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

DATE: Thursday, April 27, 2023
TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices
Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
(Corner of Tulare and Van Ness Ave. - above Club One
Park in Underground Garage - Entrance off Tulare & Van Ness Ave.
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AB 23 Requirement: In accordance with the Brown Act and AB23 the amount of stipend paid to members of the Board of Directors for attending this meeting of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, is \$50.00.

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

1. ROLL CALL

Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda. NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of March 30, 2023 [ATTACHMENT]

B. Request for Joint Proposals for FCRTA and FAX for Social Services Transportation Services [INFORMATION]

Summary: FCRTA and FAX released an RFP on April 3, 2023 soliciting proposals from eligible applicants to provide social service transportation in two (2) service areas; Rural Fresno County and Urban- City of Fresno. In 2020, the FCOG re-designated the CTSA's in the following: FCRTA is now the sole designee for Rural Fresno County and administers the funding, activities, and transportation programs of all CTSA service providers in Rural Fresno County and the City of Fresno is the sole designee for the Fresno Metropolitan Area and administers the funding, activities, and transportation programs of all CTSA service providers within the Fresno Metropolitan Area.

FCRTA and FAX are eligible to directly claim TDA/LTF Article 4.5 funds to fund social service transportation services, programs, and operations in Rural and Urban Fresno County as the designated CTSA's. The contracted service providers must demonstrate that they can generate revenue to match at

least 55% of their operating costs for transportation operations to obtain 45% in LTF 4.5 funds. Proposals were due on April 18th, and one proposal was submitted by Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. Staff will return next month with a proposed Services Agreement.

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

C. Grant Agreement Conflict Waiver for Representation of FCRTA and FCOG [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was awarded a grant through the FCOG Transportation Network Company Access for All (AFA) Grant Program to purchase an additional vehicle to support the Rural Transit Dial-a-Ride expansion. As part of the grant procedures, FCRTA will enter into an agreement with FCOG as the administrator of the grant funding. The Office of Fresno County Counsel provides legal services to FCRTA, and also represents FCOG with regard to the drafting and review of the agreement. One of the office's deputy county counsels already provides legal representation to the FCRTA in all matters, pursuant to a legal services agreement between the FCRTA and the County of Fresno, and would provide representation in this agreement negotiation as well. Another deputy county counsel provides legal services to FCOG and assists FCOG in the drafting and review of the agreement. The Office of Fresno County Counsel provides "dual representation" in this particular instance.

Action: Staff recommends Board Approval of the Conflict Waiver for representation of the FCRTA and FCOG regarding conflict for administration of grant funding.

D. Transportation Network Company Access for All Grant Agreement [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was awarded \$185,645 in funds through the FCOG Transportation Network Company Access for All (AFA) Grant Program for an additional vehicle. The project includes ramp-equipped WAVs to support the Rural Transit Dial-a-Ride expansion. As part of the grant procedures, FCRTA will enter into an agreement with FCOG as the administrator of the grant funding.

Action: Staff recommends Board authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with FCOG for the Transportation Network Company Access for All Program in the amount of \$185,645.

E. 2023 Annual CHP-Motor Carrier Division Terminal, Vehicle and Driver Inspection Report [INFORMATION]

Summary: The CHP has completed the FCRTA Annual Inspection for the Terminal, Maintenance, Vehicles and Driver's Records. This included Drug & Alcohol testing requirements under the Federal Transit Administration and Caltrans. The satisfactory ratings meet Local, State and Federal requirements to continue operations and remain eligible for funding allocations in FY 2023-24 as a Public Transit Agency. The Transit Operator Compliance Certificate, Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Program and Motor Carrier Certification are available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org.

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

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

B. Items from members.

4. ADJOURNMENT

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

ITEM 2A

Minutes

Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting
COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Pro Tem Libertad Lopez, City of Mendota
Mayor Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Matthew Tuttle, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert Garcia, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger

Moses Stites, General Manager
Bryan Rome, County Counsel
Denise Flores, FCOG

Absent:

Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler

Supervisor Sal Quintero (Fresno County) joined via telephone. His attendance is not included in the quorum therefore his votes are not counted.

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 7:49 p.m.

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2. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **Minutes of February 23, 2023 Meeting [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. **Request for Joint Proposals for FCRTA and FAX for Social Services Transportation Services [INFORMATION]**
- C. **Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Application [APPROVE]**
- D. **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus Facilities(5339(b)) and Low or No Emission (5339(c)) Grant Application [APPROVE]**

A motion was made by Mayor Leon (Huron) and second by Mayor Pacheco (Kerman). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. FCRTA Microgrid Study Update [INFORMATION]

Moses informed the Board that the Microgrid Feasibility Study funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant is currently underway. Outreach was conducted this month and six events were held in the cities of Parlier, Fowler, Kerman, Reedley, Firebaugh, and Huron. FCRTA also held two Advisory Committee Meetings on March 15, one virtual and one in-person meeting. Both the outreach and advisory committee meetings generated a lot of attendance and participation and FCRTA collected over 500 survey responses. The goal of the outreach was to gather responses from the community that will help inform what people would like to see at the microgrid/resiliency hubs during nonemergency times. The analysis task of the study is currently underway, and the study should be completed by March, 2024.

This is an information item, and no action was taken.

B. FCRTA Maintenance Facility Groundbreaking [INFORMATION]

Moses informed the Board that Construction started for the FCRTA maintenance facility in March. FCRTA will be holding a groundbreaking for the new facility on April 21st at 10am at the site of the future facility at 1821 Pacific Ave, Selma CA 93662. The new facility represents the culmination of years of planning and will provide a modern facility to support FCRTA's transition to electric and future growth. The project is being funded by an FTA 5339 grant, SB1 and local Measure C funding.

This was an information item, and no action was taken.

4. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

None Reported.

B. Items from Members

None Reported.

5. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:02P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager