

TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY (TCRTA) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 7, 2022, 3:00-4:30 P.M.

**Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church St. Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 623-0450**

ADDENDUM

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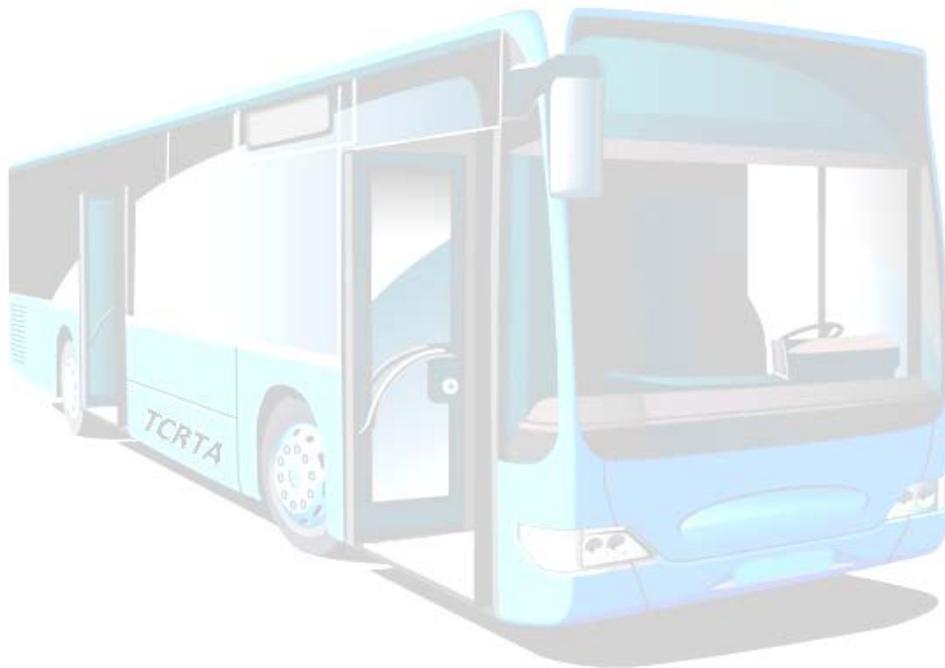
**TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

IV. TAC ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. ACTION: Authorization to Submit Application to the FY 2022 Bus and Bus Facility and Low and No Emissions Programs (Pages 1-2)

V. ADJOURN

The next scheduled meeting of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Subcommittees will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Association of Governments, via Zoom 210 N. Church St. Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291.



TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY

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Tulare County Regional Transit Agency
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

AGENDA ITEM IV-5

March 7, 2022

Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

SUBJECT:

ACTION: Authorization to Submit Application to FTA FY 2022 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low and No Emissions Programs

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has issued a joint Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program and Low or No Emission Grant Program. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58) required FTA to consolidate the solicitations for the Buses and Bus Facilities Program and Low-No Program into one combined NOFO, ensuring that the agency implements the two overlapping programs on the same timeline.

The purpose of the Buses and Bus Facilities program is to support capital projects that replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and related equipment and facilities. The purpose of the Low-No program is to support the purchase and leasing of low- or no- emission buses that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, as well as related equipment and facilities. There is approximately \$372.3 million in total program funding for the Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program and \$1.1 billion in total program funding for the Low-No Grant Program, subject to the availability of appropriated funding. The minimum nonfederal cost share requirement for both programs is generally 20 percent of the total project cost; however, the nonfederal cost share requirement is reduced to 15 percent to acquire vehicles, including clean-fuel and alternative fuel vehicles, and 10 percent to acquire, install, or construct bus-related equipment or facilities that assist in compliance with the Clean Air Act (CAA) and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

DISCUSSION:

TCRTA has 42 of 106 (40%) vehicles that have reached or exceeded their useful life and are in need of replacement. The Innovative Clean Transit Regulation, passed in 2019, requires transit providers to transition their fleets to zero-emission by 2040.

Given the historic increase in funding to support capital projects that replace the agency's aging fleet with zero-emission vehicles and the ability to purchase, install, or construct zero-emission infrastructure at a reduced local match cost. Staff recommends partnering with Kings County Regional Transit and Visalia Transit on a joint application. Staff also recommends partnering with available companies that assist transit agencies in preparing competitive project applications.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Technical Advisory Committee authorize staff to partner with neighboring transit providers and other agencies/companies that will support the preparation of a competitive application to the FY 2022 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low and No Emissions Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT:

None