



Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA

September 21st, 2026

3:30 PM

Meeting Location:

200 E. Center Avenue

Visalia, CA 93291

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- I. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND ROLL CALL**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item of interest to the public and within the subject matter jurisdiction of TCRTA but not appearing on this agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. Speakers are requested to state their name(s) and address(es) for the record.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

All Consent Calendar Items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar. All items removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion will be heard at the end of Action / Discussion Items.

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Items

- A. Approve Minutes of August 17th, 2026 (Pages 01-02)
- B. Information: Monthly Ridership Summary (Pages 03-06)
- C. Information: Monthly Budget Report (Pages 07-11)
- D. Action: Approve Reso 2026-034 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) (Pages 13-17)
- E. Action: Approve Reso 2026-035 Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM) (Pages 19-22)
- F. Action: Approve Reso 2026-37 Approve (LCTOP) FY 25-26 Project Zero Emission Replacement Buses (Pages 23-30)

V. ACTION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Action: Approve Reso 2026-032 Short Range Transit Plan (Pages 31-34)
- B. Action: Approve Reso 2026-033 Budget Amendment 2 (Pages 35-39)
- C. Action: Approve Reso 2026-036 Loop Bus Policies (Pages 41-51)

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))
Number of Potential Cases: 2

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section § 54956.9(d) (1))
Cesar Diaz v. Karen Encinas; TCRTA
Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU333769

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Requests from Board Members for Future Agenda Items
- B. Director's Report

VIII. ADJOURN:

The next regularly scheduled Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board meeting will be **Monday, October 19th, 2026, and will take place at 3:30 pm** at the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA), 200 E. Center Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.

TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	ALTERNATE	AGENCY
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Vicki Riddle	Frankie Alves	City of Exeter
Greg Gomez	Paul Boyer	City of Farmersville
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Terry Sayre	Jose Sigala	City of Tulare
Jose Martinez	Rudy Mendoza	City of Woodlake
Larry Micari - Chair	Amy Shuklian	County of Tulare
Vacant	Vacant	Tule River Tribe

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Sidd Nag, CalVans
Liz Wynn, TCAG Public Transit Representative

TCRTA STAFF

Derek Winning, TCRTA Executive Director
Juana Sierra Perez, TCRTA Finance Manager
Chris Acevedo, TCRTA Transit Planning Manager
Vacant, TCRTA Transit Analyst
Sina Davoudi Kanderagh, TCRTA Transit Analyst
Megan Flores Rosas, TCRTA Transit Analyst
Ashlee Compton, TCRTA Transit Coordinator
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Alissa Kennedy, TCRTA Administrative Clerk I
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**Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
2026 Board Meeting Schedule**

Date	Location
January 26, 2026*	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
February 23, 2026*	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
March 16, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
April 20, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
May 18, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
June 15, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
July 20, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
August 17, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
September 21, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
October 19, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
November 16, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
December 21, 2026	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 200 E Center Ave., Visalia, CA 93291

The TCRTA Board meets at 3:30 pm. Most meetings fall on the third Monday of each month. Meeting dates with asterisks have been changed due to holidays and/or calendar conflicts.

Meetings will be held at the location noted above for each month, unless otherwise noted in that month's agenda.

**Tulare County Regional Transit Agency
Board Meeting Minutes
August 17th, 2026, 3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Reynosa, Riddle, Gomez, Villarreal, Martinez, Shuklian

Members Absent:

Non-Voting Alternates:

Ex Officio Present:

Staff Present: Derek Winning, Chris Acevedo, Alissa Kennedy

Sina Davoudi Kanderagh, Juana Sierra-Perez, Megan Rosas, Ashlee Compton, Danielle Puder

Counsel Present: Jeffery Kuhn

***Board member attended online or due to emergency or just cause.**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Board Chair Reynosa called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Director Gomez

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Items

- A.** Approve Minutes of June 15, 2026
- B.** Information: Monthly Ridership Summary
- C.** Information: Monthly Budget Report
- D.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-022 Approving Website Contract Renewal with Trillium
- E.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-023 FFY 26 FTA Section 5307 Operating Assistance, Preventive Maintenance for Tulare UZA, FFY 23 Section 5339, and FFY 26 Section 5339
- F.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-024 FTA Section 5311 Operating Assistance for Rural Routes and 5311(f) Operating Assistance for Route Tule River and Route Dinuba Connection
- G.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-025 Measure R Supplemental Agreement FY 26-27 Operating Assistance
- H.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-026 Approving Amended MOU Between TCRTA and TCAG for Transit Planning and Programming Process
- I.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-027 Authorizing Grant Funding for Procurement of Battery Electric Buses
- J.** Action: Approve Reso 2026-028 Authorizing Grant Funding for Procurement of Replacement Vehicles

M:Riddle

S: Martinez

Notes: All Consent Items passed unanimously

V. ACTION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Draft Short Range Transit Plan Public Comment Period

Notes: No public comments

B. Action: Approve Reso 2026-030 Reclassification of TCRTA Admin Clerk to Transit Coordinator Level I, Approve updated Classification of Transit Coordinator I and Level II

M: Riddle

S: Villarreal

Notes: Resolution 2026-030 passed unanimously

C. Approve Resolution No. 2026-031 Adopting Budget Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2026-2030 Operating and Capital Budget

M: Riddle

S: Martinez

Notes: Resolution 2026-031 passed unanimously

D. Information: TCRTA Microtransit Update

Notes: Information only.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Requests from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

Notes: None

B. Director's Report: None.

VII. ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Vice Board Chair Reynosa confirmed the next scheduled meeting of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board of Directors will be held on **Monday, September 21st, 2026, and will take place at 3:30 PM.** at the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA), 200 E. Center Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.

AGENDA ITEM IV-B: FY 2026-2027 Ridership Summary Report

	FIXED ROUTE (12-Month Period)														
	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	YEARLY	AVERAGE
OPERATING DAYS															
Weekday	22	20	23	18	19	21	19	21	22	21	21	22	22	271	21
Saturday	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	56	4
Sunday	4	5	4	6	7	5	5	5	3	4	5	4	4	61	5
TOTAL OPERATING DAYS	31	29	31	29	30	30	28	31	29	30	30	30	31	388	30
FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP															
Dinuba: D1	795	736	695	366	570	502	613	625	338	419	635	445	304	7,546	557
D2	476	483	442	455	544	520	516	600	278	445	567	371	463	6,530	467
D3	69	120	116	60	88	123	53	53	105	36	87	55	81	1,188	85
D4	342	427	325	229	226	158	173	146	134	205	480	180	183	3,632	265
(Dinuba Connection) DC	1,284	1,419	1,302	1,267	915	611	1,460	1,312	1,183	293	335	555	1,489	13,897	954
(Dinuba High School Loop) DL	N/A	57	42	28	24	46	62	38	29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	326	41
Dinuba Totals	2,966	3,242	2,922	2,405	2,367	1,960	2,877	2,774	2,067	1,398	2,104	1,606	2,520	33,119	395
Tulare: T1	1,952	1,854	1,581	1,912	1,764	1,763	1,765	2,027	1,668	1,807	1,741	1,484	1,762	24,817	1,773
T2	2,143	1,943	1,776	1,392	1,632	1,862	1,916	2,160	2,002	1,868	1,575	1,723	1,736	25,594	1,835
T3	2,470	2,391	2,346	1,870	1,971	2,229	2,154	2,456	2,272	2,252	2,200	2,021	1,961	30,824	2,220
T4	2,896	2,479	2,926	2,273	2,175	2,398	2,445	2,666	2,555	2,912	2,532	2,445	2,669	36,113	2,573
T5	1,709	1,780	1,310	1,478	1,587	1,575	1,550	1,599	1,286	1,924	1,459	1,356	1,370	21,368	1,538
T6	1,727	1,868	1,651	1,299	1,232	1,587	1,741	1,998	1,665	1,218	996	765	1,148	19,809	1,435
(Tulare) 11X	3,028	2,967	3,146	2,320	2,545	2,919	3,135	3,592	3,233	2,772	2,089	2,304	3,212	39,350	2,780
Tulare Totals	15,925	15,282	14,736	12,544	12,906	14,333	14,706	16,498	14,681	14,753	12,592	12,098	13,858	197,875	2,022
Commuter: C10	3,469	3,514	2,912	1,952	2,846	3,167	2,479	2,405	3,215	2,662	3,013	2,010	3,423	39,848	2,802
C20	1,491	1,752	2,034	1,275	1,239	1,176	1,087	1,724	1,571	1,482	1,268	1,522	1,600	20,660	1,466
C30	3,002	2,971	2,473	2,150	2,941	3,286	3,521	3,550	3,673	3,019	2,808	2,624	3,595	42,165	2,967
C40	3,149	3,063	2,111	3,073	1,882	2,583	2,658	3,385	3,212	3,387	2,090	2,016	2,983	37,329	2,642
C70	0	0	30	4	6	0	15	58	56	79	33	28	40	411	29
C80	6	0	0	0	9	0	0	83	92	44	16	10	5	323	24
C90	137	6	112	82	0	0	4	412	379	322	139	86	263	2,300	157
County Totals	11,254	11,306	9,672	8,536	8,923	10,212	9,764	11,617	12,198	10,995	9,367	8,296	11,909	143,036	1,441
Tule River Tribe (TR)	75	66	81	55	61	52	52	84	79	115	71	N/A	N/A	861	72
TOTAL RIDERSHIP	30,220	29,896	27,411	23,540	24,257	26,557	27,399	30,973	29,025	27,261	24,134	22,000	28,287	374,891	1,271

