

## Unmet Public Transit Needs within Fresno County

# Notice of 2016-17 Findings

**Adopted June 30, 2016**

Documentation of “no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet” for the following jurisdictions: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County



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# 1. Resolution Defining "Unmet Transit Needs" and "Reasonable to Meet"

BEFORE THE  
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION 90-15

In the Matter of	)	RESOLUTION DEFINING
	)	"UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS"
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOP-	)	AND "REASONABLE TO
MENT ACT OF 1971	)	MEET"
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WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code, Section 99401.5 requires that the Council of Fresno County Governments, as the regional transportation planning agency, determine definitions of "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet" as the basis for consideration of Unmet Transit Needs Findings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Fresno County Governments hereby determines the following definitions:

**Unmet Transit Needs**

"Those public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and/or documented through the COFCG's annual unmet transit needs public hearing process that have not been implemented or funded."

**Reasonable to Meet**

"Those public transportation services identified in the Regional Transportation Plan, or proposed amendment thereto, which meet the following criteria:

- (1) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator or service claimant to exceed its appropriations limitation as set forth by Proposition 4 (Gann Limit).
- (2) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of:
  - (a) Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds which may be available for such operator to claim;
  - (b) Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) funds or other support for public transportation services which are committed by Federal and/or State agencies by formula or tentative approval of specific grant requests; and
  - (c) Farebox and local funding in compliance with PUC Section 99268 et.seq.

The fact that an identified need cannot fully be met based on available resources, however, shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.

- (3) Services which, if implemented or funded, would result in the responsible operator or service claimant meeting the farebox recovery and local support requirements as set forth by PUC Section 99268 et. seq. Evaluation of existing operators shall be based on records provided to COFCG by operators pursuant to the Transit Productivity Evaluation Process (PUC Section 99244).

Evaluation of proposed new service shall be based upon a feasibility analysis which includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Forecast of anticipated ridership if service is provided.
- (b) Estimate of capital and operating costs for the provision of such services.
- (c) Estimate of fares and local support in relation to estimated operating costs for providing such services.
- (d) An estimated fare which the COFCG Board would determine to be sufficient to meet farebox recovery requirements, but would not be so high that it would pose a financial burden on transit dependent patrons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these definitions remain in effect until such time a change is warranted.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 28th day of June, 1990.

AYES: Clovis, Fowler, Fresno, Fresno County, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger & Selma

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Coalinga, Firebaugh and Kingsburg

ATTEST:

Signed: 

Lawrence R. Wilder, President

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 28th day of June, 1990.

Signed: 

William Briam, Executive Director

## 2. Adopted Resolution 2016-15

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BEFORE THE  
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION 2016-15

In the Matter of )  
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TRANSPORTATION )  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF )  
1971 )  
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RESOLUTION DETERMINING IF  
THERE ARE AREAS WITHIN THE  
JURISDICTION OF THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS  
WITH UNMET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
NEEDS WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE MET

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Code, Section 99401.5 requires that the transportation planning agency hold a public hearing and make a determination that there are no unmet transportation needs within its jurisdiction which can be reasonably met before claims for Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads may be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) in compliance with Section 99401.5, defines unmet public transportation needs as those public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and/or documented through the Fresno COG's Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process that have not been implemented or funded.

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG Board, after consultation with its Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, held such public hearing on June 30, 2016 and received testimony from all interested persons; and

WHEREAS, the complete report contains responses delivered to all comments received during the information gathering meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Fresno and Clovis will provide fixed route transit service in accordance with Federal and State policies, and also will provide demand-responsive public transportation service to the general public, elderly and disabled residents within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the following jurisdictions are members of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and provide service under contract with that joint powers agency: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, such contracts for service and direct service results in the delivery of public transportation service within Fresno COG's jurisdiction and is in conformance with and satisfies the service requirements of the adopted Regional Transportation Plan for Fresno County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno Council of Governments, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5(d,2), finds for each of the following entities that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 30th day of June, 2016.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota  
Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma, Fresno County

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Firebaugh, Sanger

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 30th day of June, 2016.

Signed:   
Tony Boren, Executive Director

Signed: 

Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chairman

### 3. Notice of Public Hearing

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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#2472343

May 29, 2016

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fresno Council of Governments (COG) will hold four public hearings beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at the Fresno Council of Governments, 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Sequoia Room, Fresno, California. The hearings will consider:

1. **Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency Operations Program and Budget, FY 2016-17**

The Consolidated Transportation Services Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget for the Clovis Urban Area, FY 2016-17 is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency will be providing services in the Clovis urban area over the next fiscal year. For further information, contact Shonna Hallerman at (559) 324-2767.

2. **Urban and Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget for the Fresno Area, FY 2016-17**

The Consolidated Transportation Services Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget for the Fresno Urban and Rural Areas, FY 2016-17 is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency will be providing services in urban and rural Fresno County over the next fiscal year. For further information, contact Gary Joseph at (559) 486-6587.

3. **Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations**

The Unmet Transit Needs hearing will determine if public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in the 2016-17 fiscal year. Specific incorporated cities to be discussed are: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, and Selma. The County of Fresno's participation in meeting public transportation needs in other rural unincorporated communities will also be discussed. For further information, contact Jeff Long at (559) 621-1436.

4. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises**

The Fresno Council of Governments, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, adopts a triennial disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal to apply in Fresno COG awarded contracts funded with federal or state grants. On June 30, 2016, in public hearing, the Fresno COG Policy Board will adopt Resolution 2016-12 adjusting the three year goal for 2015-16 through 2017-18. The triennial DBE goal takes into consideration a Disparity Study done by the state Department of Transportation. For the state and federal Departments of Transportation, six groups are presumed to be disadvantaged, African American, Asian Pacific American, Native American, Women, Hispanic and Subcontinent Asian Males. The goal applies to a variety of technical transportation and air quality related studies, Federal Highways, and Federal Transit Administration programs itemized in the Fresno COG 2016/17 Overall Work Program and budget.

Request for proposals will be solicited from qualified consultants at various times during the 2017/17 fiscal year. Any firm with technical qualifications to perform these studies may apply to be added to Fresno COG's RFP listing. Firms wishing to qualify as a DBE must provide a current certification in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26, issued by the State of California, Department of Transportation, the National Economic Development Administration, the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno or some other certifying governmental agency.

Records pertaining to Fresno COG's DBE program are on file at the Fresno COG office at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA and open to public inspection during normal business hours for 30 days from this notice. Fresno COG will accept comments on the DBE program for 45 days from this notice. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Las Beshears, Finance Director at 559-233-4148.

Individuals with disabilities may call Fresno COG (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

/s/ TONY BOREN, Executive Director  
Fresno Council of Governments

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#### **4. Memorandum Soliciting Comments**

February 2, 2016

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Interested Individuals and/or Organizations

FROM: BILL HYATT, Chairman  
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

SUBJECT: **UNMET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for annually ensuring that public transportation needs are being “reasonably met”. Each year the Fresno COG conducts an extensive process to plan, program, and evaluate existing and potential general public and social service transit services within Fresno County.

The Fresno COG’s Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was established to address transit issues within Fresno County. It is composed of a broad representation of social service agencies, transit operators and users, and is responsible for forwarding recommendations to the Fresno COG Policy Board regarding transit needs and issues.

As part of the annual process to identify possible unmet transit needs within Fresno County, we invite individuals and organizations such as you, to contribute comments. If you are aware of a specific transit need that is not currently being met by one of the existing general public, social service or private sector operators, ***we request that you submit information regarding any unmet transit needs to assist staff in evaluating the potential for additional transit service.*** In order to evaluate potential services, we are asking you to provide as much information as possible. The specific information that will be most helpful includes:

- Where new service is needed, and where the potential trips would start and end;
- When and how often trips would need to be scheduled;
- A description of the individuals needing the service including age group, financial constraints, and whether they have disabilities requiring special services.

The information will be used by the SSTAC to evaluate potential new services before it makes a determination and recommendation regarding “unmet transit needs” to the Fresno COG Policy Board prior to its public hearing on this matter. The public hearing will be held on June 30, 2016 during the Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting.

City of Clovis

City of Coalinga

City of Firebaugh

City of Fresno

City of Fresno

City of Huron

City of Kerman

City of Kingsburg

City of Mendota

City of Orange Cove

City of Parlier

City of Reedley

City of San Joaquin

City of Selma

City of Selma

County of Fresno

If you have questions about transit services in your area, please contact the appropriate staff representatives to the Council:

- **City of Fresno** - Mr. Jeff Long, Fresno COG Transit Planner, 621-1436
- **City of Clovis** - Ms. Shonna Halterman, General Services Manager, 324-2767
- **Rural Communities** - Mr. Moses Stites, FCRTA General Manager, 233-6789
- **Social Services Programs** - Mr. Gary Joseph, CTSA Transit System Director, 486-6594

If you have any specific written comments, please forward them to me, with the required aforementioned supporting information by March 25, 2016:

Bill Hyatt, SSTAC Chairman  
Central Valley Regional Center Inc.  
4615 North Marty  
Fresno, California 93722  
Fax number: 559-276-4360

In addition to our request for written comments, SSTAC will be holding three information-gathering meetings during the month of February 2016. The meeting times and locations are as follows:

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.**

Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area  
City of Fresno  
CalTrans, Manchester Center Office (Yosemite Room)  
2015 E. Shields Avenue, #100, Fresno, CA 93726

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**

Westside of Fresno County  
City of Kerman, Kerman Community/Teen Center  
15101 W. Kearney Plaza, Kerman, CA 93630

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**

Eastside of Fresno County  
City of Parlier, Parlier City Council Chambers  
1100 E. Parlier Avenue, Parlier, CA 93648

The meeting rooms and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact Fresno COG (559-233-4148), at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions, please call me at 276-4341, or email at [BHyatt@cvrc.org](mailto:BHyatt@cvrc.org).

2 de febrero, 2016

MEMORANDUM

PARA: Organizaciones o Individuos Interesados

DE: BILL HYATT, Presidente  
Consejo Consultivo del Transporte de los Servicios Sociales

**TEMA: NECESIDADES INCUMPLIDAS DE TRANSPORTE PUBLICO**

El Concilio de Gobiernos de Fresno (Fresno COG), como la Agencia de Planeamiento Regional del Transporte, es responsable anualmente de asegurarse de que las necesidades públicas del transporte "razonablemente se estén resolviendo." Cada año el Fresno COG conduce un proceso extenso para planear, programar, y evaluar los servicios de tránsito que ahora existen y servicios potenciales dentro del Condado de Fresno para el publico general.

Establecieron al Consejo Consultivo del Transporte de los Servicios Sociales de Fresno COGs (SSTAC) para tratar ediciones de tránsito dentro del Condado de Fresno. Se compone de una amplia representación de las agencias del servicio social, de los operadores de tránsito y de los usuarios. El Consejo es responsable para dar recomendaciones al Tablero de la Póliza de Fresno COG acerca de las necesidades y ediciones del tránsito.

Como parte del proceso anual e identificar necesidades que esten incumplidas en el tránsito dentro del Condado de Fresno, invitamos a organizaciones e individuos como usted, que contribuyan comentarios. Si usted está enterado de una necesidad específica del tránsito que no esté siendo resuelta en parte de operadores de público en general, del servicio social o del sector privado, **solicitamos que usted someta la información, con respecto a cualquier servicio de tránsito que este incumplido, para asistir en la evaluación del potencial para servicios adicionales de tránsito.** Para evaluar servicios potenciales, estamos pidiendo que usted proporcione la mas información posible. La información específica que será la más provechosa incluye:

- Donde está necesario el nuevo servicio, y donde los viajes potenciales comenzarían y terminarían;
- Cuando, y con cuanta frecuencia, se deberían programar los recorridos;
- Una descripción de los individuos que necesitan el servicio incluyendo categoría de edad, apremios financieros, y si tengan inhabilidades que requieren servicios especiales.

La información será utilizada por el SSTAC para evaluar nuevos servicios potenciales, antes de hacer una determinación y la recomendación, con respecto a "necesidades incumplidos del tránsito" al Tablero de la Póliza de Fresno COG antes de su Audiencia Pública en esta materia. La Audiencia Publica se llevara acabo el 30 de junio, 2016 durante la junta del Tablero de la Póliza de Fresno COG.

Si usted tiene preguntas sobre servicios de tránsito en su área, por favor pongase en contacto con los representantes apropiados del Consejo:

- **Ciudad de Fresno** - Sr. Jeff Long, Planificador de Tránsito de Fresno COG, 621-1436
- **Ciudad de Clovis** – Señorita Shonna Halterman, Supervisora de Transito Publico, 324-2767
- **Comunidades Rurales** - Sr. Moses Stites, FCRTA Director General, 233-6789
- **Programas De los Servicios Sociales** - Sr. Gary Joseph, CTSA, Director Sistema De Tránsito 486-6594

Si usted tiene comentarios específicos por escrito, favor de enviármelos, con la información requerida de soporte ya mencionada, antes del 25 de marzo, 2016:

Bill Hyatt, Presidente de SSTAC  
Central Valley Regional Center Inc.  
4615 N. Marty  
Fresno, California 93722  
Fax nombre: 559-276-4360

Además de pedir comentarios escritos, SSTAC tendrá tres reuniones de información durante el mes de febrero, 2016. La hora y localización de los reuniones son como sigue:

**Martes, 16 de febrero 2016– 5:00 p.m.**

Area Metropolitana Fresno-Clovis  
CalTrans Oficina Centro Comercial Manchester (Cuarto Yosemite)  
2015 E Shields Avenida, #100, Fresno, CA 93726

**Miércoles, 17 de febrero 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**

Westside del Condado de Fresno  
Ciudad de Kerman, Kerman Community (Teen Center)  
15101 W Kearney Plaza, Kerman, CA 93630

**Jueves, 18 de febrero 2016 - 5:30 p.m.**

Eastside del Condado de Fresno  
Ciudad de Parlier, Council Chambers  
1100 E. Parlier Avenue, Parlier, CA 93648

Nota: Las salas de conferencias y los sanitarios son accesibles para personas discapacitadas. Representantes o personas con discapacidades deben ponerse en contacto con el Fresno COG (559-233-4148), cuando menos 3 días en anticipo, para requerir los medios de ayuda auxiliar y/o los servicios de traducción necesarios para participar en la junta publica.

Gracias por su asistencia y cooperación. Si usted tiene preguntas, por favor llámeme al 276-4341 o correo electrónico BHyatt@cvrc.org.

## 5. Public Outreach Attendance

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS INFORMATION GATHERING MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2016 CITY OF FRESNO (FCMA) SIGN-IN SHEET		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Gary Joseph	FEOC	266-3663
Jeff Long	Fresno COG	621-1436
Stephenie Fredrickson	League of Women Voters	298-7832
Moses Stites	FCRTA	233-6789
Judith Nishi	City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express	621-1455
Shonna Halterman	City of Clovis	324-2767
Bill Hyatt	CVRC	276-4341
Francisco Mendez	2566 S. Habitat Ave.	519-5443

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS INFORMATION GATHERING MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2016 CITY OF KERMAN SIGN-IN SHEET		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Rob Weyant	FEOC	266-3663
Jeff Long	Fresno COG	621-1436
Stephenie Fredrickson	League of Women Voters	298-7832
Moses Stites	FCRTA	233-6789
Philip Gallegos	City of Kerman	846-9384
Eliana Bustamante		
Pauline Reese		

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS INFORMATION GATHERING MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2016 CITY OF KERMAN SIGN-IN SHEET		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Gary Joseph	FEOC	266-3663
Jeff Long	Fresno COG	621-1436
Moses Stites	FCRTA	233-6789
Judith Nishi	City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express	621-1455
Israel Lara	City of Parlier	645-3545
Juan Montano	City of Parlier	645-3545
Sonja Hall	Private Consultant	

## 6. Transit Dependent Demographics

The majority of the county's population is in the Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA).

While all sectors of the community may utilize public and private transportation services, groups likely to be transit dependent or transit disadvantaged are those that are either unable to operate a vehicle or do not have access to a vehicle. Older citizens, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means are more likely to be transit dependent and may require specialized transportation. For the purposes of this document, older citizens are considered to be individuals 65 years and older, and persons of limited means are those with incomes below the poverty threshold as defined by the federal government. The following tables (Tables 1, 2, and 3) list demographics for the region.

Table 1: Populations in Fresno County 2014

Jurisdiction	Population	Percent of Countywide Population
Clovis	98,815	10.41%
Coalinga	17,235	1.82%
Firebaugh	7,935	0.84%
Fowler	5,908	0.62%
Fresno	506,132	53.34%
Huron	6,777	0.71%
Kerman	14,110	1.49%
Kingsburg	11,582	1.22%
Mendota	11,360	1.20%
Orange Cove	9,473	1.00%
Parlier	14,750	1.55%
Reedley	24,858	2.62%
San Joaquin	4,010	0.42%
Sanger	24,587	2.59%
Selma	23,808	2.51%
Unincorporated Area	167,504	17.65%
Total	948,844	

Source: American Community Survey 2010-2014

Table 2 provides the most current regional data summarizing income and age statistics. The percentage of persons below poverty level represents the percent of individuals who fall below the United States Department of Health and Human Services poverty thresholds. The largest concentration of persons below the poverty level exists in the rural cities, where unemployment rates tend to be higher. The countywide average is 13.22%. Seven out of fifteen incorporated cities exceed the countywide average, with the highest being in Mendota, Orange Cove and San Joaquin, all averaging over 20%. The rural areas are served by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.

Aging populations lose their ability to drive privately owned vehicles and have to rely on family, neighbors, volunteer driver programs and public transit for mobility. It is increasingly important to address multiple modes of transportation to prevent isolation, economic hardship and reduced quality of life for the senior population. Clovis, Kingsburg, Reedley, Sanger and Selma are above the region wide average of 10.6%. for residents age 65 and over.

Table 2: Transit Dependent Indicators Income and Age

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Persons below poverty level</b>	<b>Percentage below poverty level</b>	<b>Persons 65 years and over</b>	<b>Percentage of persons 65 years and over</b>
Clovis	98,815	6,959	7.04%	11,232	11.37%
Coalinga	17,235	1,455	8.44%	1,268	7.36%
Firebaugh	7,935	1,369	17.25%	507	6.39%
Fowler	5,908	592	10.02%	554	9.38%
Fresno	506,132	76,335	15.08%	48,764	9.63%
Huron	6,777	1,145	16.90%	423	6.24%
Kerman	14,110	1,720	12.19%	1,008	7.14%
Kingsburg	11,582	947	8.18%	1,567	13.53%
Mendota	11,360	2,765	24.34%	606	5.33%
Orange Cove	9,473	1,980	20.90%	620	6.54%
Parlier	14,750	2,765	18.75%	807	5.47%
Reedley	24,858	3,075	12.37%	2,661	10.70%
San Joaquin	4,010	816	20.35%	177	4.41%
Sanger	24,587	2,353	9.57%	2,713	11.03%
Selma	23,808	2,901	12.18%	2,754	11.57%
Unincorporated Area	167,504	18,292	10.92%	24,903	14.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>948,844</b>	<b>125,469</b>	<b>13.22%</b>	<b>100,564</b>	<b>10.60%</b>

Source: American Community Survey 2010-2014

Other factors that affect mobility are provided in Table 3. Mobility refers to the movement of people via multiple modes, including individual cars, transit, walking and cycling, among others. Mobility can be an important indicator of quality of life, as mobility is correlated with accessibility, which is the means at which individuals can reach their destinations. Only the City of Fresno has a percentage of people with a disability higher than the countywide percentage of 6.29%. This is reasonable as Fresno is the largest city in the county and most of the services needed are located there.

The countywide average percentage of households without a car is 9.24. The following cities exceed the countywide average: Fresno, Huron, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, San Joaquin and Selma. All of these cities are served by some form of public transit.

Table 3: Other Factors That Affect Mobility

Jurisdiction	Population	Persons with a disability (age 5+)	Percentage of persons with a disability (age 5+)	Persons with Limited English Proficiency	Percentage of persons with Limited English Proficiency	Number of Households without Vehicle	% of Households without Vehicle
Clovis	98,815	5,610	5.68%	7,806	7.90%	1,932	5.76%
Coalinga	17,235	775	4.50%	542	3.14%	385	8.01%
Firebaugh	7,935	326	4.11%	3,724	46.93%	133	6.13%
Fowler	5,908	252	4.27%	576	9.75%	113	6.66%
Fresno	506,132	35,943	7.10%	91,610	18.10%	18,448	11.52%
Huron	6,777	222	3.28%	3,564	52.59%	269	16.51%
Kerman	14,110	747	5.29%	1,473	10.44%	223	6.01%
Kingsburgh	11,582	518	4.47%	919	7.93%	242	6.34%
Mendota	11,360	368	3.24%	4,210	37.06%	368	12.76%
Orange Cove	9,473	525	5.54%	2,464	26.01%	345	14.76%
Parlier	14,750	368	2.49%	8,114	55.01%	431	11.94%
Reedley	24,858	1,268	5.10%	7,000	28.16%	476	7.01%
San Joaquin	4,010	100	2.49%	1,671	41.67%	178	19.00%
Sanger	24,587	1,171	4.76%	5,154	20.96%	616	8.92%
Selma	23,808	1,381	5.80%	5,582	23.45%	716	10.95%
Unincorporated Area	167,504	10,130	6.05%	24,122	14.40%	2,143	4.20%
Total	948,844	59,704	6.29%	168,531	17.76%	27,018	9.24%

Source: American Community Survey 2010-2014

## 7. Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

### Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Membership List Updated June 2016

#### Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older (minimum of 1)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Terri Staples	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2017	Caucasian

#### Representatives of the Local Social Service Providers for Seniors (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Adam Vinogradoff, FMAAA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian
Harpreet Kooner, Fresno County Public Works	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2019	Asian-Indian

#### Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled (minimum of 1)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Carlos Duarte, FAX	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2018	Mexican American

#### Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Vidal Medina, RICV	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2017	Hispanic
Bill Hyatt, CVRC	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian

#### Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means (minimum of 1)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Stephenie Fredrickson, League of Women Voters	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian

#### Representatives from the Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Shonna Halterman, Clovis Transit	Clovis/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian
Gary Joseph, FCEOC/CTSA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2018	Hispanic
Judith Nishi, FAX	Sanger/Fresno County	6-2018	Asian American

#### Representatives of General Public, who used Public Transit

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Dottie Wright	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2018	Caucasian
Jim Lowe	Firebaugh/Fresno County	5-2016	Caucasian

## 8. SSTAC Recommendation

### **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Executive Minutes**

**Date:** May 17, 2016  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Place:** COG Conference Room, Second Floor  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721

#### **Members Present:**

Bill Hyatt, CVRE  
Judith Nishi, FAX  
Moses Stites, FCRTA  
Stephenie Fredrik, LWV  
Shonna Halterman, City of Clovis-via-phone  
Carlos Duarte, FAX/Handy Ride  
Vidal Medina, RICV  
Harpreet Kooner, County of Fresno  
Gary Joseph, FEOC/CTSA

#### **Others Attending:** Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX

Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG  
Peggy Arnest, Fresno COG  
Michael Mendez, RICV  
Reyes Sandoval, RICV

Bill Hyatt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### **I. Public Presentations**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

None

#### **II. Executive Minutes of April 19, 2016 [Approve]**

This portion was added to the April 19, 2016 Executive:

(Mr. Medina at a previous meeting presented a proposal to the SSTAC Committee that showed a fixed route that was accessible to Inspiration park.)

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Harpreet Kooner to approve the Executive Minutes of April 19, 2016 minutes with corrections. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### **III. Unmet Transit Needs Finding [Long] [Approve]**

Jeff Long reviewed the highlights on the Unmet Transit Needs Finding report with the committee to determine what category the findings are so the report can move on to the June meetings of the Board and TTC/PAC. The Unmet Transit Needs Finding report will also go to Caltrans with more information included in it.

Mr. Long reviewed the situation with Inspiration Park. Mr. Long informed the committee that to provide service out to the park would mean an increase in funding and that there was no funding to provide for the service. Mr. Long also said that the demand as seen from the Handyride side does not justify at this point and falls back under the category of an Unmet Transit Need that is not reasonable to meet. Mr. Long commented that the service was being discussed with the City of Fresno to find a resolution.

Mr. Long informed the committee if they had any comments or anything they wanted to change on the report to let him know right away. If there is something that needs to come back to the committee, he can distribute it to everyone or if it is something minor to change, he can adjust it directly on the report.

Mr. Duarte felt that there was a great deal of concern about Inspiration Park and felt that an explanation of what the City of Fresno and RICV is looking at in terms of some type of deviated fixed route service to the park, should be in the discussion part of the report. Mr. Long said he would need to get some commitment from FAX that it would happen before it could be put into the report.

A motion was made by Carlos Duarte, and seconded by Gary Joseph, to make the following recommendation:

The SSTAC, through its recent efforts to solicit comments, is therefore, recommending the finding that there are no unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet within the following jurisdictions:

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| 1. City of Clovis    | 9. City of Mendota      |
| 2. City of Coalinga  | 10. City of Orange Cove |
| 3. City of Firebaugh | 11. City of Parlier     |
| 4. City of Fowler    | 12. City of Reedley     |
| 5. City of Fresno    | 13. City of Sanger      |
| 6. City of Huron     | 14. City of San Joaquin |
| 7. City of Kerman    | 15. City of Selma       |
| 8. City of Kingsburg | 16. Fresno County       |

A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**IV. Membership (New Members) [Long] [Approve]**

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Gary Joseph to approve the extension of Harpreet Kooner's membership.

**V. Other Member Items**

Moses Stites informed the committee that Big Tree Transit was kicking off for the second season on May 28 through September 5.

Jeff Long informed the committee that the City of Fresno is working on their Active Transportation Plan and is having some outreach meetings on May 18, at 5:30 to 7:30 at the Fresno Fairgrounds and one on May 19, at 5:30 to 7:30 at Fresno City College.

Judy Nishi informed the committee that the BRT is scheduled for groundbreaking on June 1, at 10:30 am at Manchester Transit Center. Ms. Nishi also asked the committee if they would act as Transit Ambassador Volunteers to help guide the transit population.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Long

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## 9. Staff Report

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 17, 2016

**TO:** Fresno COG Social Service Transportation Advisory Council;  
Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee;  
Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee;  
Fresno COG Policy Board; and  
The General Public

**FROM:** Tony Boren, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR "UNMET PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS" PUBLIC HEARING - JUNE 30, 2016

### **RECCOMENDATION**

It is recommended the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board find that there are no unmet public transportation needs, which are reasonable to meet within the County of Fresno.

### **DISCUSSION**

On June 30, 2016, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County, will hold a legally noticed Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public testimony to determine if public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 (July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017), prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for streets and roads. The time and place of the Public Hearing have been legally noticed as follows:

Date: June 30, 2016

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Fresno Council of Governments, Sequoia Room  
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201  
Fresno, California 93721-2004

Transportation Development Act (TDA) - Local Transportation Funds are derived from the State Sales Tax. Of the State's portion of the sales tax revenue, 1/4 of a cent goes to the Local Transportation Fund and may be used for transportation projects. In FY 2016-2017, the estimated Local Transportation Funds for Fresno County are \$35,000,000, of which \$100,000 is programmed for administration and audits, and \$974,757 is programmed for regional transportation planning. Table-1 identifies the amount of project funding each local agency will receive in FY 2016-2017.

Of the Local Transportation Funds available for public transportation and streets and roads, priority must first be given to public transportation, the net difference is then available for street and road projects.

**TABLE-1**  
Available TDA-Local Transportation Funds  
For Projects by Local Agencies FY 2016-2017

Agency	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities	Social Service Transportation	Regional Transportation Planning	Public Transportation	Total
Clovis	\$74,904	\$195,145	\$104,603	\$3,382,163	\$3,756,815
Coalinga	\$11,866		\$16,571	\$535,790	\$564,227
Firebaugh	\$5,584		\$7,799	\$252,157	\$265,540
Fowler	\$4,276		\$5,972	\$193,097	\$203,345
Fresno City	\$373,416		\$521,476	\$16,861,026	\$17,755,918
Huron	\$4,894		\$6,834	\$220,974	\$232,702
Kerman	\$10,276		\$14,350	\$463,990	\$488,616
Kingsburg	\$8,407		\$11,741	\$379,614	\$399,762
Mendota	\$8,048		\$11,239	\$363,406	\$382,693
Orange Cove	\$6,718		\$9,382	\$303,341	\$319,441
Parlier	\$10,837		\$15,133	\$489,307	\$515,277
Reedley	\$18,298		\$25,552	\$826,197	\$870,047
Sanger	\$18,039		\$25,192	\$814,528	\$857,759
San Joaquin	\$2,901		\$4,051	\$130,990	\$137,942
Selma	\$17,166		\$23,972	\$775,111	\$816,249
Fresno County	\$122,370		\$170,890	\$5,525,452	\$5,818,712
FCRTA	\$0	\$506,607	\$0	\$0	\$506,607
FEOC	\$0	\$1,008,348	\$0	\$0	\$1,008,348
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$698,000</b>	<b>\$1,710,100</b>	<b>\$974,757</b>	<b>\$31,517,143</b>	<b>\$34,900,000</b>

Pursuant to Section 99401.5 of the California Public Utilities Code, Fresno COG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, must make a finding after holding a Public Hearing that there are no unmet public transportation needs within the jurisdiction of claimants which can be reasonably met before it may approve Local Transportation Fund claims for streets and roads.

## **DEFINITION OF "UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS," AND "NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET"**

Section 99401.5(c) of the California Public Utilities Code specifies, "The transportation planning agency shall determine its definitions of the terms 'unmet transit needs' and 'reasonable to meet' for the purposes of this section which shall be documented by resolution or within the minutes of the agency."

The Fresno COG defined these terms by Resolution 1990-15 as follows:

### **A. Unmet Transit Needs**

"Those public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and/or documented through the Fresno COG's Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process that have not been implemented or funded."

### **B. Reasonable to Meet**

"Those public transportation services identified in the Regional Transportation Plan, or proposed amendment thereto, which meet the following criteria:"

- (1) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator or service claimant to exceed its appropriations limitation as set forth by Proposition 4 (Gann Limit)
- (2) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of:
  - (a) Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds which may be available for such operator to claim;
  - (b) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds or other support for public transportation services which are committed by Federal and/or State agencies by formula or tentative approval of specific grant requests; and
  - (c) Farebox and local funding in compliance with PUC Section 99268 et.seq.

The fact that an identified need cannot fully be met based on available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding a transit need is not reasonable to meet.

- (3) Services which, if implemented or funded, would result in the responsible operator or service claimant meeting the farebox recovery and local support requirements as set forth by PUC Section 99268 et. seq. Evaluation of existing operators shall be based on records provided to Fresno COG by operators pursuant to the Transit Productivity Evaluation Process (PUC Section 99244)

Evaluation of proposed new service shall be based upon a feasibility analysis, which includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Forecast of anticipated ridership if service is provided;
- (b) Estimate of capital and operating costs for the provision of such services;
- (c) Estimate of fares and local support in relation to estimated operating costs for providing such services; and
- (d) An estimated fare, which the Fresno COG Board would determine to be sufficient to meet farebox recovery requirements, but would not be so high it would pose a financial burden on transit dependent patrons.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)**

The Fresno COG Policy Board established its Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on May 26, 1988, to aid in its review of transit issues with emphasis on the annual identification of transit needs within Fresno County. These needs include the needs of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. The Fresno COG's establishment of this Advisory Council is consistent with State Law (SB 498, Chapter 673, 1987), which mandates both the purpose and minimum membership of this body. A list of SSTAC members is included with this report (Attachment A).

