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

DATE: Thursday, November 30, 2023
TIME: 5:30pm, **BEFORE** 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.
Exit Elevator on Tulare St., Turn Left, Enter Lobby Door,
Up Elevator to Second Floor, Left to Sequoia Conference Room)

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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 October 26, 2023 [ATTACHMENT]

B. Temporary Maintenance Facility Lease Agreement Extension [APPROVE]

Summary: The Board approved in June 2022, the lease agreement extension (8/15/2022-12/31/2023) for a temporary maintenance facility while the permanent maintenance facility is being built. The temporary site in Selma is located at 1870 Dockery Ave in the City of Selma across from the City yard and around the corner from the new maintenance facility site. FCRTA maintenance services will remain at this location and renew the lease up to an additional year while the new maintenance facility is being constructed. The agreement extension is available on the website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the agreement extension for the maintenance facility lease not to exceed one (1) year (12/31/2023-12/31/2024).

C. California Energy Commission Grant Application [INFORMATION]

Summary: FCRTA submitted an application for the California Energy Commission (CEC) Innovative Charging Solutions for Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicles for Phase II Annex of the Selma Maintenance Facility Project. The project is located on 2 acres adjacent to the FCRTA Maintenance and Operations facility that is currently being constructed. The project consists of a grounded-mounted solar field and the solar bus port. To increase energy resilience, Phase II Annex includes a battery energy storage system (microgrid system), which will be integrated with the solar infrastructure. The solar infrastructure and microgrid will power ten (10) wireless EV charging stations, which will charge FCRTA's new fleet of Ford E-Transit Passenger Vans. FCRTA is requesting \$2,122,952 in grant funding and \$707,651 local match with Measure C funding for a total project cost of \$2,835,553.

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

D. Transit Coordination Projects Update (INFORMATION)

Summary: FCRTA is currently working on the following projects: 1) FCRTA is working with the City of Kerman as well as Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) and Fresno City College to kick-off a demonstration shuttle service through the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) to provide trips between the City of Kerman and Fresno City College. This project will start for the Spring 2024 semester on a demonstration basis operated by FEOC through the CTSA. 2) FCRTA is working with the City of Firebaugh as well as Habitat for Humanity and Fresno Housing to coordinate transit trips using the existing services at housing locations in Firebaugh. FCRTA will also be offering bus passes for residents at these locations as well. 3) FCRTA is working on replicating the Biola Micro transit/Rideshare service for the San Joaquin, Cantua Creek, El Porvenir and Tranquility area. Staff is working on locating infrastructure and working with the subcontractor MV Transportation to hire a local driver. 4) FCRTA is working on replicating the Biola Micro transit/Rideshare service to the Lanare and Riverdale area. Staff is working on locating infrastructure and working with the subcontractor MV Transportation to hire a local driver. 5) FCRTA is working with the Department of State Hospitals – Coalinga to add a stop to the Coalinga Hospital on the existing fixed route service. Staff will continue to update the Board on these projects as they progress.

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, October 26, 2023 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting
COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Councilmember Blanca Mendoza-Navarro, City of Selma
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh

Moses Stites, General Manager
Janelle Del Campo, Operations Manager
Alison Samarin, County Counsel
Denise Flores, FCOG

Absent:

Mayor Diana Guerra Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County
Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:38 p.m.

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2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Approve Minutes of September 28, 2023 [ATTACHMENT]
- B. Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Application [INFORMATION]
- C. Caltrans Clean California Grant Application [APPROVE]

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

A JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR RURAL FRESNO COUNTY

The Cities of: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma & Fresno County

3. OTHER ITEMS

1. Items from Staff

None Reported.

2. Items from Members

None Reported.

4. ADJOURNMENT @ 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Moses Stites". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Moses Stites
General Manager