

ATTACHMENT A

MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 26, 2026



KCAPTA

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

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

Meeting Date: August 26, 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
Patricia M, Lemoore City Council
Doug Verboon, Kings County Supervisor
Vacant-Avenal City Council-
Nancy Howze, Hanford City Council
Ricardo Verdugo, Avenal Rep-non-voting representative
has not been officially elected or sworn in to have voting status

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

Legal Counsel: Ken Richardson, Legal Counsel

Visitors:

MV Transportation: Jerad Raper, Robyn
Reeves, Tiffany Gwin, Ramiro Maldonado,
Nick Arias MV-(ATV), KCAG: Teri King

Unscheduled Appearances:

Action Summary

3. Consent Item:

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The Board approved the following:

- A. Summary Minutes of Meeting July 22, 2026
- B. Updated to Policy #70-001 Financial Procedures

Vote: Approved as presented.

4 Present: NH,JN,PM,DV | **0 Absent** | **0 Abstained.**

4. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

KCAPTA currently has several buses that need to be declared surplus because of their age, condition, and diminished operational reliability. Angie stated that the buses are not in good enough condition for law enforcement use, even if they are bought or donated for that purpose.

KCAPTA requests the Board approve the buses as surplus, following agency surplus guidelines. The surplus will go through the surplus website, and we will work with a surplus representative. All surplus revenue will be returned to the bus replacement budget.

The Board approved surplus the listed buses. KCAPTA will move forward with surplus the listed 7 buses.

Vote: Approved as presented.

4 Present: NH,JN,PM,DV | **0 Absent** | **0 Abstained**.

5. APPROVE AMTRAK SAN JOAQUIN'S THRUWAY BUS SERVICE BETWEEN HANFORD AND VISALIA – AMENDMENT 02 TO AGREEMENT 25-J-01-00

The agency and SJJPA 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 two additional runs on Saturdays. KCAPTA's seamless coordination with SJJPA to adjust route times to align with train arrivals and departures reflects the effectiveness of their collaboration and helps ensure smooth, efficient transit service for the public.

The Amendment to the Agreement states that the SJJPA will fund the additions to the Visalia routes in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for FY 26/27. This MOU has no end date, but the amount payable for the service is subject to annual state appropriation. Therefore, SJJPA can increase the amount as operating costs increase over the years.

The Board approved Amendment 02 to Agreement 25-J-01-00 between San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and Kings County Area Public Transit Agency.

4 Present: NH, JN, PM, DV | **0 Absent** | **0 Abstained**.

6. APPROVE KCAPTA TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

In September 2018, KCAPTA's Board adopted the agency's first TAM plan and appointed the Executive Director as the Accountable Executive. The TAM Plan outlines how KCAPTA monitors, manages, and evaluates the condition of capital assets and establishes performance measures and targets. Consistent with plan requirements, KCAPTA's TAM plan includes only assets with a capital cost of \$50,000 or more. It needs to be updated every 4 years as required by FTA regulation.

The item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented in October

Board members did not vote.

7. ADOPT RESOLUTION 27-01 SB1 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FUNDS

Approximately \$105 million annually will be allocated to California transit operators for eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects. This investment in public transit is called the State of Good Repair (SGR) Program. The State of Good Repair program is funded by a portion of the new Transportation Improvement Fee on vehicle registrations. The SGR Program will benefit the public by providing public transportation agencies with a consistent, expendable revenue source to invest in upgrading, repairing, and improving their transportation infrastructure and service through Senate Bill 1. (SB) 1.

(Caltrans) with managing and administering the SGR Program. Annual Transportation planning agencies, such as KCAG, will be required to submit a list of proposed projects funded with SGR apportionment.

On July 31, 2026, the SCO released updated 2026-27 apportionments; KCAPTA will receive a total of \$259,897. As required, KCAPTA Staff will submit the proposed projects, including a zero-emission bus and admin vehicle, CNG bus rehabilitation, and a GFI upgrade.

The Board approved Resolution 27-01 authorizing the Executive Director to execute all required documents in order to submit the proposed projects under SGR program.

Vote: Approved as presented.

4 Present: NH,JN,PM,DV | **0 Absent** | **0 Abstained**.

8. APPROVE AMENDMENT 01 TO AGREEMENT # 26-06 WITH LEMOORE COLLEGE

On March 25, 2026, KCAPTA and West Hills Community College District, on behalf of Lemoore College, entered into Agreement #26-06 for KCAPTA to provide fixed route transit services to eligible Lemoore College Students. Under the Agreement, students receive rides at no cost when they present a valid Lemoore College student identification card, and KCAPTA tracks and invoices student boardings monthly. Ridership as of this month is #3,400 riders-Lemoore College. Vs 1,000 COS. With some of them coming from Avenal to Lemoore college. Suggestion from board member to start college later so the bus gets there in time. In the future to work with KCAG Transportation planning to better accommodate the Lemoore College students to match their class starting time.