The purpose of the SSTAC is to:

- (1) Annually participate in identification of transit needs (Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process)
- (2) Review and recommend appropriate action by the Fresno COG for a jurisdiction which finds by resolution, that:

- (a) There are no unmet transit needs;
- (b) There are no unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet;
- (c) There are unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet.

(3) Advise the Fresno COG on any other major transit issues, including the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.

## **SSTAC UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS**

The SSTAC has developed an annual process for soliciting unmet transit need comments from the public. Over 400 letters are sent to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County (Attachments B-1, B-2 and B-3). The letter was prepared in English and Spanish versions, and included a request for information regarding any unmet transit needs within Fresno County. Respondents were requested to include the following information to assist Staff in an initial evaluation of proposed services:

- Where new service is needed, and where the potential trips would start and end;
- When, and how often trips would need to be scheduled; and
- A description of the individuals needing the service including age group, financial constraints, and whether they have disabilities requiring special services.

As part of the information gathering process, SSTAC held three (3) public outreach meetings (Attachment C) to seek Unmet Transit Needs comments from residents throughout the County.

The first outreach meeting was held in the City of Fresno, on February 16, 2016, at CalTrans Manchester Center at 2015 E. Shields Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. The location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) and surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was set for 5:00 p.m. Comments received were related to extending FAX service hours later into the evening on weekdays and weekends. A response letter was provided to Francisco Mendez and is included in the appendix of this report.

The second meeting was held in the City of Kerman on February 17, 2016 in the Kerman Community/Teen Center at 15101 Kearney Plaza, Kerman CA 93630. The location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of Western Fresno county including: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was 5:30 p.m. The 1<sup>st</sup> concern was how do rural residents accessing County Social Services in Fresno get back to their rural homes. Fresno County Social Services provides tokens for clients living in the FCMA. Currently FCRTA issues approximately 30-40 monthly passes to social service clients, however there are distinct rules for each program so not all clients may be eligible

for transit passes. FCRTA staff will continue to answer inquiries about rural transit services and issue monthly bus passes to both the general public and Social Service Agencies.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> comment was related to medical transportation. A Kerman resident is looking for transportation directly to her medical provider. Mr. Stites, FCRTA General Manager, explained that what we provide is public transportation which requires transferring systems (FCRTA into Fresno & FAX to final destination). Other options were discussed including taxi scrip, Handy Ride, and private medical transport. The need for medical transportation services in the rural areas is more evident since the baby boomer population is getting older and now requiring more medical services. There are also less medical providers in the rural communities and residents need to come to Fresno or surrounding communities for such services. For general public transit providers, we are not allowed to be medical transportation providers, school bus providers or Charter service providers. Individuals who have medical appointments do not care to transfer to different public transit providers as would be the case for a rural resident coming to Fresno for an appointment. Once in Fresno they would have to transfer on to a FAX bus to complete the journey and then return to the respective rural community. This makes it challenging, however the restrictions on public transit providers does not allow door to door service and or taxi like services. There are other limited services available, however for a costly price and certain restrictions. There was discussion on social service concerns as well as medical transportation services.

The final outreach meeting was held in the City of Parlier, on February 18, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at 1100 Parlier Avenue, Parlier, CA 93648. The meeting location was set to facilitate comments from the residents of Eastern Fresno county including: Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was set for 5:30 p.m. No comments were received.

## **THE SSTAC's COMMENTS REGARDING SUBMITTED "UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS" REQUESTS**

The SSTAC Chairman received four (4) written comments regarding perceived "Unmet Transit Needs". These came in the form of emails and written correspondence. Copies of the actual emails and letters, and Staff response are attached to this Report. They are summarized as follows:

1. The first comment was received from the Karan Dhillon, T.I.L.E Counselor at Fresno City College, concerning potential students residing in Madera County accessing the T.I.L.E. program in Fresno.
- 2) The second comment letter was from Robert J. Hand, Executive Director of Resources for Independence Central Valley, regarding direct bus service to Inspiration Park in the City of Fresno.
- 3) The third comment letter came from Ms. Leticia Corona, Community Advocacy Director from the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. Ms Corona had a number of issues that fall under basic operations, but there were three items that pertained to unmet needs; 1) service to Clovis Community College, 2) discounted passes for low-income students and 3) bus shelters at Jane Adams Elementary School.
- 4) The 4<sup>th</sup> comment letter was from Dr. Samuel Morgan, the new Executive Director of Resources for Independence Central Valley, regarding direct bus service to Inspiration Park in the City of Fresno.

Each of the actual comment letters/emails and Staff response letters are contained in the Fresno COG's "Unmet Transit Needs" Staff report, Attachment D, which is forwarded to the SSTAC for review, comment and recommendations.

The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will continue to be involved in determining appropriate Staff responses. Other proposals may yet be presented at the Fresno COG's Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016. After adoption, other amendments may be funded with available contingency funds.

To fulfill their role in making a recommendation to forward onto the Fresno COG Advisory Committees (TTC/PAC) and ultimately to the Fresno COG Policy Board, the SSTAC (following an expressed opportunity for public comment) made the following recommendation, based on its May 17, 2016 findings:

In consideration of these actions, and in reference to the contents of the Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan and supporting implementation documents, specifically:

- The Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, 2016-2020;
- The Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2016-2020;
- The Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget 2016-2017 for the Fresno Urban CTSA, the Clovis CTSA and the Fresno County Rural CTSA; and
- The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's 2016-2017 Budget.

Pending additional public testimony at the legally noticed Public Hearing scheduled before the Fresno COG's Policy Board on June 30, 2016, the SSTAC hereby has reached the following conclusion:

#### **MOTION:**

A motion was made by XXXX, and seconded by XXXXX, to make the following recommendation:

The SSTAC, through its recent efforts to solicit comments, is therefore, recommending the finding that there are no unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet within the following jurisdictions:

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| 1. City of Clovis    | 9. City of Mendota      |
| 2. City of Coalinga  | 10. City of Orange Cove |
| 3. City of Firebaugh | 11. City of Parlier     |
| 4. City of Fowler    | 12. City of Reedley     |
| 5. City of Fresno    | 13. City of Sanger      |
| 6. City of Huron     | 14. City of San Joaquin |
| 7. City of Kerman    | 15. City of Selma       |
| 8. City of Kingsburg | 16. Fresno County       |

The voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN SUMMARY**

### **A. Overview**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for public transportation services contains a Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) component, a Fresno County Rural component, and a Social Service Transportation component. The Metropolitan Area component is actualized through the "Short-Range Transit Plan (FCMA SRTP) for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area 2016 - 2020" and was adopted on June 25, 2015 at the Fresno COG Board Meeting. It analyzes the metropolitan transit service needs and provides a detailed service plan for implementation over a five (5) year period. The Rural Area component is actualized through the "Short-Range Transit Plan (Rural SRTP) for the Fresno County Rural Area 2016-2020" and was adopted on June 25, 2015 at the Fresno COG Board Meeting. It analyzes rural transit service needs, and provides a detailed service plan for implementation over a five-year period.

In addition to these Short-Range Transit Plans for public transportation, the Fresno COG annually adopts an Operations Program and Budget for the coordination and consolidation of transportation for specialized social service programs within Fresno County. The 2016 - 2017 "Operations Program and Budget for the Fresno CTSA, the Clovis CTSA, and the Rural CTSA" is scheduled for adoption on June 30, 2016.

It must be emphasized, in order to "reasonably meet transit needs," it is necessary to satisfy the planned service requirements documented by the Regional Transportation Plan components described above (Administrative Code Section 6656). Further, State law (Administrative Code Section 6651) prescribes that expenditure of Local Transportation Funds must be in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan. Fresno COG's Legal Counsel has interpreted these two (2) State law requirements as establishing what must be done (i.e., implement the planned transit service as contained in the Regional Transportation Plan) and what must not be done (i.e., do not provide transit service where it is *not* recommended by the Plan).

These dual requirements may appear inconsistent to individuals and organizations who believe there may be needs for service in areas of Fresno County where the Regional Transportation Plan does not now propose service, or where less service is proposed than they would desire. The inconsistencies are overcome through a continuous transportation planning process. Those who testify an unmet transit need does exist can be assured either their desired service has previously been

analyzed and found to be unreasonable to meet, or their proposal will be evaluated to determine if it will be reasonable to amend the Plan and provide the desired service.

## **B. Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA)**

The Regional Transportation Plan calls for fixed-route service within the Metropolitan Area to be provided by the City of Fresno's Fresno Area Express (FAX), with financial participation from the City of Clovis and Fresno County for service to non-Fresno City residents within FAX's Service Area. Demand responsive Handy-Ride service is provided through FAX under contract with Keolis Transit America. The Short-Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area sets forth the specific service implementation plan for the five (5) fiscal year period of 2016 to 2020. It is this Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) that actualizes the more general service goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan. The FCMA SRTP was adopted on June 25, 2015.

The Regional Transportation Plan and the FCMA Short-Range Transit Plan also continue to emphasize specialized service for disabled and elderly residents who are unable to utilize the fixed-route buses.

The estimated cost for operation of FAX in FY 2016-2017 is \$53 million. Service will be funded with \$26.1 million in State Transportation Development Act - Local Transportation Funds. FAX is also anticipating \$10 million in Measure C, and an additional \$7.1 million will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration. The remaining funds are derived from farebox revenues and special services provided under contracts with outside agencies such as the City of Clovis, Fresno County, and Valley Children's Hospital. Although the City of Fresno does not propose to expend any Local Transportation Funds on streets and roads in FY 2017, a "transit needs finding", is necessary to be consistent with SB-498. SB-498 states the lack of available resources shall *not* be the sole reason for finding a transit need is *not* reasonable to meet.

The City of Clovis operates two types of public transit service. Clovis Stageline provides general public fixed-route service within the City Limits. Clovis Round Up operates specialized demand-responsive service for the elderly and disabled residents. The City of Clovis has designated Round Up services as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for the Clovis Transit Service Area. The estimated cost for operation of Clovis Transit in FY 2016-2017 is \$5,351,300 million.

### C. Rural Areas

The Regional Transportation Plan calls for service to rural portions of Fresno County, including intra-city service in and around thirteen (13) rural incorporated cities, two dozen unincorporated communities, and inter-city service linking those cities to the Fresno Metropolitan Area on the following corridors:

- (1) Firebaugh - Mendota - San Joaquin - Kerman Corridor to Fresno
- (2) Kingsburg - Selma - Fowler Corridor to Fresno
- (3) Orange Cove - Reedley - Parlier - Sanger Corridor to Fresno
- (4) Coalinga - Huron – Five Star - Five Points - Lanare - Riverdale - Caruthers - Raisin City - Easton Corridor to the Fresno

During the latter part of FY1978-1979 and the beginning of FY1979-1980, in cooperation with rural incorporated cities in Fresno County, Fresno COG prepared and adopted specific short-range transit development programs to define implementation of rural public transportation service in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan. In September 1979, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) was formed and assigned responsibility for implementing the service requirements of the Regional Transportation Plan as set forth by the Transit Development Programs. Services set forth by the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transit Development Programs were fully implemented by mid-February 1980.

A comprehensive Short-Range Transit Plan (Rural SRTP) for the Rural Fresno County Area, which updated the individual Transit Development Programs, was adopted on November 17, 1983. The five (5) year Rural SRTP is updated biannually. The latest update of the "Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2016-2020" was adopted on June 25, 2015. The estimated cost for the operation of the FCRTA in FY 2016-2017 is \$8,540,103. The Services will be funded with \$4,976,863 of State Transportation Development Act - (TDA) Local Transportation Funds (LTF). The FCRTA will utilize \$995,755 from its Measure – C funds to support the operations. An additional \$1,766,175 will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Farebox receipts are projected to be \$699,010 and Interest is estimated at \$102,300.

## **D. Social Service Transportation**

The updated Social Service Transportation Action Plan and Inventory, was adopted January 29, 1998, and continues to co-designate the City of Fresno and the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Fresno Urban Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA). The Action Plan further designates City of Clovis, as the Clovis CTSA, and the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and the FEOC as the Fresno Rural Area CTSA. The Fresno COG has set aside each year, since FY1982-1983, five percent (5%) of Local Transportation Funds (Table 1) for social service transportation. An Operations Program and Budget (OPB) have been prepared for the Fresno Urban CTSA, Clovis CTSA, and the Fresno Rural CTSA. The FY2016-2017 OPB's, is scheduled for adoption on June 30, 2016, document commitments for matching funds from participating social service agencies and defines the types of coordinated/consolidated services to be provided so funds may be released.

Fresno County's CTSA process has been very successful in coordinating metropolitan and rural social service transportation needs. The Fresno COG's latest annual "Transit Productivity Report 2014-2015" indicates the CTSA's continue to provide a significant number of trips throughout Fresno County. An inventory of social service agencies was updated, as part of the development of the Fresno COG's Human Service Coordination Plan, as adopted January 29, 2015. It has assisted in determining if additional social service agencies may be interested in participating in the CTSA process.

## **Analysis of Proposed Public Transportation Services and Recommended Findings for Local Agencies FY 2016-2017**

### **A. City of Clovis**

The City of Clovis contributes funds to the operation of three (3) transit services within its jurisdiction. First, it operates the Clovis CTSA Round Up service on a demand-responsive basis to its elderly and disabled social service clients. Second, it operates Clovis Stageline to serve general public patrons with five (5) coordinated fixed routes; and third, it provides funding to Fresno Area Express (FAX) which operates fixed route service on Route 9 into Clovis.

Inter-city service to Fresno is available on Clovis CTSA's Round Up and Fresno Area Express / Handy-Ride.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Clovis will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained within the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

## **B. City of Coalinga**

The City of Coalinga, under an inter-agency agreement with the FCRTA, provides intra-city and inter-city service using vehicles owned by the FCRTA. All FCRTA vehicles are lift equipped for elderly and disabled accessibility.

The Coalinga Transit intra-city demand responsive service operates with one (1) vehicle during an approximate eight (8) hour service period Monday through Friday.

Coalinga Transit also provides inter-city fixed route service, with route deviation to pick-up disabled passengers, between Coalinga and Fresno. The vehicle provides one (1) round trip through Pleasant Valley Prison, Huron, Five Points, Lanare, Riverdale, Caruthers, Raisin City, and Easton, during an approximate nine and  $\frac{3}{4}$  (9.75) hour period, Monday through Saturday.

### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Coalinga, Sphere of Influence, and surrounding Area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

## **C. City of Firebaugh**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement with the City of Firebaugh continues to contract with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (Rural CTSA) for the provision of transportation services. Demand responsive service within Firebaugh's Sphere of Influence, and surrounding Area is available by a FCRTA's lift equipped vehicle, Monday through Friday for approximately nine and  $\frac{3}{4}$  (9.75) hours per day. A second vehicle is available for inter-city trips between Firebaugh and Mendota during an approximate nine (9) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during eight and a half (8-1/2)

hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding communities, Kerman, and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Firebaugh, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **D. City of Fowler**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement with the City of Fowler contracts with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (Rural CTSA) for the provision of transportation services within its Sphere of Influence and surrounding area. A lift equipped FCRTA vehicle is the community service the area, approximately nine and 3/4 (9.75) hours per day, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Southeast Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, for approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Fowler, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **E. City of Fresno**

Fresno Area Express (FAX) provides fixed route service seven (7) days-a-week throughout the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area. The City of Clovis and Fresno County financially participate for service to non-Fresno City residents within Fresno Area Express' Service Area. Fresno Area Express contracts with Keolis Transit

America for weekday and weekend demand-responsive service on Handy-Ride. This service is oriented toward those who are unable to use the fixed-route service.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Fresno will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained within the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **F. City of Huron**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement with the City of Huron contracts with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Rural CTSA for the provision of general public transportation service within the Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area utilizing two (2) FCRTA wheelchair accessible modified vehicles. The intra-city services are available, during an approximate eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The City of Huron continues to provide funding for an inter-city “life-line” service to Coalinga. Two (2) round trips are provided during an eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday.

