

KINGS COUNTY AREA PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY
Board of Directors
Special Meeting (Time and Place)

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Meeting Date: April 27, 2022
Time: 2:00 PM
In Person: City of Hanford Council Chambers
400 N Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230
Virtual: <https://www.kartbus.org/category/board/>
Phone: (415) 655-0003
Participant Code: 2460 119 5731#

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HYBRID MEETING AGENDA

KINGS COUNTY AREA PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

California Governor Galvin Newsom signed into Law AB 361 on September 16, 2021, relating to the convening of public agency meetings via teleconference in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this authority, the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency will convene its public meetings via video and teleconference. Pursuant to AB 361, and as advised by local Health Officials, The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency, Agency staff, and interested members of the public may attend the meeting in person.

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<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1.	CALL TO ORDER <i>Roll Call – Clerk of the Board</i>	
2.	UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE <i>Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda or on any other topics of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Five (5) minutes are allowed for each item.</i>	
3.	CONSENT ITEMS <i>All items listed as consent items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any discussion of any consent item will be removed at the request of any Board member and made a part of the regular agenda.</i>	ACTION
	A. Summary Minutes of Meeting March 23, 2022 B. Finding of Necessity and Reaffirming Resolution No. 22-03 C. KART Operational Statistics D. Adopt Resolution 22-08 Authorizing Executive Director to apply for 5311 Funds	
4.	PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON SERVICE CHANGES/MODIFICATION (Open Hearing/Receive Testimony/Close Hearing/ Approve)	ACTION
5.	ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-09 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM COMPETITIVE FUNDS AND COMMITMENT OF FUNDS	ACTION
6.	UPDATE ON WATER KIOSK AT TERMINAL	INFORMATION
7.	MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF	INFORMATION

Attachments:

- A – MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2022
- B – RESOLUTION 22-08
- C – RESOLUTION 22-09

STAFF REPORT

3. CONSENT ITEM:

A. Summary Minutes of Meeting March 23, 2022

B. Finding of Necessity and Reaffirming Resolution No. 22-03

On October 27, 2021, the Board began holding public meetings under the abbreviated teleconference provisions of AB361. To continue holding teleconferenced meetings under these provisions, the Board must find within thirty (30) days and every thirty (30) days thereafter that the conditions necessary to invoke such provisions continue to exist.

Staff recommends that the KCAPTA Board reaffirm all facts and findings in Resolution No 22-03, authorizing the KCAPTA Board to continue to meet by remote teleconference, subject to the requirements of Assembly Bill 361.

C. KART Operational Statics

The Transportation Development Plan (TDP) for Kings County establishes operational performance standards for KCAPTA transit operations. Staff uses these standards to evaluate specific needs for transit services and develop plans for improvements and service revision. Monthly, Staff evaluates KCAPTA operational performance and compares them to the standards set in the TDP. Performance monitoring is also required as part of our Title VI Program.

Per KCAPTA Title VI Program (June 2019-2022), on-time performance and farebox recovery rates should be reported monthly to the Board. Monitoring and reporting of these standards allow Staff and the Board to ensure operational practices do not result in discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. In the past, this was information included in the Annual Financial Report; however, it was noted in our review of our Title IV Program that this information should be reported to the Board monthly. Below is our YTD (Fiscal Year 2021/2022) farebox recovery and on-time performance by route and service type.

ROUTE	FAREBOX % (Standard 15%)	ON-TIME PERFORMANCE (Standard 85%)
1	Hanford Routes 6.33%	95.63%
2		98.08%
3		98.42%
4		98.31%
5		98.52%
6		96.86%
7		96.86%
8		98.58%
9		96.89%
12	6.32%	94.73%
13	4.50%	93.27%
14	4.50%	97.10%
15	11.00%	96.18%
17	8.66%	96.75%
20	6.95%	98.37%
PARATRANSIT	7.84%	
FLEX ROUTE	5.60%	

Due to the effects that COVID has had on ridership, the KART system is not meeting the required 15% farebox recovery. The State of California has waived this requirement until the end of FY 2023.

D. Adopt Resolution 22-08 Authorizing Executive Director to apply for 5311 Funds

Staff is requesting the Board adopt Resolution 22-08 Authorizing the Executive Director to submit requests for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Funding to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). FTA Section 5311 funds are used for operation and capital projects in the rural areas served by transit agencies. KCAPTA uses these funds for our rural transportation system’s operation and capital costs.

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON SERVICE CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS (Mark Pedreiro):

Each year staff evaluates each route to determine service efficiency and effectiveness. Service efficiency maximizes the level of services that can be provided within the financial resources associated with the provision of transit services; service effectiveness maximizes the ridership potential of KART service.

Staff recommends the following service and fare changes effective July 1, 2022:

Route 14 Laton – Schedule Change

- Route 14 Laton A.M. run time will leave 15 minutes earlier from its current schedule to make the transition between Route 13 Corcoran A.M. and Route 14 Laton A.M. more efficient. Route 13 and Route 14 share the same bus and will now have a 5-minute layover instead of a 20-minute layover.
- Route 14 Laton P.M. run time will leave 25 minutes later from its current schedule to make the transition between Route 13 Corcoran P.M. and Route 14 Laton P.M. more efficient. Route 13 and Route 14 share the same bus and will now have a 5-minute layover instead of a 30-minute layover.

Route 14 Laton	BUS STOP	MONDAY - FRIDAY		Route 14 Laton	BUS STOP	MONDAY - FRIDAY	
		AM	PM			AM	PM
	PROPOSED ROUTE SCHEDULE				CURRENT ROUTE SCHEDULE		
1	KART Transfer Center	8:40	2:25	1	KART Transfer Center	8:55	2:00
2	Lacey @ Carls Jr	8:40	2:25	2	Lacey @ Carls Jr	8:55	2:00
3	Lacey @ Government Center	8:40	2:25	3	Lacey @ Government Center	8:55	2:00
4	Lacey & Mall Drive	8:45	2:30	4	Lacey & Mall Drive	9:00	2:05
5	Lacey @ Centennial Plaza	8:45	2:30	5	Lacey @ Centennial Plaza	9:00	2:05
6	De Woody @ Post Office	9:00	2:45	6	De Woody @ Post Office	9:15	2:20
7	Latonia & Gosner	9:05	2:50	7	Latonia & Gosner	9:20	2:25
8	Dennis & Mt Whitney	9:05	2:50	8	Dennis & Mt Whitney	9:20	2:25
9	Paloma & Renn	9:05	2:50	9	Paloma & Renn	9:20	2:25
10	Murphy & Fatima	9:05	2:50	10	Murphy & Fatima	9:20	2:25
11	Murphy & Gosner	9:05	2:50	11	Murphy & Gosner	9:20	2:25
12	2nd & Excelsior	9:15	3:00	12	2nd & Excelsior	9:30	2:35
13	Johnson & 1st	9:15	3:00	13	Johnson & 1st	9:30	2:35
14	1st & Excelsior	9:15	3:00	14	1st & Excelsior	9:30	2:35
15	Lacey & Aldi (Drop Only)	9:25	3:10	15	Lacey & Centennial (Drop Only)	9:40	2:45
16	Lacey @ Hanford Mall (Drop Only)	9:25	3:10	16	Lacey @ Hanford Mall (Drop Only)	9:40	2:45
17	Lacey @ Pediatrics (Drop Only)	9:30	3:15	17	Lacey @ Pediatrics (Drop Only)	9:45	2:50
18	Lacey @ Chubby's (Drop Only)	9:30	3:15	18	Lacey @ Chubby's (Drop Only)	9:45	2:50
19	Lacey & Greenfield (Drop Only)	9:30	3:15	19	Lacey & Greenfield (Drop Only)	9:45	2:50
1	KART Transfer Center	9:35	3:20	1	KART Transfer Center	9:50	2:55

Route 17 Fresno - Southbound Schedule Change

- Route 17 Fresno Southbound run time will leave 15 minutes earlier from its current schedule to make the transition between Route 17 Fresno South and Route 15 Visalia P.M. run more efficient. Route 17 and Route 15 share the same bus and if the bus fell behind for any reason: construction, traffic, wheelchairs, etc., Route 15 Visalia would be late for the pull out time of 4:35 P.M.

SOUTHBOUND PROPOSED ROUTE SCHEDULE									
Valley Children's Hospital	Fresno Kaiser Hospital	Fresno @ Shaw	Fresno Veteran's Hospital	Community Regional Center	Fresno Fulton Mall	Fowler Childrens Hospital	Selma Kaiser Hospital	Across DeWoody @ Post Office	Hanford Transfer Center
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2:15	2:30	2:40	2:50	3:00	3:00	3:15	3:30	3:45	4:15

SOUTHBOUND CURRENT ROUTE SCHEDULE									
Valley Children's Hospital	Fresno Kaiser Hospital	Fresno @ Shaw	Fresno Veteran's Hospital	Community Regional Center	Fresno Fulton Mall	Fowler Childrens Hospital	Selma Kaiser Hospital	Across DeWoody @ Post Office	Hanford Transfer Center
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2:30	2:45	2:55	3:05	3:15	3:15	3:30	3:45	4:00	4:30

Eliminate Flex Route Hanford and Armona

- Flex Route will be replaced by Demand response Service in Hanford (GoKart)
- Flex Route Armona passengers will need to use Route 20 Lemoore.

DAYTIME FLEX ROUTES HANFORD & ARMONA

HANFORD

- 1 4042 Greenfield & Pleasant
- 2 4043 Greenfield @ Youth Athletic Complex
- 3 4044 Greenfield @ Greenfield Village Apts
- 4 4045 Greenfield @ Medical Offices
- 5 4077 12th & Hanford Armona @ Casa Del Sol Apts
- 6 4078 12th & Hanford Armona @ Kings Pantry
- 7 4079 Sierra Vista @ Hanford Del Arroyo Estates
- 8 4080 Houston & Courtright
- 9 4081 Lacey @ Sherdist Motel
- 10 4054 Lacey @ Costco

ARMONA

- 11 4055 Lacey & Vidaurri
- 12 4056 Lacey & Sierra
- 13 4057 Lacey & Country
- 14 4082 Fitzgerald & Semillion
- 15 4090 Valley Christian Home
- 16 4035 Carolyn & E Tere Way
- 17 4083 Hanford Armona & Mahogany
- 18 4084 Front & Oak
- 19 4085 Lynn & Ads
- 20 4086 Railroad & Jackson

HOW TO REQUEST A RIDE

- Call Reservations at (559) 584-0101
- Make it with the Driver before boarding the bus
- Text (559) 589-5007

Add Demand Response Service Hanford (GoKart)

- Demand Response service will operate from 7:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. Monday – Friday throughout the city limits of Hanford.
- Demand Response (GoKART) will be utilizing the Uber app

Add Limited Demand Response Service Avenal

- Service will run one day a week (Tuesdays)
- Service will be door to door
- Pick-up time 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM. Driver will pick up passengers in Avenal and drop off in Hanford and Lemoore for shopping or medical appointments.
- Return time 1:30 PM - 3:45 PM. Driver will pick up passengers from shopping or medical locations and drop off in Avenal.

Add Demand Response Fare (\$3.00) To Our Fare Structure

- (GoKART)
- Avenal Shopping Trip
- Same-day reservations

Children 11 and under ride for free with an adult

Recommendation

1. Open Hearing/Receive Comment/Close Hearing
2. Approve Service Changes and Fare Modifications

5. Adopt Resolution 22-09 Authorizing the Executive Director to Apply for Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program Competitive Funds and Commitment of Funds (Angie Dow):

The Notice of Funding Available was released on March 7, 2022, for Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program; this is a competitive funding opportunity, and proposals are due May 31, 2022.

Since 2017, KCAPTA has been working on building a new KART Transit Center. This project is currently in the design phase. If KCAPTA is successful in our funding request, we anticipate awarding the construction contract in December of 2022.