AGENDA ITEM IV-B: FY 2026-2027 Ridership Summary Report

	ON-DEMAND (12-Month Period)														
	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	YEARLY	AVERAGE
PARATRANSIT RIDERSHIP															
Dinuba	233	227	222	188	228	234	205	234	217	216	237	284	275	3,206	229
Lindsay	69	62	60	36	39	35	27	22	41	24	39	42	47	627	45
County	95	84	119	132	135	157	173	224	244	291	298	298	285	2,627	188
Tulare	497	450	610	549	575	640	596	629	697	703	606	645	670	8,361	597
Woodlake	154	188	193	141	193	205	211	232	198	181	160	183	161	2,564	183
TOTAL RIDERSHIP	1,048	1,011	1,204	1,046	1,170	1,271	1,212	1,341	1,397	1,415	1,340	1,452	1,438	17,385	248
MICROTRANSIT RIDERSHIP															
Dinuba	279	271	253	236	257	287	259	372	323	320	312	268	283	4,018	4,018
Exeter	15	15	26	32	42	27	39	55	39	48	36	51	51	494	494
Farmersville	86	140	141	98	94	61	78	120	76	56	55	68	76	1,221	1,221
Goshen	36	49	37	30	31	26	35	61	83	60	39	54	67	634	634
Ivanhoe	41	44	72	65	79	71	62	58	63	58	33	33	62	787	787
Lindsay	78	113	124	126	144	157	185	158	170	163	154	151	157	1,944	1,944
Orosi-Cutler	31	17	27	30	42	38	39	47	29	39	44	52	50	516	516
Porterville	58	121	160	131	127	147	174	186	214	204	159	183	171	2,079	2,079
County	262	242	268	201	276	306	302	378	387	456	320	381	415	4,423	4,423
Tulare	880	858	891	836	797	886	760	812	792	721	687	742	940	11,221	11,221
Visalia	416	479	592	459	472	480	438	471	370	377	290	302	448	5,955	5,955
Woodlake	30	40	41	28	32	53	56	73	53	30	46	50	39	606	606
TOTAL RIDERSHIP	2,212	2,389	2,632	2,272	2,393	2,539	2,427	2,791	2,599	2,532	2,175	2,335	2,759	33,898	2,825
Rider Account Creations	381	342	313	242	239	296	250	283	298	249	227	324	416	4,139	296

	SERVICES PROVIDED BY VISALIA TRANSIT (12-Month Period)														
	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	YEARLY	AVERAGE
FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP															
Exeter Boardings (Route 9)	956	990	962	928	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,524	905
TOTAL EXETER RIDERSHIP	956	990	962	928	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,524	905
Farmersville Boardings (Route 9)	883	1,096	904	805	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,295	859
Farmersville Boardings (Route 12)	409	188	116	247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,343	269
TOTAL FARMERSVILLE RIDERSHIP	1,292	1,284	1,020	1,052	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,638	564
DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP															
Trips from Exeter	77	85	85	52	87	84	60	83	88	89	71	88	N/A	1,041	80
Trips to Exeter	72	78	80	48	80	74	52	79	73	72	69	86	N/A	932	72
TOTAL EXETER RIDERSHIP	149	163	165	100	167	158	112	162	161	161	140	174	0	1,973	76
Trips from Farmersville	39	38	55	41	68	40	38	41	54	53	57	63	N/A	614	47
Trips to Farmersville	33	33	50	40	63	40	30	42	41	51	55	69	N/A	571	44
TOTAL FARMERSVILLE RIDERSHIP	72	71	105	81	131	80	68	83	95	104	112	132	0	1,185	46

AGENDA ITEM IV-B-1: FY 2024-2025 Ridership Summary Report

TCRTA	FIXED ROUTE														Comments
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	ANNUAL		
OPERATING DAYS															
Weekday	22	22	20	23	18	19	21	19	21	22	21	21	249		
Saturday	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	52		
Sunday	4	4	5	4	6	7	5	5	5	3	4	5	57		
TOTAL OPERATING DAYS	30	31	29	31	29	30	30	28	31	29	30	30	358		
FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP															
Dinuba: D1	709	595	549	666	504	686	589	694	716	684	419	635	7,446		
D2	670	693	678	966	740	659	468	662	683	709	445	567	7,940		
D3	196	258	259	432	311	192	148	92	87	87	36	87	2,185		
D4	421	702	608	711	471	322	329	259	353	377	205	480	5,238		
(Dinuba Connection) DC	198	1,174	1,318	1,318	1,201	574	852	1,207	1,392	1,236	293	335	11,098		
Dinuba Totals	2,194	3,422	3,412	2,411	3,227	2,433	2,386	2,914	3,231	3,093	1,398	2,104	32,225		
Tulare: T1	1,630	1,649	2,321	2,156	1,905	1,426	1,629	2,086	1,739	2,115	1,807	1,741	22,204		
T2	1,849	1,757	2,470	2,411	1,836	1,788	2,060	1,798	1,942	1,907	1,868	1,575	23,261		
T3	1,719	1,763	2,261	2,519	2,133	1,928	2,114	2,087	2,417	2,276	2,252	2,200	25,669		
T4	3,122	2,376	2,596	2,485	3,052	2,820	2,816	2,695	2,666	2,997	2,912	2,532	33,069		
T5	2,068	1,793	1,801	1,761	1,885	1,480	1,821	1,845	1,999	1,938	1,924	1,459	21,774		
T6	1,006	1,439	1,636	1,944	1,212	970	1,420	1,501	1,550	1,512	1,218	996	16,404		
(Tulare) 11X	1,721	2,266	2,570	3,280	2,941	2,645	3,283	2,879	3,271	2,937	2,772	2,089	32,654		
Tulare Totals	13,115	13,043	15,655	16,556	14,964	13,057	15,143	14,891	15,584	15,682	14,753	12,592	175,035		
Commuter: C10	2,483	3,508	3,677	4,498	3,873	3,642	3,915	3,957	4,456	3,920	2,662	3,013	43,604		
C20	1,514	1,643	1,819	1,871	1,717	1,663	1,628	1,489	1,609	1,712	1,482	1,268	19,415		
C30	2,387	2,284	3,204	3,338	3,769	3,166	3,171	3,424	3,602	3,385	3,019	2,808	37,557		
C40	2,274	2,963	2,862	3,165	2,957	2,887	4,046	3,764	4,302	3,278	3,387	2,090	37,975		
C70	49	49	55	37	45	69	70	91	87	78	79	33	742		
C80	57	62	82	46	82	84	73	73	50	31	44	16	700		
C90	213	330	550	545	391	415	348	494	308	245	322	139	4,300		
County Totals	8,977	10,839	12,249	13,500	12,834	11,926	13,251	13,292	14,414	12,649	10,995	9,367	144,293		
Tule River Tribe (TR)	59	56	36	45	49	55	61	41	87	109	115	71	784	Service reinstated on April 1, 2024	
TOTAL RIDERSHIP	24,345	27,360	31,352	32,512	31,074	27,471	30,841	31,138	33,316	31,533	27,261	24,134	352,337		

