

To: Biola Community Services District Board of Directors

From: Cruz Ramos, General Manager

Date: October 20, 2022

RE: Microtransit Staff Project Report

### **Background**

At the October 18, Board of Directors meeting, Mr. Moses Stites, General Manager Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) presented a new Microtransit program to the Board. The service will be operated by FCRTA's subcontractor MV Transportation. The program utilizes Chevy Bolt electric vehicles, with a Level 2 charger and an automatic electric powered gate at the District's parking lot.. Flyers in English, Spanish, Hmong and East Indian were translated and provided to the District staff for distribution and were distributed locally at stores, post office, school church and at the office.

### **Purpose**

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and MV Transportation Inc., have been actively working on hiring local drivers for this pilot program that provides residents with transportation to Fresno and Kerman as well as connecting to FCRTA route, FAX route and Clovis Transit.

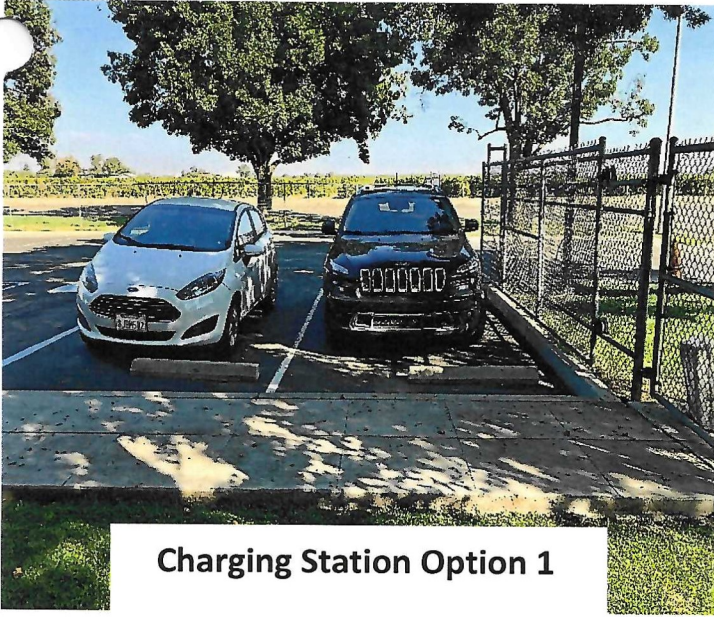
### **Summary**

FCRTA requests the Board approve the installation of an automated gate and Level 2 charger at no cost to the District other than the electricity cost to operate the charger. At a later point, solar panels and additional chargers may be installed depending on the success of this pilot program

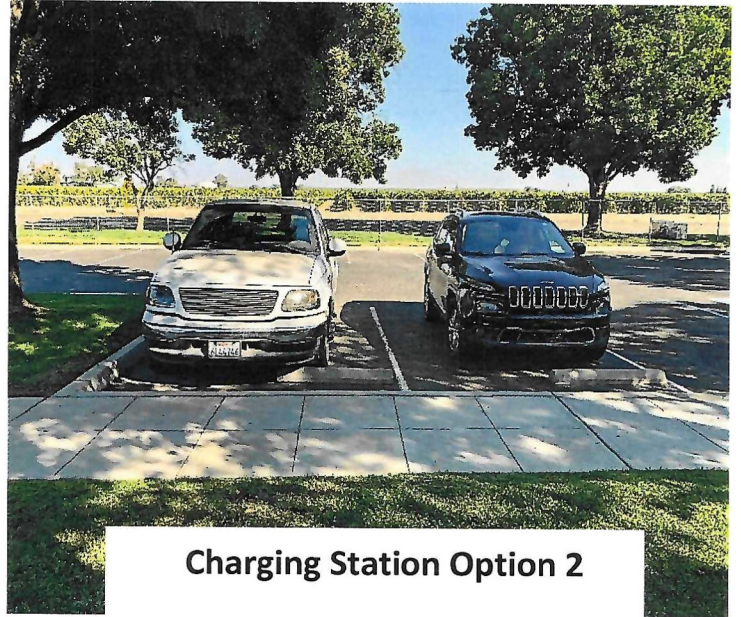
### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends serious consideration of the program's benefits: employment, and transportation for residents at the loss of 3 parking stalls. FCRTA has selected the stalls closest to the electrical panel: three directly in front of the gate on C street. The other two locations (**at additional cost to be paid by the district**) shown on the attachment are options presented by staff.

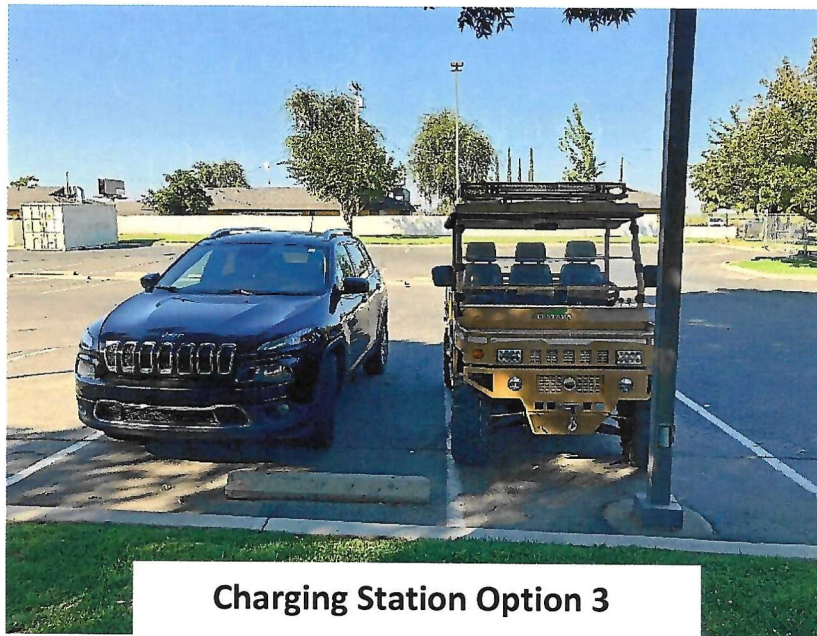
### **See attachment**



**Charging Station Option 1**



**Charging Station Option 2**



**Charging Station Option 3**





To better serve YOU...

FCRTA is introducing a new ride-share service in Biola beginning October 3rd!

This new service will be operated by MV Transportation. This microtransit service will provide rides for the Biola community into the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan area using a Chevy Bolt Electric Vehicle.



Additional Information:

- **Fares are being subsidized at 50% through a partnership with the League of Women Voters.** Fares are \$**10.00** round trip for the general public and \$**5.00** round trip for seniors, disabled, veterans and children, \$**1.50** for additional stops, ADA attendants ride for free.
- Service Hours are 6 days a week (Monday – Saturday) 7am-7pm (subject to driver availability).
- Call **1-855-612-5184** to request a ride.
- Rides require a 24 hour advance reservation.
- If you are interested in becoming a driver for this service call **1-855-612-5184**.