Coalinga Transit also provides inter-city fixed route service, with route deviation to pick-up disabled passengers, between Coalinga and Fresno. The vehicle provides one (1) round trip through Pleasant Valley Prison, Huron, Five Points, Lanare, Riverdale, Caruthers, Raisin City and Easton, during an approximate nine and  $\frac{3}{4}$  (9.75) hour period, Monday through Saturday.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Huron, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **G. City of Kerman**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement with the City of Kerman, provides demand responsive public transportation service with a FCRTA vehicle within its Sphere of Influence and surrounding area using a lift equipped FCRTA vehicle, for approximately eight (8) hours a day, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, for approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped vehicles, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding unincorporated communities, and Kerman and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Kerman, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **H. City of Kingsburg**

Two (2) FCRTA wheelchair lift equipped vehicles are available for providing public transportation services to Kingsburg Area residents. These transit services are provided by the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA, to the City of Kingsburg under an inter-agency services agreement with FCRTA. Service within the Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area, are available on a demand responsive basis during an approximately eight (8) hour service period, Monday through Friday and approximately eight (8) hours on Saturday utilizing just one (1) vehicle.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Southeast Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Kingsburg, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

## **I. City of Mendota**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency agreement with the City of Mendota, contracts with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA, to provide demand responsive service within its Sphere of Influence and surrounding area using a FCRTA lift equipped vehicle. This service is provided Monday through Friday, for approximately ten (10) hours per day.

Firebaugh Transit has a second vehicle, which is available for inter-city trips between Firebaugh and Mendota during an approximate nine (9) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding unincorporated communities, and Kerman and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Mendota, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

## **J. City of Orange Cove**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement with the City of Orange Cove contracts with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA, for the provision of transportation services. Orange Cove Transit operates a FCRTA lift equipped vehicle on a demand responsive basis within its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area for approximately ten (10) hours per day, Monday through Friday.

Orange Cove Transit also provides a lift equipped vehicle for inter-city fixed route service. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, Sanger, and "to" and "from" Fresno. Multiple round trips are available each service day. The inter-city service is provided, during an approximately ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Orange Cove, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **K. City of Parlier**

Under an inter-agency services agreement, the City of Parlier and FCRTA currently contracts for transportation services with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA. Parlier Transit operates a lift equipped demand responsive service within its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area using a wheelchair lift equipped FCRTA vehicle. Service is currently provided, during an approximate eight (8) hour period, Monday through Friday.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Orange Cove Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger and "to" and "from" Fresno.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Parlier, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

#### **L. City of Reedley**

The City of Reedley, through an inter-agency services agreement with the FCRTA, provides demand responsive public transportation within its Sphere of Influence and surrounding area, using four (4) vehicles on an eight (8) hour staggered basis during an approximate eight (8) hour service period, Monday through Friday, and one (1) vehicle on Saturdays during an approximate eight (8) hour period.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Orange Cove Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during an approximately ten

(10) hour period, Monday through Friday using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger and "to" and "from" Fresno.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Reedley, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

**M. City of Sanger**

To provide public transportation service within the Sanger Sphere of Influence and the surrounding area, the FCRTA, under an inter-agency services agreement, with the City of Sanger contracts with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA. Two (2) wheelchair accessible FCRTA vehicles offer service in Sanger. The vehicles provide staggered service during an approximate eight (8) hour period and one (1) vehicle provides service during an eleven and half (11.5) hour period, Monday through Friday, and one (1) vehicle during an eight (8) hour period on Saturday.

FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Orange Cove Transit as a multiple roundtrip general public commuter service, during approximate ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped bus, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger and "to" and "from" Fresno.

An additional vehicle began providing service between Sanger and Reedley College in September of 2014 to support a new training program to address a critical concern by manufacturers in Sanger who have been unsuccessful at finding skilled workers to employ and residents in Sanger who are underemployed or unemployed. The new program is being designed in cooperation with the new President of Reedley College and the manufacturing companies. One (1) vehicle provides route service during a ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Sanger, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

### **N. City of San Joaquin**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency agreement with the City of San Joaquin, contracts with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA, for demand responsive Intra-City service within their Sphere of Influence and surrounding area. Inter-community service is also provided between the unincorporated communities of: Cantua Creek, El Porvenir, Halfway, Three Rocks, and Tranquility. Inter-City service to Kerman is also available. These services are provided, during a ten (10) hour period, Monday through Friday using an FCRTA lift equipped vans.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Westside Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during approximate eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday, using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin and surrounding unincorporated communities, and Kerman and "to" and "from" Fresno.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of San Joaquin, its Sphere of Influence, and the surrounding area with its identified unincorporated communities will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

### **O. City of Selma**

The FCRTA, under an inter-agency agreement with the City of Selma, contracts with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA, for demand responsive and fixed route Intra-City service within their Sphere of Influence and surrounding area.

This service utilizes four (4) FCRTA wheelchair accessible vehicles. It operates four (4) vehicles on a demand responsive basis for eight (8) hours each on a staggered

basis, and one (1) for four (4) hours for lunch time driver relief, Monday through Friday, during an approximate eight (8) hours service day. Saturday demand responsive services are provided with a single (1) vehicle during an approximate eight (8) hour service period.

The FCRTA also contracts with the Rural CTSA to operate Southeast Transit as a multiple round trip general public commuter service, during approximate eight and a half (8-1/2) hour period, Monday through Friday using a lift equipped vehicle, which may deviate from its route to pick-up disabled passengers. The service is provided on a scheduled fixed route to serve patrons "between" Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler and "to" and "from" the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA).

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the City of Selma, its Sphere of Influence, and surrounding Area will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

## **P. Fresno County**

Fresno County financially participates through the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency for provision of service to unincorporated area residents within the Spheres of Influence and surrounding areas of the thirteen (13) rural cities and two dozen unincorporated communities situated on established fixed routes.

Fresno County also provides the funding for six (6) other unincorporated area transit services.

Auberry Transit is provided, through an inter-agency service agreement between the FCRTA and the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC), as the Rural CTSA. The service area includes the communities of: Alder Springs, Auberry, New Auberry, the Big Sandy Indian Rancheria, Burrough Valley, Cold Springs Indian Rancheria, Jose Basin, Marshall Station, Meadow Lakes, Mile High, Prather, Sycamore, and Tollhouse. A lift equipped vehicle provides, approximately six (6) hours of service per day, Monday through Friday. A second Auberry Transit vehicle is to provide "life-line" inter-city service from the foothill communities and through Friant and the Table Mountain Indian Rancheria to the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, one (1) day a week during an eight (8) hour service period.

Del Rey Transit operates as a general public demand responsive service. The Rural CTSA continues to fund the service four (4) hours per service day and Fresno County TDA monies fund the remaining four (4) hours. The service is under contract for driver services through the Rural CTSA and continues to be available during an approximate eight (8) hour period Monday through Friday. The operation will continue to maintain priority service to seniors attending the mid-day Hot Meal Nutrition Program. The service transports passengers within the community on a shared ride basis; arranges passenger grouping for trips to Sanger; and transfers passengers in Sanger to access Orange Cove Transit for service to Fresno, Parlier, Reedley, and Orange Cove.

Dinuba Connection is in its fourth (5th) year of service. In cooperation with the FCRTA, the City of Dinuba (in Tulare County) provides an inter-County service, referred to as the Dinuba Connection, between Dinuba and Reedley (in Fresno County). It allows Dinuba residents to travel from their City and its Vocational Training Center to the Adventist Medical Center (for on-the-job training) and to attend Reedley College. Eastern Fresno County residents travel to regional retail and entertainment centers in Dinuba. The service has proven to be very successful. The operations encourage transfers between Reedley Transit's Intra-City services and Orange Cove Transit's Inter-City services, to facilitate connectivity between Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, Sanger and Fresno. Both entities will continue to utilize a portion of their locally approved half cent sales tax (Measure R in Tulare County and Measure C in Fresno County) to continue to split the costs of this transit expansion program

Laton Transit continues to be provided by the FCRTA through an ongoing inter-agency services agreement with Kings Area Rural Transit (KART). Round trip, inter-community service between the unincorporated Community of Laton and the City of Hanford, in Kings County, is available Monday through Friday. An existing inter-County service by KART from Hanford through Laton and then Selma (Kaiser Clinic) and Hospitals in Fresno and the Central Valley Children's Hospital in Madera County is provided Monday through Friday.

New Freedom Transit is a service that has been talked about for several years. Staff was concerned that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations stipulated that the maximum wheelchair lift capacity was not to exceed 600 pounds. Staff was made aware that an obese person in a powered wheelchair with two (2) batteries, and related supportive equipment with a back-pack for personal items could easily exceed the weight limit.

There have been tragic incidents where individuals could not be transported for medical appointments, etc. Staff received Grant funding to purchase two (2) vehicles that could expressly address the need. FCRTA completed a procurement of low floor vehicles, with kneeling suspension systems and a ramp that is rated at 1,000 pounds. There are up to three (3) wheelchair locations with multiple tie down configurations at the front of the vehicle to accommodate the service.

Also purchased with another Grant were two (2) vehicles with up to six (6) wheelchair locations that may be accessed independent of each other. The ability to transport that many wheelchairs at one-time will be of benefit when a group wants to go to a common location in the County. It will also allow the FCRTA to provide emergency services in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

The services are programmed to begin after July 1, 2017, as our marketing and outreach effort take place.

Rural Transit between remote areas of Fresno County has been mentioned in the Regional Transportation Plan and Rural Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for many years. The Measure-C Expenditure Plan referenced the concept for funding and implementation. Service beyond the current transit service areas associated with incorporated cities has been difficult to justify. Following the successful passage of Measure-C in November 2006, the FCRTA is in its third (5<sup>th</sup>) year of offer such a service. The 2015-16 FCRTA Budget continues to reflect Measure-C funding for the "Rural Transit" service. Four (4) vehicles were purchased to facilitate the operation of three (3) in regular services, Monday through Friday, with the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) reserved as a back-up vehicle. The adopted Rural SRTP reflects the demand responsive operation to be available on a twenty-four (24) hour prior reservation basis. Transfers to existing operations have eliminated service duplications. The FCRTA continues to contract with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (Rural CTSA) for the provision of this transportation services.

Shuttle Transit is to address another transit need. For many years, it has become evident that when riders from rural Cities arrive in Fresno they have problems utilizing the fixed route services of Fresno Area Express (FAX) to get to their destinations, conduct their business and return back downtown to catch their return bus back to their respective rural City. Frail elderly and disabled have significant problems attempting to qualify as a user of the Handy Ride services. Those wanting to get to an employment opportunity, educational institution, training program, medical appointment or other facility learn that it is nearly impossible to rely on public transportation.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recognized the problem nationwide, and sought to address the matter. They created another Program that is called Job Access / Reverse Commute (JARC). Initially it sought competitive applications, and selected a few for partial funding for a one (1) year demonstration period. The applicant was responsible for the funding in subsequent years. It really was not attractive to small rural operators with very limited funding in the first place.

With the passage of Measure-C, the FCRTA has an opportunity to implement a supportive program. The FCRTA has four (4) inter-City subsystems that provide service to the Fresno Metropolitan Area. They include: Coalinga Transit (from Coalinga, Huron, Five Points, Lanare, Riverdale, Caruthers, Raisin City, and Easton); Orange Cove Transit (from Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier, and Sanger); Southeast Transit (from Kingsburg, Selma, and Fowler); and Westside Transit (from Firebaugh, Mendota, Kerman, with connections from San Joaquin).

The Shuttle services are intended to meet the inter-City buses as they arrive in Fresno. The fares would be the same as FAX, \$1.25 per one-way trip. The riders could call the Centralized Dispatch phone number 1-800-325-7433 to arrange service. The FCRTA has four (4) vehicles, three (3) primary and one (1) back-up. The service can begin after July 1<sup>st</sup>, and of course it would be subject to minimum performance criteria to warrant continuation.

Staff intends to promote the new services with rural residents who want to come to Fresno. The service is budgeted to begin after July 1, 2015.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended the Fresno COG Policy Board find that public transportation needs within the unincorporated portions of the County of Fresno will be reasonably met. Service requirements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan will be satisfied.

### Additional Information

It should be noted additional transit needs are being met through three (3) other programs, which have been implemented with Measure – C funds. The Fresno COG administers the programs:

- Carpooling - A subsidized carpooling program is available for individuals willing to share rides with others. A computerized program may assist individuals in making successful contacts to form successful arrangements to conveniently share rides.
- Commuter Vanpooling – A subsidized vanpooling program is available for a group of individuals who may have common interests in commuting for employment or schooling at City Colleges and Universities. Several commercial entities have complete programs to provide vans ranging from seven (7) to fifteen (15) passenger capacities. A lead and back-up driver volunteer to make arrangements to transport the group as needed. The vehicle, fuel, maintenance, and insurance are covered. Participants share in a portion of the costs. Several hundred vehicles are currently in operation, and more are being formed on a regular basis.
- Farm Labor Vanpooling – A subsidized farm labor vanpooling program facilitates group transportation to field and packing facilities. The program is flexible to meet the seasonal needs of the workers, originating in Fresno County. Fifteen (15) passenger vans accommodate seven (7) to fifteen (15) individuals. A lead and back-up driver volunteer to make arrangements to transport the group as needed. The vehicle, fuel, maintenance, and insurance are covered. Participants share in a portion of the costs. Several hundred vehicles are currently in operation, and more are being formed on a regular basis.

Individuals and groups desiring to know more about these programs should call 559-441-RIDE (7433) or contact [www.valleyrides.com](http://www.valleyrides.com) for more information.

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council  
Membership List  
Updated May 2016

**Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older (minimum of 1)**

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Terri Staples	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2017	Caucasian

Representatives of the Local Social Service Providers for Seniors (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Adam Vinogradoff, FMAAA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian
Harpreet Kooner, FCPW	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2019	Asian-Indian

Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled (minimum of 1)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Carlos Duarte, FAX	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2018	Hispanic

Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Vidal Medina, RICV	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2017	Hispanic
Bill Hyatt, CVRC	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian

Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means (minimum of 1)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Stephenie Fredrickson, LWV	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian

Representatives from the Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Shonna Halterman, CT	Clovis/Fresno County	9-2018	Caucasian
Gary Joseph, FEOC/CTSA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2018	Caucasian
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2018	Hispanic
Judith Nishi, FAX	Sanger/Fresno County	6-2018	Asian American

Representatives of General Public, who used Public Transit

Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Dottie Wright	Fresno/Fresno County	2-2018	Caucasian
Jim Lowe	Firebaugh/Fresno County	5-2016	Caucasian

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>
FMAAA	Fresno Madera Area Agency on Aging
RICV	Resources for Independence, Central Valley
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy
CT	Clovis Transit
LWV	League of Women Voters
FCPW	Fresno County Public Works
ET&A	Fresno County Department of Employment & Temporary Assistance
FEOC	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
CTSA	Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
FCRTA	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
FAX	Fresno Area Express
VAC CA HCS	Veterans Administration Central California Health Care System
FCHSS	Fresno County Health and Social Services
NFB	National Federation of the Blind
CCNF	Central California Nikkie Foundation

**Attachment B-1**  
**Unmet Transit Needs Request for Comments Letter**

February 2, 2016

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Individuals and/or Organizations

FROM: BILL HYATT, Chairman  
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

SUBJECT: UNMET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for annually ensuring that public transportation needs are being "reasonably met". Each year the Fresno COG conducts an extensive process to plan, program, and evaluate existing and potential general public and social service transit services within Fresno County.