AGENDA ITEM IV-B-1: FY 2024-2025 Ridership Summary Report

TCRTA	ON-DEMAND													Comments
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	ANNUAL	
PARATRANSIT RIDERSHIP														
Dinuba	71	89	94	121	124	113	103	98	131	140	169	133	1,386	
Lindsay	33	68	38	40	56	50	46	55	54	59	53	73	625	
Tulare	220	360	366	483	400	376	381	302	374	390	426	361	4,439	
Woodlake	102	218	233	251	175	163	163	145	181	185	193	157	2,166	
County	97	43	63	88	65	82	93	77	72	104	102	86	972	
TOTAL RIDERSHIP	523	778	794	983	820	784	786	677	812	878	943	810	9,588	Service commingled with Microtransit
MICROTRANSIT RIDERSHIP														
Dinuba	239	285	268	364	312	340	327	293	338	359	352	312	3,789	
Exeter											13	7	20	
Farmersville	29	51	67	79	23	24	43	32	32	42	52	45	519	
Lindsay	49	70	87	87	97	62	83	106	116	85	77	71	990	
Tulare	160	361	357	517	506	421	511	516	488	566	618	555	5,576	
Woodlake	38	41	35	55	81	144	109	88	98	67	81	60	897	
County	163	202	237	307	253	230	225	267	333	322	351	330	3,220	
Visalia	123	366	488	663	395	200	256	254	289	279	296	297	3,906	
TOTAL RIDERSHIP	801	1,376	1,539	2,072	1,667	1,421	1,554	1,556	1,694	1,720	1,840	1,677	18,917	Service commingled with Paratransit
Rider Account Creations	420	423	369	314	276	226	236	247	261	216	264	252	3,504	

TCRTA	SERVICES PROVIDED BY VISALIA TRANSIT													Comments
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	ANNUAL	
FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP														
Exeter Boardings (Route 9)	734	72	733	907	698	934	984	750	654	648	750	608	8,472	
TOTAL EXETER RIDERSHIP	734	72	733	907	698	934	984	750	654	648	750	608	8,472	
Farmersville Boardings (Route 9)	487	121	688	895	887	831	1,134	589	640	647	696	498	8,113	
Farmersville Boardings (Route 12)	459	629	514	399	427	571	419	570	702	841	705	508	6,744	
TOTAL FARMERSVILLE RIDERSHIP	946	750	1,202	1,294	1,314	1,402	1,553	1,159	1,342	1,488	1,401	1,006	14,857	
48														
DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP														
Trips from Exeter	117	61	84	168	110	69	69	65	55	53	63	26	940	
Trips to Exeter	117	77	83	173	119	73	79	70	63	56	69	28	1,007	
TOTAL EXETER RIDERSHIP	234	138	167	341	229	142	148	135	118	109	132	54	1,947	
Trips from Farmersville	78	38	32	64	63	24	27	20	29	29	27	18	449	
Trips to Farmersville	74	36	29	67	64	23	29	20	27	29	22	14	434	
TOTAL FARMERSVILLE RIDERSHIP	152	74	61	131	127	47	56	40	56	58	49	32	883	

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM IV-C

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Juana Sierra-Perez, Finance Manager

SUBJECT:

Action: Receive and File the Preliminary Financial Statement for August 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The following Preliminary Financial Statement for August 2026, provides you with the Revenues and Expenditures and compares them to the YTD budget.

DISCUSSION:

These financial Statements for August 2026 are preliminary, as the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is closing, and other accruals are pending.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors receive and file the Preliminary Financial Statement as of August 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Preliminary Financial Statement for August 31, 2026
2. Preliminary Financial Statement for August 31, 2026

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County of Tulare

Report Name: Listing of Revenues vs Budget

Report ID: BA-A203

Fiscal Year: 2027 | Accounting Period: 2 | Fund(s): 793-793 | Department: 793 | Unit: 1000

Report Date: 9/4/2026 | Report Time: 7:18 AM

RSRC DESCRIPTION	CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE			
CODE - DESCRIPTION	COLLECTED REVENUE	RECOGNIZED REVENUE	COLLECTED REVENUE	RECOGNIZED REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET	ADOPTED BUDGET

Fund: 793 - TCRTA JPA	Department: 793 - TCRTA JPA		Unit: 1000 - Tulare County			
4079 - Measure R Local	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4801 - Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
5054 - State-Other	318,449.18	318,449.18	(4,052,369.13)	(4,052,369.13)	0.00	0.00
5096 - LCTOP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5256 - FTA	188,749.53	188,749.53	(1,586,590.00)	(1,586,590.00)	0.00	0.00
5700 - Fed-Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5835 - Oth Revenue	16,281.82	16,281.82	16,281.82	16,281.82	0.00	0.00
5841 - O/L Warrants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
5873 - Pub Trans	51,304.09	51,304.09	69,727.51	69,727.51	0.00	0.00
UNIT 1000 Totals:	574,784.62	574,784.62	(5,552,949.80)	(5,552,949.80)	2.00	2.00
DEPT 793 Totals:	574,784.62	574,784.62	(5,552,949.80)	(5,552,949.80)	2.00	2.00
FUND 793 Totals:	574,784.62	574,784.62	(5,552,949.80)	(5,552,949.80)	2.00	2.00
Report Totals:	574,784.62	574,784.62	(5,552,949.80)	(5,552,949.80)	2.00	2.00



County of Tulare

Report Name: Listing of Obligations and Budget

Report ID: BA-A103

Fiscal Year : 2027 | Accounting Period: 2 | Fund(s): 793 |

Department: 793 | Unit: 1000 | Activity: All

Report ID: BA-A103 | Report Date: 9/4/2026 | Report Time: 7:19 AM

Object	Current Period			Year to Date				
Code - Description	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Total Obligations	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Total Obligations	Current Budget	Adopted Budget
Fund: 793 - TCRTA JPA Department: 793 - TCRTA JPA Unit: 1000 - Tulare County Activity:								
Appropriation: 793 - Department Tota								
6000 Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	954,895.00	954,895.00
6001 Alloc. Sal.	0.00	62,655.19	62,655.19	0.00	88,215.31	88,215.31	1.00	1.00
6003 Other Pay	0.00	1,776.78	1,776.78	0.00	2,491.35	2,491.35	1.00	1.00
6004 Benefits	0.00	8,645.22	8,645.22	0.00	12,104.11	12,104.11	1.00	1.00
6005 Extra Help	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
6011 Retire-Co	0.00	10,698.82	10,698.82	0.00	16,607.67	16,607.67	1.00	1.00
6012 Soc Sec	0.00	4,978.21	4,978.21	0.00	7,007.82	7,007.82	1.00	1.00
6014 Pob	0.00	3,856.30	3,856.30	0.00	5,784.45	5,784.45	1.00	1.00
7000 Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,730.00	200,730.00	850,000.00	850,000.00
7005 Communicate	0.00	3,428.13	3,428.13	0.00	4,261.13	4,261.13	119,917.00	119,917.00
7007 Food	0.00	74.87	74.87	0.00	74.87	74.87	100.00	100.00
7010 Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,439.00	34,439.00
7021 Maint-Equip	2,950.00	(24,095.00)	(21,145.00)	2,950.00	(22,195.00)	(19,245.00)	943,438.00	943,438.00
7024 Maint-Bld-Im	0.00	2,379.94	2,379.94	0.00	2,379.94	2,379.94	0.00	0.00
7028 Misc Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
7036 Office Expen	(592.79)	2,976.56	2,383.77	3,718.64	3,353.49	7,072.13	30,516.00	30,516.00
7040 Courier	0.00	18.56	18.56	0.00	18.56	18.56	275.00	275.00
7043 Prof & Spec	0.00	(1,050,537.00)	(1,050,537.00)	0.00	(1,004,151.77)	(1,004,151.77)	15,035,507.00	15,035,507.00
7062 Rent-Bldg	0.00	4,437.24	4,437.24	0.00	14,991.72	14,991.72	72,058.00	72,058.00
7066 Spc Dept Exp	55,148.10	6,361.65	61,509.75	837,329.45	6,361.65	843,691.10	4,565,815.00	4,565,815.00
7073 Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,806.00	12,806.00



County of Tulare

Report Name: Listing of Obligations and Budget
Report ID: BA-A103
Fiscal Year : 2027 | Accounting Period: 2 | Fund(s): 793 |
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Object	Current Period			Year to Date				
Code - Description	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Total Obligations	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Total Obligations	Current Budget	Adopted Budget
Fund: 793 - TCRTA JPA Department: 793 - TCRTA JPA Unit: 1000 - Tulare County Activity:								
Appropriation: 793 - Department Tota								
7074 Trans & Trav	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,754.00	16,754.00
7081 Utilities	0.00	16,954.01	16,954.01	0.00	17,657.74	17,657.74	142,631.00	142,631.00
7106 Gas & Oil	0.00	76,512.13	76,512.13	0.00	76,512.13	76,512.13	586,147.00	586,147.00
7130 EE Appreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
7421 Int-Late Pay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
7720 ADMIN CNTY LS	0.00	3,621.00	3,621.00	0.00	3,621.00	3,621.00	53,130.00	53,130.00
8347 Oth Vehicles	13,649,964.80	0.00	13,649,964.80	15,817,757.30	0.00	15,817,757.30	8,117,658.00	8,117,658.00
APPR 793 Totals:	13,707,470.11	(865,257.39)	12,842,212.72	16,661,755.39	(564,173.83)	16,097,581.56	31,539,444.00	31,539,444.00
ACTV Totals:	13,707,470.11	(865,257.39)	12,842,212.72	16,661,755.39	(564,173.83)	16,097,581.56	31,539,444.00	31,539,444.00
UNIT 1000 Totals:	13,707,470.11	(865,257.39)	12,842,212.72	16,661,755.39	(564,173.83)	16,097,581.56	31,539,444.00	31,539,444.00
DEPT 793 Totals:	13,707,470.11	(865,257.39)	12,842,212.72	16,661,755.39	(564,173.83)	16,097,581.56	31,539,444.00	31,539,444.00
FUND 793 Totals:	13,707,470.11	(865,257.39)	12,842,212.72	16,661,755.39	(564,173.83)	16,097,581.56	31,539,444.00	31,539,444.00
Report Totals:	13,707,470.11	(865,257.39)	12,842,212.72	16,661,755.39	(564,173.83)	16,097,581.56	31,539,444.00	31,539,444.00

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Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM IV-D

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Megan Rosas, TCRTA Staff

SUBJECT

Action: Approve Reso 2026-034 TCRTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), under 49 CFR Part 673, requires applicable public transportation agencies receiving federal financial assistance to develop, implement, and maintain a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

TCRTA has updated its PTASP for 2026 to ensure that the Agency's safety policies, procedures, and practices remain consistent with current operations and applicable requirements. The PTASP provides a framework for identifying hazards, managing safety risks, monitoring safety performance, and promoting continuous safety improvement.

The Plan is based on the four components of the FTA Safety Management System (SMS):

- Safety Management Policy
- Safety Risk Management
- Safety Assurance
- Safety Promotion

The 2026 PTASP also addresses coordination with TCRTA's contracted transit operator, Crosby Street Transit LLC, a subsidiary of Via Transportation, as well as applicable requirements related to frontline transit worker participation, safety training, safety performance targets, annual plan review, and safety documentation and recordkeeping.

DISCUSSION

TCRTA has reviewed and updated its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) for 2026 to ensure it remains consistent with the Agency's current operations, safety practices, and applicable federal requirements. The updated PTASP provides a framework for identifying and managing safety risks, monitoring safety performance, and promoting continuous improvement through the four components of the FTA Safety

Management System (SMS): Safety Management Policy, Safety Risk Management, Safety Assurance, and Safety Promotion.

The Plan also addresses applicable requirements for safety performance targets, annual review and updates, frontline transit worker participation, safety training and competencies, and safety documentation and recordkeeping. It provides continued coordination between TCRTA and its contracted transit operator and supports ongoing monitoring and improvement of safety performance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with approval of PTASP.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors:

1. Approve and adopt the TCRTA 2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to implement the Plan and take necessary actions to maintain compliance with applicable federal and state safety requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2026-034 – Approving the 2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
2. TCRTA 2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (Plan available for review online at <https://ridetc.org/about-tcrtaplans-reports/>)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY APPROVING
THE TCRTA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP)**

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires certain public transportation agencies receiving federal financial assistance to develop, implement, and maintain a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 673; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) has developed and updated its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for 2026 to establish a comprehensive framework for identifying hazards, managing safety risks, monitoring safety performance, and continuously improving safety; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA's 2026 PTASP is based on the four components of the Federal Transit Administration's Safety Management System (SMS), including Safety Management Policy, Safety Risk Management, Safety Assurance, and Safety Promotion; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA's 2026 PTASP includes coordination with TCRTA's contracted transit operator, Crosby Street Transit LLC, a subsidiary of Via Transportation, to support the implementation and ongoing management of the Agency's Safety Management System; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA's 2026 PTASP establishes policies, processes, procedures, and responsibilities necessary to comply with the applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 673, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. **Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Requirements – 49 CFR § 673.11:**
The PTASP and subsequent updates must be signed by the Accountable Executive and approved by the transit agency's Board of Directors; document the processes and activities related to implementation of the Safety Management System; include safety performance targets based on the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan; establish a process and timeline for conducting an annual review and update of the PTASP; and maintain the PTASP in accordance with applicable recordkeeping requirements.
2. **Cooperation with Frontline Transit Worker Representatives – 49 CFR § 673.17:** TCRTA must develop its PTASP and subsequent updates in cooperation with frontline transit worker representatives and include, or incorporate by reference, a description of the process used to involve frontline transit worker representatives in the development and update of the PTASP, as applicable.

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3. **Safety Management System – 49 CFR § 673.21:** TCRTA must establish and implement a Safety Management System consisting of the four required components: Safety Management Policy, as described in 49 CFR § 673.23; Safety Risk Management, as described in 49 CFR § 673.25; Safety Assurance, as described in 49 CFR § 673.27; and Safety Promotion, as described in 49 CFR § 673.29.
4. **Safety Risk Management – 49 CFR § 673.25:** The PTASP establishes processes for identifying hazards, assessing and mitigating safety risks, and managing safety risks associated with TCRTA's public transportation operations.
5. **Safety Assurance – 49 CFR § 673.27:** The PTASP establishes processes for monitoring compliance with applicable safety requirements, monitoring safety performance, conducting safety activities, and addressing identified safety concerns.
6. **Safety Promotion – 49 CFR § 673.29:** The PTASP establishes processes for safety communication, training, education, and other activities necessary to support a positive safety culture and the effective implementation of the SMS.
7. **Competencies and Training and Safety Plan Documentation and Recordkeeping – 49 CFR §§ 673.31 and 673.31:** The PTASP establishes requirements for applicable safety competencies and training, as well as the documentation and recordkeeping necessary to demonstrate implementation of the Safety Management System and compliance with the PTASP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND NOW, by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA), that the Board hereby approves and adopts the 2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute and file any applications and related documents on behalf of TCRTA that may be necessary to implement or maintain compliance with the 2026 PTASP and applicable federal and state safety requirements

THAT the Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to implement the 2026 PTASP and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Plan and maintain compliance with applicable federal and state safety requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Commission or Board Meeting held on the by the following vote:

RESOLUTION: 2026-034

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion of _____ and seconded by _____ at meeting thereof held on the 21st day of September 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Larry Micari/Maribel Reynosa
Board Chair/Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2026-034 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of September 2026.

Signed _____
Derek Winning
Executive Director

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Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM V - E

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Sina Davoudi Kanderagh, TCRTA Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Approve Reso 2026-035 TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration's Transit Asset Management Final Rule, codified at 49 CFR Part 625, requires recipients and subrecipients of federal transit assistance that own, operate, or manage capital assets used in public transportation to develop and carry out a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan. As a Tier II provider, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) may participate in a group plan or develop its own plan. TCRTA has elected to maintain an individual TAM Plan tailored to its fleet, facilities, equipment, and capital program.

Federal regulations require a TAM Plan to cover a horizon of at least four years and require the entire plan to be updated at least once every four years. On June 22, 2026, FTA reminded affected transit providers that the current update must be completed by October 1, 2026. September 21, 2026, Board meeting is TCRTA's final scheduled regular meeting before that deadline.

DISCUSSION:

Staff prepared the TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan for FY 2026-2030 as the agency's individual Tier II plan. The plan documents TCRTA's approach to monitoring the condition of its capital assets, identifying state-of-good-repair needs, and prioritizing available resources. Consistent with 49 CFR 625.25, the plan includes the four elements required of a Tier II provider:

- An inventory of TCRTA's revenue vehicles, equipment, and facilities;
- Condition assessments for assets under TCRTA's direct capital responsibility;
- Decision-support tools and management processes used to estimate capital needs; and
- A project-based prioritization of investments over the plan horizon.

The plan also establishes asset performance targets, documents useful life benchmarks, assigns responsibilities for maintaining asset information, and describes TCRTA's maintenance, overhaul, disposal, acquisition, and fleet-replacement practices. These elements provide a consistent basis for capital planning and for the annual asset and performance reporting submitted through the National Transit Database.

FTA does not require the completed TAM Plan itself to be formally submitted to FTA. TCRTA must maintain the plan and its supporting records, make the plan and related

information available to Caltrans and applicable planning partners, and continue annual NTD reporting. The proposed resolution therefore authorizes the Executive Director, as TCRTA's Accountable Executive, to transmit or otherwise provide the adopted plan to Caltrans, the Tulare County Association of Governments, and other agencies as required.

