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What's New at FAX, August 2021

August 12, 2021

FAX Title VI Fare Equity Analysis and Public Outreach Dates, Locations, and Times

Starting on September 1, 2021, FAX will resume collecting fares. Our regular fare will be reduced from \$1.25 per ride to \$1. Other fares are being reduced accordingly. As a result, FAX will be conducting a Title VI Fare Equity Analysis to ensure that changes to the transit fares are consistent with Title VI policies defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Beginning Friday, August 13, 2021, FAX will conduct 14 pop-up events at the most heavily utilized bus stops within the FAX fixed-route transit network and one Virtual Workshop on [Fresno FAX's Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/FresnoFax/) (<https://www.facebook.com/FresnoFax/>) and [YouTube Page](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf86Tg-d0t-laoeNBvXi07w) (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf86Tg-d0t-laoeNBvXi07w>) to engage with the public and receive feedback. Pop-up and virtual workshop dates, times, and locations are listed below:

Friday, August 13, 2021

- Inspiration Park: 10:30 a.m., served by Route 12
- Riverside-El Paseo: 1 p.m., served by Routes 3 and 20
- Brawley-Walmart: 2:30 p.m., served by Routes 9, 12, and 20

Monday, August 16, 2021

- Walnut-California: 2 p.m., served by Route 38

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

- Cedar-Ventura BRT Station: 9 a.m., served by Routes 1 and 38
- Weldon-Blackstone BRT Station: 1 p.m., served by Routes 1 and 20

Thursday, August 19, 2021

- Cedar-Shaw: 12 noon, served by Routes 9 and 38

Monday, August 23, 2021

- Manchester Transit Center: 10 a.m., served by Routes 1, 28, 41

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

- A & B Shelters at Courthouse Park & Van Ness BRT Station: 9 a.m., served by Routes 1, 22, 26, 28, 32, and 34
- El Paso-Blackstone BRT Station: 12:30 p.m., served by Routes 1, 26, 32, 38, and 58

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

- Shaw-Blackstone BRT Station: 10 a.m., served by Routes 1 and 9
- Live Virtual Workshop: 5 p.m., [Fresno FAX Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Page](#)

Thursday, August 26, 2021

- L Shelter at Courthouse Park: 9 a.m., served by Routes 22, 26, 32, 34, and 38

Monday, August 30, 2021

- Clovis-Kings Canyon BRT Station: 8:30 a.m., served by Routes 1 and 22
- Chestnut-Kings Canyon BRT Station: 10:30 a.m., served by Routes 1 and 41

We hope to see you there!

Fares to be reinstated starting September 1, 2021

Fares will be reinstated in the City of Fresno, starting on September 1st. The regular base fare throughout the City will be \$1. In addition:

- Reduced fares are available for seniors, people with disabilities, and Medicare card holders, with valid ID.
- Children 12 and younger ride free.
- Active military and veterans ride for free, with valid ID.
- 31-day passes and 10 Ride Cards are available at discounted rates.
- Handy Ride fares will cost \$1.25.



Fixed Route Fares:

Cash Fare - One Way.....	\$1.00
Cash Fare - One Way - Reduced Fare*.....	.50¢
1 Ride Card.....	\$1.00
1 Ride Card - Reduced Fare*.....	.50¢
10 Ride Card.....	\$9.00
10 Ride Card - Reduced Fare*.....	\$4.50
31-Day Pass.....	\$36.00
<i>Unlimited rides.</i>	
31-Day Reduced Fare* Pass.....	\$18.00
<i>Unlimited rides.</i>	

Transfers

All fares entitled to one free transfer. Transfers may be used for a maximum of two bus changes.

*Reduced Fare

Seniors (65 years or older) with valid ID.

People with disabilities with valid ID.

Medicare card holders with valid ID.

Handy Ride*:

Basic Rate for ADA-Certified Persons - One-Way.....	\$1.25
Monthly Flash Pass for ADA-Certified Persons**.....	\$36.00

**Personal care attendants ride free when accompanying an ADA-certified person who has paid the appropriate fare.*

***Maximum 60 one-way trips per month.*

Children 12 and younger.....**FREE**
Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Active Military and Veterans with valid ID.....**FREE**



To learn more about the fare changes:

- Visit www.fresno.gov/lower-fares/;
- Attend a Live Virtual Workshop on [Fresno FAX's Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/FresnoFax/) (<https://www.facebook.com/FresnoFax/>) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf86Tg-d0t-laoeNBvXi07w) page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf86Tg-d0t-laoeNBvXi07w>) on **Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 5 p.m.**; or
- Come to a FAX pop-up event at one of the 14 locations listed above.

Remember: Mask-up on FAX buses to help keep our passengers and drivers healthy.

Participate in Fresno's ADA Self-Evaluation Update

The City of Fresno has undertaken a comprehensive re-evaluation of its policies and programs to determine the extent to which individuals with disabilities may be restricted in their access to services and activities. The ADA states that a public entity must provide programs, activities, and services in such a way as to avoid discrimination against people with disabilities. This action plan outlines the City's objectives for the next five years for removing barriers to access programs, services, and activities.

To download the document, visit www.fresno.gov/ada. To request alternate formats, contact Shannon.Mulhall@Fresno.gov or call (559) 621-8650.

FAX is Rolling out its First Two 100% Electric Buses!

FAX is going green! Check out our new [YouTube video](#) showcasing our two fully electric FAX buses, which are hitting the road in the coming weeks and are the first of many zero emission vehicles making their way to the streets of Fresno.



Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer, Assistant City Manager Greg Barfield, Assistant Department Director Brian Barr, and Administrative Manager Belinda McMillan- Haener gather at the press conference announcing new electric buses for FAX.

The new FAX electric buses are 40 feet long, 100% electric with zero tail pipe emissions, and can seat up to 35 persons. They have an estimated range of 180 to 195 miles per charge, and a fuel economy rating up the 23.5 MPGe. Although completely silent, the buses will have low speed artificial noise generators for pedestrian awareness.

Over the next 10 to 20 years, FAX is converting its entire fleet of vehicles to zero-emission. As a result, we will be upgrading our infrastructure to support electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Forty-six bus chargers are on order, with each bus charger

consuming 3 Megawatts of power during non-peak hours. The chargers will all be housed at the FAX maintenance yard and have a charge time of approximately four hours.

As you can imagine, the transition to electric does not come cheap. This project is made possible through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the State of California Transit Intercity and Rail Capital Program grants. Additional support is coming from the PG&E's Electric Vehicle (EV) Fleet program in the form of infrastructure to support the 3 MW load and other financial incentives to purchase electric buses and bus chargers.



FAX equipment Supervisor Frank Adam Peter sets up an electric bus to recharge.



The first of several FAX electric buses drives into a recharging bay at the operations yard for the City of Fresno.

FAX electric buses will be used for much more than providing transportation and keeping the air clean. They are also being used for workforce development. FAX in partnership with Fresno City College has secured grant funding to develop an Advanced Propulsion Training Campus at the College's new West Satellite campus to provide training to maintain the increasing fleet of zero emission vehicles on the Valley's roads.

FAX is proud to be doing our part to provide transit service to the residents of Fresno and improve the quality of our air.

A reminder about COVID-19 rules at FAX

In January 2021, President Joe Biden signed [Executive Order 13998](#) imposing a mask requirement for all travelers on U.S. public transportation systems, including rail, van, bus, and motorcoach services, to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. The [Transportation Security Administration](#) (TSA) has extended face mask requirements across all transportation networks through September 13, 2021.

As a courtesy, we remind our passengers about FAX rules that help protect riders and drivers.

Passengers are required to wear facial coverings at all times, as are visitors to any indoor transit facilities like the FAX Handy Ride office. FAX and Handy Ride continue to operate on a regular schedule. Passenger capacity restrictions were lifted on Monday, June 21, 2021, for both FAX and Handy Ride.



For fixed-route service, FAX requests passenger to self-screen; for Handy Ride, screenings are conducted at the time of reservation and again when boarding the vehicles.

Do not board the bus if you:

- Have a fever (100.4F), feel warm, or feel chills
- Have a persistent cough, sore throat, or runny nose
- Have had contact or spent time with a suspected or

known COVID-19-infected individual.

If you meet any of these conditions, go home immediately and self-isolate.

We are using Facebook ([facebook.com/FresnoFAX/](https://www.facebook.com/FresnoFAX/)) and Twitter (twitter.com/FresnoFAX) at "@FresnoFAX" to communicate the latest information related to COVID-19. For additional detailed information, please visit the City of Fresno website at www.fresno.gov and the FAX website at www.fresno.gov/FAX.

