

ATTACHMENT A
MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 25, 2026



KCAPTA

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

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

Meeting Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm

In Person: KCAPTA Board Chambers,
210 E. 7th St., Hanford, CA 93230
Hanford, CA 93230

Avenal City Hall, Conference Room
919 Skyline Blvd.
Avenal, CA 93204

Virtual: Zoom Meeting

KCAPTA Board: Joe Neves, Kings County Supervisor
Jonathan Brewster, Lemoore City Council
Absent(D. Verboon), Kings County Supervisor
Alvaro Preciado-Avenal City Council
Nancy Howze, City of Hanford

Staff: Angie Dow, Executive Director
Oscar Gonzalez, Facilities & Fleet Specialist
Mark Pedreiro, Transit Manager
Jimmy Macias, Accountant
Heather Corder, Accountant
Geneive Morales, Transit Assistant

Legal Counsel: Ken Richardson, Legal Counsel

Visitors:
MV Transportation: Jerad Raper, Robyn
Reeves, KCAG: Terri King, Teresa Nickell

Unscheduled Appearances:

No unscheduled appearances.

Action Summary

3. Consent Item:

Action Summary:

The Board approved the Summary Minutes of the February 18 Special Meeting, February 28, 2026 regular meeting and March 11, 2026 special meeting.

Board Action: Approved.

Vote:

Action approved as presented.

4 Present (NH, JN, JB, AP) | 1 Absent (DV)

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS:

Staff presented information regarding unmet transit needs and conducted a public hearing to receive comments from the public on transit needs that the Kings Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) should address. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the required public locations.

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) will also conduct two supplementary public hearings. Following completion of all hearings, KCAPTA staff will review and evaluate the testimony received and will provide recommendations regarding any identified unmet transit needs.

The Board took the following actions:

1. Open the Public Hearing – opened at 2:04 pm
2. Receive Public Testimony beginning at 2:04 pm received and concluded at 2:07 pm.
 - A. Staff confirmed that all comments received will be included in the report. KCAPTA has received a total of 7 two public hearings. This is KCAPTA’s last public hearing.
 - B. The Final Report will be presented to the board in June 24, 2026 once KCAG concludes its public hearing.

This item was informational only, and no Board Action was required.

5. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CNG FUELING STATION UPGRADE

KCAPTA’s CNG Fueling Station was constructed in 2012 and last updated in 2016. During the FY 2024 Low or No Emission Competitive Grant cycle, staff partnered with Clean Energy to submit a grant application to replace the outdated Knox Western 75 HP CNG compressor with a new ANGI compressor, along with related system.

Staff recommended the board to approve the replacement of the the CNG fueling station. The board approved in December 2024. The project was completed in March 2, 2026. Final inspections and permits have been completed.

The project balance was not correctly carried over into the FY 2024/26 Capital Budget. A budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,248,140 is required.

Approval of the budget appropriation and Notice of Completion will have no additional fiscal impact, as the project is fully funded through the FY 2024 Low or No-Emission Competitive Grant Program.

The Board took the following actions

- 1 Approve the budget appropriation for the CNG Fueling Station Upgrades in the amount of \$1,248,140
- 2 Approve the Notice of Completion for the CNG Fueling Station Upgrades
- 3 Authorize the Board Chair to sign the Notice of Completion
- 4 Authorize the Executive Director to record the Notice of Completion

Board Action: Approved.

Vote: Action approved as presented.

4 Present (NH, JN, JB, AP) | 1 Absent DV | 0 Abstained

6. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LEMOORE COLLEGE

Lemoore College has expressed interest in expanding transportation access for its students by partnering with KCAPTA to utilize the Agency’s fixed-route transit system. This partnership is intended to improve student mobility, support access to education, and encourage the use of public transit within Kings County.

Under this agreement, Lemoore College will subsidize transit services for its students, allowing them to ride KCAPTA fixed routes at no cost upon boarding with a valid student identification card.

Staff recommends that the KCAPTA Board approve entering into a one-year pilot program agreement with Lemoore College for the period of August 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the Agency.

The Board **approved the agreement with Lemoore College as presented.**

Vote: Action approved as presented.

4 Present (NH, JN, JB, AP) | 1 Absent DV | 0 Abstained

7. APPROVE PURCHASE OF FOUR BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency submitted a Cycle 5 TIRCP Grant Application, which was awarded in July 2022, for the purchase of four battery electric buses (BEBs). At the time of application, the estimated cost per bus was \$916,000. The estimated delivery schedule is 18 to 24 months.

Staff researched two manufacturers, New Flyer and Gillig, and requested quotes from both. The differences between the New Flyer 550 kWh model and the Gillig 588 kWh model are minimal. The decision on which bus to purchase is primarily driven by charging strategy, maintenance preferences, procurement costs, and fleet standardization.

KCAPTA currently operates a mixed-manufacturer fleet consisting of 5 CNG New Flyer buses, 8 CNG Eldorado buses, and 11 CNG Gillig buses. Gillig represents the agency's largest single fleet segment at 46% of the fleet.

Selecting Gillig BEBs would align with the agency's largest existing fleet segment. Maintenance practices, parts inventory, and staff training would remain more consistent. This would move the agency toward greater standardization and reduce complexity in parts inventory, technician training, and maintenance procedures.

The purchase will be funded with:

- Cycle 5 TIRCP Grant: \$3,311,000
- SB 125 Funds (match): \$2,153,152

Total Funding: \$5,464,152

Staff, after evaluating both manufacturers, recommends that the Board approve the purchase of four Gillig battery-electric buses. This option aligns with the agency's largest fleet segment and minimizes training needs, parts complexity, and operational risk.

The Board took the following actions

1. Authorize the purchase of four Gillig battery electric buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,464,152 and authorize the Executive Director to execute all required documents.
2. Approve a Budget Appropriation in the amount to of \$5,464,152

Vote: Action approved as presented.

4 Present (NH, JN, JB, AP) | 1 Absent DV | 0 Abstained

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Board members and staff provided updates and announcements:

- Angie Dow reported that infrastructure development for the Davis maintenance facility is scheduled to begin in November 2026, aligning with California's zero-emissions bus compliance and fleet replacement requirements.
- Nancy Howze provided an update regarding a potential land purchase across from KART, which is planned for a public safety building. She also noted that an Easter event will be held at the Civic Center on Saturday, April 4, 2026, and that the baseball field grand opening is scheduled for February 28, 2026.
- Alvaro Preciado announced that the Old Timers event in Avenal will take place on May 2, 2026, at the park. A soft opening for the Avenal Community Center is planned, with dates to be determined. The City is collaborating with Parks and Recreation to host soccer events. He also mentioned ongoing issues with water leaks and main line replacement, and noted that an Easter event is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026.
- Jonathan Brewster (Alternate for the City of Lemoore) shared that an Easter event will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He also announced the opening of a new Chipotle location.
- Maria reported that 700 items are due.
- Mark stated that Gen is serving as the Outreach Specialist. KART has conducted outreach efforts at Valley Christian Home, Armona Elementary, Lily of the Valley Church, and participated in Kids Day with KCAO on Saturday, April 11, 2026.
- Oscar Gonzalez reported that the new compressor is operating well.
- Jerad Raper made a public statement recognizing a driver as Operator of the Year. The driver achieved 5,144 consecutive days of safe operation with no incidents and was selected from among 10,000 employees company-wide. She will attend an event in Dallas with Mr. Raper during the last week of April. He also noted that MV currently has four qualified drivers and will coordinate with KART to host a future job fair in the conference room.

The **next Board meeting** is scheduled for **April 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**