



**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) – February 22, 2023**

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

**Virtual:** Zoom Meeting

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

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

Legal Counsel: Ken Richardson, Legal Counsel

Visitors: Terri King, KCAG  
Teresa Nickell, KCAG  
Craig Wilson, MV  
Jared Raper, MV  
Luis Castaneda-visitor

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call-Clerk of the Board  
5 Present (DS,JN,DO,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.*

*No unscheduled appearances present or virtually.*

3. **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 January 25, 2023

No comments or questions were received.

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

### Regular Agenda Items

#### **4. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Unmet Transit Needs (Mark Pedreiro):**

Each year KCAPTA holds Public Hearing to receive testimony concerning any unmet transit needs that may exist writing our service area that is reasonable to meet. Staff will review, evaluate, and make recommendations on any needs identified during the public hearing period.

Hearing notices were posted at the Hanford Transit Center, KART Administration Office, in the local newspaper, and on the KART website.

Mark Pedreiro Read out loud 3 comments received:

**Comment 1:** In writing by email: Expanding the Uber hours to weekday later hours, Sat/Sun for those working early/late and who are taking the train.

**Comment 2:** Phone call extend Route 20 later in the evening for students attending later in the evening WHC.

**Comment 3:** Mark read and had also spoke with Luis Castaneda about these possibilities, who was one of the the 3 comments received in writing and also elaborated in person at this meeting. Commented on Route 17 going to Madera Valley Childrens Hospital. Staff commented possible solutions to use Amtrak and transfer to Madera bus transit to go to Madera Valley Childrens.

Open public hearing:2:03 pm, Received comments: received 3 comments, Ended comments 2:10 pm

The public hearing will be kept open for 30 days and close on March 22, 2023, any comments received before will be addressed in March 22, 2023 public hearing meeting.

#### **5. Approve Hybrid Board Meeting Structure (Angie Dow):**

Over the past two years, public agencies and the general public have become more comfortable with meeting virtually, and many public bodies lobbied to get legislation passed that would extend the remote meeting protections past AB 361's sunset date of January 1, 2024.

The original Brown Act Teleconferencing rules remain available. Under the Brown Act Teleconferencing rules KCAPTA may continue to hold Hybrid Board Meetings under the following conditions:

1. All votes must be by roll call.
2. The agenda must provide the opportunity for the public to address the legislative body directly at each teleconference location.
3. Teleconference locations must be identified in the agenda.
4. Copies of the Agenda must be posted at all teleconference locations.
5. Teleconference locations must be open to the public
6. At least a quorum of the members of the legislative body who are participating remotely must do so from locations within the Agency's jurisdiction.

Staff is recommending, KCAPTA continue with a Hybrid Board Meeting Structure. This would allow the general public to attend virtually and would establish a Teleconferencing location in the City of Avenal.

Any community member can attend meetings virtually, and board members at Avenal can attend virtual meetings or in person if prefer to do so. Commissioner Preciado, stated that it depends on situation if able to attend in

person will do so or virtually. As long the agenda is posted properly. Will work with the city clerk to post agenda accessible to the public.

The Board Approve KCAPTA Hybrid Board Meeting Structure

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED 5 IN FAVOR (DS,JN,DO,DV,AP)**

## **6. Miscellaneous comments from Staff:**

Staff comments to the Board

### **KCAPTA Staff:**

Angie, Executive Director:

1. Still waiting on the permits from the City of Hanford, Construction bids will be released in March 2023, they need to be released in March so KCAPTA is not competing with the schools. The bid should be awarded in June 2023, but Angie will be gone in June, and Heather will be awarding the bid. There will be separate bids for facilities and parking ride lot. The parking lot bid will allow DBE businesses to bid. Five or more bids will be good to get a better pricing. Currently, the permits for this project are not ready. KCAPTA reached out to small business and DBE's. There is a goal of 1.8% for DBE's. is about \$700,000. Pre bid meeting, meet and greet meeting we had 2 businesses attend, and the Hanford Chamber of Commerce. This goal will close March 2, 2023. Then send the project to FTA to get it approve.
2. Next project, Bus electrification plan to buy 12 buses 4 buses 35' foot buses and 8 small buses, we need the infrastructure in first. The cost estimate is 15 million for the infrastructure, and additional 2 buses. Replacement cycle 2 every year, Grant 5339 that will be includes training to mechanics, and drivers and a possible driving simulator for drivers. This grant will be coming up in our next board meeting for approval. SCE will build everything up to charges KCAPTA will need to buy them. Grants due in April 2023, award in July 2023.
3. Transit Operations and Maintenance-Purchased transportation bids are due in March 2023. KCAPTA expects about 6 proposals, 2 days of interviews. And the interviewing will also be in March 2023. MV contract expires June 30, 2023. Once the RFP are released, then a selection committee will be selected to grade the RFP's, we have a KCAPTA staff member, county of Tulare, County of Fresno, if any board member is interested in the committee and will give KCAPTA a recommendation.. Everything needs to be in place by June 2023. If this can't be concluded in April then a Special Meeting will be called in May 2023, though Caltrans will need to approve the RFP process.

Heather, Accountant/Auditor: Nothing to report.

Mark Pedreiro, Transit Manager: Nothing to report

**Legal Representation:** Peltzer and Richardson, Ken Richardson-Nothing to report.

### **Council Members:**

Alvaro Preciado, send me information for the process for the selection committee for the KCAPTA expects about 6 proposals, 2 days of interviews for the Transit Operations and Maintenance

Diane Sharp, March 5<sup>th</sup> getting married! Congrats!

David Orth, City of Lemoore: Nothing to report.

Doug Verboon, Kings County Brd of Supervisors: Nothing to Report

**Operator's Perspective:** Craig Wilson, MV: We are doing good with the division, one driver is retiring We are focused on servicing our community. She had alot of years in service from Hawaii to Bay Area to MV here, planning something special.  
Meeting Ended at 2:53 pm

**The next special meeting will be March 22nd at @2:00 pm in the City of Hanford Chambers or virtually.**

## **7. Closed Session:**