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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2009
TIME: Following the **5:30pm** 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. Recognition Presentations:
- Leland Bergstrom, City of Kingsburg;
- Patricia Hill, City of Coalinga;
- Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh;
- Michael Montelongo, City of Sanger;
- Ray Soleno, City of Reedley;
- Kevin Briggs, County of Fresno.
- III. Approve "Executive Minutes of February 26, 2009" (Attachment).
- IV. Approval of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Capital Assistance Grant for 'Preventative Maintenance and Associated Fleet Projects' - Public Hearing, Resolution 2009-02 (Attachment).

REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

- III. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- IV. None.

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



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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009
Time: Following the 5:30 pm Fresno COG Meeting
Place: Sequoia Conference Room
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Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Mayor Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Marcia Sablan, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Jim Simonian, City of Fowler
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Jose R. Villarreal, City of Sanger
Supervisor Susan Anderson, County of Fresno

Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager
Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel
Suzanne Martinez, Fresno COG

ROLL CALL

There were nineteen (19) votes from fourteen (14) members present; representing a quorum and business was in order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair, at 8:29 p.m.

- 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.

ACTION ITEMS

- II. **Approve Executive Minutes of January 29, 2009**

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Silva (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve the January 29, 2009 minutes as written. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

- III. **Accept the FCRTA Portion of the Transit Productivity Evaluation FY 2007-08 Report**

Jeffrey Webster, General Manager, reported that an annual evaluation is conducted on each of the four (4) transit operators in Fresno County. The COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) has reviewed it and approved the recommendations. The FCRTA is

required to meet the obligations set forth in the report to continue to receive Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds from the COG.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to accept the FCRTA portion of the FY 2007-08 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

IV. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- V. **FCRTA Staff is working with the Fresno COG and Caltrans to Submit a Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Capital Assistance Grant towards the Apportionment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act "Stimulus Funds"**

Jeffrey Webster, General Manager, reported that staff has scheduled a public hearing that will take place at the next FCRTA Board meeting on March 26, 2009. The notice of public hearing has been advertised in the Fresno Bee. The deadline for the Application has been moved up to April 17th. Mr. Webster confirmed that the fund allocation amounted to \$1.7 million dollars.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

JDW/smm



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February 24, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: FCRTA Board of Directors;
COFCG / FCRTA Policy Advisory Committee;
COFCG Transportation Technical Committee; and
The General Public.

FROM:  Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Capital Assistance Grant for "Preventative Maintenance and Associated Fleet Projects" - Public Hearing March 26, 2009, Resolution 2009-02.

ACTION ITEM

Staff is preparing the 2008-2009 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Capital Assistance Grant Application for submittal to COFCG and Caltrans.

We are responding to the recent enactment of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" stimulus funds. The initial funding estimate to Fresno County was \$1,672,590, but it has been revised to \$1,719,468, and may yet change before it is finalized. The Grant is currently due to Caltrans by April 17th for expedited processing.

Federal regulations require a legally noticed Public Hearing be conducted. Attached is a copy of the notice that appeared in the Fresno Bee on February 19, 2009. The Public Hearing will be held before the FCRTA Board of Directors on March 26th, prior to any action on the matter. The Application is to be forwarded to Fresno COG and Caltrans for processing.

Federal Regulations require a separate authorization Resolution to proceed with the actual Application submittal. Resolution 2008-02 is available for Board action, following an opportunity for public comment.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends approval of the Application by adopting Resolution 2009-02.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Sincerely
Jeffrey D. Webster
FCRTA General Manager
(February 19, 2009)

PUBLIC NOTICE

#133097

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Sincerely
Jeffrey D. Webster
FCRTA General Manager

(PUB: February 19, 2009)

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ERNMENTS/ATTN: DOTTIE WRIGHT

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FRESNO, CA 93721-2004

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EXHIBIT A.

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Sincerely Jeffrey D. Webster FCRTA General Manager
(PUB: February 19, 2009)

The undersigned states:

McClatchy Newspapers in and on all dates herein stated was a corporation, and the owner and publisher of The Fresno Bee.

The Fresno Bee is a daily newspaper of general circulation now published, and on all-the-dates herein stated was published in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of November 22, 1994, Action No. 520058-9.

The undersigned is and on all dates herein mentioned was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, and is the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of said newspaper; and that the notice, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit A, hereby made a part hereof, was published in The Fresno Bee in each issue thereof (in type not smaller than nonpareil), on the following dates.

Feb. 19, 2009

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Carlin Aguilera

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
RESOLUTION 2009-02

In the Matter of)	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
Federal Transit)	CLAIM AND SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS
<u>Administration Grant</u>)	TO RECEIVE FY 2008-2009
	FTA SECTION 5311 STIMULUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, Title 21 of the California Administrative Code, Section 1666 requires that the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County to plan and program projects of local significance for which funds are requested by applicants of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 apportionment of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" stimulus funds program and submit such Programs of Projects to the State of California, Department of Transportation, (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) is an eligible applicant for such funds; and

WHEREAS, FCRTA has participated in the on-going rural public transportation process with the COFCG; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA does approve the contents and intent of a "capital assistance" application for Section 5311 "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" stimulus funds for 2008-2009, for submittal to the COFCG for their action; and

WHEREAS, the COFCG, will amend its Federal Transportation Improvement Program to include FCRTA's 2008-09 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Assistance Grant Application to include an amended Caltrans "Program of Projects" (POP) Form; and

WHEREAS, the COFCG shall transmit Certification and Assurance of the recommended Application directly to the Caltrans District 06 Office by their stipulated deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Application Process requires that the FCRTA Board of Directors affirm by Resolution its policy (as contained in the Agency's official and legal Joint Powers Agreement) to seek, support, and enter into grant agreements or contracts for and in behalf of its Member Agencies, and enter into the necessary FTA

Section 5311 Assurances to be the recipient of said funds for the purpose expressed in its submitted Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA Board of Directors does hereby authorize its General Manager to execute any and all said Agreements and Contracts pertaining to the aforementioned Grant program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FCRTA does affirm its intent to be the sole (thus not requiring each Member Agency's policy board to act individually in the matter) recipient and contracting authority for its 2008-2009 FTA Section 5311 funds.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 26th day of March, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Trinidad Rodriguez, Chairman

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of March, 2009.

Signed: _____
Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager