

Letter - BRT is reckless spending

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On a daily basis I ask myself, "Who is running the city of Fresno?" Those in charge remind me of unsupervised children selecting huge stacks of toys to take home with no idea of the cost or if the parents can afford them.

This time the mayor and City Council believe spending \$50 million in federal and state grants to bring the high-speed bus to our doorsteps (with \$2.3 million a year in operating costs) is much needed. Yet we teeter on the verge of bankruptcy.

Supposedly this bus will cut down on air pollution. But, with these buses pushing buttons to hold the traffic green so that they can speed on through, there will be thousands of cars idling -- the very thing that pollutes our air.

I urge everyone to mark your calendars for 5 p.m. Thursday for the council meeting on this bus issue. This is our city, and it is up to us to stop reckless spending. When is enough enough?

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