



July 14, 2026

**To: Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC)**

**From:** Irene Enriquez  
Regional Planner

**Subject:** Unmet Transit Needs Regional Finding

**Description:**

The Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee's primary role is to advise Kern COG's Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) about potential unmet transit needs in Kern County. SSTAC members fulfill this role by:

- Reviewing unmet transit needs public hearing documents within the Kern Region, including unmet transit needs that may exist within the jurisdiction of the Committee and that may be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services, or by expanding existing services based upon SSTAC member technical expertise.
- Analyzing, coordinating, and consolidating existing transit services to meet specialized transportation services; and
- Making a recommendation of finding to the TPPC.

**Discussion:**

Prior to making Transportation Development Act (TDA) fund allocations, Kern COG staff must determine whether unmet transit needs might exist within its jurisdictional boundary. The SSTAC is one of the avenues through which information on unmet needs is obtained by Kern COG. Each city and the County Regional Transit Division hold public hearings to determine if unmet transit needs can be identified within their communities.

This report documents efforts by Kern COG staff to gather and disseminate information regarding possible unmet transit needs in relation to existing services within incorporated and unincorporated areas of Kern County. Current services include:



### Local Services

Arvin Fixed Route, Dial-A-Ride, and commuter service to Tejon Ranch Industrial Complex, Hard Rock Casino, Valley Plaza, and Bakersfield College  
Delano Fixed Route and Complementary Dial-A-Ride.  
California City, Dial-A-Ride  
Frazier Park (Kern Transit) Dial-A-Ride (servicing the communities Frazier Park, Lebec, Lake of the Woods, Pinon Pines, and Pine Mtn. Club  
Golden Empire Transit, Fixed Route, complementary paratransit, CTSA senior and disabled  
Lamont/Weedpatch (Kern Regional Transit) Dial-A-Ride  
Mojave (Kern Regional Transit) Dial-A-Ride  
Ridgecrest Deviated, Fixed-Route, and Complementary Paratransit  
Rosamond (Kern Transit) Dial-A-Ride  
Shafter Dial-A-Ride  
Taft Dial-a-Ride  
Tehachapi (Kern Transit) Dial-A-Ride  
Wasco Dial-A-Ride

### Kern Regional Transit Intercity Services

Arvin/Weedpatch (Bakersfield/Arvin/Weedpatch/Lamont)  
Boron/Mojave  
Buttonwillow/Bakersfield  
East Kern (Bakersfield/Keene/Tehachapi/Mojave/Rosamond/Lancaster)  
Frazier Park/Bakersfield Corridor  
Kern River Valley fixed route, dial-a-ride serving the communities of Kernville, Wofford Heights, Lake Isabella, Weldon, and Onyx)  
Lake Isabella/Bakersfield  
Mojave/Ridgecrest Route (Mojave/California City/Inyokern/Ridgecrest and Inyokern)  
North Kern (Delano/McFarland/Wasco/Shafter/Bakersfield)  
Ridgecrest/Randsburg/Johannesburg  
Taft/Fellows/Derby Acres/McKittrick  
Westside Express (Ford City/Taft Heights/Taft/Bakersfield)

The SSTAC will present its findings and recommendations at its July 14, 2026, meeting. This report is intended to support SSTAC members in formulating a recommendation to the Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee regarding whether any unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet exist within Kern County, including the metropolitan Bakersfield area served by the Golden Empire Transit District.



In considering unmet transit needs, SSTAC must use the following definitions and performance standards:

#### Unmet Need

“An unmet need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport his or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are: 1) those requests for minor operational improvements, and 2) those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year.”

#### Reasonable to Meet

“An unmet need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport his or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are: 1) those requests for minor operational improvements, and 2) those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year.”

#### Size and Location of “Transit Dependent” Populations:

Detailed information on those and other categories is also gathered from surveys conducted for short-range Transit Development Plans (TDPs) developed by transit agencies in Kern County. TDPs provide detailed transit-related characteristics of cities and unincorporated communities. The information thus gathered is used to retool the transit service for the next five years.

#### Adequacy of Existing Systems

Some residents of Kern County may not have immediate access to Kern transit providers. Kern transit providers must provide service that meets financial requirements (e.g., a 10% farebox recovery ratio in rural areas, 20% in small urban areas, and 20% in large urban areas) and satisfy the unmet transit needs criteria.