The KART Transit Center Project's total budget is \$36,906,587 and is funded through multiple years of State Funds, Federal Funds, Competitive Grants, and the Agency Capital Reserves. KCAPTA is seeking \$19,000,000 in competitive Grants from the Buses and Bus Facilities Program and has obligated \$5,833,539 Federal 5307 grant and 5339 grant apportionments, \$4,121,241 in current and future State Transit Funds, and \$2,240,000 of the Agency's Capital Reserve.

To submit the competitive Grants for Buses and Bus Facility Program grant application, the Board needs to adopt Resolution 22-09, which authorizes the Executive Director to submit the FTA Section Grant Application and any other necessary documents. The Resolution also reaffirms KCAPTA's commitment to both federal and local funds needed to complete the Construction Phase of the project.

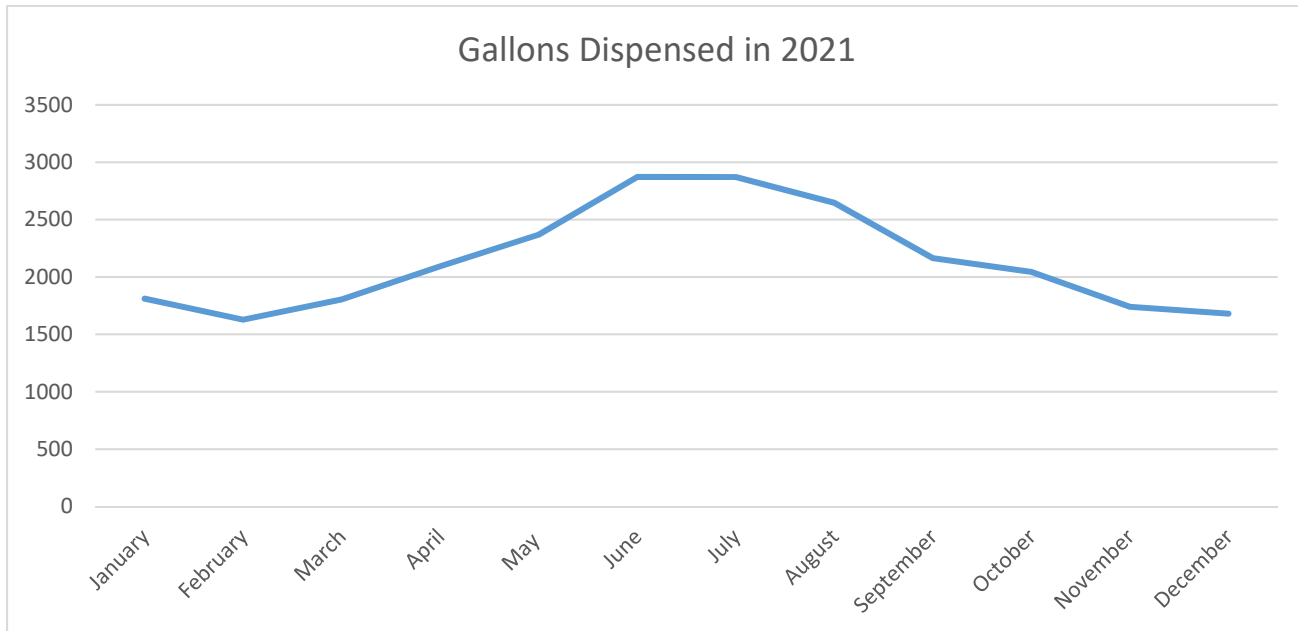
Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution 22-09

6. Update on Water Kiosk at Terminal (Heather Corder):

In August 2018, the Board Approved Agreement #2001 with the Kings River Water Coalition Authority (KRWCA) to construct a multi-benefit water kiosk at the bus terminal. KRWCA entered into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board to provide a water kiosk that allows the public access to potable water. The water kiosk became operational in January 2020. KRWCA is responsible for maintaining the water kiosk and cleaning it. They have contracted with Kings Rehabilitation to have the dispenser cleaned regularly.

From January 2020 through December 2021, the kiosk has provided 46,500 gallons of free potable water to Kings County residents. The average usage over the year is 2,150 gallons with a spike in usage during the warmer months. A chart of usage in 2021 has been included for review.



Recommendation

Information only

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF: