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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON REAR-FACING WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT SYSTEM OPTION FOR LOCAL TRANSIT BUSES

February 21, 2019, Marysville, CA – Yuba-Sutter Transit and the FREED Center for Independent Living will be hosting two workshops on Thursday, February 28, 2019 to demonstrate a new automatic rear-facing wheelchair securement system for possible use on local fixed route buses. While these workshops are open to anyone, those who use a wheelchair for a mobility device are especially encouraged to attend to experience the new system and provide feedback before a commitment is made to install them on Yuba-Sutter Transit's order of eleven replacement local fixed route buses.

The Quantum from Q'Straint is the first system in the world that gives complete independence to mobility passengers; enabling them to secure themselves without driver assistance in less than 25 seconds with the simple push of a button. It takes several minutes to do the same thing in a normal forward facing securement system and this time can vary significantly depending on a number of variables, but it always requires the direct and sometimes awkward assistance from the bus driver.

The February 28^{th} workshops will be held in open house format from 11:00 a.m. to Noon in the Yuba County Government Center parking lot behind the transit center at I and Ninth Streets in Marysville and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the FREED Independent Living Center parking lot at 508 J Street in Marysville.

Please contact Yuba-Sutter Transit at <u>info@yubasuttertransit.com</u> or at (530) 634-6880 for more workshop information or click on the following link for more information including videos on the Quantum system: <u>https://www.qstraint.com/quantum/</u>.