

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2022**



# KCAPTA

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

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## **Action Summary** *Hybrid Meeting: Virtual or In-Person*

### **Special Board Meeting (Time and Place) – April 27, 2022**

In-Person: City of Hanford Council Chambers  
400 N Douty  
Hanford, CA 93230

Virtual: <https://www.kartbus.org/category/board>

**Phone:** (415) 655-0003  
**Participant Code:** 2460 119 5731#

KCAPTA Board: Diane Sharp, Hanford City Council  
Joe Neves, Kings County Supervisor  
David Orth, Lemoore City Council  
Doug Verboon, Kings County Supervisor

Staff: Angie Dow, Executive Director  
Heather Corder, Accountant-Auditor  
Maria Ortiz, Fiscal Specialist  
Oscar Gonzalez, Facilities and Fleet Specialist  
Mark Pedreiro, Transit Manager  
Geneieve Morales, Transit Assistant

Legal Counsel: Ken Richardson

Visitors: Terri King, KCAG  
Teresa Nickel, KCAG  
Craig Wilson, MV  
Joel Garandilla, KCAG

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

California Governor Gavin 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, staff, and interested members of the public may attend the meeting in person.

The meeting can also be attended telephonically or by the Internet by clicking this link: <https://www.kartbus.org/category/board/> and click on the link that says **Join Meeting**. If you have trouble logging in through the internet, you may join the meeting via telephone by calling (415) 655-0003, then enter the access code of **2460 119 5731**. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meetings.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for Board consideration or action. Those comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received by the Clerk of the Board of KCAPTA no later than 11:00 AM on the morning of the noticed



meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [info@kartbus.org](mailto:info@kartbus.org). To provide such comments by U.S. Mail, please send them to: Clerk of the Board of KCAPTA, 610 W 7th Street, Hanford, CA 93230

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call-Clerk of the Board

3 Present (DS,JN,DO) 2 Absent (DV,AP)

2. **UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:**

*This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item that is on today's agenda when the item is called and should notify the Chairman of their desire to address the Board when the item is called. A maximum of (5) five minutes is allowed for any one item.*

There were no unscheduled appearances to make comments.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

*All items under the consent calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. For any discussion of an item on the consent calendar, it will be removed at the request of any Board Member and made a part of the regular agenda.*

***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 KCAPTA Board to continue to meet by remote teleconference, subject to the requirements of AB 361.

***C. KART Operational Statistics***

The Transportation Development Plan (TDP) for Kings County establishes operational performance standards for KCAPTA transit operations. These standards are used to evaluate specific needs for transit services and develop plans for improvements and service revision, and performance monitoring that includes Title VI Program.

In Per KCAPTA Title VI Program (June 2019-2022), on-time performance and farebox recovery rates should be reported monthly to the board. In the past, this was information included in the Annual Financial Report; however, in our review of our Title IV Program, this information should be reported to the board monthly.

Due to the effects that COVID has had on ridership, the KART system is not meeting the required 15% farebox recovery ratio. 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

No comments or questions were received.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED 3 IN FAVOR (DS,JN,DO) 2 ABSENT (DV,AP)**

**Regular Agenda Items**

**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 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.

**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.

**Add Demand Response Service Hanford (GoKart)-Uber Transportation App**

- 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-(Uber same day reservation)**

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

**Children 11 and under ride for free with an adult**

**1. Public Hearing:**

**Open Hearing to Receive testimony and Comments and Close Public Hearing**



The public hearing was opened at 2:08 pm to hear testimony from the public. No comments were received from the public online, by mail, or by email. The public hearing was closed at 2:09 pm. This is the last public hearing from KCAPTA.

2. **Approve Service Changes and Fare Modifications:** The service changes were approved as listed above with no comments or further discussions.

The Board approved the Service Modification as outlined above.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED 3 IN FAVOR (DS,JN,DO) 2 ABSENT (DV,AP)**

**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 the 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. This is KCAPTA'S 2<sup>ND</sup> attempt to apply. This is a very competitive grant. This one is asking about climate change explanation. How is this grant that will be used for the project going to reduce climate change?

No comments or questions were received.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED 4 IN FAVOR (DS,JN,DO,DV) 1 ABSENT (AP)**

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

Kings River Water Coalition Authority (KRWCA) 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 for Kings County residents. KRWCA is responsible for maintaining the water kiosk and cleaning it. This kiosk is important to people who have dry wells because of the drought and for rural residents who don't have access to clean water. When the New Transit Project is completed there will be no relocation cost associated with the water kiosk.

Question on Kiosk, is it ongoing?

Response: License Agreement for Fill Station Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Term. The term of this License shall commence on August 28, 2019, and end on December 18, 2022, and automatically renew for two-year periods thereafter until December 18, 2028.

**This is an Information item only.**

**7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

**Staff comments:**

Angie Dow commented at the 1st Farmers Market downtown Hanford, KART will be promoting (GoKart) Uber service for Thursday 5:00 to-9 pm in the city of Hanford only for now. starting on July 1st it will be from 7 am to 9 pm Monday-Friday in the city limits of Hanford. If this goes well then it will be implemented in the city of Lemoore.

Also, the Mio car is partnering with Avenal. Trips are to Coalinga, medical services, and shopping. Possible to incorporate this in the new transit center to have transportation services available to NorthStar other than the current bus service stop at

Northstar. Also, a bike share program might work to increase the transportation service by doing sort of a hybrid program. By creating a bike share program with the new transit program.

Heather is working with LCTOP grant program to fund the Quarterly (3-month pass) for \$20.00 for this fiscal year coming up. KART has increased 40% of last spring sales. In March ridership increased compared to last year. The next meeting will be discussing the KCAPTA'S budget.

**Operator's Perspective:** MV received 16-17 applications for drivers using the QR code. It was very helpful. We have 2 drivers in training and 2 more testing. Peggy had surgery and will be back to training and testing new drivers. A/C is working well.

**Legal counsel comments:** Nothing to report.

**Commissioner comments:**

Commissioner Neves: Are you able to track the pass? How many times is used in a day? Will there be an increase in summer school sessions specifically in the 4-week summer school like West Hills? Response: KART has an increase in Route 20-West Hills, Route 6 Lacey Blvd and Walmart stop, and Route 9 are the three routes that have increased.

Is there a way to have a connecting bus from Amtrak to Fresno State, Fresno Pacific? Response: There is currently a route from Visalia Transit to Fresno State University. There is a \$10.00 charge one way. With six trips a day, seven days a week, V-LINE is one of the most convenient and affordable ways to get to school and back! For more information about Fresno State student V-LINE passes, please contact the Fresno State Transportation office directly by calling at 559-278-2950 Stops include Visalia Transit, Visalia Airport, Fresno Airport, Fresno State University, Courthouse Park, and a return trip starting at the Fresno Airport.

Trips start as early as 4 am and the last return trip is 7:30 pm.

There is also an option to work with San Joaquin JPA in a joint effort to work with Fresno by reducing fares for residents to use FAX (Fresno Area Express).

Commissioner Sharp: A grant was not approved for the City of Hanford to build a roundabout.

Commissioner Orth: Cinco de Mayo event with West Hills College in downtown Lemoore. There will be a law enforcement seminar on 5/4/22 from 11-4 pm. Graduations are coming up at LHS, West Hills. Blood drive at Westhills and Kings County coming up.

Commissioner Verboon: Nothing to report.

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 25th at @2:00 pm in the City of Hanford Chambers**