Kern County has an extensive network of social service transportation services, with numerous providers represented on SSTAC. These agencies provide specialized transportation services to groups such as the developmentally disabled and seniors. Kern COG has actively supported these agencies in their efforts to provide better transportation to their constituents. One such area where Kern COG’s support has been fruitful is the capital assistance program of the Federal Transit Administration. This program, Section 5310, pays up to 80% of the capital purchases such as buses, vans, and computer equipment.



As of this report, Kern COG staff recommend that the members of the SSTAC find that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kern County.

**Action:**

Consider the information so that the SSTAC can make an informed recommendation to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee on one of the following three:

1. There are no unmet transit needs; or
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; or
3. There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

**Action:** Kern COG staff recommends finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kern County.

cc: Jay Schlosser, Kern COG Executive Director  
Robert Ball, Director of Planning



**Kern Council  
of Governments**

# **Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee**

## **FY 2026-27 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Records**

# Arvin: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARVIN  
DECLARING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN  
BE REASONABLY MET WITHIN THE CITY OF ARVIN.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 99238.5 of the Public Utilities Code requires the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process to solicit input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Arvin by way of this public hearing is complying with California Public Utilities Code 99238.5 in addressing any unmet transit need that can be reasonably met; and

**WHEREAS**, a public notice was given at least 30 days prior to this public hearing stating the date, place, time and specific purpose of the hearing and said public notice was be posted at the following designated places for posting of public notices: (1) Arvin City Hall/City Council Chambers; (2) Arvin Police Department; and (3) Community Development Department; (4) City of Arvin's website at [www.arvin.org](http://www.arvin.org); and

**WHEREAS**, for persons unable to attend the public hearing, the public notice provided for written and electronic comments to be received by the City Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was held at on January 13, 2026, at which time the Arvin City Council, after receiving all public testimony and any and all other public testimony (written and/or electronic) determined there were no unmet transit needs that be reasonably met.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council of the City of Arvin finds that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Arvin at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: CM Reyes, MPT Perez, Mayor Calderon

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_


ABSENT: CM Tarver, CM Horton

**ATTEST**

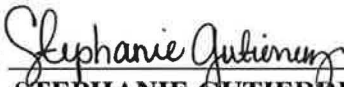


**CECILIA VELA, City Clerk**

**CITY OF ARVIN**

By:   
**OLIVIA CALDERON, Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:   
**STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ, City Attorney**  
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

I, \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk of the City of Arvin, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Arvin on the date and by the vote indicated herein.

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TRANSIT UNMET NEEDS HEARING**

The Arvin City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00p.m., to receive comments related to unmet and reasonable transit needs in the City of Arvin and the surrounding county areas serviced by the Arvin Transit System.

### **City Council of the City of Arvin Public Hearing Information**

**Date:** January 13, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Place:** City of Arvin Council Chambers  
200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203

Kern Council of Governments is required to define “unmet needs” and “reasonable to meet”, and has defined them as follows:

Unmet Need:

An unmet need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport himself or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are: 1) those requests for minor operation improvements, and 2) those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation, in the following fiscal year.

Reasonable to Meet:

- A. Operational feasibility- The requested improvement must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles.
- B. Duplication of Service- The proposed service shall not duplicate other transit services.
- C. Timing- The proposed service shall be in response to an existing, rather than a future need.
- D. Service must meet the legally required farebox ratio. (Public Utilities Code Sections 99268.2, 99268.5 and 21 CCR Sections 6633.2, 6633.5 with fares close to fares of similar service.)

Citizens unable to attend the meeting may submit written and/or electronic comments up until 12:00 pm on the date of the meeting to the City Clerk, City of Arvin, 200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203, [cvela@arvin.org](mailto:cvela@arvin.org).

Cecilia Vela, City Clerk  
Posted: December 10, 2025

**NOTICIA DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**  
**ASUNTO A TRATAR**  
**NECESIDADES DE TRANSPORTE URBANO INCUMPLIDAS**

El consejo de la Ciudad de Arvin conducira una audiencia publica el 13 de enero de 2026 a las 6:00 de la tarde. El proposito es para recibir comentarios del publico en general relacionados con las necesidades razonables de transporte urbano e incumplidas en la Ciudad de Arvin y otras poblaciones del condado de Kern, en las cuales el sistema de transporte urbano de la Ciudad de Arvin presta el servicio.