RECOMMENDATION:

TCRTA Staff recommends that the Board:

- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-035, approving and adopting the TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan for FY 2026-2030;
- Authorize the Executive Director to make non-substantive administrative corrections and transmit or provide the final plan to Caltrans, TCAG, and other applicable planning partners before October 1, 2026; and
- Authorize the Executive Director to carry out the plan and complete required TAM recordkeeping and annual reporting activities

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2026-035 Approving TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan
2. TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan, FY2026-2030 (Plan available for review online at <https://ridetc.org/about-tcrta/plans-reports/>)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
APPROVING THE FY 2026-2030 TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND AUTHORIZING REQUIRED TRANSMITTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
IMPLEMENTATION**

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement, dated August 11, 2022, by and among the County of Tulare and the Cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Tulare, Woodlake, and Tule River Tribe (each, a “Party” or “Member Agency”) hereafter called Tulare County Regional Transit Agency “TCRTA”; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency receives federal transit assistance and owns, operates, or manages capital assets used to provide public transportation; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 625 requires covered transit providers to develop and carry out a Transit Asset Management Plan and requires the provider's Accountable Executive to ensure that the plan is developed and implemented; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA is a Tier II provider and has elected to develop an individual Transit Asset Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR 625.29 requires a Transit Asset Management Plan to cover a horizon period of at least four years and requires the entire plan to be updated at least once every four years; and

WHEREAS, the TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan for FY 2026-2030 includes an asset inventory, condition assessments, decision-support processes, and a project-based prioritization of investments, together with supporting performance targets and asset-management practices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed plan and finds that its adoption supports the safe, reliable, and fiscally responsible management of TCRTA's capital assets

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, approves and adopts the TCRTA Transit Asset Management Plan for FY 2026-2030.

RESOLUTION: 2026-035

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, serving as TCRTA's Accountable Executive, is authorized to finalize the adopted plan, make non-substantive administrative or clerical corrections, maintain the plan and supporting records, and transmit or otherwise make the plan available to Caltrans, the Tulare County Association of Governments, and other applicable planning or oversight agencies as required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **21st day of September 2026** by the **Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion of _____ and seconded by _____ at meeting thereof held on the 21st day of September 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Larry Micari/Maribel Reynosa
Board Chair/Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2026-035 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of September 2026.

Signed _____
Derek Winning
Executive Director

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Megan Rosas, TCRTA Staff

SUBJECT

Action: Approve Reso 2026-037 (LCTOP) FY 25-26 Project Zero Emission Replacement Buses

BACKGROUND

On May 18, 2026, the TCRTA Board of Directors approved the FY 2025–2026 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding allocation. The LCTOP was established under California’s Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program to provide operating and capital funding to transit agencies for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Each year, the State Controller’s Office provides LCTOP funding allocations that lead agencies, such as the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA), may use for eligible transit projects.

TCRTA staff recently received an update regarding the FY 2025–2026 LCTOP award, which includes an increase in the amount of funding available for the project.

DISCUSSION

The zero-emission replacement bus project was structured to utilize LCTOP funding from multiple fiscal years, allowing TCRTA to combine available allocations and build sufficient funding toward the overall capital purchase.

Due to the increase in the FY 2025–2026 LCTOP funding allocation, TCRTA staff is bringing the project back to the Board for approval. The additional funding provides TCRTA with an opportunity to apply the increased allocation toward the zero-emission replacement bus project and continue moving the project forward.

Approval of the proposed project will allow TCRTA to utilize the FY 2025–2026 LCTOP allocation in combination with prior-year LCTOP funding toward the purchase of zero-emission replacement buses.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed project cost of \$ 2,985,655 will be funded through a combination of prior-year LCTOP allocations, the FY 2024–2025 LCTOP allocation, and the FY 2025–2026 LCTOP allocation.

The additional FY 2025–2026 LCTOP funding will be applied toward the overall project cost and will provide additional funding for the purchase of the zero-emission replacement and equipment for buses.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors:

1. Resolution 2026-036 approving the FY 25-26 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) Allocation Form

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2026-037, approving the FY 2025-2026 LCTOP Allocation Request Form
2. FY 25-26 Allocation Request Form (Pages 1-3)

RESOLUTION: 2026-037

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 25-26 LCTOP ALLOCATION
REQUEST FORM, AUTHORIZED AGENT FORM, AND CERTIFICATIONS AND
ASSURANCES FORM FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: \$801,728 FOR (2) ZERO-
EMISSION REPLACEMENT BUSES (MAY INCLUDE
EQUIPMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE).**

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Derek Winning, Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency wishes to implement the following LCTOP project listed above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Derek Winning, Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, does hereby authorize the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 2025-2026 LCTOP funds:

RESOLUTION: 2026-037

Project Name: Purchase (2) Zero-Emission Replacement Buses. Replacement zero-emission vehicles may include equipment/infrastructure.

Short description of project: TCRTA will be using this funding to purchase two (2) zero-emission vehicles along with associated equipment and infrastructure.

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$801,728

Benefit to a Priority Populations: Project reduces criteria air pollutant or toxic air contaminant emissions to residents of a disadvantaged or low-income community or a low-income household.

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$801,728

Contributing Sponsors (if applicable):
Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church St. Suite B
Visalia CA 93291

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21th day of September 2026 by the **Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion of _____ and seconded by _____ at meeting thereof held on the 21th day of September 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION: 2026-037

Signed _____
Larry Micari/Maribel Reynosa
Board Chair/Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2026-037 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21th day of September 2026.

Signed _____
Derek Winning
Executive Director

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LCTOP FY 2025-2026 Allocation Request Cycle B

FY 2025-2026 LCTOP:	Cycle B	Is your Cycle A and Cycle B project the same?	Yes
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Lead Agency Information

Lead Agency Name:	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency		
Address:	200 E Center Avenue		
City, State, Zip Code:	Visalia, California, 93230		
County:	Tulare County		
Agency Website:	ridetc.org		
Regional Planning Agency:	Tulare County Association of Governments		
Caltrans District:	06		
Does your agency have an approved Title VI Plan?	Yes	Approved Date:	08/18/25 Title VI Attached: Yes

Allocation Request Prepared by	
Name:	Megan Rosas
Title:	Transit Analyst
Phone #:	559-623-0831
E-mail:	mflores2gotcrra.org

Authorized Agent	
Name:	Derek M Winning
Title:	Executive Director
Phone #:	559-355-5281
E-mail:	dwinning@tularecag.ca.gov

Contact (if different than "Prepared by")	
Name:	Chris Acevedo
Title:	Transit Analyst
Phone #:	559-972-2467
E-mail:	cacevedo3@gotcrra.org

Legislative District Numbers								
Assembly*:	32	33						
Senate*:	12	14	16					
Congressional*:	20	21	22					

*if you have additional Districts, please provide a separate attachment

Project Summary

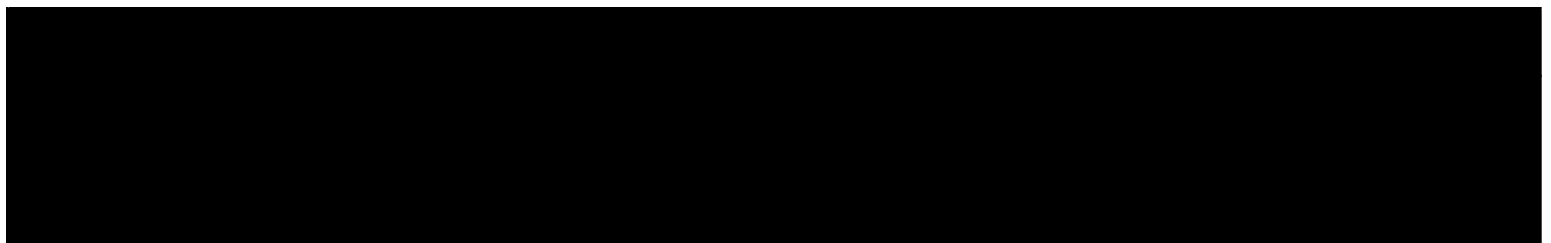
Name: <i>No more than 2 lines</i>	Purchase (2) Zero Emission Replacement Buses
Description (Short): <i>No more than 375 characters.</i>	TCRTA will be using this funding to purchase two (2) zero-emission vehicles along with associated equipment and infrastructure.
Type:	Capital
Sub-Type:	Purchase of replacement zero-emission vehicle(s) (may include equipment/infrastructure)

Start date (anticipated) :	10/1/2026	End date (anticipated) :	06/30/2029
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Funding:	99313: \$297,467	99314: \$15,461	Total: \$312,928
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Rollover Projects: Please provide the total number of years your agency plans to accumulate funds and how many years remaining, include this year.	Rollover Project:	Yes
	Total Years of Rollover:	2
	Remaining Years of Rollover:	0

Project Life: For capital projects, state the project useful life in years . For operation projects, state the number of months a service will be funded.	Capital:	10	Years
	Operations:	0	Months



LCTOP FY 2025-2026 Allocation Request Cycle B

Funding Information

Allocation Yr	Prior	FY 25-26 (A)	FY 25-26 (B)	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	Total
PUC 99313:	2049746	\$464,668	\$297,467				\$2,811,881
PUC 99314:	134191	\$24,132	\$15,461				\$173,784
Total LCTOP:	\$2,183,937	\$488,800	\$312,928	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,985,665
LCTOP Interest:							\$0
Other GGRF:							\$0
Total CCI:	\$2,183,937	\$488,800	\$312,928	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,985,665
Other Funds:							\$0
Total:	\$2,183,937	\$488,800	\$312,928	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,985,665

Lead Agency:	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:	Chris Acevedo		99313
Contact Phone #:	559-972-2467	\$2,166	99314
Contact E-mail:	cacevedo3@gotcrta.org		

Contributing Sponsor:	Tulare City	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:	Chris Acevedo		99313
Contact Phone #:	559-972-2467	\$4,400	99314
Contact E-mails:	cacevedo3@gotcrta.org		

Contributing Sponsor:	Tulare County	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:	Chris Acevedo		99313
Contact Phone #:	559-972-2467	\$8,895	99314
Contact E-mails:	cacevedo3@gotcrta.org		

Contributing Sponsor:	TCAG	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:	Giancarlo Bruno	\$297,467	99313
Contact Phone #:	559-623-0470		99314
Contact E-mails:	GBruno@tularecag.ca.gov		

Contributing Sponsor:		Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:			99313
Contact Phone #:			99314
Contact E-mails:			

Total FY 25-26 LCTOP Funding **\$312,928**

Fully Funded Project: Provide a description of all the funds that will be used to complete this project and how LCTOP funds will not supplant other funding sources. Include the project ID and awarded funding amount from prior rollover years.

This LCTOP project is a two-year rollover project. In the first year, TCRTA was awarded \$738,379. For the current cycle, TCRTA will apply its FY 2025-26 LCTOP allocation of \$746,344 to the project. Additionally, TCRTA submitted CAPs to transfer \$1,445,558 in prior-year LCTOP funds into the project. Collectively, these funding sources provide a total project budget of \$2,930,281..These LCTOP funds are the only funding sources for the proposed project and will not supplant any other funds.

Detailed Funding Information: This section should be completed to detail any CAP funds included in the "Prior" column, include the Project ID, amount of funds transferred, and CAP approval date(if available).

TCRTA submitted CAPs in December 2025 to transfer the following funds from the following LCTOP projects:

- \$878,187 from FY 22-23-D06-91
- \$567,371 from FY 23-24-D06-098

Totals funds transferred through CAPs is \$1,445,558.

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM V-1

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Megan Rosas, TCRTA Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Approve Reso 2026-032 Short Range Transit Plan 2026–2031

BACKGROUND:

The Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) has completed the public review and community outreach process for the 2026–2031 Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP). The SRTP provides a five-year framework to guide TCRTA's transit planning, service improvements, operational priorities, and delivery of public transportation services.

On August 3, 2026, TCRTA issued a public notice initiating a 30-day public review and comment period for the draft SRTP. A public hearing was held on August 17, 2026, providing an additional opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft Plan. No formal public comments were received during the public review period.

In addition to the formal public review process, TCRTA staff and its consultant, TMD, conducted extensive community outreach to obtain input from transit riders and community members. Outreach activities were conducted at transit centers, where staff provided information regarding proposed route recommendations and distributed flyers containing QR codes to facilitate public feedback. TCRTA also provided a virtual Zoom meeting for individuals who were unable to attend an in-person outreach event and promoted outreach information through TCRTA's social media platforms.

As part of the outreach effort, TCRTA and TMD collected 426 completed rider surveys. The survey gathered information regarding riders' current transit use and transportation needs, including the routes they use or are waiting for, the number of buses required to complete a trip, home ZIP code and neighborhood, and the primary purpose of their trip. The feedback collected through these efforts will help inform TCRTA's transit planning and future service improvements.

Following completion of the public review and community outreach process, TCRTA staff is presenting the 2026–2031 SRTP to the Board of Directors for consideration and adoption at its regular meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The 2026–2031 SRTP will serve as a guiding document for TCRTA’s transit planning and decision-making over the next five years. The Plan establishes a framework for maintaining and improving transit services while considering the transportation needs of Tulare County residents and transit riders.

SRTP incorporates information gathered through TCRTA’s community outreach and rider survey efforts and provides direction for future service improvements and operational priorities based on identified transit needs, community feedback, available resources, and operational considerations.

TCRTA has completed the formal 30-day public review process, including the public hearing held on August 17, 2026, as well as additional community outreach activities throughout the service area. While no formal comments were received during the public review period, the 426 completed rider surveys provided valuable feedback regarding current transit use and rider needs.

With the public review and outreach process complete, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve and adopt the 2026–2031 Short-Range Transit Plan. Adoption of SRTP will provide TCRTA with a five-year planning framework to guide future transit planning, service improvements, and operational priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-032 approving the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) 2026–2031 and authorizing the Executive Director and TCRTA staff to use the adopted SRTP as a guiding document for transit planning, service improvements, and operational priorities over the next five years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Short-Range Transit Plan for 2026–2031 is fiscally neutral and emphasizes operational efficiency, with no anticipated net fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 2026-032 Approving the Short-Range Transit Plan 2026–2031
2. TCRTA Short Range Transit Plan 2026-2031 (Plan available for review online at <https://ridetc.org/about-tcrtta/plans-reports/>)

RESOLUTION 2026-032

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY APPROVING THE SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN 2026–2031

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (“TCRTA”) has prepared the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) 2026–2031 to provide a five-year framework for transit planning, service improvements, operational priorities, and the delivery of public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA initiated a 30-day public review and comment period for the draft 2026–2031 SRTP on August 3, 2026, and conducted a public hearing on August 17, 2026, providing community members, transit riders, and other interested parties opportunities to review and comment on the draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA staff and its consultant, TMD, conducted additional community outreach at transit centers and collected 426 completed rider surveys to gather information regarding transit use, rider needs, trip patterns, and potential service improvements; and

WHEREAS, the public review and community outreach process has been completed, and no formal public comments were received during the 30-day public review period; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA staff recommends adoption of the 2026–2031 SRTP to provide a guiding framework for future transit planning, service improvements, operational priorities, and the continued provision of safe, effective, reliable, and accessible public transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency, that the Board hereby approves and adopts the Short-Range Transit Plan 2026–2031, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to implement the 2026–2031 SRTP and use the adopted Plan as a guiding document for TCRTA’s transit planning, service improvements, operational priorities, and delivery of public transportation services over the five-year planning period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to take such administrative and operational actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the 2026–2031 SRTP, subject to applicable laws, regulations, funding requirements, and Board-approved budgets.

RESOLUTION 2026-032

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Commission or Board Meeting held on the by the following vote:

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion of _____ and seconded by _____ at meeting thereof held on the 21th day of September 2026.

AYES:Reynosa, Riddle, Gomez, Villarreal, Martinez, Shuklian

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Larry Micari/Maribel Reynosa
Board Chair/Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2026-032 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21th day of September 2026.

Signed _____
Derek Winning
Executive Director

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM V-C

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Juana Sierra-Perez, Finance Manager

SUBJECT:

Action: Approve Resolution No. 2026-033 Adopting Budget Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget

BACKGROUND:

On June 15, 2026, the Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget through Resolution No. 2026-031. Since adoption of the budget, staff has identified several operational, staffing, grant funding, and capital project adjustments that require amendment to accurately reflect anticipated revenues and expenditures for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

DISCUSSION:

- Increase in account line item 7720 for \$300,000 for Litigation.
- Increase in account line item 7024 for \$65,000 for the upgrade of the security cameras at TOMF, Central Yard.

