

ATTACHMENT A
MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2023



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Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

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Action Summary Hybrid Meeting: Virtual or In-Person

Hybrid Meeting (Time and Place) – March 22, 2023

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

Virtual: Zoom Meeting

KCAPTA Board:

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
4 Present (JN,DO,DV,AP) 1 Absent (DS)

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 February 22, 2023

No comments or questions were received.

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

Regular Agenda Items

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.

Public Hearing:

Open Hearing to Receive Testimony and Comments and Close Public Hearing

2:03 Open Hearing/2:06 Receive Comments/2:07 Close Public Hearing in June it will conclude.

The Public hearing was opened at 2:03 pm to hear testimony from the public. No comments were received from the public in person or the virtual Zoom meeting, but an email was received as part of the testimony from Dawn Troth requesting a later bus (Route 20) to accommodate students who are taking a later class in West Hills College, Lemoore. A copy of the email is included in the agenda packet, and it was read by Mark Pedreiro, Transit Manager at KCAPTA. A second comment was received in writing and read by Mark Pedreiro from Luis Castaneda who was present at the meeting but requested his testimony be read by Mark Pedreiro, who requested a bus to go to Madera Children's Hospital. No more comments were received. Close Public Hearing-End of Comments at 2:07 pm. Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) has two more public hearings in April and May. KCPATA will present findings in the June 2023 Board Meeting.

This is not an Action Item.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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. We might extend UBER service because we might need it as an alternative to transportation pockets that KART is not able to serve such as West Hills College needing transportation after KART hours. KART can issue a \$5.00 voucher Uber gets paid \$3 the rider pays the difference as an example.

This an Information Item Only

6. Miscellaneous comments from Staff:

Staff comments to the Board

KCAPTA Staff:

Angie, Executive Director:

1. Working with the City of Hanford to issued the permits for the construction project. We must award the construction project by July 19th, because of the funding sources have to be obligated. But everything is going on schedule as of now, anticipating to come to the board to award in June 2023. If everything is ready before June, KCAPTA might call a special meeting around June 8th or 9th to award before her vacation in June 2023. David Orth will not be available on the 8th. It has an 18-month cycle, Hanford Routes have been re-designed, then surplus property , remove homeless from transit has been a problem because AMTRAK has remove their shelters and so now homeless are moving into our transit area. KCAPTA is working with Police to help with the problem. KCAPTA is trying other solutions but will see in the future if needs to hire private security to check the station late at night when not operating.
2. Next Meeting, the Operation and Maintenance Contract will be brought to the board.

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, City of Avenal: Block Party with Police Department this evening. Attended a Hydrogen Tour Bus. Went to a Bakersfield hydrogen at BC College and had a lot of information regarding buses and hydrogen fuel on maintenance. They have 20 hydrogen buses and their own fueling station, plus 20 more buses in the future. In the future, there might be a hydrogen fueling station near Avenal. This is something that Kings County might look into, Harris Ranch already has one.

David Orth, City of Lemoore: April 8th Easter Event-Downtown 9 am-12noon

Doug Verboon, Kings County Brd of Supervisor: will be hosting an informational meeting on flood releases in the Island District. At the Kings County Island Fire Station 6, which is conveniently located at 7735 21st Ave, Lemoore, CA. The event will begin at 6:00 pm this evening Thursday, March 23, 2023. Everyone has come up to the plate to take care of things that need to be done. This is an information meeting and if you have any questions about how it is going to impact you in agriculture and the community.

Operator's Perspective: Craig Wilson, MV: We are doing good with the division, one driver is retiring at the end of the month. We have a couple waiting on background checks. It helps that we have a safety manager that re-certified so testing can be done. It saves a lot of time rather than going through the DMV office. We are moving forward with all the road closures, especially in Corcoran and HWY 198 Visalia route, we have responded well and have deviated to get to the destination. Amtrack from Hanford to Corcoran is closed, buses can go through.

The meeting Ended at 2:49 pm

The next special meeting will be on April 26th at @2:00 pm in the City of Hanford Chambers or virtually.