

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

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**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00 PM  
**In Person:** City of Hanford Council Chambers  
400 N Douty Street  
Hanford, CA 93230  
Avenal City Hall, Conference Room  
919 Skyline Blvd.  
Avenal, CA 93204  
**Zoom Meeting:** Meeting ID: 878 7445 9391  
Passcode: Kart0322  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87874459391?pwd=M3FOaFFVM3hVOXhBb0tVamxzRENoQT09>  
Link to our Website: <https://www.kartbus.org/category/board/>

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**HYBRID MEETING AGENDA**

<b>KINGS COUNTY AREA PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL</b>
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KCAPTA hereby provides notice that effective March 1, 2022, it will return to in-person and public meetings.

Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting can do so in one of the following three ways: **(1) by attending the meeting in person, (2) via Zoom Meeting, or (3) by submitting written comments** on any matter within the KCAPTA Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for KCAPTA’s consideration or action and those written 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 KCAPTA Office no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the noticed meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [info@kartbus.org](mailto:info@kartbus.org). To submit such comments by U.S. mail, please forward them to Clerk of the Board, KCAPTA at 610 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hanford, CA 93230

<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> A. Summary Minutes of Hybrid Meeting February 22, 2023	<b>ACTION</b>
4.	PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS (Open Hearing/Receive Testimony/Close Hearing)	<b>ACTION</b>
5.	APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-05 AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF LOW OR NO EMISSION GRANT AND THE BUS & BUS FACILITY GRANT	<b>ACTION</b>
6.	APPROVE 3-MONTH ON-DEMAND PILOT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF AVENAL	<b>ACTION</b>
7.	HANFORD “UBER SERVICE” UPDATE	<b>INFORMATION</b>
8.	MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF	<b>INFORMATION</b>

**Attachments:**

- A – MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023
- B – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS COMMENT RECEIVED
- C – RESOLUTION # 23-05

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **3. CONSENT ITEM:**

#### **A. Summary Minutes of Special Meeting February 22, 2023**

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

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

This is the second and last of two public hearing KCAPTA has scheduled. Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) will be holding additional public hearings in April and May at their Board meetings.

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

One additional comment was received via email. This comment is attached to the agenda.

#### **Recommendation**

Open Hearing/Receive Comments/Close Public Hearing

### **5. APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-05 AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF LOW OR NO EMISSION GRANT AND THE BUS & BUS FACILITY GRANT (Angie Dow):**

Resolution 23-05 authorizes Staff to apply for a grants under the FTA 5339 (c) 2023 Low or No-Emission Grant Program and 5339 (b) Bus & Bus Facility Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000,000 for the Electrical Infrastructure for Charging All-Electric Buses Project.

Section 5339 (c) and (b) are awarded through a competitive process. Eligible projects include purchase of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, acquisition and construction of required supporting infrastructure.

The proposed project would upgrade KCAPTA Maintenance Facility at 629 Davis Street to prepare to charge a fleet of 100% zero-emission buses (ZEBs).

The proposed project consist of seven major subtasks:

1. Complete the design of the charging system.
2. Upgrade the electrical service into the facility
3. Run conduit and set up infrastructure needed up to the charger locations
4. Install charging stations for 6 - 35' buses and 10 mini buses.
5. Build Solar Bus Canopies
6. Grading and pavements of the unpaved areas at the Maintenance Facility
7. Workforce Development for both mechanics and drivers

All Grant applications are due by April 13, 2023

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board Approve Resolution 23-05 authorizing the Executive Director to submit the applications for FTA Section 5339 (c) and Section 5339 (b)

### **6. Approve 3-Month On-Demand Pilot Project in the City of Avenal (Angie Dow):**

The City of Avenal has contacted KCAPTA and requested additional transit services in the City of Avenal. Their request is based on the recent completion of a Resource Center in Avenal. Also, the City has had discussions with other social service centers and their transportation needs.

Staff met with the City Manager and Mayor of Avenal to discuss their request. Based on our discussion, the City of Avenal is willing to fund a three-month pilot in an amount not to exceed \$33,047. The fare for the service would be set at \$3.00 per trip, with childer under 12 able to ride for free with a paying adult.

If approved, the pilot would begin in April and end in June. The operational hours would be Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. During the pilot period, operation hours may be modified based on demand.

Staff and the City of Avenal will meet bi-weekly to discuss performance, issues, and develop and monitor performance standards.

Prior to the end of the pilot, staff will recommend to the Board if the service should continue or suggest alternatives.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board approve a 3-month pilot On-Demand Service in the City of Avenal

**7. HANFORD “UBER SERVICE” UPDATE (Angie Dow)**

KCAPTA’s contract with Uber will expire in June of 2023. Uber has notified KCAPTA that they are eliminating the Uber Transit Option and will not renew contracts. KCAPTA would have the ability to use vouchers and use uber drivers if we wanted to continue with them.

Use of this service has been steadily growing, but there has been an issue with the Go-KART vehicle not showing up on the Uber App, not booking trips, and not allowing for advance reservations.

Staff plans to transition this service from the Uber App to our Ecolane App. We are working with Ecolane to allow individuals to book and pay for their trips via the Ecolane App. Utilizing our Ecolane software will help improve efficiency in our On-Demand Service and Paratransit Service.

The Ecolane App is currently used in Lemoore’s On-Demand Service and our Paratransit Service. Once the ability to pay via the App has been set up and tested. KCAPTA will begin the transition of Hanford “Uber App” users to the new Ecolane App.

**Recommendation**

Information Only

**8. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**