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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA) MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, May 30, 2024
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.
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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 April 25, 2024 [ATTACHMENT]

B. FCRTA Fiscal Year 2024-25 Draft Budget [INFORMATION]

Summary: The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's draft budget has been prepared to reflect Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTTP) for the rural Fresno County area, 2024-2028.

The document recommends continuing existing services and capital improvements. This year's draft budget has been developed to include continued review, comment and action during its 30-day public review period that was initiated at the May 21, 2024 SSTAC meeting and will culminate on June 27, 2024 with the scheduled FCRTA Board meeting. The numbers in the draft budget are subject to refinement following service contract negotiations, an opportunity for public presentations and a public presentation before the Board of Directors. The budget, which may require periodic amendments during

the 2024-2025 fiscal year, is available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org

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

C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Application [APPROVE]

Summary: The 5311 application to Caltrans for operating assistance will be submitted via the electronic "Black Cat" system. This funding apportionment is used by FCRTA for the operation of all subcontracted transit services. The application is for \$2,231,389.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the 2023-24 FTA 5311 operating assistance application to Caltrans and adoption of Board Resolution No. 2024-03.

D. Carbon Reduction Program Grant Application [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA will be submitting a grant application to the Fresno COG Carbon Reduction Program with a grant request amount of \$698,573.25, and a match of \$134,137.32 with Measure C funds for a total project cost of \$832,710.61. The project includes the purchase of six wireless chargers and six electric vans to be used for service in Coalinga, Kerman, Lanare and San Joaquin which will include the communities of Cantua Creek El Porvenir, Three Rocks and Tranquility.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the FCRTA Carbon Reduction Program Grant Application and Resolution No. 2024-05.

E. FCRTA Microgrid Feasibility Study [ACCEPTANCE]

Summary: In June of 2021, FCRTA was awarded \$455,500 from the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program to conduct a Microgrid Feasibility Study in rural Fresno County. Through an RFP process, staff worked with Walker Consultants to perform this study. The intent of this study is to; evaluate the feasibility of distributed energy resources such as microgrids and other affordable charging model technologies for use in Fresno County, evaluate how microgrids would make the FCRTA transit system more efficient, provide more transit service as well as multi-modal options such as electric car share and bike share, and assess space/land requirements for generation and storage technologies. The study analyzed 5 sites in Biola, San Joaquin, Parlier, Fowler and Lanare. Sites were evaluated with various criteria to determine the feasibility of a microgrid including; existing conditions, project cost, impact on community resilience, leverage from community, permitting and engineering, stakeholder complexity, primary organization collaboration, cost-benefit analysis, and ownership and partnership structures. Based on the analysis of the sites, Parlier and San Joaquin were recommended to prioritize for next steps for implementation which will include determining the appropriate funding model and ownership structure for sites, expand partnerships to pursue development and funding, coordinate with other FCRTA projects such as the Charging Master Plan, Fleet Transition, SR 99 Transit Feasibility Study and Affordable Housing Projects. The report is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org

Action: Staff recommends Board acceptance of the FCRTA Microgrid Feasibility Study.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

B. Items from members.

4. ADJOURNMENT

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

ITEM 2A

Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 2024 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 Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Elsa Lopez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Diana Guerra Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron

Moses Stites, General Manager
Janelle Del Campo, Operations Manager
Bryan Rome, County Counsel
Denise Flores, FCOG

Absent:

Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:36 p.m.

Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda.

NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

2. OFFICER ELECTIONS

A. Chair

Mayor Beltran (Parlier) was elected as Chairperson

B. Vice Chair

Mayor Robertson (Selma) was elected as Vice Chairperson

3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2024 [ATTACHMENT]

B. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Application [APPROVE]

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

- D. Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Update [INFORMATION]
- E. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Certifications & Assurances FY 2024 [APPROVE]
- F. California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT) Award [INFORMATION]
- G. 2024 Annual CHP-Motor Carrier Division Terminal, Vehicle and Driver Inspection Report [INFORMATION]

A motion was made by Mayor Martinez (Mendota) and second by Mayor Silva (Orange Cove). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. OTHER ITEMS

Items from Staff: Janelle Del Campo informed the Board that FCRTA was presented with an award at the CAL Act conference (California Association for Coordinated Transportation) The award was for Outstanding Rural Transportation Agency.

Items from Member: Mayor Parra (Fowler) requested staff contact the Mayor before writing letters of support for projects in Fowler.

4. ADJOURNMENT @ 5:54P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager

**BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

In the matter of:
Federal Transit
Administration Grant
FUNDS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CLAIM AND
SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS TO RECEIVE
FY 2023-24 FUNDS FTA SECTION 5311

WHEREAS, Title 21 of the California Administrative Code, Section 1666 requires that the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County to plan and program projects of local significance, so applicants, may reference their Applications in a "Program of Projects" (POP) for submittal through the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 program; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is an eligible applicant of such funds; and

WHEREAS, FCRTA has participated in the ongoing rural public transportation process with the FCOG; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA does approve the contents and intent of an "Operating Assistance" Application for the Section 5311 funds for 2023-24, for submittal to the FCOG for their action; and

WHEREAS, the FCOG, has adopted the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to include FCRTA's 2023-24 FTA Section 5311 Operating Grant Application; with reference in the "Program of Projects" (POP); and

WHEREAS, the FCOG shall transmit Certification and Assurance of the recommended Application directly to the Caltrans District 06 Office by their stipulated deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Application Process requires that the FCRTA Board of Directors affirm by Resolution it's policy (as contained in the Agency's official and legal Joint Powers Agreement) to seek, support and enter into grant agreements or contracts for and in behalf of its Member Agencies, and enter into the necessary FTA Section 5311 Assurances to be the recipient of said funds for the purposes expressed in its submitted Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA Board of Directors does hereby authorize the General Manager to execute any and all said Agreements and Contracts pertaining to the aforementioned Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency does affirm its intent to be the sole recipient and contracting authority for its 2023-24 FTA Section 5311 funds in the amount of \$2,231,389, thus not requiring each Member Agency's policy board to act individually in the matter.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 30th day of May, 2024.

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

Signed _____
Alma Beltran, FCRTA Board Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency duly adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 30th day of May, 2024.

Signed _____
Moses Stites, General Manager

RESOLUTION # 2024-05

**PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SELECTION
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND IMPLEMENTING TIMELY USE OF FUNDING**

WHEREAS, AB 1012 has been enacted into State Law in part to provide for the “timely use” of State and Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency is able to apply for and receive Federal and State funding under the Federal Transportation Act;

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency is applying for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding to purchase chargers and electric vans to be used for service in Coalinga, Kerman, Lanare and San Joaquin to also serve Cantua Creek, El Porvenir, Three Rocks and Tranquility;

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency desires to ensure that its projects are delivered in a timely manner to preclude the Fresno Region from losing those funds for non-delivery; and

WHEREAS, it is understood by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency that failure for not meeting project delivery dates for any phase of a project may jeopardize federal or state funding to the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency must demonstrate dedicated and available local matching funds; And

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency hereby agrees to ensure that all project delivery deadlines for all project phases will be met or exceeded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that failure to meet project delivery deadlines may be deemed as sufficient cause for the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board to terminate an agency’s project and reprogram Federal/State funds as deemed necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Board does direct its staff to ensure all projects are carried out in a timely manner as per the requirements of AB 1012 and the directive of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Board.

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER

Passed and approved this 30th day of May, 2024.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed_____

Alma Beltran, Chairperson

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Signed_____

Moses Stites, General Manager