The Fresno COG's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was established to address transit issues within Fresno County. It is composed of a broad representation of social service agencies, transit operators and users, and is responsible for forwarding recommendations to the Fresno COG Policy Board regarding transit needs and issues.

As part of the annual process to identify possible unmet transit needs within Fresno County, we invite individuals and organizations such as you, to contribute comments. If you are aware of a specific transit need that is not currently being met by one of the existing general public, social service or private sector operators, ***we request that you submit information regarding any unmet transit needs to assist staff in evaluating the potential for additional transit service.*** In order to evaluate potential services, we are asking you to provide as much information as possible. The specific information that will be most helpful includes:

- Where new service is needed, and where the potential trips would start and end;
- When and how often trips would need to be scheduled;
- A description of the individuals needing the service including age group, financial constraints, and whether they have disabilities requiring special services.

The information will be used by the SSTAC to evaluate potential new services before it makes a determination and recommendation regarding "unmet transit needs" to the Fresno COG Policy Board prior to its public hearing on this matter. The public hearing will be held on June 30, 2016 during the Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting.

City of Clovis  
City of Coalinga  
City of Firebaugh  
City of Fowler  
City of Fresno  
City of Huron  
City of Kerman  
City of Kingsburg  
City of Mendota  
City of Orange Cove  
City of Parlier  
City of Reedley  
City of San Joaquin  
City of Sanger  
City of Selma  
County of Fresno

If you have questions about transit services in your area, please contact the appropriate staff representatives to the Council:

- **City of Fresno** - Mr. Jeff Long, Fresno COG Transit Planner, 621-1436
- **City of Clovis** - Ms. Shonna Halterman, General Services Manager, 324-2767
- **Rural Communities** - Mr. Moses Stites, FCRTA General Manager, 233-6789
- **Social Services Programs** - Mr. Gary Joseph, CTSA Transit System Director, 486-6594

If you have any specific written comments, please forward them to me, with the required aforementioned supporting information by March 25, 2016:

Bill Hyatt, SSTAC Chairman  
Central Valley Regional Center Inc.  
4615 North Marty  
Fresno, California 93722  
Fax number: 559-276-4360

In addition to our request for written comments, SSTAC will be holding three information-gathering meetings during the month of February 2016. The meeting times and locations are as follows:

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.**

Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area  
City of Fresno  
CalTrans, Manchester Center Office (Yosemite Room)  
2015 E. Shields Avenue, #100, Fresno, CA 93726

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**

Westside of Fresno County  
City of Kerman, Kerman Community/Teen Center  
15101 W. Kearney Plaza, Kerman, CA 93630

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**

Eastside of Fresno County  
City of Parlier, Parlier City Council Chambers  
1100 E. Parlier Avenue, Parlier, CA 93648

The meeting rooms and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact Fresno COG (559-233-4148), at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions, please call me at 276-4341, or email at [BHyatt@cvrc.org](mailto:BHyatt@cvrc.org).

**Attachment B-2**  
**Unmet Transit Needs Request for Comments Letter in Spanish**



2 de febrero, 2016

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MEMORANDUM

PARA: Organizaciones o Individuos Interesados

DE: BILL HYATT, Presidente  
Consejo Consultivo del Transporte de los Servicios Sociales

TEMA: NECESIDADES INCUMPLIDAS DE TRANSPORTE PUBLICO

El Concilio de Gobiernos de Fresno (Fresno COG), como la Agencia de Planeamiento Regional del Transporte, es responsable anualmente de asegurarse de que las necesidades públicas del transporte "razonablemente se estén resolviendo." Cada año el Fresno COG conduce un proceso extenso para planear, programar, y evaluar los servicios de tránsito que ahora existen y servicios potenciales dentro del Condado de Fresno para el publico general.

Establecieron al Consejo Consultivo del Transporte de los Servicios Sociales de Fresno COGs (SSTAC) para tratar ediciones de tránsito dentro del Condado de Fresno. Se compone de una amplia representación de las agencias del servicio social, de los operadores de tránsito y de los usuarios. El Consejo es responsable para dar recomendaciones al Tablero de la Póliza de Fresno COG acerca de las necesidades y ediciones del tránsito.

Como parte del proceso anual e identificar necesidades que esten incumplidas en el tránsito dentro del Condado de Fresno, invitamos a organizaciones e individuos como usted, que contribuyan comentarios. Si usted está enterado de una necesidad específica del tránsito que no esté siendo resuelta en parte de operadores de público en general, del servicio social o del sector privado, **solicitamos que usted someta la información, con respecto a cualquier servicio de tránsito que este incumplido, para asistir en la evaluación del potencial para servicios adicionales de tránsito.** Para evaluar servicios potenciales, estamos pidiendo que usted proporcione la mas información posible. La información específica que será la más provechosa incluye:

- Donde está necesario el nuevo servicio, y donde los viajes potenciales comenzarían y terminarían;
- Cuando, y con cuanta frecuencia, se deberían programar los recorridos;
- Una descripción de los individuos que necesitan el servicio incluyendo categoría de edad, apremios financieros, y si tengan inhabilidades que requieren servicios especiales.

La información será utilizada por el SSTAC para evaluar nuevos servicios potenciales, antes de hacer una determinación y la recomendación, con respecto a "necesidades incumplidos del tránsito" al Tablero de la Póliza de Fresno COG antes de su Audiencia Pública en esta materia.

City of Clovis  
City of Coalinga  
City of Firebaugh  
City of Fowler  
City of Fresno  
City of Huron  
City of Kerman  
City of Kingsburg  
City of Mendota  
City of Orange Cove  
City of Parlier  
City of Reedley  
City of San Joaquin  
City of Sanger  
City of Selma  
County of Fresno

La Audiencia Publica se llevara acabo el 30 de junio, 2016 durante la junta del Tablero de la Póliza de Fresno COG.

Si usted tiene preguntas sobre servicios de tránsito en su área, por favor pongase en contacto con los representantes apropiados del Consejo:

- **Ciudad de Fresno** - Sr. Jeff Long, Planificador de Tránsito de Fresno COG, 621-1436
- **Ciudad de Clovis** – Señorita Shonna Halterman, Supervisora de Transito Publico, 324-2767
- **Comunidades Rurales** - Sr. Moses Stites, FCRTA Director General, 233-6789
- **Programas De los Servicios Sociales** - Sr. Gary Joseph, CTSA, Director Sistema De Tránsito 486-6594

Si usted tiene comentarios específicos por escrito, favor de enviármelos, con la información requerida de soporte ya mencionada, antes del 25 de marzo, 2016:

Bill Hyatt, Presidente de SSTAC  
Central Valley Regional Center Inc.  
4615 N. Marty  
Fresno, California 93722  
Fax nombre: 559-276-4360

Además de pedir comentarios escritos, SSTAC tendrá tres reuniones de información durante el mes de febrero, 2016. La hora y localización de los reuniones son como sigue:

**Martes, 16 de febrero 2016– 5:00 p.m.**

Area Metropolitana Fresno-Clovis  
CalTrans Oficina Centro Comercial Manchester (Cuarto Yosemite)  
2015 E Shields Avenida, #100, Fresno, CA 93726

**Miércoles, 17 de febrero 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**

Westside del Condado de Fresno  
Ciudad de Kerman, Kerman Community (Teen Center)  
15101 W Kearney Plaza, Kerman, CA 93630

**Jueves, 18 de febrero 2016 - 5:30 p.m.**

Eastside del Condado de Fresno  
Ciudad de Parlier, Council Chambers  
1100 E. Parlier Avenue, Parlier, CA 93648

Nota: Las salas de conferencias y los sanitarios son accesibles para personas discapacitadas. Representantes o personas con discapacidades deben ponerse en contacto con el Fresno COG (559-233-4148), cuando menos 3 días en anticipo, para requerir los medios de ayuda auxiliar y/o los servicios de traducción necesarios para participar en la junta publica.

Gracias por su asistencia y cooperación. Si usted tiene preguntas, por favor llámeme al 276-4341 o correo electrónico BHyatt@cvrc.org.

### Attachment B-3 Unmet Needs Letter Mailing List

		Pioneer Systems	Reg. Service Admin.	P.O. Box 2963	Oakhurst	CA	93644
		Office of District Attorney		2220 Tulare St., #1700	Fresno	CA	93779
Emma	Artin			3417 N. Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93726
Breat	Bethell			1856 W. Santa Ana Ave., #102	Fresno	CA	93705
Sandra	Brock			33000 George Smith Rd.	Squaw Valley	CA	93675
Carol	Casey			1917 S. Chestnut Ave., #10G	Fresno	CA	93702
Elias	Cendejas			563 Elwood Road	Squaw Valley	CA	93675
Brenda	Doody			5438 N. Salinas	Fresno	CA	93722
Janet	Drane			P.O. Box 672	Clovis	CA	93613
Rosie	Draper			2740 W. Olive, #81	Fresno	CA	93728
Rachel	Facio			4214 N. Cornelia	Fresno	CA	93722
Larry	Fleck			144 Alamos Ave., #101	Clovis	CA	93612
Bertha	Hansen			P.O. Box 1972	Fresno	CA	93718
Alvin	Horne			1223 E. Kaviland Ave.	Fresno	CA	93706
Jim	Ireland			320 S. I St.	Madera	CA	93637-4608
Trish	Johnson			22664 E. Edgar	Reedley	CA	93654
Alan	Kandel			6172 N.Gentry	Fresno	CA	93711
Sharon	Levy			6475 N. Sequoia Dr.	Fresno	CA	93711
Patricia	Loza			2029 N. Orchard St. Apt. C	Fresno	CA	93703-2353
John & Sally	McCarthy			812 "J" St.	Reedley	CA	93654
Larry	Miller			1584 E. Utah	Fresno	CA	93720
Patience	Milrod			844 N. Van Ness Ave.	Fresno	CA	93728
Albert	Movsesian			274 W. Sierra Ave.	Fresno	CA	93704
Olivia	Ostergaard			525 E. Simpson	Fresno	CA	93704
David	Powell			2210 Dawson Cove Lane S.	Clovis	CA	93611
Steve	Rapada			303 Shoemaker Ave	Reedley	CA	93654
Robin	Ray			5024 E Laurel	Fresno	CA	93727
Robert	Rogers			2737 S Bardell	Fresno	CA	93706
Kathy	Seiler			2343 E. Niles Ave.	Fresno	CA	93720
Gina	Sotelo			1665 N. Marks, #173	Fresno	CA	93722
Paul	Spraetz			1893 Menlo Ave.	Clovis	CA	93611
Teressa	Staples			540 S. Peach Ave.	Fresno	CA	93727

Joe	Tacchino			1104 W. Brown	Fresno	CA	93705
Steve	Weil			588 W. Barstow	Fresno	CA	93704
Terry	Williams			5965 E. Tulare St.	Fresno	CA	93727
Dottie	Wright			1387 S. Karen Ave.	Fresno	CA	93727
Vicki	Zehrunig			1590 W. Browning	Fresno	CA	93711
Octavia	Diener			2054 W. Alluvial	Fresno	CA	93711
Tom	Berryhill	Senator	14th District	6215 N. Fresno St., Ste. 104	Fresno	CA	93710
Andy	Vidak	Senator	16th District	2550 Mariposa, Ste. 2016	Fresno	CA	93721
Dennis	Cardoza	Congressman	18th District	2222 M St., #305	Merced	CA	95340-3729
Jeff	Denham	Congressman	19th District	4701 Sisk Rd., Ste. 202	Modesto	CA	95356
Jim	Costa	Congressman	20th District	855 M St., Ste. 940	Fresno	CA	93721
David G.	Valadao	Congressman	21th District	101 North Irwin Street, Suite 110B	Hanford	CA	93230
Devin	Nunes	Congressman	22st District	264 Clovis Ave., Ste. 206	Clovis	CA	93612
Linda	Halderman	Assemblymember	29th District	504 Van Ness Ave.	Fresno	CA	93721
Henry T.	Perea	Assemblymember	31st District	2550 Mariposa Mall, Rm. 5031	Fresno	CA	93721
		Director	A Recovery Ctr. For Chemical Dependency	11838 South Marshall Ave.	Reedley	CA	93654
Helen	M.		Alcoholics Anonymous	2812 N. Blackstone Ave.	Fresno	CA	93703-1002
Cindy	Pishione		Alternate Ways	2517 W. Shaw Ave.	Fresno	CA	93711
Charles	Sant'agata	Executive Dir.	American Lung Assoc. of Central CA	4948 N. Arthur Ave.	Fresno	CA	93705
Lori	Ramirez	Executive Director	ARC Fresno	4567 N. Marty Ave., Ste. 101	Fresno	CA	93722-7836
		Bilingual Counseling	Balderas Elementary School	4625 E. Florence Ave.	Fresno	CA	93725
Emma	Lozito		Bella Vida Group Home	5284 N. Vernal Ave.	Fresno	CA	93722
Gretchen	Cox	Tribal Administrator	Big Sandy Rancheria	P.O. Box 337	Auberry	CA	93602
Elizabeth	Kipp	Chairperson	Big Sandy Rancheria	P.O. Box 337	Auberry	CA	93602
		Administrative Office	Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno	540 N. Augusta	Fresno	CA	93701
Nathaniel	Brown	Program Assistant	Boys and Men of Color	4949 East Kings Canyon Road	Fresno	CA	93727
Sandra	Celedron-Castro	HUB Manager	Building Healthy Communities	4949 East Kings Canyon Road	Fresno	CA	93727
Mike	Prandini	Ex. V. President	Building Industry Association of Fresno/Madera	420 Bullard, Ste. 105	Clovis	CA	93612
		Director of Social Services	CA Armenian Home	6720 E. Kings Canyon Rd.	Fresno	CA	93727

Janet	Carmichael		CA Dept. of Rehabilitation	2550 Mariposa St., #200	Fresno	CA	93721
Lonnie	Garcia		California Detoxification Corp./Baart Clinic	539 N. Van Ness Ave.	Fresno	CA	93728-3419
		Area Commander	California Highway Patrol	1382 W. Olive	Fresno	CA	93775
		District Director	Caltrans, District 06	P.O. Box 12616	Fresno	CA	93778
John	Cinatl	Associate Transp. Planner	Caltrans, District 06	P.O. Box 12616	Fresno	CA	93778-2616
Sharri	Ehlert	Deputy District Director-Planning	Caltrans, District 06	P.O. Box 12616	Fresno	CA	93778
Marta	Frausto	Native American Liaison	Caltrans, District 06	1352 W. Olive Ave.	Fresno	CA	93728
Paul	Marquez	Transp. Planner	Caltrans, District 06	P.O. Box 12616	Fresno	CA	93778
Lorena	Medibles	Transportation Planner	Caltrans, District 06	1352 W. Olive	Fresno	CA	93728
Ken	Okerekee	Transportation Planner	Caltrans, District 06	P.O. Box 12616	Fresno	CA	93778
Steve	Curti	Senior Transp. Planner	Caltrans, District 6	P. O. Box 12616	Fresno	CA	93778
Ron	Hughes	Executive Director	CalVans	1340 North Drive	Hanford	CA	93230
John	Mahler	Director	Calwa Recreation & Park District	4545 E. Church	Fresno	CA	93725
Butch	Wilson	President	Canteen of Fresno	527 L St.	Fresno	CA	93721
		Marketing Director	Carrington Pointe	1715 E. Alluvial	Fresno	CA	93720
Elaine	Lopes		Catholic Charities	149 North Fulton	Fresno	CA	93701
Alan	Lopes	Senior Companion Program Director	Catholic Churches	149 North Fulton Street	Fresno	CA	93701
George	Findley	President	Cecil C. Hinton Community Center, Inc.	2385 S. Fairview Ave.	Fresno	CA	93706
Brain	Vang	Board President	Center for New Americans	4879 E. Kings Canyon Rd.	Fresno	CA	93727
Cesar	Campos	Coordinator	Central California EJ Network				
Jeffrey	Clason	Deputy Director-Legal	Central California Legal Services, Inc.	2115 Kern Street	Fresno	CA	93721
		Executive Director	Central California United Cerebral Palsy	4224 N. Cedar	Fresno	CA	93726
			Central Valley Aids Team		Fresno	CA	
Bruce	Coleman		Central Valley Mayors' Committee	8839 N. Cedar Ave #2	Fresno	CA	93720
		Resource Developer	Central Valley Regional Center	4615 N. Marty Ave.	Fresno	CA	93722-7818
Bill	Hyatt	Transportation Coordinator	Central Valley Regional Center	4615 N. Marty Ave.	Fresno	CA	93722-7818

