



# What's New At FAX - May 2019

*May 15, 2019*

## **Unmet Transit Needs**

The Fresno Council of Governments (COG) is required to complete an Unmet Transit Needs assessment for Fresno County annually. The purpose of the assessment is to determine whether or not there are any unmet transit needs that are “reasonable to meet,” before any funds are expended for non-transit uses.

To solicit additional comments, a public hearing is scheduled for the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting on

**Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.**

Fresno COG, the Sequoia Room  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201,  
Fresno, CA 93721.

Members of the public are welcome to come and inform us of their unmet transit

needs. All comments received will be incorporated into the 2019 Unmet Transit Needs Report.

## **Bus Pass Retailer Update - Bus Passes No Longer Sold at City Hall**

In addition to FAX passes being available at all of the ticket vending machines along the BRT, [they are also available through selected pass outlets](#). One such location was Fresno City Hall.

Effective May 15, 2019, FAX passes will no longer be sold at Fresno City Hall. A new automated ticket vending machine has been installed outside the first floor front doors of City Hall where passes will be sold.

FAX passes will continue to be available at remaining pass outlet locations and through automated ticket vending machines located at the BRT stations.

Handy Ride passes are available at Manchester Transit Center at Shields and Blackstone and by US Mail.

## **The 'FAX 101' YouTube Video now available in Spanish**

Do you know someone who needs to learn how to use FAX and only speaks Spanish? Well, you are in luck as we recently released a new 'FAX 101' video in Spanish.

The 'FAX 101' video teaches new transit riders how to use the FAX fixed-route

transit system. The video shows people how to use the automated ticket vending machines, how to transfer buses, how to use the MyFAXBus App, and more.

Forward it to your friends and family!



## **City Council approves the Southern Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Strategy**

On Thursday, May 2, 2019, the Fresno City Council unanimously approved the Southern Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Strategy. The City of Fresno's General Plan envisions the revitalization of the central core area and of corridors leading into the Downtown. With Blackstone Avenue serving as the first phase of FAX's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, the Smart Mobility Strategy builds upon the BRT and focuses street improvements such as dedicated bike lanes, more spacious sidewalks, and shade-producing street trees, on Blackstone Avenue between Dakota Avenue Highway 180. The first phase of the project would be focused between Manchester Transit Center and Fresno Community College.



In a distressed community where the poverty rate is 34% compared to 29% for the City, the City seeks to promote revitalization and transit-oriented development (TOD), in part by changing zoning requirements from auto-oriented commercial zoning designations to pedestrian-oriented mixed-use zoning.

Additional strategies include:

Reduce the posted speed limit from 40 miles per hour to 30

- Make pedestrian and bicycle-friendly intersection improvements
- Install street trees in sidewalks and medians
- Install high quality street lighting
- Add bicycle facilities and parking amenities in close proximity to BRT stops
- Reduce travel lanes in certain portions of the corridor to make room for wider sidewalks and a separated bike line.

While approved, funding for the project is not yet included in the City's budget. Funding will be identified through grant applications.



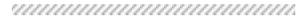
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