



TRANSIT & THE UNHOUSED

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TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY

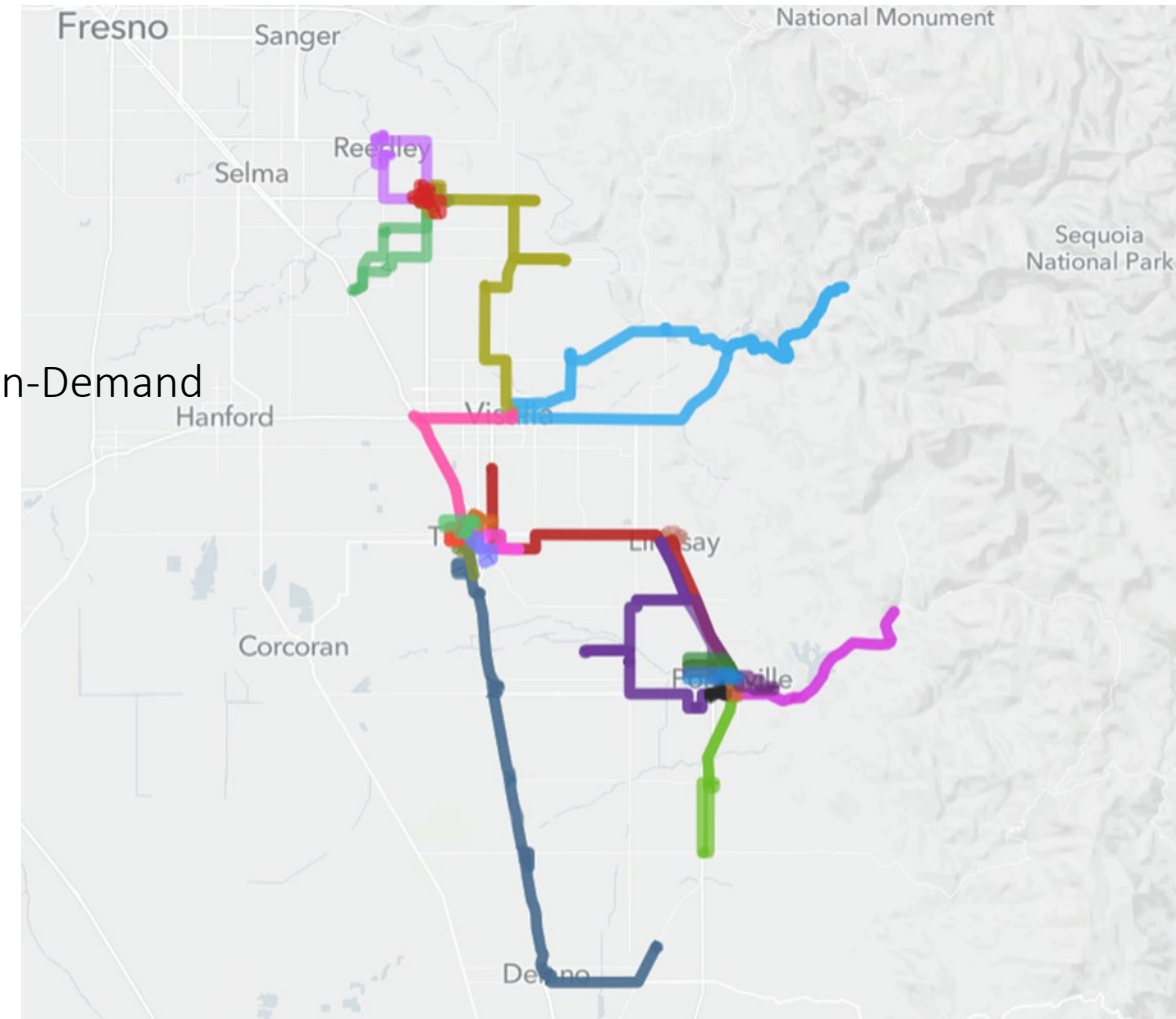
INTRODUCTION

ABOUT TCRTA

- Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
- Joint Powers Agency formed in 2020
- 9 Member Agencies
- 27 Fixed and Commuter Routes, ADA Paratransit, On-Demand
- 4 Transit Centers with 2 Additional Under Design

SPEAKER

- Richard Tree
- Executive Director
- 23 Years of Experience



ROAD MAP

1. Why transit systems are attractive to homeless individuals
2. Challenges for Transit Providers
3. Call to Action





WHY ARE TRANSIT
SYSTEMS ATTRACTIVE
TO HOMELESS
INDIVIDUALS?

