



FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY

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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2011
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 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 July 28, 2011" (Attachment).
- III. PUBLIC HEARING Approve Amended Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Capital Grant to Purchase Five (5) Bus Stop Shelters, Resolution 2011-13 (Attachment).
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING Approve Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 – New Freedoms Capital Assistance Grant to Purchase Two (2) ADA Accessible Vanpool Vehicles, Resolution 2011-14 (Attachment).

REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

- V. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- VI. Acknowledgement of FCRTA's Thirty-Second (32nd) Anniversary (Attachment).



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TIME: Following the 5:30pm Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices
Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Attending: Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron
Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Councilmember David Karstetter, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Gabriel Jimenez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger
Supervisor Judy Case, Fresno County

Zachary Redmond, Legal Counsel
Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dhaliwal, Chair.

ROLL CALL

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were seventeen (17) votes from twelve (12) members present; representing a quorum and business was in order.

- 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.

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- II. Approve "Executive Minutes of June 30, 2011".

Mayor Chavez (Huron) requested that Item II be corrected to show that she did vote for the approval of the May 26, 2011 minutes and did not abstain. Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Fast (Reedley) and

seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve the Executive Minutes of June 30, 2011 with the noted change. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ITEMS

III. Status Report on Compressed Natural Gas Pumps

Jeffrey Webster, General Manager gave a brief update on the status of placing compressed natural gas (CNG) pumps throughout the County to refuel our new buses. Mr. Webster reported that the pumps are not performing consistently. He is working with the supplier to get the situation resolved.

There has been an offer by an alternative CNG pump distributor in Paso Robles to set up a test pump in Kingsburg and possibly Parlier. Questions were raised about other possible interim refueling locations such as PG&E and Southwest Transportation. Mr. Webster will report back to the Board on further progress.

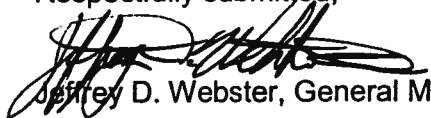
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

IV. FCRTA has Received a Grant from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Again Offer Free Transit Services in Support of the Fresno County Heat Emergency Contingency Plan.

Mr. Webster gave a brief report regarding this grant. The PG&E is paying the FCRTA \$8,000 to reimburse the transit systems for extending "free service" to the public who may desire to be transported to local community Cooling Centers, when the local temperature exceed 105 degrees. This annual program has proven to be very successful during each of the previous three (3) Summers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

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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 (\$44,265) and match (\$11,066) 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 \$55,331, 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).

(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

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

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ATTN: JEFFREY D. WEBSTER

FRESNO , CA 93722

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COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXHIBIT A.

PUBLIC NOTICE

#42831

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Sincerely
Jeffrey D. Webster
FCRTA General Manager
(September 7, 2011)

(PUB: September 7, 2011)

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.

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

Dated SEPTEMBER 7, 2011



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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 Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 - New Freedom Capital Assistance Grant to Purchase Two (2) ADA Accessible Vanpool Vehicles, Resolution 2011-14

ACTION ITEM

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has sought a Call for Projects to closeout the previous 2007-08 apportionment of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedoms funds. The FCRTA Board of Directors has an opportunity to program the remaining \$79,810 of New Freedom Funds, along with \$36,190 of it's Local Match Funds to purchase two (2) accessible Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) wheelchair accessible vehicles for total of \$116,000, to further ensure that disabled commuters have equal access to joining commuter vanpools operating in Fresno County.

The FCRTA Staff has prepared, and submitted, Application to the Fresno COG which has been received favorable support for programming in their Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to respond to San Francisco Regional FTA staff support for the formal submittal of a TEAM Application to the FTA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

The Fresno COG's staff and the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council have reviewed all the submitted applications and has recommended that the FCRTA be funded for two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles following a final expressed opportunity for the general public to further comment on the project at a legally noticed Public Hearing before the FCRTA Board of Director's during their September 29, 2011 regular monthly Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The FCRTA General Manager recommends that the submitted FTA Section 5317 - New Freedoms Grant to purchase two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles be approved, following an expressed opportunity for public comment during the Public Hearing, prior to adoption of Resolution 2011-14 (Attached).