Budget Amendment No. 2 ensures the adopted budget accurately reflects current operational requirements, available funding, and Board-approved initiatives while maintaining a balanced budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-033 adopting Budget Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A total increase of \$365,000 for FY2026-2027.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FY 26/27 TCRTA Budget Amendment No.2
2. Resolution 2026-033 Adopting TCRTA 2026-2027 Fiscal Budget Amendment No.2

RESOLUTION: 2026-033

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement, dated August 11, 2020, by and among the County of Tulare and the Cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Tulare, Woodlake and the Tule River Tribe of California (each, a “Party” or “Member Agency”) hereafter called Tulare County Regional Transit Agency “TCRTA”; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2026, the Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget by Resolution No. 2026-021; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified additional grant revenues, capital funding, operational requirements, and staffing modifications that require amendment to the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, Budget Amendment No. 2 incorporates revisions to operating revenues and expenditures, capital revenues and expenditures, personnel appropriations, and grant funding sources necessary to accurately reflect the Agency's current financial plan and operational needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, does hereby approves and directs the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating/Capital Budget Amendment No. 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency hereby approves Budget Amendment No.2 to the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Operating and Capital Budget, which includes, but is not limited to, the following revisions:

- Increase of \$300,000 for legal litigation.
- Increase of \$65,000 for the upgrade of security cameras at TOMF, Central Yard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amended Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Operating and Capital Budget Amendment No. 2 reflects total appropriations of approximately **\$365,000** incorporating the revenue and expenditure adjustments identified in Budget Amendment No. 2 while maintaining a balanced budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee is authorized to file claims for the Transportation Development Act

RESOLUTION: 2026-033

(TDA) funds and execute and file applications to the FTA and Caltrans funding for FY 2026/2027 financial assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee is authorized to execute agreements with transit operators to provide service or receive transfer payments, such transfer payments being paid or received by TCRTA to facilitate the coordination of transit service and to furnish incentives for providing enhanced transfer services between TCRTA and other transit operators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to make expenditures and incur liabilities against said funds within the limits set forth in said budget and the provisions of this Resolution, and to act on behalf of TCRTA in connection with contracts arising thereunder, by following the procedures provided by law, and by Board of Directors' Resolutions and Board Rules, except that no contractual obligations shall be assumed by TCRTA in excess of its ability to pay, and provided further that all expenditures shall be in conformance with statutory and other restrictions placed on the use of said funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to act on behalf of TCRTA, and to make expenditures and incur liabilities against all funds of TCRTA as provided for in contracts which have been authorized by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency and that the Board's authorizations of such contracts also include the necessary appropriations for such contracts and change orders authorized by Rules approved by the Board, subject, however, to compliance with such specific appropriation resolutions as may be adopted by the Board from time to time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee is authorized to issue free or discounted promotional rides in FY 2026/2027 for purposes of building ridership on the system, consistent with ridership recovery guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **21st of September 2026** by the **Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion of Riddle and seconded by Martinez at meeting thereof held on the 21st of September 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026-033

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____

Larry Micari/ Maribel Reynosa
Board Chair/ Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2026-033 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st of September 2026.

Signed _____

Derek Winning
Executive Director

**TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
OPERATING & REVENUE EXPENDITURE
FISCAL YEAR 26-27 Amendment No.2**

		Fixed Route	On-Demand	Total	Notes.
		71%	29%		
REVENUE	Cash In Hand Reserve			\$ (735,636.72)	
	5256 Federal Revenue- FTA	\$ (15,647,470.53)	\$ (6,391,220.36)	(\$22,038,690.89)	FTA & FTA Capital
	5700 Federal Revenue- Other	\$ (1,856,577.35)	\$ (758,320.33)	\$ (2,614,897.68)	LTF
	4801 Intrest Revenue	\$ (198,961.44)	\$ (81,265.94)	\$ (280,227.38)	Intrest
	5096 LCTOP Revenue	\$ (1,347,935.82)	\$ (550,565.33)	\$ (1,898,501.15)	LCTOP
	4079 Measure R	\$ (2,264,681.28)	\$ (925,010.67)	(\$3,189,691.95)	Measure R Operating & Capital
	5835 Other Revenue	\$ (190,265.28)	\$ (77,713.99)	\$ (267,979.27)	Other/ Transit Media
	5873 Public Transit Fare	\$ (487,234.23)	\$ (199,011.17)	\$ (686,245.40)	Farebox, DR & Tpass
	5061 State SGR			\$ (1,404,296.67)	Sales
					SGR
	5054 State Revenue	\$ (5,100,571.05)	\$ (2,083,331.84)	\$ (7,183,902.89)	STA +TCRTA STA & SB125
					Total Increase By
		\$ (27,093,697.00)	\$ (11,066,439.62)	\$ (40,300,070.00)	\$(13,979,462.76)
EXPENSES	6000 Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Alloc. Sal.				Increase by \$25,515.02 due to position
					Reclassification of the Admin Clerk Series to TCRTA Transit
					Coordinator
	6001	\$ 840,525.06	\$ 343,313.05	\$ 1,183,838.11	
	6002 Overtime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	6003 Other Pay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	6004 Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	6005 Extra Help	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	6011 Retire-Co	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	6012 Soc Sec	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	6014 Pob	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	7000 Services	\$ 793,804.85	\$ 324,230.15	\$ 1,118,035.00	
	7005 Communicate	\$ 69,454.64	\$ 28,368.80	\$ 97,823.44	
	7007 Food	\$ 3,233.48	\$ 1,320.72	\$ 4,554.20	
	7010 General Liability Insurance	\$ 25,062.98	\$ 10,236.99	\$ 35,299.98	
	7021 Maint-Equip	\$ 1,744,200.05	\$ 712,419.74	\$ 2,456,619.79	
					Increased by \$65,000 for TOMF Security Cameras Updates
	7024 Maint-Bld-Im	\$ 67,982.50	\$ 27,767.50	\$ 95,750.00	
	7027 Membership	\$ 640.42	\$ 261.58	\$ 902.00	
	7028 Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 1,459.68	\$ 596.21	\$ 2,055.88	
	7036 Office Expen	\$ 33,743.01	\$ 13,782.36	\$ 47,525.37	
	7040 Courier	\$ 358.14	\$ 146.28	\$ 504.42	
	7043 Prof & Spec	\$ 8,742,790.48	\$ 3,570,998.93	\$ 12,313,789.41	
	7049 Professional Expenses-Other	\$ 27,731.64	\$ 11,327.01	\$ 39,058.65	
	7059 Pub & Leg No	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	7061 Rent & Lease-Equipment	\$ 73,361.80	\$ 29,964.68	\$ 103,326.48	
	7062 Rent& Lease-Building & Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	7066 Spc Dept Exp	\$ 202,487.42	\$ 82,706.13	\$ 285,193.55	
	7073 Training	\$ 12,216.55	\$ 4,989.86	\$ 17,206.41	
	7074 Trans & Trav	\$ 15,845.17	\$ 6,471.97	\$ 22,317.14	
	7081 Utilities	\$ 94,398.02	\$ 38,556.94	\$ 132,954.95	
	7106 Gas & Oil(Bulk) Motor Pool Pur	\$ 715,366.54	\$ 292,191.97	\$ 1,007,558.51	
	7130 EE Appreciation	\$ 436.65	\$ 178.35	\$ 615.00	
	7421 Int-Late Pay	\$ 282.54	\$ 115.40	\$ 397.95	
					Increase by \$300,000 for Litigation
	7720 Admin CNTY Legal Fees	\$ 244,252.78	\$ 99,765.22	\$ 344,018.00	
	8347 Other Vehicles	\$ 14,903,415.30	\$ 6,087,310.47	\$ 20,990,725.77	
Total Expenses		\$ 28,613,049.70	\$ 11,687,020.30	\$ 40,300,070.00	
Total Revenue				\$ (40,300,070.00)	
Current Balance				\$ (0.00)	

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Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM V-C

September 21, 2026

Prepared by Ashlee Compton, TCRTA Transit Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Action: Approve Reso 2026-036 TCRTA Loop Bus Policy

BACKGROUND:

The LOOP Bus program provides at-risk youth with no-cost transportation to activities that support mentoring, positive engagement, and gang-prevention efforts throughout Tulare County. The service is funded by Measure R and operates as a component of the County's Step-Up program.

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) currently administers the LOOP Bus program and manages the transportation application process, including the coordination of participant eligibility and transportation requests.

DISCUSSION:

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) supports the program by providing transit vehicles and operators through its contracted transit operator.

Following discussions with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), staff determined that the program could be administered more efficiently and streamlined by having TCRTA manage the application and scheduling processes. This approach would allow TCRTA to leverage its direct communication and coordination with the contracted transit operator.

Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors adopt the LOOP Bus Policy and Procedures, which establish the transportation application process, eligibility requirements, and applicable travel restrictions for LOOP Bus services.

Upon approval, TCRTA would assume responsibility for administering the program in-house, coordinating transportation services with the contracted transit operator, and determining eligibility for LOOP Bus transportation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 2026-036 TCRTA Loop Bus Policy

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2026-036 TCRTA Loop Bus Policy
2. TCRTA Loop Bus policy

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
APPROVING THE TCRTA LOOP BUS POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement, dated August 11, 2022, by and among the County of Tulare and the Cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Tulare, Woodlake, and the Tule River Tribe of California (each, a “Party” or “Member Agency”), established the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency, hereafter called “TCRTA”; and

WHEREAS, the LOOP Bus program provides at-risk youth with no-cost transportation to activities that support mentoring, positive engagement, and gang-prevention efforts throughout Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, the LOOP Bus program is funded by Measure R and operates as a component of the County’s Step-Up program; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) currently administers the LOOP Bus program and manages the transportation application process, including the coordination of participant eligibility and transportation requests; and

WHEREAS, TCRTA supports the LOOP Bus program by providing transit vehicles and operators through its contracted transit operator; and

WHEREAS, following discussions with HHSA, staff determined that the program could be administered more efficiently and streamlined by having TCRTA manage the application and scheduling processes, utilizing TCRTA’s direct communication and coordination with the contracted transit operator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed LOOP Bus Policy and Procedures establish the transportation application process, eligibility requirements, and applicable travel restrictions for LOOP Bus services; and

WHEREAS, upon approval, TCRTA will assume responsibility for administering the program in-house, coordinating transportation services with the contracted transit operator, and determining eligibility for LOOP Bus transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, hereby approves the TCRTA LOOP Bus Policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2026 by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency.

