Public Meetings

Fresno	Fresno	Fowler
Tuesday, Feb. 8—5:30-6:30pm	Thursday, Feb. 10—5:30-6:30pm	Wednesday, Feb. 16—5-6:00pm
Clovis	Kerman	Downtown Fresno
Tuesday, Feb 22—5:30-6:30pm	Tuesday, Feb. 23—5-6:00pm	Saturday, Feb. 26—12-1:00pm

Virtual Public Meetings—Thursday, February 17

9—10:00am 2—3:00pm 5:30—6:30pm

To view meeting details, please [click here](#) or scan this QR code:

A Public Hearing will also take place during the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Call in information will be available through [this link](#).

Please call for (559) 233-4148 for more information.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is the purpose of the unmet transit needs meetings?

The meetings provide an opportunity for the public to identify all Fresno County “unmet transit needs” that are “reasonable to meet” within Fresno County (PUC 99401.5 (d)).

What is an “unmet transit need”?

An “unmet transit need” is an inadequacy in existing public transit service from one location to another for persons recognized as transit dependent in Fresno County.

Who is “transit dependent”?

The “transit dependent” are those individuals who rely on public transit because they do not operate a vehicle because of youth, advanced age, mental or physical impairment or low income.

What is the purpose of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)?

The purpose of SSTAC is to receive public comment regarding transit service needs for the transit-dependent in Fresno County.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Complete the Unmet Transit Needs Survey online.
2. Attend a virtual public meeting listed above or the Public Hearing
3. Submit a comment card providing as much detail as possible to describe the need you would like to have met.
4. If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to provide your comments, please mail or email your comments to:

Brenda Veenendaal
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
Email: comments@fresnocog.org

5. To receive more information about available transit and the Unmet Transit Needs process, visit us online at: <https://www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-assessment/>

**2022 Unmet Transit Needs
Comment Form**

Name*:

Email:

City*: Ph. Number:

Zip*:

During the past week (7 days), on how many days have you ridden the bus?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1. Which transit system(s) are you requesting improvements to?*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresno Area Express | <input type="checkbox"/> FAX Handy Ride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clovis Stageline | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresno County Rural Transit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> | |

2. Describe the transit improvement(s) you are requesting. To effectively evaluate your comment, please provide the nearest cross street (or area of town where you live), your destination, day of week, and approximate time of day that you are interested in making your trip.*

3. Describe the individuals who would need the service. Include age group, financial constraints, and whether they have disabilities that would require special services. *

Your comments will be compiled in a report on Unmet Transit Needs. If you provide your contact information, you will receive a notice once the report is available for review. Please return form to:

**Brenda Veenendahl
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721 Fax no: (559) 233-9645
comment@fresnocog.org**

Exhibit B-2

Unmet Transit Needs Flyer and Comments Form in Spanish



¿Usted o alguien que conoce tiene una necesidad de transporte público que no se está cumpliendo?

¡El Consejo Consultivo de Transporte de Servicios Sociales del Consejo de Gobiernos de Fresno (FCOG) desea escucharle a usted!

Si desea proporcionar comentarios sobre las necesidades de transporte público en el Condado de Fresno, por favor, únase a nosotros en una de las siguientes reuniones virtuales o envíe comentarios por escrito por correo postal o electrónico. Consulte la sección titulada "Cómo Participar" en la parte posterior de este volante para obtener más información y enlaces.

La aportación y comentarios del público es una parte crítica del proceso de Necesidades de Tránsito No Cumplidas (UTN). En asociación con los proveedores de tránsito locales, Fresno COG está recopilando Comentarios de las Necesidades de Tránsito No Cumplidas de varias maneras. La primera es una encuesta por internet disponible en Inglés y Español.

Encuesta de Necesidades de Tránsito No Cumplidas del Condado de Fresno – Enlace Español

O realice la encuesta abriendo la aplicación de cámara en su teléfono celular, luego apunte de forma constante durante 2-3 segundos hacia el Código QR a la derecha. Siempre que se habilite el análisis, aparecerá una notificación. Toque la notificación para abrir la encuesta. Si no pasa nada, es posible que tenga que ir a la aplicación Configuración y habilitar el escaneo de Código QR.



También hay nueve eventos públicos: seis presenciales y tres virtuales, que permiten que el público hable directamente con los proveedores de tránsito y el personal. Estos eventos se realizarán de la siguiente manera:

Reuniones públicas en persona

Fresno Martes, 8 de feb.—5:30-6:30pm	Fresno Jueves, 10 de feb.—5:30-6:30pm	Fowler Miércoles, 16 de feb.—5-6:00pm
Clovis Martes, 22 de feb.—5:30-6:30pm	Kerman Martes, 23 de feb.—5-6:00pm	Downtown Fresno Sábado, 26 de feb.—12-1:00pm

Reuniones públicas virtuales: Jueves 17 de febrero

9—10:00am 2—3:00pm 5:30—6:30pm

Para ver los detalles de la reunión, [haga clic aquí](#) o escanee este código QR:

También se se llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública en la junta del Consejo de Políticas de Fresno COG el Jueves, Abril 28, 2022 a las 5:30 p.m.

La información para llamadas estará disponible a través de [este enlace](#).

Llame al (559) 233-4148 para obtener más información.



INFORMACIÓN DE ANTECEDENTES

¿Cuál es el propósito de las reuniones de necesidades de tránsito no cumplidas?

Las juntas brindan una oportunidad para que el público identifique todas las "necesidades de tránsito no cumplidas" del Condado de Fresno que sean "razonables de cumplir" dentro del Condado de Fresno (PUC 99401.5 (d)).

¿Qué es una "necesidad de tránsito no cumplida"?

Una "necesidad de tránsito no cumplida" es una insuficiencia en el existente servicio de transporte público de un lugar para otro para personas reconocidas como dependientes del tránsito en el Condado de Fresno.

¿Quiénes son los "dependientes del tránsito"?

Los "dependientes del tránsito" son aquellas personas que dependen del transporte público porque no operan un vehículo debido a su juventud, edad avanzada, impedimento mental o físico o bajos ingresos.

¿Cuál es el propósito del Consejo Consultivo de Transporte de Servicios Sociales (SSTAC)?

El propósito de SSTAC es de recibir comentarios públicos sobre las necesidades del servicio de tránsito para el dependiente del tránsito en el Condado de Fresno.

COMO PARTICIPAR

1. Complete la Encuesta de Necesidades de Tránsito No Cumplidas por internet.
2. Asista a una reunión pública virtual mencionada anteriormente o a la audiencia pública.
3. Envíe una tarjeta de comentarios que proporcione tantos detalles como sea posible para describir la necesidad que le gustaría que sea cumplida.
4. Si no puede asistir a una reunión, pero le gustaría proporcionar sus comentarios, envíe sus comentarios por correo postal o electrónico a:

Brenda Veenendaal

2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201

Fresno, CA 93721

Correo electrónico: comments@fresnocog.org

5. Para recibir más información sobre el tránsito disponible y el proceso de Necesidades de Tránsito No Cumplidas, visítenos por internet en:

<https://www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-assessment/>

2022 Necesidades de Tránsito
No Cumplidas
Formulario de Comentario

Nombre*:

Email:

Ciudad*: Número de Tel:

Zip*:

Durante la semana pasada (7 días), ¿cuántos días ha subido al autobús?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1. ¿A qué sistema (s) de tránsito solicita que se hagan mejoras? *

Fresno Area Express

FAX Handy Ride

Clovis Stageline

Fresno County Rural Transit

Otro:

2. Describa las mejoras de tránsito que está solicitando. Para evaluar su comentario de manera efectiva, proporcione el cruce de calles más cercano (o el área de la ciudad donde vive), su destino, el día de la semana y la hora aproximada del día en la que está interesado en hacer su viaje. *

3. Describa las personas que necesitarían el servicio. Incluya grupos de edad, restricciones financieras y si tienen discapacidades que requieran servicios especiales. *