**Consejo de la Ciudad de Arvin - Audiencia Publica**

**Fecha:** 13 de enero de 2026  
**Hora:** 6:00 PM  
**Lugar:** Cámara del Consejo de la Ciudad de Arvin  
200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203

El Consejo de Gobernacion del Condado de Kern define “necesidades incumplidas” y “razonable de satisfacer” de la siguiente manera:

**Necesidad Incumplida:**

Una necesidad incumplida existe, si una persona de cualquier edad o condicion fisica no es capaz transportarse por si mismo o por si misma debido a las deficiencias en el actual sistema de transporte urbano.

Excluyendo: 1) Peticiones menores para mejoras operacionales, y 2) Mejoras ya financiadas y programadas para su implementacion en el siguiente año fiscal.

**Razonable de Satisfacer:**

- A. Viabilidad Operacional: Las Mejoras solicitadas deberan ser seguras de operar y deben existir caminos adecuados para el transito vehicular.
- B. Duplicacion de Servicio: El servicio que se proponga no debe duplicar otros servicios de transporte urbano.
- C. Intervalos de Tiempo: El servicio propuesto debe ser en respuesta a una necesidad existente en lugar de a una necesidad futura.
- D. El servicio debe cumplir con la racion legalmente establecida por ley, esto quiere decir que por cada Dolar que se invierta en el Sistema de Transporte Urbano un porcentaje de cada dolar debe ser recuperado en las tarifas que se cobren, como se estipula en la Secciones 99268.2, 99268.5 del Comision de Utilidades Publicas pos sus siglas en Ingles (PUC) y en las Secciones 6633.2, 6633.5 delCodigo Administrativo de California pos sus siglas en Ingles (CAC) con cobros cercanos a tarifas para un servicio similar.

Personas incapaces de asistir pueden someter comentarios escritos y/o electrónicos hasta las 12:00p.m. en la fecha de la reunión. Atencion: City Clerk, City of Arvin, 200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203, cvela@arvin.org.

Cecilia Vela, City Clerk

Publicado: 10 de diciembre de 2025

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**ARVIN CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
ARVIN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / ARVIN HOUSING AUTHORITY /  
ARVIN PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**JANUARY 13, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 6:05PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL:** CM Tarver and CM Horton absent; All others present.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS TO FORM.**

**Motion to approve the agenda.**

Motion MPT Perez

Second CM Reyes

Vote 3-0

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(This is the opportunity for the public to address the City Council on any matter on the agenda or any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council.)

**NONE**

**3. PRESENTATION(S)**

**A. Human Trafficking Awareness Month**  
Coalition Against Human Trafficking

**B. Certificates of Recognition: Arvin High Future Farmers of America (FFA)**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Demand Register(s) of December 06, 2025 – January 08, 2026.**

**B. Approval of Payroll Register(s) of December 05, 2025; December 19, 2025; and January 02, 2026.**

**C. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Arvin City Council Meeting(s) of December 09, 2025.**

**D. Approval of Minutes of the Special Arvin Planning Commission Meeting(s) of November 04, 2025.**

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**7. SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTION ITEM(S)**

- A.** Consideration and Approval of A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Arvin Community Redevelopment Agency, Approving and Adopting A Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule Covering the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l) AND (o).

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

**Motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Arvin Community Redevelopment Agency, Approving and Adopting A Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule Covering the Period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l) AND (o).**

Motion AM/MPT Perez

Second AM/CM Reyes

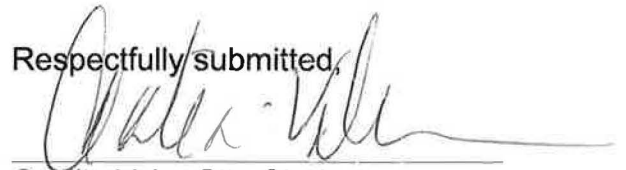
Vote 3-0

**Resolution No. 2026-04**

**8. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**9. ADJOURNED @ 7:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Cecilia Vela, City Clerk



# California City: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes (Certification of Resolution adoption)

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-3213**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY DETERMINING THAT CALIFORNIA CITY HAS NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CANNOT REASONABLY BE MET BY THE EXISTING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, Public Utilities Code section 99401.5 requires the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) to find that that the City of California City ("City") has no unmet transit needs that cannot reasonably be met prior to approving the City's use of Transportation Development Act (Pub. Util. Code, § 99200 et seq.) ("TDA") monies for street and road projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to annually holding its own public hearing (as required by the TDA), KCOG requires all agencies intending to file claims to use TDA funds for street and road projects to hold a public hearing to identify transit needs within their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2026, the City Council of the City ("City Council") held a duly noticed public hearing at which all persons desiring to comment on transit needs were given the opportunity to address, and were heard by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has responded to comments received at the public hearing, and concluded that there are no unmet transit needs that cannot reasonably be met within the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The above recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2:** Based on comments received from the public, the City Council hereby determines that there are no unmet transit needs that cannot reasonably be met within the City.

**SECTION 3:** The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Kern Council of Governments.

**SECTION 4:** The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

**SECTION 5:** This Resolution becomes effective immediately upon approval by the City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of California City this 24th day of February 2026.

Signed by:



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Marquette Hawkins  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed by:



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John Paul Maier, MBA, MMC  
Deputy City Manager/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:



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Victor M. Ponto,  
City Attorney

## CERTIFICATION

I, John Paul Maier, City Clerk of the City of California City, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Clark and Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Creighton, and Mayor Hawkins

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of California City, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Signed by:

*John Paul Maier*

FF83BA0620C6429  
John Paul Maier, MBA, MMC  
Deputy City Manager/City Clerk

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

State of California

County of Kern

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the Mojave Desert News, a newspaper that has been adjudicated to be a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Kern, State of California on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1939 Case number 34058 in and for the County of Kern State of California that the notice which the annexed is a true printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit  
I certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true.

01/14/2026

signed: *Misty Hickok*

Misty Hickok

01/14/2026

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of California City will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, for the following purpose:

Council considers the City's UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend and provide input to the City Council on the above-calendared matter.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
**Location:** Council Chambers in City Hall, 21000 Hacienda Boulevard or online @ <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88239934926>  
**Time:** 5:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible

Dated: January 15, 2026  
Leandrea Weible, Acting City Clerk  
City of California City

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION:**  
I, Leandrea Weible, Acting City Clerk for the City of California City, do hereby attest that I caused this

Notice of Public Hearing to be posted on all official City bulletins boards as required by statute and ordered it published in an adjudicated newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of this hearing (Mojave Desert News) one time, on January 15, 2026  
Leandrea Weible, Acting City Clerk  
City of California City

**Published in**  
**The Mojave Desert News**  
01/14/2026

# CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY

Marquette Hawkins  
MAYOR

Jim Creighton  
MAYOR PRO TEM

Della Clark  
Ronald Smith  
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sean Grayson  
INTERIM CITY  
MANAGER



## MINUTES

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*CITY COUNCIL/ HOUSING AUTHORITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2026 @ 5:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 21000 HACIENDA BLVD., CALIFORNIA  
CITY, CA 93505 & VIA ZOOM*

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If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk at (760) 373-7140 or via email at [cityclerk@californiacity-ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@californiacity-ca.gov). We request a 24-hour notification prior to the meeting in order for the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 American Disabilities Act Title II)

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### **Zoom instructions and notes:**

Web Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86960500604>  
Meeting ID: 869 6050 0604

1. Public can dial into the Zoom line:
  - a. One tap mobile: +16694449171,87254527178# US
  - b. Dial the following number: +1 564 217 2000 US
2. Comments
  - a. Public must join Zoom meeting to comment
  - b. Keep your mic on **Mute** until you are requested to speak
  - c. Use the "Raise your Hand" button to request to speak or,
  - d. Send a chat request to City Clerk for request to speak
  - e. When requested to speak state your name for the record
  - f. Re-mute when your time to speak has ended

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*Public is urged to listen to the meeting in a quiet place, to avoid background noise. We also request public to **MUTE** your audio device when not commenting to avoid disruption during meeting.*

*\*\*Please take this time to turn off your cell phones\*\**

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## CLOSED SESSION 3:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR HAWKINS CALLED THE MEETING AT 3:30 P.M.**

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers: Clark, Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Creighton, Mayor Hawkins- **ALL PRESENT**

**ADOPT THE AGENDA MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF CC3 MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM CREIGHTON / 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: COUNCILMEMBER SMITH**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CLARK, SMITH, MAYORE PRO TEM CREIGHTON, MAYOR HAWKINS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public are welcome to address the City Council **ONLY** on those items listed on the Closed Session agenda. Each member of the public will be given (3) three minutes to speak

**ROBBIE CORDES**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**CS 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

Four cases:

Hightower v. City of California City (Case No. BCV-24-103947)

Jeff Song, et al. v. City of California City (Case number BCV-22-103394)

Michael J. Ellison v. City of California City, (Case No. BCV-24-104203)

Linda Davis v. City of California City et al, (Case No BCV-25-100895)

