

LETTER - Creative Fresno backs BRT

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The Creative Fresno board believes approval of Bus Rapid Transit is important to Fresno because:

BRT is a critical part of the city's General Plan Update. The cost of preparing another update if BRT is not approved will be up to \$3 million (that we don't have) and puts the city at risk of being sued for delaying General Plan implementation.

Fresnans pay out lots in taxes. It is time that we get our share back. The \$50 million set aside for Fresno's BRT will just go to another city if we don't use it. We deserve our share.

Young people want to live in urban cities where they have the option to take public transit or drive. We often lose our best and brightest graduates to other cities. Please help reverse "Brain Drain" and keep these valuable current (and future) talented employees.

BRT will help air quality. We are making steady progress, but future population gains projected for the area will negate these successes if we don't now implement BRT.

Our citizens need to have other modes of transportation. Fresno currently doesn't have many options and BRT would help provide another viable choice.

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Read more here: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/01/29/3740351/creative-fresno-backs-brt.html#storylink=cpy>