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

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 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 July 25, 2024 [ATTACHMENT]

B. Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant Award [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was notified by Caltrans on July 7th that FCRTA was awarded for the sustainable planning grant application This application came before the board in January, and the project is a rural Fresno County Transit Roadmap. The project will include an evaluation of FCRTA's operations, evaluate new technology for scheduling and trip planning software, it will also include developing strategies for marketing, communication, and partnerships that have the potential to promote ridership. FCRTA was awarded \$266,000 for this project and \$34,900 Measure C match for a total project cost of \$300,900. FCRTA will be releasing an RFP for consultant services for this project.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of Resolution No. 2024-09.

C. FCRTA Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA is claiming \$5,027,777 in Transportation Development Act funding in support of the FY 2024-25 operating budget and capital budget. In 2020, the FCOG re-designated the CTSA's and 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. FCRTA is claiming \$819,991 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4.5 funding in support of the 2024-25 Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) budget. FCRTA pass through totals \$90,000 for FCRTA to provide social service transportation and meal delivery in the rural areas and \$729,991 of the funding to FEOC through a Contractor Services Agreement to provide CTSA social service transportation. This is in compliance with the Rural CTSA objectives.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the TDA claim and adoption of Board Resolution No. 2024-10.

D. State of Good Repair Application [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA has submitted a project for FY 24-25 through the CalSMART portal for \$401,708 in State Transit Assistance funding from the Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair Account (SGR). These funds will be utilized toward the construction of the new Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the State of Good Repair Application for FY 2024-25 and adoption of Board Resolution No 2024-11.

E. Biola Microtransit Program [INFORMATION]

Summary: FCRTA deployed a rural microtransit program in the community of Biola. This service is operated by FCRTA's subcontractor MV transportation with an electric chevy bolt vehicle. The driver is a local resident of Biola and an employee of MV transportation, FCRTA also installed a charging unit to charge the vehicle at the Biola community service district to eliminate the deadhead time. The League of Women Voters have donated \$12,000 that are being used as a 50% subsidy for fares for passengers. This microtransit program has been on a demonstration basis and staff has been monitoring ridership and costs. The ridership for this program continues to be low and costs are high, for the period of 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 the cost per passenger is \$72.00 and cost per hour is \$52.00. FCRTA will be exploring other alternatives such as contracting with Uber or having the Biola Community Services District operate the program since the current microtransit program is not sustainable.

Action: Information only. The Board may provide 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, July 25, 2024 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting
COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Mayor Elsa Lopez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert Garcia, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County
Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman

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

Absent:

Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:35 p.m.

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

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

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

A. **Approve Minutes of June 27, 2024 [ATTACHMENT]**

B. **Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) Measure C Allocation FY 2024-25 [APPROVE]**

C. **New Technology Grant Application [APPROVE]**

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia (Orange Cove) pulled item 2A and update member attendance to Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert Garcia for Orange Cove. A motion was made by Mayor Horn (Coalinga) and second by Mayor Leon (Huron). A vote was called, and motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pacheco (Kerman) and second by Mayor Leon (Huron) for Consent Items 2B and 2C. A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Rejection of Claim [APPROVE]**

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

Mayor Pursell (Kingsburg) requested outside counsel attend the meeting in the future.

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

4. CLOSED SESSION

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code, Section 54957)-Title: General Manager

5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Nothing to report.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

1. Janelle Del Campo informed the Board of FCRTA's Collaboration with Workforce Connection to coordinate transit service in Mendota and Firebaugh.
2. Janelle Del Campo informed the Board that FCRTA was awarded a Caltrans Planning Grant for a Route Analysis Study.

B. Items from members.

1. Councilmember Fast (Reedley) informed the Board that the DMV will be completed soon and opening in Reedley.

7. ADJOURNMENT 6:12PM

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager

RESOLUTION # 2024-09

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FCRTA
FRESNO COUNTY TRANSIT ROADMAP
TO THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, the FCRTA wishes to apply for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding to conduct a County-wide comprehensive evaluation of FCRTA's operations; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has prepared an Application for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding, in the amount of \$300,900 for the Fresno County Transit Roadmap Study; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager, be authorized to make financial decisions, authorize the submittal of the application , and enter into an agreement with Caltrans.

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER

Passed and approved this 26th day of September, 2024.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Alma Beltran, Chairperson

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 26th day of September, 2024.

Signed _____
Moses Stites, General Manager

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

IN THE MATTER OF:
TRANSPORTATION
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF
1971, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
FUND AND STATE TRANSIT
ASSISTANCE FUND CLAIM
FOR FY 2024-25

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) has been created by a Joint Powers Agreement (September 27, 1979) to provide rural public transportation services in accordance with the Regional Transportation Plan for Fresno County (adopted July 28, 2022) and the Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area: 2024-2028 (adopted June 29, 2023); and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is the specified claimant for the Rural Fresno County Consolidated Transportation Services Agency as provided for in the Fresno COG's "Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan" (adopted January, 25, 2024); and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA's Board of Directors has adopted the Operations Program and Budget for the Rural CTSA 2024-25, as the basis for it's continued responsibility as the CTSA for Rural Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has the power to claim Local Transportation Funds for public transportation services in behalf of its Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has prepared, reviewed, adopted (June 27, 2024) its Operating Budget for 2024-2025 totaling \$18,202,264 and its Capital Budget for 2024-25 totaling \$56,617,028.20 and

WHEREAS, the Budget is comprehensive in its approach and content, by reflecting anticipated revenues and expenditures, both capital and operating associated with FCRTA's twenty-two (22) subsystem service providers; and

WHEREAS, each Member Agency continues to approve their financial participation in FCRTA; and

WHEREAS, each Member Agency continues to reserve Local Transportation Funds for the FCRTA to claim; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds to be claimed in support of this year's Budget is equal to \$5,027,777.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency hereby approves the attached claim as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 - 2025 Local Transportation Fund Claim shall be submitted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency to the Fresno Council of Governments for review, processing, and payment.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 26th day of September, 2024.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Alma Beltran, Chairperson

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Signed: _____
Moses Stites, General Manager

**RESOLUTION #2024-11
APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR FY 2024-25
FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM**

In the matter of:
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
State of Good Repair Account Grant Application

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
FCRTA’S STATE OF GOOD REPAIR
ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION
FOR BUS MAINTENANCE AND FUEL
YARD FACILITY

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act 2017, establishing the State of Good Repair (SGR) program to fund eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital project activities that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive and distribute State Transit Assistance – State of Good Repair funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) for eligible transit capital projects;

WHEREAS, the FCRTA distributing SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) under its regional jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA concurs with and approves the attached project list for the State of Good Repair Program funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the SB1 State of Good Repair Project List for FY 2024-25; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the FCRTA that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager, Moses Stites is hereby authorized to submit a request for Scheduled Allocation of the SB1 State of Good Repair funds and to execute the related grant applications, forms and agreements.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Alma Beltran, Chair

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Signed _____
Moses Stites, General Manager