Amendment No. 01 to Agreement #26-06 expands eligibility to include Lemoore College staff in addition to students. Eligible staff will receive rides at no cost upon presenting a valid Lemoore College Staff identification card. The Amendment also updates eligibility verification, tracking, and reporting to ensure KCAPTA documents staff ridership and includes it in its monthly invoice. All payment provisions, including the not-to-exceed amount and review thresholds, remain unchanged.

The Board approves Amendment No. 01 to Agreement #26-06, expanding eligibility to include Lemoore College Staff.

Vote: Approved as presented.

4 Present: NH,JN,PM,DV | **0 Absent** | **0 Abstained**.

9. APPROVE RESOLUTION 27-02 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY ZERO-EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

KCAPTA is undertaking the Hanford Transit Maintenance Facility Zero-Emission Infrastructure Project, which includes installing thirteen (13) 180-kW electric bus chargers, battery energy storage systems (BESS), solar canopy structures, and electrical upgrades. The project supports KCAPTA's transition to a zero-emission fleet and is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code §21080.25. The project is estimated to start in November or December, but we will see because it will be the rainy season.

The Board Approved Resolution 27-02, authorizing the filing of the CEQA Notice of Exemption and directing the Executive Director to file the notice and take all necessary actions to implement the resolution.

10. APPROVE RESOLUTION 27-03 AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTING OF LOW OR NO EMISSION GRANT AND THE BUS & BUS FACILITY GRANT

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. The project will include demolition of the maintenance facility and the construction of a new one. Right now, there should be a 20ft roof clearance in order to do bus maintenance properly, but it is not possible. There is also a problem with the foundation and the beams. If the design-build project needs additional money, KCAPTA will cover with reserves, local funds and other funds but in total KCAPTA needs to cover 5 million.

KCAPTA staff is preparing a competitive grant application under these programs to replace our existing 53-year-old metal maintenance shop building. 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.

The new facility will:

- Improve operational safety
- Increase maintenance efficiency
- Reduce long-term maintenance and operational cost
- 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 80% funding of eligible project costs through the FTA Section 5339(b) and 5339(c) programs. The 20% match requirement will be funded with California Transportation Funds. Any costs exceeding the grant award will be the responsibility of KCAPTA and may require additional local, state, or additional federal matching funds.

The Board approved Resolution 27-03, authorizing the Executive Director to submit a grant application for the FTA Section 5339(b) and 5339(c) programs in support of the Replacement of the Bus Maintenance Building.

Vote: Approved as presented.

4 Present: NH,JN,PM,DV | **0 Absent** | **0 Abstained**.

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Board members and staff provided updates and announcements.

Mark Pedreiro provided an update on recent and upcoming outreach activities, including attending the Salvation Army back-to-school event, COS, and Lemoore College. The monthly pass sold 330 in July and, as of today, 379 in August.

Heather Corder-Nothing to report. All good.

Jerad Raper-MV Transportation reported ongoing driver shortages; currently have 47, need 50 in total. There are no summer bus issues; buses are working well.

Executive Director Angie Dow provided an update on the FTA Triennial Review, conducted every three years. No deficiencies. "Congrats!" This shows that we can handle projects. No September board meeting. We will continue with the Oct board meeting, discuss the December holiday schedule, the special meeting in December, and cancel the Nov/Dec regular meeting.

Maria Ortiz-all good, nothing to report.

Ken Richardson-all quiet on the legal front.

Nancy Howze -Nothing to report. Election season.

Joe Neves-Carnegie Museum had 300 visitors for the time capsule. Thank you to the City of Hanford. There is another exposition, "Building Kings County," starting September 18, 2026. Joe Requested That KART be included in the Emergency Fire Department meetings so KART can assist with moving people in emergencies, such as floods due to rain.

Doug Verboon provided information regarding the ribbon-cutting for the Houston Bridge. The budget is done took 2 days. A job fair will be held in September. The tomato plant will be solar-powered. The transition will create many new jobs in Kings County. Morning Star company has been sold.

Patricia Mathews announced the Santa Rosa Rancheria Pow Wow this weekend. The Tachi Benefit Breakfast is all-you-can-eat to benefit Valley Animal Haven this Monday. Cinnamon new park Olivera Park between city offices and police department. Coffee & Community event Weds. 9/2/26 am in the Rec Center. Election season: District C (there are 3 candidates). Heritage Park is cleaned up; they removed the palm trees and added Wi-Fi, lighting, and repainting.

Ricardo Verdugo-Avenal Rep reported trying to get back to normal in January 2026, expecting new people. Just trying to deal with all the noise around the recall.

Joe Neves reported strong local sales over the Fourth of July weekend and highlighted upcoming Hanford Carnegie Museum exhibits, including a Time Capsule Installation and a Kings County History display.

The next Board meeting, scheduled for September 23, 2026, at 2:00 pm, is canceled. The next regular meeting is October 28, 2026, at 1 pm.