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

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2025
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 January 30, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]

B. FCRTA Fresno County Transit Roadmap Consultant Agreement [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was awarded \$300,900 in funding through the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant to conduct a transit roadmap analysis. This project would include a comprehensive evaluation of FCRTA's operations in the 13 rural cities and 39 unincorporated areas of Fresno County. It would then evaluate strategies to reimagine existing services and potentially new options, such as partnerships to serve affordable housing sites and transit vouchers. The project would also recommend fare structure for new service models, a plan for right-sized vehicles, and a service that best meets demand. It would also evaluate new technology and software for scheduling and rider trip planning through improved use of trip sharing algorithms to plan better shared rides between passengers for on-demand, rural, and paratransit, efficient driver route, and higher vehicle utilization, potentially to decrease overall agency costs, enabling on-demand booking options, both online and through

smartphone applications, and seamless integration between route service and on-demand service. The outcome would be an actionable roadmap for FCRTA to cost-effectively provide better service to ensure transit is a viable option for those that need it most, grow ridership, and leverage FCRTA's capital investments, such as its new maintenance facility and microgrids. FCRTA released an RFP for Consultant services for this project on December 16th, 2024 and proposals were due on January 21st, 2025. A scoring committee convened on January 29th and the committee unanimously recommended Walker Consulting for this project. The proposed agreement with Walker Consulting is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of Walker Consultants as the consultant for the FCRTA Transit Roadmap Project and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Walker in an amount not to exceed \$300,833.

C. **CMAQ Grant Application [APPROVE]**

Summary: FCRTA is submitting a grant application to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). FCRTA proposes constructing a resiliency hub, including a solar carport, electric vehicle charging system, and battery energy storage system on a vacant parcel owned by the City in Downtown San Joaquin. The resiliency hub will include electric vehicle charging infrastructure, allowing FCRTA to transition to a fully electric vehicle fleet. The hub will also allow FCRTA to deploy on-demand EV Micro Transit service to fill critical gaps in transit service in the communities of San Joaquin, Three Rocks, Tranquility, El Porvenir, and Cantua Creek. The solar chargers will also further reduce reliance on the electrical grid, bringing FCRTA's fleet closer to zero emissions. Resolution 2025-02 is attached for your review.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the CMAQ Grant Application and further recommends approval of Resolution No. 2025-02.

D. **Zumwalt Construction Amendment [APPROVE]**

Summary: The FCRTA Maintenance and Operations facility project is currently under construction. Phase 1 is \$14,853,340 and is being funded by an FTA 5339 grant (\$5,145,281) and the remaining balance is with State of Good Repair and local Measure C funding (\$9,708,059). FCRTA was awarded for Phase 2 funding of the project by an FTA 5339 grant (\$2,162,886) with a local match of Measure C (\$540,722) for a total of \$2,703,608. Amendment to the agreement with Zumwalt has been prepared to include both Phase I and Phase 2 funding amounts for an amount not to exceed.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of the Amendment I with Zumwalt for a total amount not to exceed \$2,703,608.

E. **RFP for Transit Operations [INFORMATION]**

Summary: FCRTA currently has an agreement with MV Transportation for Transit Operations and the agreement is coming due in FY 2024-25 after 7 years which began in 2018. FCRTA released an RFP for the Transit Operations and this is a requirement of FTA and Caltrans and will require oversight and approval. The RFP was reviewed and approved by Caltrans DRMT Procurement Branch for approval. The RFP was released on January 23rd and proposal submittals will be due on February 25th.

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, January 30, 2025 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 Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Matthew Tuttle, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert Garcia, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Supervisor Brian Pacheco, Fresno County
Mayor Adam Flores, City of San Joaquin

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

Absent:

Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:37 p.m.

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2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. **Approve Minutes of November 21, 2024 [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. **RFP – FCRTA Fresno County Transit Roadmap [INFORMATION]**
- C. **Caltrans Planning Grant Application [APPROVE]**
- D. **RFP for Transit Operations [INFORMATION]**
- E. **Caltrans ZEV Technical Assistance Project [INFORMATION]**

A motion was made by Mayor Martinez (Martinez) and second by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia (Orange Cove).
A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Items from staff.

1. Janelle Del Campo provided an update to the Board on the maintenance facility project, Kingsburg resiliency hub project, completion of the bus shelter project and bus shelter presentation.

B. Items from members.

Nothing to report.

4. ADJOURNMENT 5:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager

RESOLUTION # 2025-02

ITEM 2C

**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 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 27th day of February, 2025.

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 27th day of February 2025.

Signed _____
Moses Stites, General Manager