

The Dispatch

*"Provide Safe and Reliable Transportation by Promoting
Improved Coordination and Consolidation of Available Resources"*

Fresno EOC Transit News

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Spotlight on Partnership



Fresno Metro Ministry's **Children's Garden Program** engages 4th through 6th grade students with hands-on

education and cultural activities about gardening and farming, mindfulness, team building, research, and self-awareness. In addition, students will learn about permaculture farming practices, soil health, and environmental health.

Fresno EOC Transit Services played an important role in our summer garden program. Drivers transported students from select schools to the community gardens and farms where the programs were held. We are grateful for this wonderful service as it helps us provide a meaningful experience to broaden students' horizons and expand their skills and knowledge.

We currently have three garden program sessions to offer students. During the academic school year, we offer two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring, where we work with children in 4th through 6th grades afterschool. We also offer summer sessions for children in 4th through 6th grade.

Spots are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If your school or student's school is interested, please call Fresno Metro Ministry at (559) 485-1416 for more information.

Free Meals for Kids During the Winter Break Beginning December 19th



Fresno EOC Food Services will launch its **Winter Meals for Kids** program providing free meals for children during the winter break from school to 5 locations in rural areas of Fresno County and 5 locations in the City of Fresno with our two Food Express buses. Any kids ages 18 years and younger are invited to come on out and enjoy a nutritious meal on weekdays at no charge, regardless of their immigration status or their family income, are welcome. According to latest guidelines from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, face masks are not required upon entrance to the bus.

Meals will be available during the three-week period from December 19 through January 6 when children are out of school. There will be no meal service on December 26, January 2, or on weekends.

Food Services prepares and provides healthy and delicious meals in appropriate portion sizes. These lunches must meet strict nutrition guidelines issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the California Department of Education.

According to the latest data from [Feeding America](#), more than 64,000 children in Fresno County were food insecure in 2020. When regular school is not in session, some children may not have access to nutritious meals. Jon Escobar, Fresno EOC Food Services Director, says, "We saw a need and launched the mobile winter meals program in 2019. Last year,

we served 1,355 meals to kids during the three-week period. We want to make sure they continue to get fed when schools are closed.”

You can view all of the meal service sites and bus delivery schedules here: www.fresnoeoc.org/food-services.

Child Check-Mate Security Systems In All Transit Systems Buses



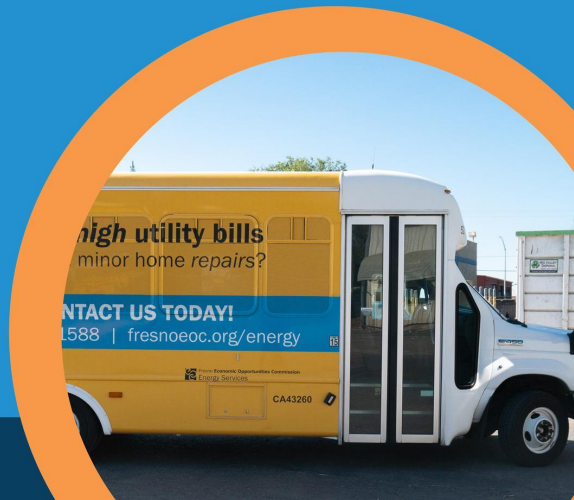
Fresno EOC Transit Systems is committed to the safety of all our passengers. In addition to 29 Head Start buses, we recently invested nearly \$50,000 to complete installation of Child Check-Mate Systems in an additional 45 buses. The unique alarm system acts as an electronic reminder to drivers, helping to ensure all clients safely disembark the vehicle upon the completion of each run.

The system was designed by drivers for drivers. The collaborative efforts of these drivers, a concerned operator, and a talented bus mechanic made the idea a reality.



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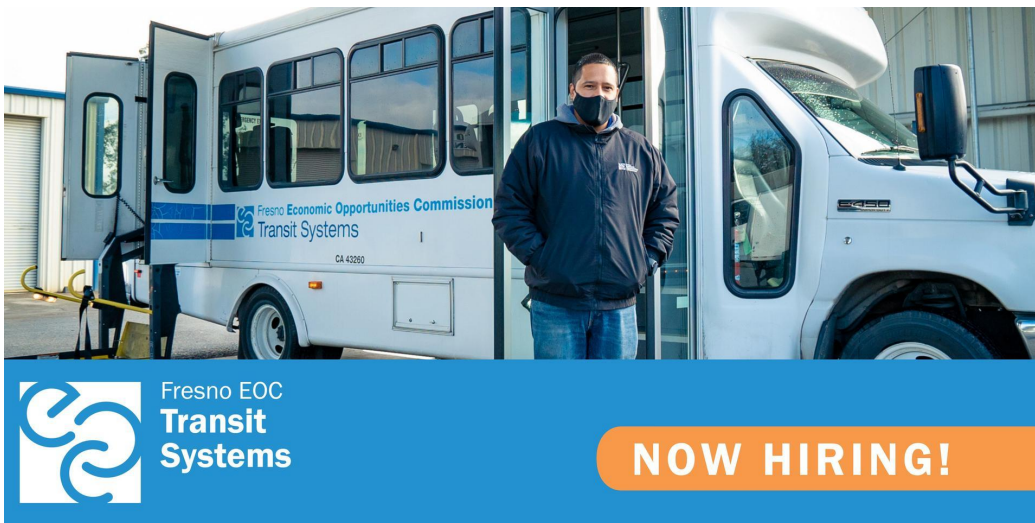


