

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO REQUEST ALLOCATION AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/FAX DIVISION FACILITY MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF FRESNO AND PURCHASE OF BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno FAX transportation system is an important resource for residents within the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to modernize bus facility operations by implementing the Department of Transportation/FAX Division Facility Master Plan Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Master Plan Improvement Project will improve daily bus service procedures, increase security, support electric bus and vehicle charging, and update fleet cleaning equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks purchase zero emission battery electric buses to support service improvements in southwest Fresno; and

WHEREAS, State Transit and Intercity Rail and Capital Improvement Program (TIRCP) has available funding for these improvements and vehicles in the amount of \$7.8 million which was awarded in FY2019; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive this essential funding, the City, through its Director of Transportation, must appear before the California Transit Commission (CTC) during its June meeting to formally request its allocation of these funds; and

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WHEREAS, Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of these improvements and has determined that they are Categorical Exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to the following sections: Section 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2 and 15303/Class 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council, in its independent judgement, finds that the improvement of Existing Facilities and New Construction to will improve daily bus service procedures, increase security, support electric bus and vehicle charging, and update fleet cleaning equipment, are Categorical Exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15303/Class 3. The Council further finds that none of the exceptions to exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to these improvements.

2. The Council supports the purchase and deployment of zero emission battery electric buses for service improvements in southwest Fresno.

3. The Council further finds that the improvements described above are in the best interests of the City of Fresno.

4. The Council hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation to request allocation of and accept State Transit and Intercity Rail and Capital Improvement Program (TIRCP) funding in the amount of \$7.8 million from the California Transit Commission (CTC) for the purpose of proceeding with the above improvements. The Council further authorizes the Director of Transportation to execute all documents necessary to accept this funding.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Talía Kolluri-Barbick Date
Supervising Deputy City Attorney