		Director	Central Valley YMCA	7797 N. 1st St., Ste. 101	Fresno	CA	93720
Pam	Eaton		Central Valley YMCA	7797 N. 1st St., Ste. 101	Fresno	CA	93720
Walter	Ramirez	Assistant Director	Centro Binacional Para El Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueno (CBDIO)	744 North Abby Ave.	Fresno	CA	93701
Rufino	Dominguez	V. Coordinator General	Centro Binacional Para El IDesarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueno	P.O. Box 106	Fresno	CA	93707-0106
Margarita	Rocha	Executive Director	Centro La Familia	302 Fresno St., Ste. 102	Fresno	CA	93706
		Resources Referral Assistant	Children Services Network	1911 N. Helm Ave.	Fresno	CA	93727-1614
Kevin	Creighton	Dir. Of Planning	Childrens Hospital of Ctrl. CA	9300 Valley Childrens Pl.	Madera	CA	93637
Henry	Jeff	Chairman	Choinumni Tribe	452 S. Clovis Ave., Apt. 103	Fresno	CA	93727
		Assistant Ombudsman	City Manager's Office	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Harry	Armstrong	Councilmember	City of Clovis	655 W. Stuart	Clovis	CA	93612
Lynne	Ashbeck		City of Clovis	2930 Holly	Clovis	CA	93611
Jose	Flores	Councilmember	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Shonna	Halterman	General Services Manager	City of Clovis	155 N. Sunnyside Ave.	Clovis	CA	93611
John	Holt	Assistant City Manager	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Dwight	Kroll	Planning Director	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Nathan	Magsig	Mayor	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Renee	Mathis	Engineering Dept.	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Luke	Serpa	Public Works Dir.	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Bob	Whalen	Mayor Pro-Tem	City of Clovis	1175 N. Chapel Hill	Clovis	CA	93611
Steve	White	City Engineer	City of Clovis	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Kelley	Bourdeau		City of Coalinga	155 W. Durian	Coalinga	CA	93210
Ron	Lander	Councilmember	City of Coalinga	155 W. Durian	Coalinga	CA	93210
Steve	Raine	Councilmember	City of Coalinga	155 W. Durian	Coalinga	CA	93210
Ron	Ramsey	Mayor	City of Coalinga	155 W. Durian	Coalinga	CA	93210
Nathan	Vosburg	Councilmember	City of Coalinga	155 W. Durian	Coalinga	CA	93210
Brady	Jenkins	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Firebaugh	1133 P. Street	Firebaugh	CA	93622
Craig	Knight	Councilmember	City of Firebaugh	1133 P. Street	Firebaugh	CA	93622
Felipe	Perez	Councilmember	City of Firebaugh	1133 P. Street	Firebaugh	CA	93622
Marcia	Sablan	Councilmember	City of Firebaugh	1133 P. Street	Firebaugh	CA	93622
Isabel	Saldivar	Senior Center Coordinator	City of Firebaugh	1601 Thomas Convoy Ave.	Firebaugh	CA	93622
Freddy	Valdez	Mayor	City of Firebaugh	1133 P. Street	Firebaugh	CA	93622
David	Cardenas	Mayor	City of Fowler	105 Carter	Fowler	CA	93625
David	Elias	City Manager	City of Fowler	128 S. Fifth St.	Fowler	CA	93625

Leonard	Hammer	Councilmember	City of Fowler	128 S. Fifth St.	Fowler	CA	93625
Sandie	Monis	Councilmember	City of Fowler	128 S. Fifth St.	Fowler	CA	93625
Daniel	Parra	Pro Tem	City of Fowler	128 S. Fifth Street	Fowler	CA	93625
Jim	Simonian	Councilmember	City of Fowler	413 E. Curtis	Fowler	CA	93625
Yvonne	Hernandez	Senior Center Coordinator	City of Fowler - Edwin Blayney Senior Center	108 N. 3rd	Fowler	CA	93625
Oliver	Baines	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Lee	Brand	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Steve	Brandau	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Paul	Caprioglio	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Dana	Liberty	Community Services FUN Coordinator	City of Fresno	1515 E. Divisadero St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Brian	Marshall	Dir. Of Transportation	City of Fresno	2223 G Street	Fresno	CA	93706
Clint	Olivier	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Sal	Quintero	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Bruce	Rudd	City Manager	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Shaun	Schaefer	Community Services Div. Mgr.	City of Fresno	1515 E. Divisadero St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Esmeralda	Soria	Councilmember	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Ashley	Swearengin	Mayor	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Jennifer	Clark	Director Of Development	City of Fresno	2600 Fresno St. Room 3065	Fresno	CA	93721
Sylvia V.	Chavez	Mayor	City of Huron	P.O. Box 1193	Huron	CA	93234
Roberto	Pimentel	Councilmember	City of Huron	P.O. Box 339	Huron	CA	93234
Hilda	Plasencia	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Huron	P.O. Box 339	Huron	CA	93234
Jorge	Solorio	Councilmember	City of Huron	P.O. Box 339	Huron	CA	93234
Daniel	Tamayo Jr.	Councilmember	City of Huron	P.O. Box 339	Huron	CA	93234
Rhonda	Armstrong	Councilmember	City of Kerman	850 S. Madera	Kerman	CA	93630
Nathan	Fox	Councilmember	City of Kerman	850 S. Madera	Kerman	CA	93630
Phillip	Gallegos	Community Services Director	City of Kerman	720 S. 8th St.	Kerman	CA	93630
John	Kunkel	Interim City Manager	City of Kerman	850 S. Madera Ave.	Kerman	CA	93630
Bill	Nijjer	Councilmember	City of Kerman	850 S. Madera	Kerman	CA	93630
Gary	Yep	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Kerman	P.O. Box 404	Kerman	CA	93630
		Mayor	City of Kingsburg	1401 Draper St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631
Sue	Bauch	Interim City Manager	City of Kingsburg	1401 Draper St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631
Bruce	Blayney	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Kingsburg	1401 Draper St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631
Ben	Creighton	Councilmember	City of Kingsburg	1401 Draper St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631

Michelle	Roman	Councilmember	City of Kingsburg	1401 Draper St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631
Joseph	Amador	Councilmember	City of Mendota	643 Quince St.	Mendota	CA	93640
Rolando	Castro	Councilmember	City of Mendota	643 Quince St.	Mendota	CA	93640
Vince	DiMaggio	City Manager	City of Mendota	643 Quince St.	Mendota	CA	93640
Joseph	Riofrio	Councilmember	City of Mendota	643 Quince St.	Mendota	CA	93640
Robert	Silva	Mayor	City of Mendota	643 Quince St.	Mendota	CA	93640
Segio	Veldez	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Mendota	643 Quince St.	Mendota	CA	93640
Diana	Guerra-Silva	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Orange Cove	633 Sixth St.	Orange Cove	CA	93646
Josie	Cervantes	Councilmember	City of Orange Cove	633 Sixth St.	Orange Cove	CA	93646
Samuel	Escobar	City Manager	City of Orange Cove	633 Sixth Street	Orange Cove	CA	93646
Victor	Lopez	Mayor	City of Orange Cove	633 Sixth St.	Orange Cove	CA	93646
Minerva	Pineda	Councilmember	City of Orange Cove	633 Sixth St.	Orange Cove	CA	93646
Alma	Beltran	Mayor	City of Parlier	1100 E. Parlier Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
Diane	Maldonado	Councilmember	City of Parlier	1100 E. Parlier Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
Juan M.	Montano	Councilmember	City of Parlier	1100 E. Parlier Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
Yolanda	Padilla	Councilmember	City of Parlier	1100 E. Parlier Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
Shun	Patlan		City of Parlier	1100 E. Parlier Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
Raul	Villanueva	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Parlier	13330 E. Cypress Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
Robert	Beck	Councilmember	City of Reedley	1717 Ninth St.	Reedley	CA	93654
Anita	Betancourt	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Reedley	1717 Ninth St.	Reedley	CA	93654
Mary	Fast	Councilmember	City of Reedley	1733 9th St.	Reedley	CA	93654
Joel	Glick	Community Services Director	City of Reedley	100 N. East Ave.	Reedley	CA	93654
Henry	Rodriguez	Councilmember	City of Reedley	1717 Ninth St.	Reedley	CA	93654
Ray	Soleno	Mayor	City of Reedley	1717 Ninth St.	Reedley	CA	93654
Amarpreet	Dhaliwal	Pro Tem Mayor	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
Julia	Hernandez	Mayor	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
Abel	Lua	Councilmember	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
Carlos	Martinez	Grants Coordinator	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
Chad	McMullen	City Manager	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
Jose	Ornelas	Councilmember	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
Betty	Vallejo	Councilmember	City of San Joaquin	P.O. Box 758	San Joaquin	CA	93660
		Mayor	City of Sanger	1700 Seventh St.	Sanger	CA	93657

Raul	Cantu, Jr.	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Sanger	1700 Seventh St.	Sanger	CA	93657
Tim	Chapa	Dev. Svs. Director	City of Sanger	1700 Seventh St.	Sanger	CA	93657
Dayle	Keller	Interim City Manager	City of Sanger	1700 Seventh St.	Sanger	CA	93657
Rodney	Nielson		City of Sanger	1700 Seventh St.	Sanger	CA	93657
Jim	Avalos	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Selma	1701 Dinuba Ave., Space 214	Selma	CA	93662
Michael	Derr	Councilmember	City of Selma	2425 Tammy Lane	Selma	CA	93662
Kenneth	Grey	City Manager	City of Selma	1710 Tucker St.	Selma	CA	93662
D-B	Heusser		City of Selma	1710 Tucker St.	Selma	CA	93662
Mikal	Kirchner	Director of Resources & Community Svcs.	City of Selma	1710 Tucker St	Selma	CA	93662
Scott	Robertson	Mayor	City of Selma	1710 Tucker St.	Selma	CA	93662
George	Rodriguez	Councilmember	City of Selma	1710 Tucker St.	Selma	CA	93662
Kevin	Hamilton	Deputy Chief of Programs	Clinica Sierra Vista	1945 North Fine Ave.	Fresno	CA	93727
		Community Service Officer	Clovis Police Dept.	1033 Fifth St.	Clovis	CA	93612
Charlie	Ott	Director of Transportation	Clovis Unified School District	1490 Herndon Ave.	Fresno	CA	93611
Chuck	Fowler	Director	Cntrl Valley Indian Health Ctr.	20 N. Dewitt, Ste.. 10	Clovis	CA	93612
Gregg	Foell	Comm. Ctr. Supervisor	Coalinga-Huron Rec. & Parks	P.O. Box 386	Coalinga	CA	93210
Wendi	Howard	Recreation Supervisor	Coalinga-Huron Recreation & Parks District	P.O. Box 386	Coalinga	CA	93210
Mark	Keppler		Coalition for Community Trails	538 W. Bedford	Clovis	CA	93611
Suzanne	Martinez	Assistant Regional Planner	Fresno Council of Governments				
Carol	Bill	Administrator	Cold Springs Rancheria	P.O. Box 209	Tollhouse	CA	93667-0209
Travis	Coleman	Chairperson	Cold Springs Rancheria	P.O. Box 209	Tollhouse	CA	93667-0209
		Commissioner	Commission on the Status of Women	3283 N. Dewey	Fresno	CA	93722
Robert	Ward	Senior VP/Chief Legal Officer	Community Medical Centers	P.O. Box 1232	Fresno	CA	93715-1232
James	VanDeVelde	Director of Business Development	Community Regional Medical Centers	2823 Fresno Street	Fresno	CA	93721
Caine	Christensen	Project Manager-Community Connections	Community Regional Medical Centers	2823 Fresno Street	Fresno	CA	93721
Nancy	McCabe		Comprehensive Alcohol	2445 W. Whitesbridge	Fresno	CA	93706
Vivian	Aldridge	Program Manager	County of Fresno DSS, Welfare to work & Child Care	455 E. Kings Canyon, Bldg. 313	Fresno	CA	93702

Andreas	Borgeas	Supervisor	County of Fresno	2281 Tulare St., Hall of Records, #300	Fresno	CA	93721
Kathleen	Donawa	Assistant CAO	County of Fresno	2281 Tulare St., Hall of Records 304	Fresno	CA	93721
Buddy	Mendes	Supervisor	County of Fresno	2281 Tulare St., Hall of Records, # 300	Fresno	CA	93721
John	Navarrette	Co. Admin. Officer	County of Fresno	2281 Tulare St., Hall of Records, #300	Fresno	CA	93721
Brian	Pacheco		County of Fresno	2281 Tulare St., Hall of Records #300	Fresno	CA	93721
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Debbie	Poochigian	Supervisor	County of Fresno	2281 Tulare St., Hall of Records, #300	Fresno	CA	93721
Arthur	Wille	County Counsel	County of Fresno	2220 Tulare St., 5th Fl.	Fresno	CA	93721
Dave	Pomaville	Director	County of Fresno Department of Public Health	1221 Fulton Mall	Fresno	CA	93721
Linda	Espinoza	Deputy Director, AYAA	County of Fresno DSS, Adult Protective Services	2025 East Dakota Ave.	Fresno	CA	93726
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Joel	Gurss	Program Manager	County of Fresno, In- Home Supportive Services	3821 North Clark Street	Fresno	CA	93726
Mohammad	Alimi	Division Manager	County of Fresno, Public Wks.	2220 Tulare St., 6th Floor	Fresno	Ca	93721

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		Executive Director	CSUF Foundation	5310 N. Campus Dr., MS102	Fresno	CA	93740
Joseph	Castro	President	CSUF, Fresno	5241 N. Maple	Fresno	CA	93740-0048
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Jake	Smith	Division Chief, TDA & Training	Dept. of Trans., Div. Of Mass Transp.	P.O. Box 942874	Sacramento	CA	94273-0001
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Jacob	Keller	Employment Specialist	EDD	3302 N. Blackstone Ave., Ste. 155	Fresno	CA	93726
Suzanne	Moreno	Executive Director	Encourage Tomorrow	2491 W. Shaw Ave, Suite 110	Fresno	CA	93711
		Project Coordinator	EOC Refugee Svs.	1920 Mariposa Mall	Fresno	CA	93721
		Director	EOC Senior Aides	1900 Mariposa, #116	Fresno	CA	93721
Barbara	Devinney	Development Director	Exceptional Parents Unlimited	4440 N. First St.	Fresno	CA	93726
Dennis	Manning	Vice President	FARRC	1162 N. Chapel Hill Ave.	Clovis	CA	93611
Moses	Stites	General Manager	FCRTA				
Sue	Kiser	Chief, Planning, Environment	Federal Highway Admin.	650 Capitol Mall, Ste. 4-100	Sacramento	CA	95814

			FEOC	1920 Mariposa Mall	Fresno	CA	93721
		Program Director	Foster Grandparent Program	1920 Mariposa Mall	Fresno	CA	93721
		Maintenance Mgr.	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
John	Downs	Senior Transit Planner	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Carlos	Duarte	ADA Coordinator	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Kathleen	Healy	Administration Manager	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Jeff	Long	Senior Regional Planner	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Al	Munoz	ATU Vice President	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Judith	Nishi	Community Coordinator	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Rick	Steitz	ATU President	Fresno Area Express	2223 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Tom	Bailey		Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation	1941 W. Santa Ana	Fresno	CA	93705
Blake	Konczal	Chief Executive Officer	Fresno Area Workforce Investment Corp.	2125 Kern Street, Suite 208	Fresno	CA	93721
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			Fresno Co. Comm. Health	1222 Fulton Mall, MS 178	Fresno	CA	93721
Cynthia	Shore-Harris	Marketing Director	Fresno Co. Economic Development Corp.	906 N St., Ste.. 120	Fresno	CA	93721
			Fresno Co. Hispanic Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Svs. Inc.	1803 Broadway St	Fresno	CA	93721-1047
			Fresno Co. Library, Bear Mtn. Branch	30733 Kings Canyon Rd.	Squaw Valley	CA	93675
		Social Service Coordinator	Fresno Co. Mental Health Dept.	4441 E. Kings Canyon Rd.	Fresno	CA	93702
			Fresno Co. Office of Education	1111 Van Ness Ave., Towers--Ste.4	Fresno	CA	93721-2000
Ron	Peterson	Executive Director	Fresno Co. Transp. Authority	2220 Tulare St. #411	Fresno	CA	93721
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Zach	Darrah	Executive Director	Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM)	1940 North Fresno Street	Fresno	CA	93703
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		Env. Health Dir.	Fresno Metro Ministry	4270 N. Blackstone Ave., #212	Fresno	CA	93726
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		Chief of Police	Fresno Police Department	2323 Maiposa St.	Fresno	CA	93721
		D.A.R.E. Officer	Fresno Police Dept.	2324 Mariposa St.	Fresno	CA	93721
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Linda	Descoteaux	Administrative Manager	Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging	3837 N. Clark St.	Fresno	CA	93726
Joanne	Silvestrom		Goodwill Industries of SJV	6437 N. Blackstone Ave.	Fresno	CA	93710- 3508
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Lupe	Gonzalez	Supervisor	Health Net/CalViva	1315 Van Ness Ave.	Fresno	CA	93721
		President	Hmong American Advisory	2333 N. Price Ave.	Fresno	CA	93703
Philip	Traynor		Hospice of Fresno, CA	1303 E. Herndon Ave.	Fresno	CA	93720-9860
Robert	Howk	California Senior Senator	Howk & Downing	1540 E. Shaw Ave. #122	Fresno	CA	93710
			Hy-Pana Convalescent Hospital	3510 E. Shields	Fresno	CA	93726
Alex P.	Valdez	Executive Director	I-5 Social Services Program	6621 N. Ferger Ave.	Fresno	CA	93704
Paul	Kwiatkowski	Division Manager	Keolis Transit America	4488 N. Blackstone	Fresno	CA	93726
Beth	Marney	News Director	KFSN-TV Channel 30	1777 G St.	Fresno	CA	93706
Linda	Danna	VP/General Manager	KGPE-TV Channel 47	4880 N. First St.	Fresno	CA	93726-0562
Lucy	Ruiz	Public Info. Officer	KGPE-TV Channel 47	5035 E. McKinley Ave.	Fresno	CA	93727
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Ashlee	Schmal	Senior Citizen Coordinator	Kingsburg Senior Center	1450 Ellis St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631
			Lao Buddhist Temple	4733 W. Vassar Ave.	Fresno	CA	93722
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Stephenie	Frederick		League of Women Voters	2658 E. Alluvial, #101	Fresno	CA	93720
Patricia	Taylor	Executive Director	Madera Co. Transp. Comm.	2001 Howard Rd., Ste. 201	Madera	CA	93637
Cindy	Wylie		Maston Towers	1240 Broadway Plaza	Fresno	CA	93721
		Social Service Coordinator	Medical Claims Filing Service	4733 N. Crystal	Fresno	CA	93705
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Brenda	Brown	Nutrition Site Coordinator	Mosqueda Center - Senior Program	4670 E. Butler	Fresno	CA	93702
Rev. Floyd	Harris, Jr.	President	National Action Network	1630 W. Kearney Blvd.	Fresno	CA	93706
Jan	Kafton		National Fed. Of the Blind	3352 N. Marks, #107	Fresno	CA	93722
			NOIA Community Ctr.	606 E. Belmont Ave.	Fresno	CA	93701
		Social Service Coordinator	Older Adult Care Solutions	204 W. Portland	Fresno	CA	93711

			Orange Cove Family Health Ctr.	445 Eleventh St.	Orange Cove	CA	93646-2298
Sherri	Hendrix	Coordinator	Orange Cove Sr. Ctr.	699 6th St.	Orange Cove	CA	93646
Diane	Martinez		Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	705 P St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Myrna	Martinez Nateras	Program Director	Pan Valley Institute	1440 W. Shaw Ave., Ste. A	Fresno	CA	93711
Rick	Garcia		Parlier Senior Services	1100 E. Parlier Ave.	Parlier	CA	93648
		Reg. Service Admin.	Pioneer Systems	P.O. Box 2963	Oakhurst	CA	93644
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Jim	Mulligan	Student Activities	Reedley College	955 North Reedley Ave.	Reedley	CA	93654
		Medical Interpreter Escort	Refugee Health Screening	P.O. Box 11867	Fresno	CA	93775
Charles	Arokiasamy	RhD.	Rehabilitation Counseling Program, CSUF	5005 N. Maple, MS3	Fresno	CA	93740
Bob	Hand	Executive Director	Resource for Independence-Central Valley	3008 N. Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93703-1124
		Administrator	Robinwood Inn	567 W. Sample	Fresno	CA	93704
			Salvation Army Congregate Meals	1854 Fulton St.	Fresno	CA	93721
Leonard	Kelley	Director	San Joaquin Gardens	5555 N. Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93710
Seyed	Sadredin	Executive Director	San Joaquin Valley Air District	1990 E. Gettysburg	Fresno	CA	93726
			San Joaquin Valley Dialysis	3636 N. First St., #144	Fresno	CA	93726
Mary	Wallace	Director	San Joaquin Valley Health Consortium	6356 N. Fresno St., Ste. 102	Fresno	CA	93710
Rey	Leon	Executive Director	San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement Project	1515 E. Divisadero Ave.	Fresno	CA	93721
		Assistant Professor	School of Health & Social Work Ed.	3225 E. San Ramon Ave.	Fresno	CA	93740
			Selma Community Health Center	1041 E. Rose Ave.	Selma	CA	93662-3292
		Social Service Coordinator	Senior Advocate	1567 E. Almendra	Fresno	CA	93710
Joe	Bowling		Sequoia Area VIII Board	770 E. Shaw, #123	Fresno	CA	93710
Rebecca	Mendibles	Executive Director	SER Jobs for Progress	255 N. Fulton St., #106	Fresno	CA	93701
		Administrator	Shaw Ranch	8016 E. Shaw	Clovis	CA	93611
		Community Service Officer	Sheriff's Dept.	2200 Fresno St.	Fresno	CA	93717
		Executive Director	Sierra Mono	P.O. Box 929	North Fork	CA	93643

			Museum				
Dick	Charley		Sierra National Forest	1600 Tollhouse Rd.	Clovis	CA	93611
Denise	Benelli	Site Coordinator	Sierra Oaks Senior and Community Center	33276 Lodge Road	Tollhouse	CA	93667
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		Investment Advisor	Smith Barney	5250 N. Palm, #301	Fresno	CA	93704
		Marketing Director	Somerford Place	6075 N. Marks Ave.	Fresno	CA	93711
LaDonna	Armack	Nutrition Site Coord.	Sr. Citizens Village	1917 S. Chestnut	Fresno	CA	93702
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Tong	Lee	Social Worker	Stone Soup of Fresno	1345 E. Bulldog Lane	Fresno	CA	93710
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		Executive Director	Sunrise Assisted Living	7444 N. Cedar	Fresno	CA	93720
Wendy	Eisenberg	Librarian - Supervisor	Talking Book Library for the Blind	770 N. San Pablo	Fresno	CA	93728
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		Social Service Coordinator	The Gendron Home	6786 N. Hayston	Fresno	CA	93710
Jose	Benavides		TJKM Transportation Consultants	516 W. Shaw	Fresno	CA	93704
Sandy	Files	Program Director	Total Health Care Cetner	1200 Smith St.	Kingsburg	CA	93631
			Total Life at St. Agnes	1303 E. Herndon Ave.	Fresno	CA	93720-3309
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Robert	Trout		Traffic Engineering Services	647 E. Quincy Ave.	Fresno	CA	93720-2127
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		Chief Ex. Officer	United Health Centers	650 Zediker Ave., P.O.Box 190	Parlier	CA	93648
Maxine	Helman		United Health Centers	121 Barboza St	Mendota	CA	93540
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Richard	Kriegbaum	President	United Way of Fresno Co.	4949 E. Kings Canyon Rd.	Fresno	CA	93727

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Marian	Orvis		VACCHCS-GECU	2615 Clinton Ave.	Fresno	CA	93703-2286
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Michelle	Mastro	Executive Director	Valley Caregiver Resource Center.	3845 N. Clark St., Ste. 201	Fresno	CA	93726-4812
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		Social Service Coordinator	Valley Memorial Society	622 W. Rialto Ave.	Fresno	CA	93705
			Wesley Ctr.	1343 E. Barstow	Fresno	CA	93710
Yolanda	Randles	Executive Director	West Fresno Family Resource Center	302 Fresno Street	Fresno	CA	93706
Eliseo	Gamino	Associate Dean	West Hills Community College Dist.	1511 Ninth St.	Firebaugh	CA	93622
Bertha	Felix-Mata	Director of Title IV Programs	West Hills Community College District	300 Cherry Lane	Coalinga	CA	93710
Joanne	Cisnos	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin.	Western Service Ctr.	12600 W. Colfax Ave., Ste. B300	Lakewood	CO	80215-3753
Nancy	Garrett		Winners on Wheels	2842 Business Park Ave.	Fresno	CA	93727-1328
		Coordinator	World Relief Refugee Svs.	2301 Lamona	Fresno	CA	93703
MaryJane	Skjellerup	Senior Director of Programs, Central Valley	Youth Leadership Institute	550 E. Shaw Ave.	Fresno	CA	93710
Vicki	Zehrun			1590 W. Browning	Fresno	CA	93711

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Information Gathering Meeting Attendance Lists

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS INFORMATION GATHERING MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2016 CITY OF FRESNO (FCMA) SIGN-IN SHEET		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Gary Joseph	FEOC	266-3663
Jeff Long	Fresno COG	621-1436
Stephenie Fredrickson	League of Women Voters	298-7832
Moses Stites	FCRTA	233-6789
Judith Nishi	City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express	621-1455
Shonna Halterman	City of Clovis	324-2767
Bill Hyatt	CVRC	276-4341
Francisco Mendez	2566 S. Habitat Ave.	519-5443

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Moses Stites	FCRTA	233-6789
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**Attachment D-1  
Unmet Needs Comment – RICV (Morgan)**



April 15, 2016

Bill Hyatt  
Chair  
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council  
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RE: Unmet Transportation Needs—Inspiration Park

Dear Mr. Hyatt,

I write to you as the Executive Director of Resources for Independence Central Valley (RICV), the early advocates for and partners of Inspiration Park in the City of Fresno.

Inspiration Park was built by the City of Fresno with the intent to provide a community park universally accessible to all citizens of this city, including the estimated 63,738 Fresno residents who identify as having a disability.

As the only universally accessible park serving Fresno, Inspiration Park has been a wonderful success providing families and individuals with a green space to play, commune, and relax, while offering vital community programs and activities through partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County and RICV. Through the park, the City of Fresno has exemplified its commitment to serve all its citizens.

We, on behalf of our consumers, would like the City of Fresno to continue its show of dedication to its disabled citizens by extending FAX Bus Route 9 with the addition of a bus stop directly inside the park.

At the moment, Route 9 stops at West Shaw Avenue just east of North Polk Avenue and then continues onto West Fairmont Avenue. Visitors would then have to traverse 7/10 of a mile to the park. This may not seem like a very far distance, but for the visibly impaired and those utilizing wheelchairs and canes, negotiating nearly a mile stretch that lacks sidewalks, grading, and the appropriate space between pedestrians and oncoming vehicle traffic is dangerous and a true disservice to an often marginalized portion of our population.

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Jerry Phasouk

Darion Armstrong-Huggins

I understand that RICV transportation advisement staff has been in continued contact with City staff and has offered two route extension proposals that would safely and efficiently deliver patrons to the park without cutting into existing service to neighborhood riders.

It is my hope that as Chair of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, you will help advocate on behalf of our consumers and the disabled community, by joining us in appealing to the City of Fresno to further its commitment to serve all its citizens, so that the park will truly be an accessible vital resource to our community.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone, (559) 221-2330, or by email, [smorgan@ricv.org](mailto:smorgan@ricv.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samuel Morgan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Samuel Morgan M.A.  
Executive Director  
Resources for Independence Central Valley

Cc: Councilmember Esmeralda Soria, Fresno City Council District One

**Attachment D-1a**  
**Unmet Needs Email – RICV (Hand)**

**From:** Bob Hand [<mailto:bhand@ricv.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9:05 AM  
**To:** Bill Hyatt <[BHYATT@cvrc.org](mailto:BHYATT@cvrc.org)>  
**Subject:** unmet transit needs

Bill,

I am asking that the SSTAC consider the lack of a direct bus line to Inspiration Park as an unmet transit need. RICV staff will be happy to address why this is a significant transportation need.

Bob

Robert J. Hand, M.S.  
Executive Director  
Resources for Independence Central Valley  
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**Attachment D-2**  
**Unmet Needs Response – RICV (Morgan/Hand)**



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May 1, 2016

Dr. Samuel Morgan M.A., Executive Director  
Resource for Independence, Central Valley  
3008 N. Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93703

Dear Mr. Morgan:

**SUBJECT: UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

Thank you for your letter dated April 15, 2016, regarding Unmet Transit Needs. Your concerns regarding transportation needs in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA), specifically services to Inspiration Park have been communicated to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for its review and comment.

The service you suggested, direct fixed-route bus service to the park, would require either additional funding to add a bus to a nearby existing route, or abandon existing stops on an established route. Current ridership at the stops that would be eliminated is in excess of 25,000 per year. These stops are in high density developments including a mobile home park and a large apartment complex. The City of Fresno's Department of Transportation, Fresno Area Express (FAX) currently provides paratransit service to Inspiration Park.

FAX is evaluating a demonstration project that would provide deviated fixed-route service to the park. The funding has not been identified to implement this type of project. Any new service would have to meet minimum productivity levels to continue operating.

The Unmet Needs process is a State mandate to identify potential transit needs prior to Local Transportation Funds (LTF) funding being made available for street and road repairs. The City of Fresno allocates all of its LTF to public transit; an Unmet Needs finding in the FCMA will not serve to bring additional funds to the City of Fresno to implement service. The SSTAC did not find these concerns to qualify as an unmet need that is reasonable to meet.

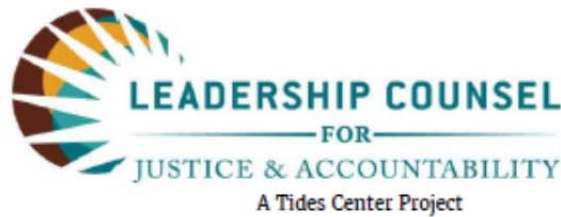
Thank you for your participation in the Unmet Transit Needs process. We look forward to your continued support of public transit in Fresno County.  
If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (559) 276-4341, or if you prefer, you may send e-mail to [BHYATT@cvrc.org](mailto:BHYATT@cvrc.org).

Sincerely,

Bill Hyatt  
Chairman-SSTAC

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**Attachment D-3**  
**Unmet Needs Comment – Leadership Counsel (Corona)**



March 25, 2016

Bill Hyatt,  
SSTAC Chairman, Central Valley Regional Center Inc.,  
4615 North Marty,  
Fresno, CA 93722

Re: Comments on Unmet Public Transportation Needs of Fresno County

Dear Mr. Hyatt:

We are writing to provide input on the Fresno Council of Governments' (FCOG) annual assessment of unmet public transportation needs in Fresno County. We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this matter to help guide the local planning process and ensure the provision of an effective and equitable transit system for all Fresno residents.

These comments aim to assist the County in improving transit services by prioritizing investment in bus routes and facilities in transit deficient neighborhoods, particularly in neighborhoods in Central, Southeast, and Southwest areas of the City of Fresno, and ensuring effective transit service between these neighborhoods and resources, amenities, and opportunities in other areas of the City. We hope to work in partnership to create an effective transportation network that fosters healthy environments and improve the quality of life for all Fresno residents through the provision of affordable, accessible, safe, and convenient transit options.

**I. Youth and Resident Identified Priorities**

To best identify the immediate and long-term transit needs of disadvantaged neighborhoods, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (Leadership Counsel) met multiple times with resident and youth groups to receive their input and collectively draft long-term and efficient solutions to identified transportation needs. In collaboration with our Building Healthy Communities (Fresno BHC) partners we spoke with middle school and high school-age youth and adults in Southeast, Southwest and South Central neighborhoods in the City of Fresno about their priorities with respect to transit needs. Residents identified the following overarching transit-related deficiencies as barriers to the implementation of an effective transit system in Fresno:

- Lack of bus shelters in existing bus stops
- Insufficient quantity of bus stops in low-income neighborhoods
- Inadequate lighting around existing bus stops creating an unsafe environment
- Unaffordable bus pass fair for low-income youth, and
- Lack of basic infrastructure surrounding bus stops, including sidewalks and stop signs

FCOG should invest in the following transit services:



A Tides Center Project

- Bus shelter installation for bus stops near schools, senior citizen centers, and recreational facilities in established neighborhoods, giving priority to disadvantaged neighborhoods with the greatest reliance on public transit;
- Bus shelter installation for bus stops at the intersections of Clinton Avenue and Marks Avenue and Olive Avenue and Marks Avenue in the City of Fresno;
- Improved connection between Southeast and Southwest Fresno neighborhoods to Fresno City College, Fresno State University, Fresno Pacific University, Clovis Community College, and other centers of higher education;
- Discounted bus passes for low-income students;
- Installation of more bus stops with shelters in the Goldenstate Boulevard area at McKinley Avenue and Clinton Avenue. Currently Bus Route #20 is the only bus that passes through that area. Residents must cross over railroad tracks to access the bus stop, which puts them both in physical danger and subjects them to fines by the Fresno Police. FCOG should commission an analysis to determine whether transit stops in other areas in Fresno County raise the same problem for transit users.

II. Management Concerns: Handy Ride Transit Service

Resident leaders whom we closely work with that rely on the Handy Ride Transit Service have expressed their concerns about the following management issues: 1) Failure of management staff to respond to or communication about issues or needs raised by transit users; 2) A lack of professionalism by the Handy Ride drivers and bus dispatchers, 3) Last minute cancellations by staff of meetings scheduled with transit users to discuss service-related concerns and failure to provide an opportunity to reschedule; and 4) late arrival of Handy Ride buses causing residents to miss doctor appointments, community meetings, City Council meetings, or class at community college.

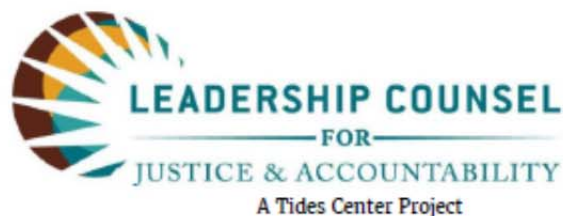
To ensure Handy Ride user needs are met, we recommend the FCOG allocate funding for culturally competent training programs to teach drivers and staff how to professionally work with a culturally diverse population and adapt services in accordance with the needs of a vulnerable population. Handy Ride staff must follow up to residents written and verbal complaints within a reasonable time span and take appropriate action to ensure issues are addressed. To address unreliable service, FCOG should prioritize investments in new handy ride vehicles to improve frequency and accessibility.

III. Conducting Comprehensive Long-Range Planning to Identify and Address Unmet Transportation Needs

The Unmet Transit Needs Process is inadequate to comprehensively assess and develop a long-range plan for meeting the public transit needs of all Fresno residents, and especially low-income residents who rely most on public transit. FCOG should invest in conducting a comprehensive long-range planning process to fully assess and address the varying public transit needs of Fresno's diverse populations (e.g., according to income; race; age; employment; parents, etc.). The plan should assess the adequacy of existing routes; schedules; reliability; and facilities and determine the extent to which the existing public transit resources can be better aligned with existing and planned active transportation resources and future transit options in Fresno, including BRT and High Speed Rail. The planning process should include robust civic engagement, through well-

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advertised and culturally-sensitive workshops; stakeholder interviews; and data analysis. Transit resources should be prioritized based on the plan and aligned with other investments by COG and jurisdictions (i.e., connection of new resources and amenities, such as park space, to transit lines).

IV. Improving the Process for the Unmet Public Transportation Needs Community Engagement and Outreach

FCOG did not conduct any meaningful or effective public process to garner public input in its Unmet Public Transportation Needs process. In fact, we believe that few residents at all even knew the process took place. The FCOG did not distribute flyers to inform residents of the workshops or reach out to local community-based organizations that work with public transit-dependent populations to seek help with outreach or input regarding times, dates, or locations that would enable residents to attend. Our organization was informed of the workshops through a member of the Regional Transportation Planning Advisory Committee who reached out to us for support in developing a bilingual flyer and to inform the community of the workshops, because FCOG had not created a flyer or undertaken any outreach efforts to invite residents to attend. Residents from disadvantaged communities who rely on public transportation must be included in the Unmet Transportation Needs process and other decision-making processes relating to the prioritization of transit-related investments to provide input on how the public transit system can best meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations. It is critical that FCOG enhance its community outreach efforts, including by creating accessible bilingual flyers and working with local community-based organizations, jurisdictions, and others entities to distribute the flyers to residents. FCOG must also provide translation services at the workshops and create mechanisms for ongoing feedback and recommendations for improvement through the creation of a transit-user subcommittee made up of residents from disadvantaged neighborhoods that would inform the Fresno COG Policy Board.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We look forward to working with you to develop a public transportation system that is accessible, affordable, and efficient for all Fresno County residents. Please feel free to contact me via email at [lc corona@leadershipcounsel.org](mailto:lc corona@leadershipcounsel.org) or by phone at (559) 369-2790 with any questions or comments relating to this letter.

Sincerely,

Leticia Corona  
Community Advocacy Director  
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

**Attachment D-4**  
**Unmet Needs Response – Leadership Counsel (Corona)**



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May 24, 2016

Leticia Corona, Community Advocacy Director  
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability  
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Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Ms. Corona:

**SUBJECT: UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 2016, regarding Unmet Transit Needs. Your concerns regarding transportation needs in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) have been communicated to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for its review and comment.

There are several concerns identified in your letter. Of these, the only ones determined to fall under the Unmet Needs process are; 1) service to Clovis Community College, 2) discounted passes for low-income students, and 3) bus shelters at Jane Adams Elementary School.

Clovis Community College (1) has been previously identified as a potential unmet need. Service to the campus was provided by Fresno Area Express (FAX) for approximately two years. Ridership was poor and did not meet minimum productivity standards.

Discounted passes for low income students (2) is not feasible for the local public transit provider. This class represents a large number of their customers and to reduce their cost would have a negative effect on the farebox recovery. The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires the agency to recover a minimum of 20% from farebox revenues.

Lastly, shelters at Jane Adams Elementary School (3). The City of Fresno (FAX) has established Facilities Standards for the placement of bus stop amenities. This includes shelters and benches. Current boardings at these stops are 13 per day (McKinley /Hughes) and 7 per day (Hughes/Floradora). These do not meet the minimum standard for a shelter, which is 60 per day. Fresno Area Express does make exceptions for locations not making minimal thresholds for senior centers, hospital, or other public facilities. Please contact FAX for additional information on this.

The Unmet Needs process is a State mandate to identify potential transit needs prior to Local Transportation Funds (LTF) funding being made available for street and road repairs. The City of Fresno allocates all of its LTF to public transit; an Unmet Needs finding in the FCMA will not serve to bring additional funds to the City of Fresno to implement service. The SSTAC did not find these concerns to qualify as an unmet need that is reasonable to meet.

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Thank you for your participation in the Unmet Transit Needs process. We look forward to your continued support of public transit in Fresno County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (559) 276-4341, or if you prefer, you may send e-mail to [BHYATT@cvrc.org](mailto:BHYATT@cvrc.org).

Sincerely,

Bill Hyatt  
Chairman-SSTAC

**Attachment D-5**  
**Unmet Needs Email – Fresno City College (Dhillon)**

**From:** Karanjit Dhillon [<mailto:karanjit.dhillon@fresnocitycollege.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 8:49 AM  
**To:** Bill Hyatt <[BHYATT@cvrc.org](mailto:BHYATT@cvrc.org)>  
**Cc:** Kathleen Moroney <[kathleen.moroney@fresnocitycollege.edu](mailto:kathleen.moroney@fresnocitycollege.edu)>; Janice Emerzian <[janice.emerzian@fresnocitycollege.edu](mailto:janice.emerzian@fresnocitycollege.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council-UNMET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

In the TILE (Transition to Independent Living and Education) program here at Fresno City College, we encounter many potential students who live in Madera but have no transportation due to it being in Madera rather than Fresno County.

Can this council work on options where Madera and Fresno could collaborate to transport students to the TILE program in Fresno? Madera has their community college site, but we are currently the only campus that offers TILE.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Karan Dhillon, M.S.  
T.I.L.E. Counselor  
Disabled Students Programs & Services  
(559) 442-8237 ext. 8355 ph, (559) 499-6038 fax

***“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela***

**Attachment D-6**  
**Unmet Needs Response – Fresno City College (Dhillon)**



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May 1, 2016

Karan Dhillon, M.S.  
T.I.L.E Counselor  
Disabled Students Programs and Services  
1101 E. University Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93741

Dear Ms. Dhillon:

**SUBJECT: UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

Thank you for your email dated February 10, 2016, regarding Unmet Transit Needs. Your concerns regarding transportation needs to the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA), specifically from Madera to Fresno City College have been communicated to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for its review and comment.

The service you suggested, an inter-county transit route from Madera Community College to Fresno City College crosses two different jurisdictions. Since the service you are proposing originates in Madera County, it would be more appropriate for this to be presented to the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC).

Currently, there is a connection from Madera County to the City of Fresno at Valley Children's Hospital. This service is provided 7 days a week and Fresno Area Express (FAX) accepts the MCTC transfer for the initial ride.

The SSTAC determined this request falls outside the jurisdiction of Fresno County and therefore would not be considered an unmet need.

Thank you for your participation in the Unmet Transit Needs process. We look forward to your continued support of public transit in Fresno County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (559) 276-4341, or if you prefer, you may send e-mail to [BHYATT@cvrc.org](mailto:BHYATT@cvrc.org).

Sincerely,

Bill Hyatt

Chairman-SSTAC

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**Attachment D-7**  
**Unmet Needs Response – Francisco Mendez**



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May 1, 2016

Francisco Mendez  
2566 S. Habitat Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93706

Dear Mr. Mendez:

**SUBJECT: UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

Thank you for attending the Unmet Transit Needs meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Caltrans office. Your concerns regarding transportation needs to the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) were appreciated and have been communicated to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for its review and comment.

The issues you have been experiencing with Fresno Area Express (FAX) Handy Ride do not fall under the direction of the SSTAC and the Unmet Needs process. At the meeting, you were directed to contact FAX staff directly to address these concerns. However, your comments regarding fixed-route service later into the night on both weekdays and weekends does fall under the Unmet Needs process. These concerns are not new to SSTAC and have been raised in previous Unmet Needs outreach. In addition, this service has been requested during the biennial Customer Satisfaction Surveys conducted by FAX and are identified in the FCMA Short Range Transit Plan.

Unfortunately, the City of Fresno currently allocates all of its Local Transportation Funds (LTF) to public transit; an Unmet Needs finding in the FCMA will not serve to bring additional funds to the City of Fresno to implement service. The SSTAC did not find these concerns to qualify as an unmet need that is reasonable to meet.

Thank you for your participation in the Unmet Transit Needs process. We look forward to your continued support of public transit in Fresno County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (559) 276-4341, or if you prefer, you may send e-mail to [BHYATT@cvrc.org](mailto:BHYATT@cvrc.org).

Sincerely,

Bill Hyatt

Chairman-SSTAC

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## 10. Minutes of the Public Hearing, June 30, 2016



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### FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD

#### Executive Minutes Excerpt

Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 5:30 PM  
COG Sequoia Conference Room  
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending: Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis  
Mayor Ron Ramsey, City of Coalinga  
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler  
Councilmember Clint Olivier, City of Fresno  
Mayor Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron  
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman  
Mayor Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg  
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota  
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove  
Mayor Pro Tem Raul Villanueva, City of Parlier  
Councilmember Robert Beck, City of Reedley  
Mayor Pro Tem Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin  
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma  
Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Gail Miller, Caltrans  
Arthur Willie, County Counsel  
Tony Boren, FCOG Executive Director

Absent: Mayor Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh  
Mayor Pro Tem Raul Cantu, City of Sanger

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 14 members present representing 98.76% of the population and there was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Fresno City, Fresno County, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma)

Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

## **Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee**

### **II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **C. PUBLIC HEARING: Unmet Transit Needs Update Resolution 2016-15 (Jeff Long) [APPROVE]**

Mr. Long (FCOG) reported that the Fresno COG Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year 2016-17 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads. The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending approximately 400 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County.

The first outreach meeting was held in the City of Fresno, on February 16, 2016, at CalTrans Manchester Center at 2015 E. Shields Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. The location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) and surrounding unincorporated communities. Comments received were related to extending FAX service hours later into the evening on weekdays and weekends. A response letter was provided to Francisco Mendez and is included in the appendix of this report. The second meeting was held in the City of Kerman on February 17, 2016 in the Kerman Community/Teen Center, the location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of Western Fresno county including: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The final outreach meeting was held in the City of Parlier, on February 18, 2016, to facilitate comments from the residents of Eastern Fresno county including: Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.

The SSTAC Chairman received four (4) written comments regarding perceived "Unmet Transit Needs". These came in the form of emails and written correspondence. Copies of the actual emails and letters, and Staff response are attached to this Report. They are summarized as follows:

1. The first comment was received from the Karan Dhillon, T.I.L.E Counselor at Fresno City College, concerning potential students residing in Madera County accessing the T.I.L.E. program in Fresno.
2. The second comment letter was from Robert J. Hand, Executive Director of Resources for Independence Central Valley, regarding direct bus service to Inspiration Park in the City of Fresno.
3. The third comment letter came from Ms. Leticia Corona, Community Advocacy Director from the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. Ms Corona had a number of issues that fall under basic operations, but there were three items that pertained to unmet needs; 1) service to Clovis Community College, 2) discounted passes for low-income students and 3) bus shelters at Jane Adams Elementary School.
4. The 4th comment letter was from Dr. Samuel Morgan, the new Executive Director of Resources for Independence Central Valley, regarding direct bus service to Inspiration Park in the City of Fresno.

After thorough review of all items, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) found there to be no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) commented that the City of Orange Cove had no unmet needs and was satisfied with the service being provided.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion to approve Resolution 2016-15 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove), and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yep (Kerman). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Boren, Executive Director