Ever wonder how a business can spread its message or show off its product through multiple neighborhoods in just a few hours? It's easy. Fresno EOC Transit Systems is creating rolling billboards. Transit Systems is now in the business of wrapping buses, whether it is just one side of the bus or a full wrap, which is three sides. Let us "Drive Your Message Forward." Give us a call today at 800-235-7433. To view our competitive prices [click here](#).

Transit Services Employee Recognition - Sam Sapien, Maintenance Technician



For more than 33 years, Sam Sapien has been a part of the Fresno EOC Transit Systems team. He began working with Transit Systems as a Maintenance Technician in July of 1988 and moved his way up to school bus mechanic. Sam's work with keeping Fresno EOC Head Start busses on the road is second to none; his knowledge and craftsmanship make him one of the best in the industry. Sam says he loves helping people and giving back to the community in any way he can. He served in the U.S. Army as a Demolition Engineer. Sam says he plans to stay with Fresno EOC for many years to come.



For more information visit our [job board](#) or call (559) 486-6587

Now Hiring - 30+ Positions Available

Fresno EOC Transit Systems and Food Services are excited to host a Job fair next month on Wednesday, January 18th! Job seekers interested in a career will have an opportunity for on-the-spot interviews and may receive a conditional job offer from Transit Systems. Transit Systems needs Para-Transit, School Bus Drivers, and a Vehicle Detailer. Driver applicants must have a valid Class B license and Passenger Endorsement. To apply online, click here: <https://fresnoeoc.org/careers/>

We hope you will join us between 10AM – 2PM at our facility located at 3100 W. Nielsen Avenue, Fresno, California 93706.



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JOB FAIR

Fresno EOC is a community-benefit organization, the largest non-profit in Fresno County.
Helping people and changing lives since 1965!

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- » Food Production Worker/ Driver
- » Site Monitor
- » School Meal Liaison

» Transit Systems

- » Para Transit Driver
- » School Bus Driver
- » Vehicle Detailer (Madera)

» Competitive Benefits

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- » Onsite Applications & Interviews
- » Onsite Contingent Job Offers
- » Free Parking

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New Partnership with Fresno Unified School District

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Fresno Unified School District

Fresno EOC Transit Systems launched a new partnership with Fresno Unified School District to give more than 250 students access to participating business within the City of Fresno. Beginning Tuesday, January 10th, Transit Systems will provide transportation services for the College and Career Readiness Department. Students will participate in a school-day internship as part of their Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway. These CTE students will be transported to 75+ internship sites to engage with industry professionals who can provide challenging and relevant work experiences. In addition, students will be mentored by leaders in their chosen industries and gain critical skills for the modern workforce.

**Message From Fresno EOC Transit Systems Director,
Thomas Dulin**



Dear Clients and Partners,

This time of year, we tend to get busy with the everyday hustle and bustle of life. We are on the road more this time of year, with gatherings, and shopping for our loved ones. With all this extra driving we need to ensure our vehicle is roadworthy.

Driving safely begins before you even get on the road.

Regular tune-ups and maintenance are the starting point for safe driving year-round. In winter, pay special attention to your vehicle's battery, wipers, coolant, tires, and other systems that can take a beating when the temperature drops. Vehicles break down, and any of us can get caught out in the elements. Make sure your vehicle is stocked to help you out of trouble or keep you safe until help arrives. Keep blankets, flashlights, jumper cables, and flares or emergency lights in your vehicle. Even if you don't need them, they can be used to help someone in need on the road. We at Transit care for the safety of others, and we want to express to everyone to have a Happy Holidays, but also to be safe.

Thomas Dulin

Thomas Dulin,
Fresno EOC Transit Systems Director

Resources for Riders

Need Transportation? Take a look at the variety of services we provide, including Taxi scrip and rides to community centers. [Learn More](#)

Partnering Organizations

[California State University,](#)

[Fresno Athletic Corporation](#)

[The Arc Fresno](#)

[Fresno County Department of Social Services \(CalWORKs\)](#)

[Central Valley Regional Center](#)

[Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health](#)

[Fresno Council of Governments](#)

[Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging](#)

Internal Partners

Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5

Fresno EOC Food Services



Let us drive your clients

We keep you moving! Are you an organization in need of a transportation partner? Take a look at the contracted services we have to offer.

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Transit Systems offers charter rental services providing safe, convenient and affordable group transportation. We have commercial van, shuttle bus, and school bus rentals in our inventory, suitable for a variety of purposes.

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