Oct 22, 2013

Mayor & Members of the City Council  
City of Fresno  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

Sub: Letter of support for BRT.

Dear Ma’am and Sir’s,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support to the proposed BRT of the Fresno Area Express. I understand that this will provide bus route service at shorter frequencies on the Blackstone-Kings Canyon corridor in the City of Fresno.

At Resources for Independence Central Valley, we have been providing service to persons with disabilities for over 36 years. As an agency RICV has promoted our community public transit systems; Fresno Area Express, Handy Ride and Rural Transit, that provide much or all of our consumers transportation needs.

In the community of persons with disabilities, transportation services stand as a need for many. Some of the features of the BRT that will be very welcome for our consumers are 10-15 minute frequencies, real-time passenger information at stops and stations and level boarding platforms for improved access for wheelchair users.

Further, I understand that passenger bus stops will be placed at half mile increments, and the existing bus routes 30 and 28 will be replaced by the BRT. Like all things new, there must be opportunity for all passengers to comment on this new addition the city’s transportation system.
For many consumers transit services is the connection to health, employment, education, shopping and to be mobile in their communities. As new transportation services like BRT are developed in our communities, our consumers are hopeful that such services will improve access to goods and services, and increase their independence. BRT is definitely going to be a positive feature that will impact many persons in the community.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert J. Hand
Executive Director