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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2007
TIME: Following the 7:00pm Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) Meeting
PLACE: COFCG / FCRTA Offices
Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93726
*(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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ROLL CALL

- I. 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.

ACTION ITEMS

- II. Approve "Executive Minutes of January 25, 2007" (Attachment).

REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

- III. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- IV. None.



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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2007
Time: 8:45pm, Following the 7:00pm Council of Fresno County
Governments Meeting
Place: Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chairman
Mayor Trish Hill, City of Coalinga
Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Ray Soleno, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Supervisor Bob Waterston, County of Fresno

Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager
Kevin Briggs, Legal Counsel
Dottie Wright, COG

ROLL CALL

There were sixteen (16) votes from eleven (11) members present; representing a quorum and business was in order.

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

There were no public presentations.

During the previous Council of Fresno County Governments Meeting FCRTA Service Recognition Plaques were presented to:

Ron Lander, City of Coalinga;
George Conklin Jr., City of Firebaugh
Jim Simonian, City of Fowler;
Joseph Riofrio, City of Mendota;
Roy Rodriguez, City of Orange Cove; and
Judy Case, County of Fresno.

Welcomes were extended to:

Mayor Patricia Hill, City of Coalinga;
Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh;
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler;
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota; and
Supervisor (Chairman) Bob Waterston, County of Fresno.

A JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR RURAL FRESNO COUNTY

THE CITIES OF COALINGA, FIREBAUGH, FOWLER, HURON, KERNAN, KINGSBURG, MENDOTA, ORANGE COVE, PARLIER, REEDLEY, SANGER, SAN JOAQUIN, SELMA & FRESNO COUNTY

ACTION ITEMS

II. Approve Executive Minutes of December 14, 2006.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Dominguez (Huron) to approve the December 14, 2006 minutes as written. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Public Hearing for 2006-07 Capital Grant Application through Caltrans for Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Funding from the Federal Transit Administration towards the Purchase of Four (4) Thirty-Five (35) Passenger, Accessible, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Powered Buses and CNG Pumps.

The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) is submitting a 2006-07 Capital Grant Application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The Grant is to assist in the partial funding towards the purchase of four (4) thirty-five (35) passenger, compressed natural gas (CNG) powered and wheelchair accessible buses and CNG refueling pumps, to transport employees to and from the Mendota Federal Prison in the City of Mendota as an expansion of Mendota Transit. The total proposed budget for the vehicles and pumps is \$1,250,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma), Vice Chairman, opened the legally noticed Public Hearing for public testimony. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing. A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Silva to approve the Grant Application through Caltrans for Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Funding from the Federal Transit Administration towards the Purchase of Four (4) Thirty-Five (35) Passenger, Accessible, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Powered Buses and CNG Pumps. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

IV. Status Report on Biola Transit's Demonstration Program.

Attention was called to an updated memorandum, dated December 29, 2006. The General Manager reported that staff has carefully reviewing performance data, and has determined that the ninety-day (90) demonstration has not attracted sufficient ridership to warrant continued service Monday through Friday from 8am to 12noon and from 1pm to 5pm. He also reported that he was in the process of determining if an alternative minimum "life line" service, one (1) day a week (operating during the same time period) could be supported by the Community through June 30, 2007. (Subsequently, service continues to be offered only on Tuesdays, starting February 6, 2007).

V. Status Report on Juvenile Justice Campus Transit Program

Jeffrey Webster, General Manager called attention to a status report regarding the Juvenile Justice Campus Transit Program. Included in the attachment was the schedule and the statistics of the program to date. This information was also shared with the staff of the Juvenile Justice Campus on December 14, 2006. Campus staff are in the process of preparing an informational packet, which would include our transit information, for the parents of family members retained at the facility. Staff hopes that actual ridership will

increase to meet minimum performance and farebox recovery standards, to warrant continuation after June 30, 2007.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VI. None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Dominguez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Hill (Coalinga) to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Webster", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JEFFREY D. WEBSTER, General Manager
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

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