

ATTACHMENT A
MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2025



KCAPTA

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

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Action Summary Hybrid Meeting: Virtual or In-Person **Regular Board Meeting**

Meeting Date: June 25, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

In Person: Board Chambers- Admin Bldg 1, Kings Co Gov't Center 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, CA 93230
Avenal City Hall, Conference Room 919 Skyline Blvd. Avenal, CA 93204

Virtual: Zoom Meeting

KCAPTA Board: Joe Neves, Kings County Supervisor
Patricia Mathews (Mayor), Lemoore City Council
Doug Verboon, Kings County Supervisor
Alvaro Preciado, Avenal City Council
Absent, City of Hanford

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

Legal Counsel: Ken Richardson, Legal Counsel

Visitors: MV Transportation: Jerad Raper, Ramiro Maldonado, Robyn Reeves, IT-Kings County, KCAG: Terri King, Teresa Nickell, OES: Alexander Mena, Coordinator, KC Admin Officer: Kyria Martinez, Visitor: Liz

KINGS COUNTY AREA PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL

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. To submit such comments by U.S. mail, please forward them to Clerk of the Board, KCAPTA at 610 W. 7th Street, Hanford, CA 93230.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call-Clerk of the Board

4 Present (,JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

2. **UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:**

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.

No unscheduled appearances, present or virtual.

STAFF REPORT:

3. **Kings County OES:**

Alexander Mena, OES Coordinator for Kings County stated that there will be an Emergency Services Emergency Workshop Operations Plan on 7/16/25 from 8:30am -12:30pm in the KC Multipurpose Room. Invitations were sent to representatives of the cities. A KART representative will be there. MV will also be included in the invite, a copy of the email was sent of MV. The second topic will be an update on the KC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, this plan includes all annexes for incorporated cities and specific listed mitigation actions. Please take a look at Appendix E annual progress meeting agenda and report template. The purpose is to discuss it and see if there is a partnership opportunity. OES gave the cities the plans and it is up to the cities if they want to participate in the workshop. For the 4th of July, OES is gearing up and getting ready for it, They just met the new fire chief. There was no previous item sent to be added to the agenda. So, there is no board approval needed. This is just information for the public.

4. **CONSENT ITEM:**

A. **Summary Minutes of Meeting May 28, 2025**

B. **Budget Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

At the end of Fiscal Year 2024/2025, there will be open purchase orders for projects not yet completed by the close of the fiscal year. The KART Transit Center and Park and Ride lots are long-term projects that are expected to be completed in FY2026. Staff is requesting the funds to be carried over to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget.

4 Present (JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

5. **PRESENTATION OF THE UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS REPORT (Mark Pedrerio):**

KCAPTA held public hearings before the KCAPTA Board on February 26, 2025, and March 26, 2025, to solicit comments from the public on any unmet transit needs that may exist in Kings County.

Five comments were received with six requests and were analyzed by the staff. Staff addressed all comments received and issued our report (Attachment C). The staff has submitted our report to KCAG (Kings County Association of Governments) and the SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Council). The fiscal impact of adding routes has been included in the FY 25/26 budget.

In summary, one item was reasonable, Item#4, it met all requirements "Add an on-route bus stop at the Costco on Lacey Blvd". It is not a fixed route stop, but it is served by our On-Demand bus; this stop is not currently served by a fixed route, which is an unmet transit need. In the future, it will be a fixed route service on the East side of Lacey Blvd., that includes the housing and hotels side on the east side of Lacey Blvd, Costco, and in the future High Speed Rail.

No Board Action is required as this is an informational item.

6. **AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH FULL BUILD-OUT OF ELECTRIC BUS CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE VIA NASPO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (Angie Dow):**

Background:

The CARB ICT Regulation, adopted in December 2018, mandates that all public transit agencies transition to 100% ZEB fleets by 2040.

While CARB's Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation is partially paused pending federal waivers, the ICT regulation remains in full effect for transit agencies. Exemptions are limited and require strong justification.

In March 2025, staff issued a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ #2425-01) for a design-build team to construct the required charging infrastructure. However, due to an inadequate number of qualified responses, staff recommend canceling the SOQ process and proceeding instead under the NASPO cooperative procurement vehicle.

To maintain regulatory compliance & meet internal fleet transition goals, KCAPTA must begin construction of electric charging infrastructure immediately. Staff recommend proceeding with a full build-out approach.

Benefits of Early Full Build-Out: Cost Efficiency, Minimized Operational Disruption, Futureproofing.