RESOLUTION: 2026-036

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion of _____ and seconded by _____ at a meeting thereof held on the 21st day of September 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed _____
Larry Micari/ Maribel Reynosa
Board Chair/ Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2026-036 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of September 2026.

Signed _____
Derek Winning
Executive Director

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THE LOOP BUS POLICY

Document control	Details
Agency	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) / RIDE Tulare County
Document owner	TCRTA Transit Coordinator
Version	1.0
Effective date	Upon approval
Approved by	TCRTA Executive Director
Review cycle	Annually and whenever governing requirements or agency practices change

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1. Purpose

The Loop Bus provides at-risk youth with free transportation to free activities that connect them to mentoring and gang prevention programs throughout Tulare County. The program is funded by Measure R and is part of the Step-Up program. The following Loop Bus Policy and Procedures were approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2018, per Resolution # 2018-0441. The purpose of this policy is to establish the eligibility requirements, application process, and operating procedures for requesting LOOP Bus transportation.

2. Scope

Requestors, Transit Coordinator and RIDE Tulare County Staff.

3. Policy

Requests to use the Loop Bus must be made via the online request application found at <https://ridetc.org/>.

Completed applications for service must be made at least four (4) weeks in advance of the requested service date to ensure adequate time for processing and required planning. Special circumstances will allow request approval under four (4) weeks.

Applications are able to be submitted up to three (3) months before the event date.

Incomplete applications will be denied. Applicant organizations may submit a new application after correcting any deficiencies, provided the request still meets all applicable submission deadlines.

Applicant organizations may only request use of the Loop Bus for one (1) date per application, this includes a return trip.

The Applicant Organization must demonstrate its mission and the trip requested further the Loop Bus purpose of providing transportation to free activities that connect at-risk youth to mentoring and gang prevention programs and activities within Tulare County. The following are indicators which the County will use to determine whether a youth is “at-risk”:

a. At-Risk Youth Eligibility Indicators

- The individual has “dropped out” of school.
- The individual is within the age of compulsory school attendance but has not attended school for at least the most recent school quarter.
- The individual is subject to the juvenile or adult justice system.

- The individual is homeless or is considered a runaway youth (defined as being away from home for one night for youth under 14 and for two more nights for youth fifteen or older), or a youth who is in foster care.
- The individual is eligible for assistance under section 477 of the Social Security Act.
- The individual is a youth who is pregnant or parenting;
- They have been diagnosed with a disability;
- The individual is an emancipated minor;
- The individual has been suspended five or more times, or who has been expelled from their academic institution;
- The individual has been documented by a school official as being at serious risk of dropping out of school;
- The individual has been referred to, or is being treated for, a substance abuse-related medical or behavioral condition.

b. Travel Parameters

- The Loop Bus is for travel within Tulare County. Travel outside of Tulare County is subject to Director Approval.
- Cannot go beyond 2000 ft. elevation in the mountains.
- Trips to Sequoia National Park are currently unavailable.

c. Calendar and Availability

- Applicants must check the Loop Bus Calendar before requesting a trip.
- There are two (2) Loop Buses available, per day. If there are two (2) appointments at the same time, the Loop Bus is booked and will not be available.
- Overbooked requests will be reviewed and the two (2) applicants who submitted the requests first will be approved and all subsequent requests will be denied.
- The exception to this rule is outlined under letter V of this policy.

d. Approval

- Applicants will be notified of the status of their request within one (1) week of submission.
- A confirmed Loop Bus trip means the bus has been reserved by Via Transit staff and the applicant has been notified via e-mail and phone call by Via Transit Staff.

e. Cancellation and Changes

- A confirmed Loop Bus trip must be canceled at least forty-eight (48) hours from the requested date of service. Individual must email loop@gotcrrta.org to cancel or make modifications to a trip.

- Any changes to a confirmed Loop Bus trip must be submitted at least one week prior to the requested date of service. Changes include adjustments to pick-up or drop-off locations, service dates, pick-up or return times, and adding or removing stops along the route.

f. No-Show

- A trip will be considered a no-show if the riders are not at the pick-up location within ten minutes of the requested pick-up time.
- An applicant organization will be notified of their No-Show status via e-mail sent from the TCRTA staff.
- The first No Show will cause the Loop Bus Transit staff to issue a written warning to the applicant.
- If an Applicant Organization has two (2) no-shows within three (3) months, the Applicant Organization will be temporarily suspended from using Loop Bus Services for six (6) months.
- For purposes of the no show policy, each Applicant Organization shall be determined by chapters or sites and not by Tax ID.

g. Special Circumstances and Prohibited Uses

- In the event that a confirmed trip must be cancelled due to inclement weather, or other natural disaster that will not allow the scheduled activity to occur, last-minute cancellations may be accommodated on a case-by-case basis by staff.
- School districts will be prohibited from requesting to use the Loop Bus for school-sanctioned events, such as ASB trips, FFA trips, band or choir performances, sports games, etc.
- In order to comply with the U.S. and California Constitutions, the Loop Bus shall not be used to transport persons to those religious activities whose sole intent consists of prayer, religious instruction, and/or proselytism.

h. Passenger Requirements

- Trips shall have at least four (4) passengers.
- If an organization has a need to transport less than the minimum number or more than one bus, special consideration will be given but will be approved on a case-by-case basis by staff.
- Trips shall have a maximum of twenty-five (25) passengers.
- This includes chaperones, per California Highway Patrol requirements.

i. Chaperone Requirements

- Chaperones are required to be present on the Loop Bus, at all times. Applicant Organizations must submit chaperone contact information which will be gathered at the time of the request. Applicant organizations are responsible for the supervision and conduct of all passengers during the trip.
- One chaperone is required for every twenty (20) students. If there are more than twenty (20) students, two (2) chaperones will be required.

j. Accessibility and Overnight Trips

- All Loop Buses are wheelchair accessible.
- Please note that the capacity of the bus changes if one of the passengers requires use of a wheelchair or any other large device.
- Overnight trips will not be permitted.
- Pick-up and drop-off dates must be on the same day.

k. Step Up Preference

- In order to support Step Up programming, the Loop Bus will give preference to Step Up related events and organizations; including, but not limited to: Youth Challenge, Summer Night Lights, and for organizations who are currently receiving Step Up Youth Activities grant funding.

l. Hours, School-Year Restrictions, and Holidays

- The Loop Bus may be requested for use within the following hours of operation: Weekdays: 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Weekends: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- During the academic school year, the Loop Bus MAY NOT be used during school instructional hours.
- For programs requesting during the instructional hours, the TCRTA staff will call and confirm if the request is during a scheduled minimum day. If a minimum day has been confirmed, the Transit
- Coordinator will inform Via Transportation: “Approved Loop Bus – Minimum Day”.
- The Loop Bus will be closed for service in observance of the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- The following holidays will operate on a Sunday schedule: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President’s Day, Veteran’s Day, the day after Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve.

m. Emergencies and Service Suspension

- In the event of an emergency or natural disaster which has necessitated the use of County buses or transit contractor staff for transportation communications, or evacuation purposes, Tulare County may suspend Loop Bus service for the duration of the emergency or natural disaster.

n. Required Forms and County Cancellation Authority

- The Applicant Organization is responsible for the consent and emergency information forms that are required to ride the Loop Bus. Transportation consent forms can be downloaded on the RIDE Tulare County website: <https://ridetc.org/>
- The County of Tulare reserves the right to cancel or terminate Loop Bus services up to five (5) business days prior to the scheduled service date with or without cause.
- O. Responsibility for Approval
- The Transit Coordinator or RIDE Tulare County Staff will be responsible for approving and/or denying the Loop Bus request within one week.

o. Application Information

- Individuals will go to <https://ridetc.org/> to apply for the use of the LOOP Bus.

Approved for Implementation and Distribution by:

Approval Signatures	
TCRTA Executive Director	Date
TCRTA Board Chair / Board Vice Chair	Date