In the Matter of:)
Federal Transportation Act)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMITTAL OF FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5317
NEW FREEDOMS GRANT
APPLICATIONS TO FRESNO COG

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has sought a Call for Projects to closeout the previous 2007-08 apportionment of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedoms funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) Board of Directors had an opportunity to program the remaining \$79,810 of New Freedom Funds, along with \$36,190 of it's Local Match Funds to purchase two (2) accessible Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) wheelchair accessible vehicles for total of \$116,000, to further ensure that disabled commuters have equal access to joining commuter vanpools operating in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has prepared, and submitted, an Applications to the Fresno COG which has been received favorable support for programming in their Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to respond to San Francisco Regional FTA staff support for the formal submittal of a TEAM Application to the FTA Headquarters in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG's staff and the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council have reviewed all the submitted applications and has recommended that the FCRTA be funded for two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles following a final expressed opportunity for the general public to further comment on the project at a legally noticed Public Hearing before the FCRTA Board of Director's during their September 29, 2011 regular monthly Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held the Public Hearing to invite comments from the General Public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency does hereby formerly authorize and support its intent to purchase two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles to further address transit needs beyond regular accessible general public transit services in Fresno County.

(RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13, Continued)

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

AYES:

NOES:

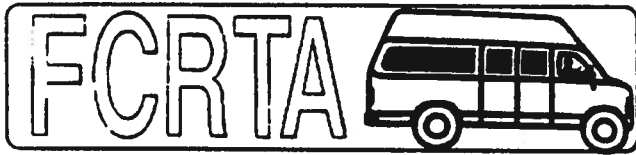
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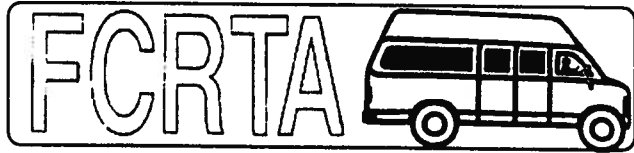
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9/6/2011

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Dated SEPTEMBER 7, 2011.



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September 1, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: FCRTA Board of Directors;
FCRTA Member Agencies;
Fresno COG / FCRTA Policy Advisory Committee;
Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee;
Fresno COG Social Service Transportation Advisory Council;
Service Contractors;
Associated Employees;
Transit Patrons; and
The General Public.

FROM: Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of the FCRTA's Thirty-Second (32nd) Anniversary

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

I am pleased to announce that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) will be recognizing its thirty-second (32nd) Anniversary as a Joint Powers Agency on September 27, 2011.

During the previous thirty-second (32) years, a countless number of elected officials, policy advisory and technical personnel have worked closely with the general public in implementing the Fresno Council of Government's (Fresno COG) planned rural transit services throughout Fresno County. The staffs of Member Agencies and Service Contractors (both past and present) have done their collective best to ensure safe and adequate rural transit services to our elderly, disabled, and general public patrons.

Indeed, nearly every conceivable alternative transportation arrangement has been tested and evaluated to promote viable transit services in meeting the needs of the rural population. Our services have remained simple and cost effective, to ensure that our transit fares remain among the lowest in the State and Nation. Our guiding principals and policies were established with the user in mind, and as such addressed many issues that would later be mandated by government regulation to the entire transit industry. They included: special driver and sensitivity training for our vehicle operators, 100% accessible vehicles to the disabled and alternatively fueled vehicles to address air quality concerns.

Our exemplary services have been acknowledged both nationally and locally. In 1991, we were singled out from among 650 other rural transit operators by Brian Clymer, Administrator to the now Federal Transit Administration by receiving his Outstanding Public Service Award *"in recognition of our outstanding efforts in coordination of rural public transit services and efficient and effective service delivery"*. The Fresno COG's 1997 Transportation Achievement Award for a Rural Program was presented to the *"FCRTA in recognition of our outstanding contributions in enhancing transportation services in Fresno County"*.

We recognize that we have many opportunities for further improvements. We continue to be accessible on the worldwide information highway. Internet users continue to learn more about our services by typing: *"www.ruraltransit.org"*. To date thousands people have accessed information regarding our services. We certainly have much more yet to do.

As we begin our thirty-second (32nd) year, *everyone* should be congratulated!

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