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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA) MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026
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.
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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.

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1. ROLL CALL

2. 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.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2026 [ATTACHMENT]

B. National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) Community Rides Grant Award [APPROVE]

Summary: National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Community Rides Grant Program offers current recipients and subrecipients of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)'s Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311) program the opportunity to apply for grant awards of up to \$100,000 for transportation projects in rural and tribal communities.

FCRTA submitted a grant application to the National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) Community Rides Grant. On January 12, 2026 FCRTA was notified that the application was awarded for the amount of \$48,238, with a local Measure C match of \$8,512 for a total project cost of \$56,700. This project is a study to evaluate new scheduling software to improve efficiency and rider experience. This project will assess system needs and identify a platform that optimizes scheduling, reduces operational costs, and allows potential reinvestment in expanded service. Features may include online ride booking in addition to the existing call-in option, enhancing accessibility for riders. Improving this technology will help FCRTA better track current ridership to improve operational efficiency and inform transit service planning.

Action: Staff recommends adoption of Board Resolution No. 2026-01.

C. FCRTA Facility Server License Agreement [APPROVE]

Summary: At the new FCRTA Operations and Maintenance Facility in Selma, FCRTA will be operating computer network to provide internet connections, secure firewalls, and telephonic services. It is important and recommended to enter into an agreement with AMS to keep up with ever-growing cyber security threats. This is a similar agreement and services that is used for the FCOG Office Server and will provide similar protection that is utilized at the FCRTA Administrative offices. The scope includes Meraki appliance hardware, installation, cloud and advance security license and support for three years. The AMS agreement is for a three-year period in the amount of \$27,233.25. The agreement is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org

Action: Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with AMS in the amount not to exceed \$27,233.25

D. Request for Proposals Microgrid Phase 2 Project [INFORMATION]

Summary: FCRTA was awarded \$698,000 in funding through the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program. The project includes a microgrid feasibility study phase 2. A kick-off meeting with Caltrans and FCRTA took place in December to discuss grant procedures and project details. As indicated in the grant application, FCRTA will be utilizing a qualified consulting firm to perform this study and complete a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for selection of a consulting firm. The intent of this RFP is to retain a consultant to; evaluate the feasibility of distributed energy resources such as microgrids and other affordable charging model technologies for use in Fresno County, expand the scope of FCRTA's microgrid initiative and seek partnerships with school districts in rural Fresno County for microgrids at school district properties, maximize FCRTA's microgrid investment by evaluating charging infrastructure for FCRTA and the schools, and school districts, determine how microgrids can provide backup power for critical infrastructure on school properties, and develop an actionable implementation plan for microgrid installation on school properties. The RFP was

released on January 12, 2026, and proposals are due on February 18, 2026. Staff will return to the Board with a proposed consultant and agreement for approval. The RFP is available at the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org.

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)
MEETING MINUTES**

Special

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Fresno COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721

Members Attending:

Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler (ZOOM)
Supervisor Garry Bredefeld, Fresno County
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron (ZOOM)
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Pro Tem Jose Alonso, City of Mendota
Mayor Diana Guerra Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger

Janelle Del Campo, General Manager

Bryan Rome, County Counsel

Mykia Byrd, FCOG

Absent:

Mayor Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Adam Cornejo, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 PM with a quorum of 10 members present.

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2. CONSENT ITEMS

About Consent Items – All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by FCRTA staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be

removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

- A. Approve Minutes of December 18, 2025 [ATTACHMENT]**
- B. Request for Proposals Microgrid Phase 2 Project [INFORMATION]**

Action:

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Diane Guerra Silva (Orange Cove) and second by Mayor Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga). A vote was called and motion carried.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff**
 - NONE
- B. Items from members**
 - NONE

4. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Janelle Del Campo
General Manager

RESOLUTION #2026-01

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FCRTA NATIONAL RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
COMMUNITY RIDES GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the FCRTA is an eligible project applicant and may receive funding from the US Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP) Community Rides Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA was awarded for \$56,700 in RTAP Community Rides Grant Program funding to evaluate new scheduling software to improve efficiency and rider experience; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA received \$48,238 in Community Rides Grant Program funding to complete the study; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA will be providing a 15% local match with Measure C funds (\$8,512), and

WHEREAS, the Community Rides Grant Program scope of work includes a partnership with Walker Consultants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the FCRTA, authorizing the partnership with Walker Consultants to conduct the study.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager be authorized to make financial decisions, enter into a contract with RTAP, and implement the RTAP Community Rides Grant Project.

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE: JANELLE DEL CAMPO, GENERAL MANAGER

Passed and approved this 29th day of January, 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Alma Beltran, 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 29th day of January, 2026.

Signed _____
Janelle Del Campo, General Manager