Electric Bus Considerations

Pros: Zero tailpipe emissions; quieter operation. Reduced fuel and maintenance costs. Greater access to funding (HVIP, FTA Low-No, VW Settlement). Regulatory compliance and alignment with public sustainability goals.

Cons: High upfront costs for vehicles and infrastructure. Shorter range and longer charging times. Dependency on the electric grid. Staff training is required for new technology and systems.

NEXT STEPS: Staff will finalize design specifications. Collaborate with ABM to verify that the NASPO cooperative contract meets FTA procurement standards. Finalize a Design-Build Agreement for review and approval by the Board.

Project will be funded through a combination of federal & state grant funds. A detailed cost breakdown will be presented to the Board before the contract is award. Total estimate of infrastructure: \$6M, inclusive of site work, utility upgrades, charging hardware, & contingency. The attorney will work with vendor ABM for pricing. This is winning support with SCE Charge Ready Program that KCAPTA applied for, if not used quickly it might be taken away, may end or we may have to reapply to help with the electrical part of the project. In the plan, self-maintenance of the buses (electrical), so in the next contract in operations there will need to be someone with experience to maintain electrical buses. Focus will be on maintaining chargers and not so much on the solar panels. Lancaster facility has a fully electric fleet and charging stations. MV recently took a tour of the facility to look at what they did right & wrong, to learn about it what is entailed into having all all-electric fleet.

Board approved the cancellation of SOQ #2425-01 & authorize the use of NASPO Cooperative Agreement to proceed with planning, design, and construction of KCAPTA's electric bus charging infrastructure in partnership with ABM.

4 Present (JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

7. APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE KART TRANSIT CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (A Dow):

In October 2023, KCAPTA awarded the construction contract for the KART Transit Center to Quiring General, LLC. Construction began in December 2023, with an initial substantial completion date set for June 6, 2025. In March 2025, the Board approved a time extension to December 2, 2025, due to various unforeseen issues. As noted in the March Board meeting, staff would submit the cost of the time extension at our June 2025 Meeting.

KCAPTA, Quiring, and other project partners continue to work collaboratively to identify potential schedule recovery strategies that may reduce the extension period and associated costs.

Staff also anticipate submitting one additional change order for Board consideration in August 2025. The change order will address the addition of rebar (reinforcing steel) in the drive approaches and bus bays. Although the current specifications require 6" concrete, they did not include rebar reinforcement. Given the anticipated weight of battery-operated electrical buses (BEBs), this specification change is crucial to ensure long-term structural integrity & service performance.

The total monthly cost for the time extension is **\$86,115.33**; the six-month delay, the total cost is **\$516,692.00**. Quiring will submit monthly compensation requests beginning June 2025 as a separate item as actual delays are incurred. If approved, Quirings' total contract value would increase from \$30,152,107.07 to \$30,668,799.07

The Board approved Quiring's PCO # 62 in the amount not to exceed \$516,692 and authorize Executive Director to execute all necessary documentation.

4 Present (JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

8. APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-11 AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF LOW OR NO-EMISSION GRANTS AND THE BUS & BUS FACILITY GRANT (Angie Dow):

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5339(b) and 5339(c) programs provide competitive funding opportunities for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of bus-related infrastructure and the purchase of low- or zero-emission transit vehicles and related facilities.

KCAPTA staff is preparing a competitive grant application under these programs to replace our existing 52-year-old metal maintenance shop building located at 629 Davis Street. The proposed project includes the demolition of the outdated structure, followed by the design and construction of a modern maintenance facility capable of supporting the Agency's current and future fleet needs, including battery electric buses, which includes all fuel types like CNG.

The new facility will: Improve operational safety. Increase maintenance efficiency. Reduce long-term maintenance and operational costs. Enable compliance with California's Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation through fleet electrification readiness

The total estimated cost of the project is \$25 million. KCAPTA will seek 100% funding of eligible project costs through the FTA Section 5339(b) and 5339(c) programs. Any costs exceeding the grant award will be the responsibility of KCAPTA and may require local, state, or additional federal matching funds.

The Board approved Resolution 25-11 authorizing the Executive Director to submit the grant application & take any necessary administrative actions for FTA Section 5339(b) and 5339(c) programs in support of the Modern Maintenance Facility Project.

4 Present (JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

9. APPROVE AMTRAK SAN JOAQUIN THRUWAY BUS SERVICE BETWEEN HANFORD AND VISALIA MOU-AMENDMENT 01(Heather Corder):

In 2016, TCAG initiated the Cross Valley Plan to study connectivity and mobility improvements in the Central Valley. The plan aimed to increase transit service efficiency, enable communities and cities within the Cross Valley Corridor to promote development that supports transit usage, encourage revitalization and economic development, and grow facilities in support of the California High-Speed Rail investment.