TRANSIT FACILITIES PROVIDE BASIC NEEDS

Transit Centers

- Warming Centers
- Cooling Centers
- Drying Centers
- Police Presence
- Food & Clothing Donations
- Public Restrooms



Transit Buses

- Warm Centers
- Cooling Centers
- Drying Centers
- Police Presence
- Food & Clothing Donations
- Mobility



“HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WOULD RATHER BE AT TRANSIT FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY ARE PROTECTED BY POLICE.”

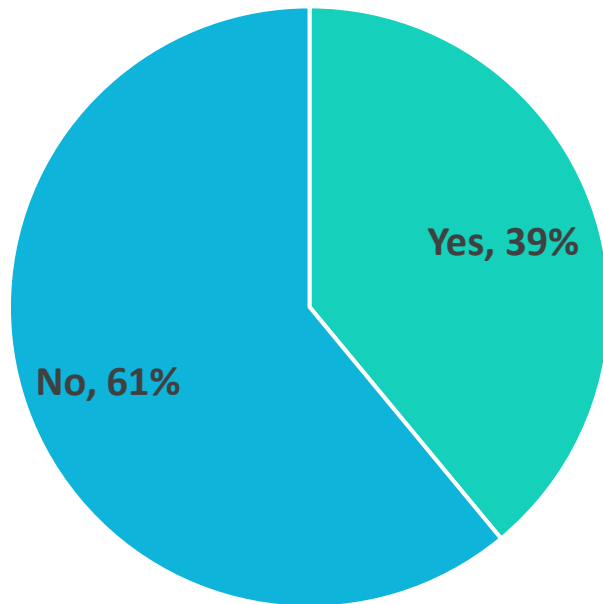
GARY DENAMEN, NEW JERSEY TRANSIT POLICE OFFICER

IMPACT ON TRANSIT

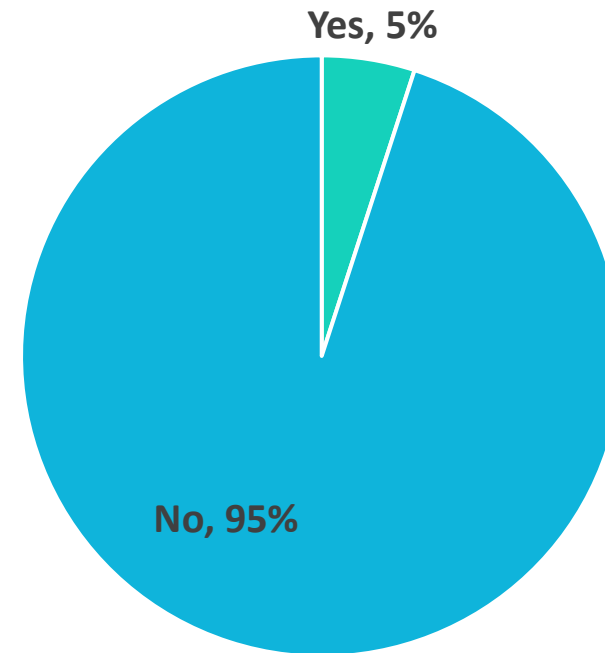
- Impacts All Agencies
- Visible
- Increased Expenses
- Operator Training
- 78% Say Impacts Ridership
- 100% Desire To Be A Part of Collective Solutions

SURVEY FINDINGS: RESOURCES

Does Your Agency Have A Homeless Outreach Program or Partner With Any Community Organizations?



Does Your Agency Have Budget Allocated for Issues Related to Homelessness?



*APTA Mobility Conference 2019

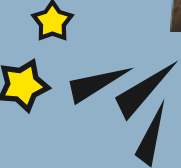
CALL TO ACTION

1. Treat All Individuals with Dignity & Respect
2. Incorporate Outreach with Law Enforcement
3. Align Transit Service with Social Service Destinations
4. Partner with Local & Private for Funding Opportunities
5. Develop Creative Solutions

An illustration of four diverse young adults standing in a row. From left to right: a woman with long dark hair wearing a light blue collared shirt and pants, carrying a black backpack and holding a folder; a man with short dark hair wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark pants, carrying a black backpack and holding a folder; a woman with long light brown hair wearing a dark blue t-shirt and dark pants, carrying a black backpack; and a man with short dark hair wearing a dark blue t-shirt and dark pants, carrying a black bag and holding a folder. They are standing in front of three large, stylized trees with blue foliage. The background is white with a pattern of small blue dots. At the bottom, there are small blue leafy branches on the left and right sides.

Community Care Coalition

Connecting Communities





INCREASED MOBILITY

INCREASED REVENUES

ON-DEMAND

- Concierge Service
- Integrated Trip Management
- Rapid Response





“WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES.”

DAVE DAVLIN, CALACT 2023



THANK YOU