Sus comentarios se compilarán en un informe sobre necesidades de tránsito no atendidas. Si proporciona su información de contacto, recibirá un aviso una vez que el informe esté disponible para su revisión. Por favor devuelva el formulario a:

Brenda Veenendahl
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721 Fax no: (559) 233-9645
comment@fresnocog.org


Exhibit B-3

Unmet Transit Needs Survey in English

Unmet Transit Needs Survey - 2022



The Fresno County Unmet Transit Needs Survey

 Fresno Council of Governments

 FAX
FRESNO AREA
EXPRESS





Welcome Submit ideas About You Thank you

Welcome!

Public input and feedback is a critical part of the UTN process. In partnership with local transit providers, Fresno COG is collecting public comments on Unmet Transit Needs for Fresno County. All comments are due by March 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and will be considered part of the 2022 UTN assessment.

The UTN assessment is held each year to identify unmet transit needs that are "reasonable to meet" that are not already being met through existing public transit services with available funding.

Please assist us by completing the survey on the next screen to identify Unmet Transit Needs in Fresno County.

[Continue](#)



Welcome **Submit ideas** About You Thank you

1. Do you use public transit or social service transportation?



Closed to responses | 33 Responses

2. Are there any locations/destinations you would like to access by transit or social service transportation that are currently not being served?



Closed to responses | 28 Responses

If yes, please list locations/destinations

Closed for Comments

West of 99 and north of Clinton. There are many new homes out there that do not have public transportation.

one month ago

Reply 2 Agree

There also needs to be a sidewalk down N Polk Ave from Shaw Ave. And sidewalk down W Fairmount Ave from N Polk Ave. In Fresno city.

one month ago

Reply 1 Agree

There needs to be a bus route and sidewalk from Shaw and N Island Waterpark Dr. The sidewalk is extremely important because we always see people, mostly elderly and working class, walking or riding their bikes and it is dangerous to walk on the side of the road, especially at the... See More

one month ago

Reply 1 Agree

various locations through out the city of Fresno.

one month ago

Reply 1 Agree

more frequent rural transit to urban centers of Fowler to Fresno; opportunities for rural residents to get to small nearby services like rural Fowler

Show all comments

3. If you answered yes to question #2, please answer the questions below.

a. What is your zip code?

This question is closed to responses.



b. Where are you going (what is your destination address)?

Closed for Comments

Chuckchansi

one month ago [↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

From Island Waterpark and Grantland neighborhood to Shaw Ave, the Sikh Institute Gurdwara, and the Herndon Marketplace. There are no sidewalks on some busy streets down these routes, and not a single bus route.

one month ago

[↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

Did not utilize public transportation due to lack of accessibility.

one month ago

[↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

fulton mall, tower district, downtown selma, downtown fowler(from 3 miles out of town)

one month ago

[↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

Show all comments

c. Where are you coming from (what is your originating address)?

Closed for Comments

Woodward park

one month ago [↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

House near Water Island Park (shaw ave/island waterpark ave)

one month ago

[↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

rural fowler

one month ago [↩ Reply](#) [🗳 1 Agree](#)

rural fowler

one month ago Reply 1 Agree

Fruit & Shaw

one month ago Reply 1 Agree

Show all comments

d. What days do you need service?

Closed for Comments

daily, but definitely weekends

one month ago Reply 1 Agree

Daily

one month ago Reply 1 Agree

any day

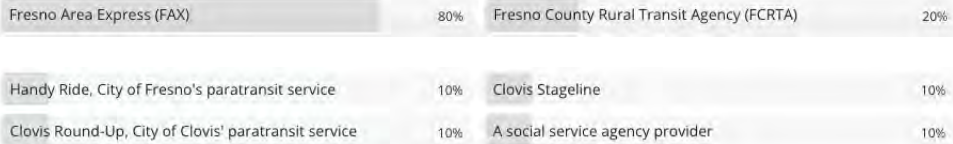
one month ago Reply 1 Agree

8 AM to 8 PM to cover the class times.

one month ago Reply 1 Agree

Show all comments

e. What transit system does your feedback refer to?



Closed to responses | 10 Responses

If you selected a social services provider, who is the provider?

Closed for Comments

4. Do you have any additional comments or feedback?

Closed for Comments

The Coalinga Senior Center is in great need of transportation to get to and from warm meal program provided to our community by FMAAA nutrition site program. Coalinga is a rural community who usually goes unnoticed by the County of Fresno due to distance. The City of Coalinga doe... See More

one month ago

Reply 1 Agree

Would like more late night service

one month ago Reply 1 Agree

Many people can use this transportation around the neighborhoods as there are no paths for people to safely get to their destination.

28 days ago

Reply Agree

No, thanks

one month ago Reply Agree

Continue



Welcome

Submit ideas

About You

Thank you!

Thank you for taking time to share your ideas with us.


If you would like to speak to transit agency representatives, please join us at one of the planned virtual events listed [at this link](#), or email Harold Sobrado at Harold.sobrado@fresno.gov.

Submit Survey




Exhibit B-4

Unmet Transit Needs Survey in Spanish

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The Fresno County Unmet Transit Needs Survey

  Spanish Powered by Google Translate 

Bienvenidos > Enviar Ideas > Acerca de ti > ¡Gracias!

¡Bienvenidos!

Los comentarios y opiniones del público son una parte fundamental del proceso de la UTN. En asociación con los proveedores de tránsito locales, el COG de Fresno está recopilando comentarios públicos sobre las necesidades de tránsito insatisfechas del condado de Fresno. Todos los comentarios deben presentarse antes del 4 de marzo de 2022 a las 5:00 p. m. y se considerarán parte de la evaluación de la UTN de 2022.

La evaluación de la UTN se lleva a cabo cada año para identificar las necesidades de tránsito insatisfechas que son "razonables de satisfacer" y que aún no se están satisfaciendo a través de los servicios de transporte público existentes con los fondos disponibles.

Ayúdenos completando la encuesta en la siguiente pantalla para identificar las necesidades de tránsito no satisfechas en el condado de Fresno.

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The Fresno County Unmet Transit Needs Survey



Spanish

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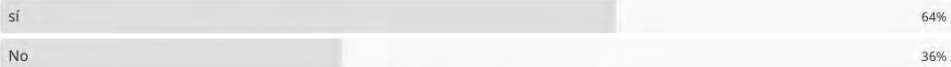
¡Gracias!

1. ¿Utiliza transporte público o transporte de servicio social?



Cerrado a respuestas | 33 respuestas

2. ¿Hay lugares/destinos a los que le gustaría acceder en tránsito o transporte de servicios sociales que actualmente no están siendo atendidos?



Cerrado a respuestas | 28 respuestas

En caso afirmativo, enumere ubicaciones/destinos

Cerrado para comentarios

Al oeste de 99 y al norte de Clinton. Hay muchas casas nuevas por ahí que no tienen transporte público.

hace un mes

Respuesta 2 de acuerdo

También debe haber una acera por N Polk Ave desde Shaw Ave. Y una acera por W Fairmount Ave desde N Polk Ave. En la ciudad de Fresno,

hace un mes

Respuesta 1 de acuerdo

Debe haber una ruta de autobús y una acera desde Shaw y N Island Waterpark Dr. La acera es extremadamente importante porque siempre vemos personas, en su mayoría ancianos y de clase trabajadora, caminando o andando en bicicleta y es peligroso caminar al costado de la carretera, especialmente en la ... Ver más

hace un mes

Respuesta 1 de acuerdo

varios lugares a través de la ciudad de Fresno.

hace un mes

Respuesta 1 de acuerdo

Tránsito rural más frecuente a los centros urbanos por ejemplo Fowler a Fresno. Oportunidades para que los residentes rurales lleguen a

Mostrar todos los comentarios

3. Si respondió afirmativamente a la pregunta n.º 2, responda las siguientes preguntas.

un. ¿Cuál es su código postal?

Esta pregunta está cerrada a respuestas.

B. ¿Adónde vas (cuál es tu dirección de destino)?

Cerrado para comentarios

Chuck Chansi

hace un mes [Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

Desde Island Waterpark y el vecindario de Grantland hasta Shaw Ave, el Sikh Institute Gurdwara y Herndon Marketplace. No hay aceras en algunas calles transitadas por estas rutas, y ni una sola ruta de autobús.

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

No utilizó el transporte público debido a la falta de accesibilidad.

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

centro comercial fulton, distrito de la torre, centro de selma, centro de cazadores (desde 3 millas fuera de la ciudad)

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

Mostrar todos los comentarios

C. ¿De dónde vienes (cuál es tu dirección de origen)?

Cerrado para comentarios

Parque Woodward

hace un mes [Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

Casa cerca de Water Island Park (shaw ave/island waterpark ave)

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

cazador rural

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

Fruta y Shaw

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

Las personas mayores provienen de varias áreas de la ciudad, por lo que es extremadamente difícil para ellos llegar a tiempo al curbro para

Mostrar todos los comentarios

D. ¿Qué días necesita el servicio?

Cerrado para comentarios

todos los días, pero definitivamente los fines de semana

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

A diario

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

cualquier día

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

8 AM a 8 PM para cubrir los horarios de clase.

hace un mes

[Respuesta](#) 1 de acuerdo

Mostrar todos los comentarios

mi. ¿A qué sistema de tránsito se refieren sus comentarios?

Área de Fresno Express (FAX)

80%

Agencia de Tránsito Rural del Condado de Fresno (FCRTA)

20%

Handy Ride, el servicio de paratransito de la ciudad de Fresno

10%

Escenario de Clovis

10%

Clovis Round-Up, servicio de paratransito de la ciudad de Clovis

10%

Proveedor de una agencia de servicios sociales

10%

Cerrado a respuestas | 10 respuestas

Si seleccionó un proveedor de servicios sociales, ¿quién es el proveedor?

Cerrado para comentarios

4. ¿Tiene algún comentario o comentario adicional?

Cerrado para comentarios

El Centro para Personas Mayores de Coalinga tiene una gran necesidad de transporte para ir y venir del programa de comidas calientes proporcionado a nuestra comunidad por el programa de sitio de nutrición de FMAAA. Coalinga es una comunidad rural que suele pasar desapercibida para el Condado de Fresno debido a la distancia. La ciudad de Coalinga doe ... Ver más

hace un mes

↳ Respuesta ① 1 de acuerdo

Me gustaría más servicio nocturno

hace un mes ↳ Respuesta ① 1 de acuerdo

Muchas personas pueden usar este transporte en los vecindarios ya que no hay caminos para que las personas lleguen a su destino de manera segura.

hace 28 días

↳ Respuesta ① Estar de acuerdo

No, gracias

hace un mes ↳ Respuesta ① Estar de acuerdo

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* Proporcione el código postal de su casa para que podamos comprender mejor sus necesidades de transporte de tránsito y servicios sociales.

Esta pregunta está cerrada a respuestas.

Nombre y dirección (OPCIONAL)

Primer nombre

Apellido

Dirección

Bienvenidos

Enviar ideas

Acerca de ti

¡Gracias!

Nombre y dirección (OPCIONAL)

Primer nombre

Primer nombre

Apellido

Apellido

Correo electrónico

Dirección de correo electrónico

Teléfono

###-###-####

Dirección

Habla a

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Transit Needs Survey



Bienvenidos

Enviar ideas

Acerca de ti

¡Gracias!

Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para compartir sus ideas con nosotros.

Si desea hablar con representantes de agencias de tránsito, únase a enumeran [en este enlace](#), o envíe un correo electrónico



Original text

Thank you for taking time to share your ideas with us.

Contribute a better translation

Enviar Encuesta

Exhibit B-5

Unmet Transit Needs Assessment PowerPoint Presentation

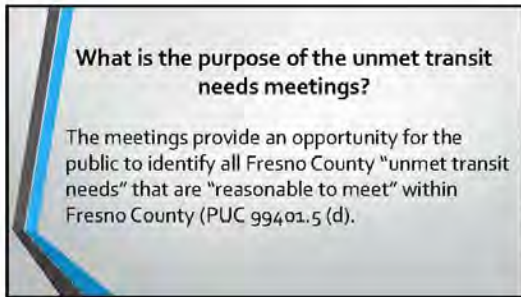
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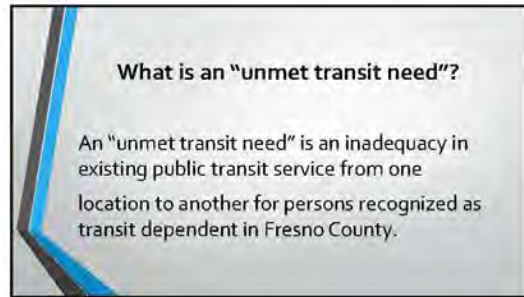
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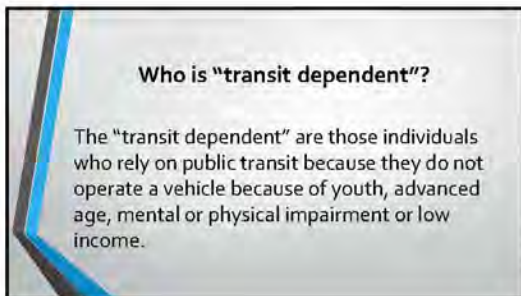
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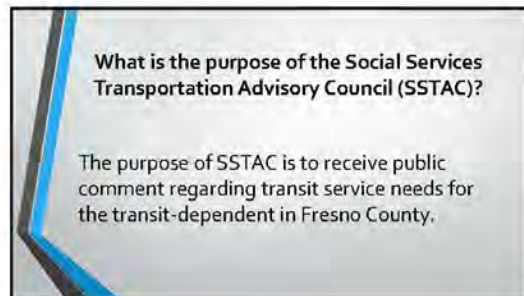
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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Complete the Unmet Transit Needs Survey online in English or Spanish at:
<https://www.publicinput.com/unmettransitneeds/>
2. Attend a public outreach meeting and/or public hearing and speak with transit agency representatives.
3. Submit a comment card at the meeting, providing as much detail as possible to describe the needs you would like to have met.
4. If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to provide your comments, please mail or email your comments to:
Todd Sobrado
Transit Coordinator
5011 Olive Street, Ste. 100
Fresno, CA 93726
Email: todsobrado@fresnocog.org
All comments must be received by Public Input 4/15/22 @ 3:00pm.
5. To obtain more information about available transit and the Unmet Transit Needs process, visit us on the web at this link:
<https://www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-assessment/>

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Public Outreach events

- 6 In-person Public Meetings: 3 in Fresno, 1 in Clovis, and 2 in rural Fresno County; the first in Fowler, and the second in Kerman.
- A single public hearing at the Fresno COG Policy Board.
- <https://www.fresnocog.org/Unmet-Transit-Needs-Assessment/>

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QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU!

For additional information, please contact:
Todd Sobrado
Harold.Sobrado@fresno.gov
559-621-1532

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Exhibit B-6

Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Mailing List Summary, FY 2022-2023

Fresno COG maintains a list of stakeholders interested in the Unmet Transit Needs process. These stakeholders include private citizens, local tribal governments, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and elected officials.

Notification of the Unmet Transit Needs process is made via US mail in mid-to-late January and consists of the flyers in exhibits B1 and B2 above. Prior to sending the flyers, FRESNO COG staff and members of SSTAC review the list with names, agencies, and contact information, edited, added, and deleted from the list, keeping the list current.

Every couple of years, Fresno COG staff will contact the names and agencies on this list to keep the list fresh. In the interest of space and protecting the privacy of the individuals involved in the Unmet Transit Needs process, the mailing list is not included here.

The full Unmet Transit Needs mailing list for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is available upon request via email to Harold.sobrado@fresno.gov or by phone to (559) 621-1532.

In the current cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs process, there were 338 names, tribes, organizations, and agencies on the list that received notification. The smallest groups were local tribal governments with all six tribes receiving notification, followed by private citizens. This latter group numbered less than ten.

The remaining stakeholders consisted of elected officials, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Some of the elected officials on this list include:

- The six members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors
- The mayors of the sixteen incorporated cities in Fresno County
- Council members of each of the sixteen incorporated cities in Fresno County
- The US Senator and Federal and State House and Senate Representatives

The non-profit organizations on the list includes social service providers, and legal advocates, including:

- National Action Network
- Central California Legal Services, Inc.
- Clinica Sierra Vista
- California Rural Legal Assistance

There are many government agencies represented on the list. Some of the agencies on the list include:

- Fresno County Department of Social Services
- California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Many departments within Fresno County, The City of Fresno, and other cities within Fresno County.

Exhibit C

Information Gathering Meeting Attendance Lists

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON MEETING #1 – CITY OF FRESNO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, 5:30 PM The Betty Rodriguez Library 3040 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93703		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG	
Moses Stites	FCRTA	

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON MEETING #2 – CITY OF FRESNO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 5:30 PM Mosqueda Center 4670 E. Butler Avenue, Fresno CA 93702		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	FCOG and FAX	(559) 360-3204
Moses Stites	FCRTA	(559) 621-1532
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG	(559) 233-6789

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON MEETING #3 – RURAL FRESNO COUNTY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022, 5:00 PM City of Fowler, City Hall 128 S. 5 th Street, Fowler, CA 93625		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Moses Stites	FCRTA	
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG	
Dario Dominguez	City of Fowler	

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS VIRTUAL MEETING #1 - ZOOM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, 9:00 AM VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS VIRTUAL MEETING #2 - ZOOM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, 2:00 PM VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS VIRTUAL MEETING #3 – FACEBOOK VIA ZOOM TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2021, 5:30 PM VIRTUAL MEETING BROADCAST ON FACEBOOK VIA ZOOM		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE

Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Janelle Del Campo	FCRTA	
Carolina Ilic	FAX	
Amy Hance	Clovis Transit	
Brenda Veenendahl	Fresno COG	
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG	
11 Participants		

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON MEETING #4 – CITY OF CLOVIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022, 5:30 PM Clovis Senior Activity Center 850 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Moses Stites	FCRTA	
Carolina Ilic	FAX	
Amy Hance	Clovis Transit	

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON MEETING #5 – RURAL FRESNO COUNTY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022, 5:00 PM City of Kerman Community Center 15101 W. Kearney Blvd., Kerman, CA 93630		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Marc Benjamin	Fresno County	

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON MEETING #6 – CITY OF FRESNO, DOWNTOWN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022, 12:00 PM Fresno COG Offices, Sequoia Room 2035 Tulare Street, Ste. 200, Fresno, CA 93625		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Moses Stites	FCRTA	
Carolina Ilic	FAX	

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, April 28, 2022, 5:30 PM Fresno COG Offices, Sequoia Room 2035 Tulare Street, Ste. 200, Fresno, CA 93625		
NAME	ADDRESS OR AGENCY	PHONE
Todd Sobrado	Fresno COG and FAX	(559) 621-1532
Moses Stites	FCRTA	

Exhibit D-1

Public Noticing of the FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Public Hearing Fresno Bee in English and Receipt

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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/s/ TONY BOREN, Executive Director Fresno Council of Governments



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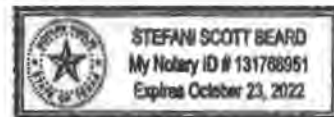
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Exhibit D-2

Public Noticing of the FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Public Hearing Fresno Bee in Spanish and Receipt

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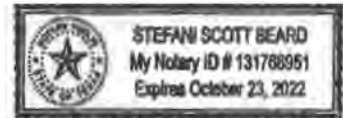
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