In Phase One A of the Cross Valley Plan marks a significant milestone in the enhancement of transit services. The existing bus service between Hanford and Visalia is planned to increase to seven weekdays round trips and four weekend/holiday round trips. KCAPTA increased our portion of the Visalia route to four on weekdays and two on Saturday, with the expectation that Visalia Transit will pick up the remaining routes.

The agency and SJJPA now current name Gold Runners per Doug Verboon have successfully discussed and implemented a collaborative plan to enhance the local bus service between Hanford and Visalia. Beginning on July 1, 2024, KCAPTA expanded the fixed route to Visalia, on behalf of SJJPA. The expanded route now includes a fourth run to Visalia on weekdays and added two runs on Saturdays. KCAPTA's seamless coordination with SJJPA to adjust the route times to align with the times of the train arrivals and departures, is a testament to the effectiveness of their collaboration, ensuring a smooth and efficient transit service for the public.

The Amendment to the Agreement states that the SJPA will fund the additions to the Visalia routes in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for FY 25/26. There is no end date to this MOU, but the amount payable for the service is subject to annual appropriation by the state. Therefore, SJPA can increase the amount as operation costs increase over the years.

The Board approved Amendment 01 to Agreement 25-J-01-00 and authorize the Executive Director to execute all documents related to this Amendment between San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and Kings County Area Public Transit Agency. The Amendment to the Agreement states that the SJPA will fund the additions to the Visalia routes in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for FY 25/26.

4 Present (JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

10. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS IN PREPARATION OF MOVE TO NEW FACILITY (Heather Corder):

As part of the agency's upcoming relocation to the new facility, it has become necessary to upgrade our existing computer systems. The current computers require software upgrades; however, rather than investing in software for outdated equipment, staff recommends proceeding with the purchase of new computers and monitors at this time. Staff has been coordinating with Kings County IT on acquiring new equipment. Upon approval, Kings County IT will be notified to proceed with the purchase and installation of the equipment acquired.

The total estimated cost of the new computers, monitors, and printers is \$35,000. Funds for this purchase are available and budgeted in the current fiscal year and will be rolled over to the next fiscal year.

The Board approved the purchase of new computers, monitors and printers in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

4 Present (JN,PM,DV,AP) 1 Absent (LM)

12. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

KCAPTA Staff:

Angie Dow, Executive Director-

Next month's agenda items: Furniture budget for the new facility, we are within budget. If completed security cameras budget will be discussed as well.

What is New? Software, security cameras installed Kings County working with IT department

Transit Center Construction project update: KCAPTA Building should be done in late November 2025 early December

Transit Center Dedication Ceremony update Dec 13th Sat at 1pm: Confirmation for Congressman Valadao, State Senator, Federal FTA Speaker, Board member, Ribbon cutting, Assemblywoman, photos, next week will be contacting photographer to do testimonials, also invite to Congressman Phong, Contreras, SJPA contact to invite, 2pm Speakers, 3 pm food decorations on the way, planning to do Christmas decorations.

Maria Ortiz, Board Clerk- Missing Conflict of interest City of Hanford, will email the clerk.

Heather Corder, Accountant/Auditor: No Updates

Mark Pedreiro, Transit Manager: Nothing to report.

Legal Counsel, Ken Richardson: Nothing to report.

Council Members:

Joe Neves, Board Chair Kings Co Board of Supervisors: Stay safe, cool , Happy 4th of July!

Alvaro Preciado, City of Avenal: Nothing to report.

Patricia Mathews, Mayor, City of Lemoore: 2nd Starbucks will be opening, Soft opening July 2025

Doug Verboon, Kings County Board of Supervisor: No comment.

Lou Martines, Mayor, City of Hanford: Absent.

Operator's Perspective: Jerad Raper, Gen Manager: Next month MV employee will be with this agency 22 years. Next month there will be a recognition for employees who have been with MV over 20 plus years, Felipe mechanic has been with MV for 24 years, driver Shannon 23 years, Joe who's a dispatcher has been there 25 years, driver Rosa 23 years, reservationist started as driver has been with MV 20 years, another dispatcher 26 years, dispatcher plus driver started as

driver 42 years, MV will present them with a plaque in the next safety meeting. Congratulating them on their achievement and hard work! Doug asked if they would like the board to be present. Please let them know so some of the board members can also attend.

Retention: Drivers are good, some leaving California, 5 failed drug tests.

The next meeting will be on 7/22/25, at 2:00 pm at the Board Chambers-Admin. Bldg. 1, Kings County Government Center.