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

DATE: Thursday, March 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.
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. OFFICER ELECTIONS

- A. Chair
- B. Vice Chair

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **Approve Minutes of February 27, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. **FCRTA Transit Feasibility Study [ACCEPT]**

Summary: FCRTA was awarded for \$274,299 in funding through the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program. The project included a transit feasibility study along Golden State Boulevard. The project includes an evaluation of the physical/financial feasibility of developing a light rail, bus rapid transit (BRT), or monorail that utilizes existing medians/shoulders along Golden State

Boulevard to connect Southern Fresno County with the communities of Calwa and Malaga and the cities of Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg, with extensions to Southwest and downtown Fresno, Sanger, Parlier, Reedley and Orange Cove. The study evaluated the physical and financial feasibility of several transit alternatives including low-or zero emissions light rail, bus rapid transit, or hybrid transit. To assess the feasibility of various transit options, the Walker Consulting looked at three major components; cost and cost effectiveness, service utility and utilization, and technical feasibility. Based on the analysis, there were short term and long term recommendations made. Near term recommendations include increase fixed-route frequency and new microtransit service in towns along the corridor. Long term recommendations include implementing bus rapid transit when ridership meets thresholds and potentially align BRT with a managed lane on SR 99. The study is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org

Action: Staff recommends Board acceptance of the Transit Feasibility Study.

C. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Application [APPROVE]

Summary: FCRTA was recently notified of our annual funding allocation from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) through Caltrans. The allocation amount of \$628,602 will be used for maintenance facility equipment including bus lifts, and tablets and cameras for vehicles.

Action: Staff recommends Board approval of Resolution No. 2025-03 and 2025-04.

D. 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 were due on February 25th. FCRTA received three proposals and a scoring committee is scheduled for April 10th. Staff will return to the Board next month with a selected firm recommendation.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

B. Items from members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

ITEM 3A

Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5:30 P.M FCRTA Meeting
COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Council Member Laura North, 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 Nathan Magsig, Fresno County
Mayor Adam Flores, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler

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

Absent:
None

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 5:30 p.m.
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2. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **Approve Minutes of January 30, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. **FCRTA Fresno County Transit Roadmap Consultant Agreement [APPROVE]**
- C. **CMAQ Grant Application [APPROVE]**
- D. **Zumwalt Construction Amendment [APPROVE]**
- E. **RFP for Transit Operations [INFORMATION]**

A motion was made by Supervisor Magsig (County) and second by Mayor Martinez (Mendota). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

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

A. Items from staff.

1. Janelle Del Campo provided an update to the Board on the maintenance facility project and recent tours.
2. Moses Stites introduced Michael Navarro as the new Caltrans District 6 Director.

B. Items from members.

Nothing to report.

4. ADJOURNMENT 5:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager

RESOLUTION # 2025-03

ITEM 3C

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Moses Stites, General Manager.

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 and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *Moses Stites, General Manager*, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the (Agency) that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2024-25 LCTOP funds:

Project Name; Acquisition of Equipment to support zero-emission vehicles.

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$628,602.00

Short description of project: Acquisition of Equipment to support zero-emission vehicles.

Benefit to a Priority Populations: This new equipment will improve transit vehicles, transit service and air quality in all Disadvantaged Communities of Fresno County.

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$628,602.00

Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): None

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER

BY: _____
Alma Beltran, FCRTA Board Chair

Date: March 27, 2025

RESOLUTION # 2025-04

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT:
ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES.--\$628,602**

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA wishes to implement the LCTOP project(s) listed above,

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 applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

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Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): None*

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: MOSES STITES, GENERAL MANAGER

BY: _____
Alma Beltran, FCRTA Board Chair

Date: March 27, 2025