



FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY

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August 31, 2011

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: Approve Amended Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Capital Grant to Purchase
Five (5) Bus Stop Shelters, Resolution 2011-13.

ACTION ITEM

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has previously apportioned Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency to purchase four (4) vehicles and four (4) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Pumps. The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) successfully purchased the four (4) vehicles but were unable to purchase the four (4) CNG pumps, because they are no longer manufactured in the United States of America (only available in Italy and China) and the Grant stipulates that we must "Buy America". The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has stipulated that the FCRTA is to reprogram the same allocation (\$40,000) and match (\$10,000) funds for an eligible substitute project previously approved in an adopted Budget. Caltrans also stipulated we are to request that Fresno COG process a "project title change" as an amendment to their Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

The FCRTA Staff has amended its previously approved CMAQ Application to reflect the purchase of five (5) Bus Stop Shelters for the same amount of funds totaling \$50,000, as reflected in its previously adopted 2011-12 Budget. A legally noticed Public Hearing has been scheduled to facilitate additional comments from the general public prior to Board consideration, by adopting Resolution 2011-13.

RECOMMENDATION

The FCRTA General Manager recommends that the amended CMAQ Application to purchase five (5) Bus Stop Shelters be approved, following an expressed opportunity for public comment during the Public Hearing, prior to adoption of Resolution 2011-13 (Attached).

In the Matter of:) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
Federal Transportation Act) SUBMITTAL OF FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION CONGESTION
MITIGATION / AIR QUALITY GRANT
AMENDED APPLICATIONS TO FRESNO COG

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 29th day of September, 2011.

(RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13, Continued)

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chairman

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
September, 2011.

Signed: _____
Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) has prepared an amended Federal Transit Administration - Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Capital Assistance Application for \$40,000 (and \$10,000 in local match) to purchase five (5) Bus Stop Shelters for \$50,000. A Public Hearing is scheduled before the FCRTA Board of Directors on Thursday, September 29, 2009 at 5:30pm in the Sequoia Conference Room of the Fresno Council of Governments and the FCRTA offices located at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201; Fresno, CA 93721. Following a staff presentation there will be an expressed opportunity for public comment, both orally or in writing, before the Board may take action to approve the Application, for further processing.

Sincerely
Jeffrey D. Webster
FCRTA General Manager
(August 31, 2011)