**CS 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Two cases.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION—CITY ATTORNEY PONTO REPORTED OUT- DIRECTION WAS GIVEN AND COUNSEL WAS RECEIVED. NOT FURTHER REPORTABLE ACTIONS AT THIS TIME**

**CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING**

# CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY

## REGULAR MEETING 5:00PM

**CALL TO ORDER- MAYOR HAWKINS CALLED THE MEETING AT 5:03 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION – PASTOR GOODELL GAVE INVOCATION**

### **ROLL CALL –**

Councilmembers: Clark, Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Creighton, Mayor Hawkins- **ALL PRESENT**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Finance  
Police Department  
Animal Control  
Public Works  
Treasurer

### **CITY CLERK REPORTS/RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS**

JM POWERS:

**February 14, 2026-** “City Revenue From Voter-Approved 1 % Sales Tax Increase is Straight-Forward”

**February 15, 2026-** “Population Growth Rate, A Small Number with Large Infrastructure Cost Implications)”

**February 16, 2026-** “2019 Fremont Valley Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Importance”

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**P 1. New Employee Introduction:**

Carina Robinson, Cannabis Manager  
John Paul Maier, Deputy City Manager / City Clerk

**P 2. Proclamation:**

Proclaiming February 2026 As Safe Surrender Baby Awareness Month

### **CIVIC/COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR / PUBLIC COMMENT**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for the public to address the City Council on any matter **NOT on this agenda** and over which the City Council has jurisdiction. Please state your name for the record and limit your comments to (3) three minutes. The City Council will receive the comments but cannot engage in back-and- forth discussion with the public or make any decision. The City Council can direct staff to bring the item back to a future agenda for discussion.

-TAMI - SHAWN - AL - SAMUEL - ERIK -

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**PH 1.** A Public Hearing to Adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of California City Determining that California City has No Unmet Transit Needs That Cannot Reasonably Be Met by the Existing System

- A. Open Public Hearing
- B. Staff Report: Joe Barragan, Public Works Director
- C. Public Comment
- D. Close Public Hearing
- E. Discussion

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## F. Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the City Council

1. Conduct Public Hearing for Adoption of Resolution No. 26-3213
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 26-3213
4. Take other actions as desired

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY: COUNCILMEMBER SMITH/ 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: COUNCILMEMBER CLARK**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CLARK, SMITH, MAYORE PRO TEM CREIGHTON, MAYOR HAWKINS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### **WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Consideration to waive full-text reading of all Resolutions and Ordinances by single motion made at the start of each meeting, subject to the ability of the City Council / Agency to read the full text of selected resolutions and ordinances when the item is addressed by subsequent motion. All items on the consent calendar are considered routine, and non-controversial and will be approved by (1) one motion if no member of the council, staff, or public wishes to comment or ask questions. Public comments are to be limited to (3) three minutes. Roll call vote required.

**CC 1. Approve Check Register dated 02/06/2026 – 02/19/2026**

**CC 2. Approve Minutes for 1/27/2026 Special Meeting**

~~**CC 3. Staff Report: Sean Grayson, Interim City Manager  
Subject: Approval of an Agreement With EZ-GO to Lease Thirty (30) New Golf Carts in Annual Amount of \$46,718.16 for Use at the City Owned Tierra Del Sol Golf Course  
Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement with EZ-GO and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute and related contracts or agreements**~~

### **COUNCIL TRAILED CC3 TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING**

**CC 4. Staff Report: Joe Barragan, Public Works Director  
Subject: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of California City Authorizing Acceptance of Completed Work by Zenitram Inc. DBA ANM Construction for Splash Park Phase 1  
Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work by Zenitram Inc. dba ANM Construction for Splash Park Phase 1, directing the City Clerk to file Notice of Completion with Kern County Recorder, and authorize payment of retention funds**

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MAYOR PRO TEM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR MINUS CC 3 / 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: MAYOR HAWKINS**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CLARK, SMITH, MAYORE PRO TEM CREIGHTON, MAYOR**

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**HAWKINS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- CB 1.** Staff Report: Sean Grayson, Interim City Manager  
Subject: **Fiscal Distress Update and Authorization to Implement and Employee Early Retirement Incentive Program**  
**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council approve the Employee Early Retirement Incentive Program and provide any needed direction

**VOTE: 4-0**

**COUNCILMEMBER SMITH MOTIONED TO APPROVE CB 1 / 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: COUNCILMEMBER CLARK**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CLARK, SMITH, MAYORE PRO TEM CREIGHTON, MAYOR HAWKINS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- NB 1.** Staff Report: Joe Barragan, Public Works Director  
Subject: **A Resolution to Accept the Bid from J.L. Plank Inc. Dba Cen-Cal Construction for the New Bus Turnout Project at the California City Blvd and Yerba Blvd. Intersection, with a Contract Sum of \$184,481.00, to Authorize Contingency and Project Management Costs and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Construction Agreement**  
**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution to accept J.L. Plank, Incorporated dba Cen-Cal Construction's bid of \$184,481 for the New Bus Turnout Project at California City Blvd and Yerba Blvd, to authorize contingency and project management costs, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the construction agreement

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MAYOR PRO TEM CREIGHTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE/ 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: COUNCILMEMBER SMITH**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CLARK, SMITH, MAYORE PRO TEM CREIGHTON, MAYOR HAWKINS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

- NB 2.** Staff Report: Sean Grayson, Interim City Manager  
Subject: **Approval of Clean-Up Activities at Central Park Including the Central Park Lake to be Performed by Volunteer Forces Provide by Mr. Leland Krelle of West Coast Realty**  
**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve the activity in concept and authorize

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the Interim City Manager to execute any needed documents as approved by the City Attorney.

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MAYOR PRO TEM MOTIONED TO APPROVE / 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: COUNCILMEMBER CLARK**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CLARK, SMITH, MAYORE PRO TEM CREIGHTON, MAYOR HAWKINS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, AGENDA REQUESTS, AND AB1234 REPORTS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for council members to present information, announcements, and items that have come to their attention. The Brown Act precludes Council, staff, or public discussion. Short staff responses are appropriate. The Council will take no formal action. A Council member may request the City Clerk to calendar an item for consideration at a future meeting or refer an item to staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING-** February 19, 2026

I, John Paul Maier, Deputy City Manager / City Clerk for the City of California City, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing notice was posted on all official City bulletin boards and the City's website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in compliance with the provisions of the Brown Act.



# Delano: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DELANO  
DECLARING THERE ARE NO REASONABLE UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF DELANO**

**WHEREAS**, section 99238.5 of the California Codes of Regulations requires the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process to solicit the input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, handicapped, and persons of limited means; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Delano by way of this public hearing is complying with California Code 99238.5 in addressing any unmet transit needs that can be reasonably met; and

**WHEREAS**, a public notice was given at least 30 days prior to this public hearing meeting stating the date, place, time, and specific purpose of the hearing and said public notice was published in English and Spanish on transit buses, transit station, Bakersfield Californian, and City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, for persons unable to attend the public hearing the public notice provided for written and electronic comments to be received by the City Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was held at 5:15 pm on January 20, 2026 at which time the City Council of the City of Delano, after receiving all public testimony and any and all other public testimony (written and/or electronic) determined there no unmet transit needs within the City of Delano; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows**

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Delano hereby finds that a full and fair public hearing has been held and that there are no unmet transit needs within the City of Delano.
3. THAT STAFF hereby recommends to the City Council that it ADOPT the proposed Resolution, based on the findings enumerated herein above.

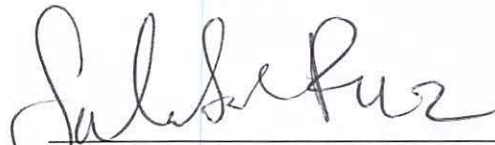
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Delano at a regular meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: SOLORIO-RUIZ/MORRIS/OSORIO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NUNEZ/ALINDAJAO

ABSTAIN: NONE



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Salvador Solorio-Ruiz, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk

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**DELANO TRANSIT**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**  
**JANUARY 20, 2026**

The Delano City Council will hear public comments in the matter of identifying and meeting Unmet Transit Needs:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Pursuant to Section 99238.5 of the California Code of Regulations, the Delano City Council will receive public testimony identifying and commenting on unmet transit needs that may exist in the City of Delano.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the City Council chambers at City Hall 1015 11th Avenue, Delano California, at 5:15 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 to accept comments and testimony regarding any unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet or exist in the City of Delano area. Delano City Council shall review all available information and adopt, by resolution, its findings for the City of Delano area at the next council meeting on February 2, 2026.

A person wishing to present testimony related to unmet transit needs may appear and be heard or may submit written comments to the Delano City Clerk, City of Delano, 1015 11th Avenue, P.O. Box 3010, Delano, CA 93216 or at [rchavez@cityofdelano.org](mailto:rchavez@cityofdelano.org) at or prior to the public hearing for inclusion in the official record of the hearing.

DART does not exclude from participation in, or deny the benefits of transit services on the basis of race, color, or national origin. If you need more information or would like to file a complaint, please call 661-721-3333, or mail DART, P.O. Box 3010, Delano, CA 93216. Tagalog translation is available upon request.

**DELANO TRÁNSITO**  
**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**  
**NECESIDADES DE TRÁNSITO INSATISFECHAS**  
**20 DE ENERO, 2026**

El Consejo de la Ciudad de Delano escuchará los comentarios del público identificando las necesidades de tránsito no satisfechas:

LES NOTIFICAMOS:

Conforme a la Sección 99238.5 del Código de Regulaciones de California, el Consejo de la Ciudad de Delano recibirán testimonio del público para identificar y comentar sobre las necesidades no satisfechas de tránsito que puedan existir en la ciudad de Delano.

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en las cámaras del Consejo Municipal en el Ayuntamiento 1015 11th Avenue, Delano, California, a las 5:15 pm el Martes, 20 de Enero, 2026 para aceptar comentarios y testimonios en relación con las necesidades de transporte no satisfechas que sean razonables para cumplir o existen en el área de la ciudad de Delano. El Consejo de la Ciudad de Delano revisará toda la información disponible y adoptará, mediante resolución, sus conclusiones para el área de la ciudad de Delano en la próxima junta el 2 de Febrero, 2026.

Una persona que desea presentar testimonio en relación con las necesidades de tránsito incumplidas puede aparecer y ser escuchado o puede presentar por escrito a la Secretaria de la Ciudad de Delano, Ciudad de Delano, 1015 11th Avenue, PO Box 3010, Delano, CA 93216 o at [rchavez@cityofdelano.org](mailto:rchavez@cityofdelano.org) o antes de la audiencia pública para la inclusión en el registro oficial de la audiencia.

DART no excluye de participar en, o negar los beneficios de los servicios de tránsito sobre la base de raza, color u origen nacional. Si necesita más información o desea presentar una queja, por favor llame al 661-721-3333, o por correo DART, PO Box 3010, Delano, CA 93216. Tagalo a solicitud.

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Ricardo Chavez, City Clerk  
City of Delano  
(661) 720-2228

December 17, 2025  
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## MINUTES

### CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING January 20, 2026

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solorio-Ruiz called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### INVOCATION

Pastor David Vivas offered the invocation.

#### FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Solorio-Ruiz led the flag salute.

#### ROLL CALL

Council members present: Salvador Solorio-Ruiz, Mario Nunez, Joe Alindajao, Liz Morris, Bryan Osorio  
Council members absent: None

#### OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Clerk Chavez, Assistant City Attorney King, Finance Director Lara Rios, Police Chief Nicholson, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Interim Community Development Director Dowling (via teleconference), Public Works Director Nunez, City Engineer Rodriguez, Fire Chief Crist, Transit Manager Alapisco and IS Coordinator Reyes

#### PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

No items

#### ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. David Castillo – *“David Castillo, I've lived here in this town for 77 years. And I remember when I lived on ... In fact, we still lived there on Main Street, 20th Avenue was ... There was no sidewalks. And when we lived there at one time, it was all an open field. Anyway, you guys built the sidewalks and the ... And so they said for me to go to the city yard and try to talk to somebody on that. And I did right after they parted the sidewalk and it was never resolved. And I went back there a couple of other times. We'll take care of it. It was never resolved. Went back there again. Never resolved. And you guys know how long that sidewalk has been back in that 20th, but the problem has never been resolved. And I would appreciate it if somebody would just go over there and find my meter. Like I said, it's not so much for me. It's for if there's an emergency and you guys got to turn it off, you'll go in my back on 20th and say, "Darn, where's this meter?" Okay? And then also, I don't know if this is also on the agenda regarding handicapped parking. Can I talk about handicap parking? Okay. On handicap parking, my wife, she's had three strokes and now she has Parkinson. And when I take my wife out of the car and on the handicap parking, you have the blue slab right there. And generally in all the other cities, other than Delano that I've*

*been to where that slab is at, they have a little ramp, so you go right straight to the sidewalk. But I noticed here is when I take her out, then I got to pull her out in the street. Even though that handicap is toward the corner, when I pull her out, when a car is making, let's say, a left or right-hand turn, that person is looking to see if there's a car coming and really can't see a person walking in the middle of the street. And I appreciate if the city maybe look into that, maybe where the handicap parking's at and where that blue slab is at, if they could do a ramp. And then also..."*

2. Roberto Ibarra – *“Hello, good evening. My name is Roberto Ibarra, Delano resident. I have one question. Oh, well, a few questions. I have the proposition. I think it's the proposition that was passed from Delano to make Delano beautiful again, I hope you ... Which is a tax, a tax motion. We are going to carry taxes on that. And I hope you make good use of that money. And also, are you making efforts to make business come into town? We like to see, because we just get in tax overtaxed and taxes, tax, tax, tax. California is overtaxed. Now California has been talked that we're going to be audited. Everybody's going to be audited. They're using the money wisely instead of laundering, wasting. I mean, we need to know because of we being taxed, overtaxed. And this make Delano beautiful again. I mean, I hope you make something out of it. I mean, instead of squandering something for the landlord that make it look good, instead of just running asphalt all over the street or spraying paint or crosswalks, I hope you do that. And also, I stand by that on the business. I hope you're doing business, trying to get business on the city because I mean, thanks to our farmers. Otherwise, what else? Thank you.”*
  
3. Fernando Bravo – *“Good evening, Mayor. Council. Happy New Year's. Okay. I'm just here just to let you guys know that myself and the senior citizens, we'd like to thank you for that Christmas dinner party that we have at Guillermo's. And especially I give thanks to Liz and Mario and the ones who attended and Maribel and the chief for all those donations you guys had. So that's what I want to say. Thank you. Right.”*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Authorization to waive the reading of any ordinance in its entirety and consenting to the reading of such ordinances by title only.
- 2) Warrant Register in the amount of \$ 3,262,541.21
- 3) Warrant Register in the amount of \$ 2,764,070.33
- 4) Warrant Register in the amount of \$ 4,224,736.71
- 5) Minutes of regular Council meeting of December 15, 2025
- 6) Minutes of regular planning commission meeting of November 12, 2025
- 7) Minutes of regular Citizens Review committee meeting of July 17, 2025
- 8) Minutes of regular Citizens Review committee meeting of October 16, 2025

- 9) Award of contract for the “10th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project” to Eclipse Construction Services Inc. in the amount of \$561,885.00 and authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign the construction contract and any other documents needed to complete the project (**Agreement No. 2026-01**)
- 10) Acceptance of the SB-1 Project No. 7 Local Streets and Roads Pavement Resurfacing & Rehabilitation Project and authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion
- 11) Resolution finding that a Local Emergency has existed within the city, authorizing contracting without the need for bidding pursuant to Public Contracts Code § 22050 and awarding the project to JM Pipeline Construction Inc. for \$350,000.00, and associated actions (**Resolution No. 2026-01**) (**Agreement No. 2026-02**)
- 12) Approval of payment of Southern California Edison invoice for \$79,858.07 for design of electrical service to Water Well 42 and authorization for the City Manager or her designee to sign any documents needed to carry that project to completion

**Motion was made by: Nunez to approved items 1-12 on consent items;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Alindajao**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Solorio-Ruiz/Nunez/Alindajao/Morris/Osorio  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 13) Public Hearing to receive comments related to unmet transit needs that may exist and can be reasonably met

Mayor Solorio-Ruiz opened the public hearing.  
 Staff report provided by Transit Manager Alapisco.  
 Mayor Solorio-Ruiz opened public comment.  
 No public comment.  
 Mayor Solorio-Ruiz closed public comment.

**Motion for approval was made by: Nunez;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Morris**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Solorio-Ruiz/Nunez/Alindajao/Morris/Osorio  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 14) Further discussion on the status update of Downtown Parking Enforcement (Main Street from 9th Avenue to Cecil Avenue) since the November 3rd, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting

Police Chief Nicholson provided the staff report.

City Manager Reyna – *“Honorable Mayor, just to remind the council how this issue was brought back up, staff did go and visit business to business in marketing the economic development micro loan program. And when we really weren't getting any takers, we went right back out and visited the businesses and this time inquired as to, "If you don't need this from us, what do you need? What can the city do to help your business?" And the biggest thing that they came back with was, "Please enforce the parking." So that's why we had brought that back to you as something that was really generated incidentally from the micro loan program. We're trying to offer them low interest loans, and they came back and said, "Enforce the parking." So it has generated some complaints.*

Council Member Morris – *“What's the ordinance now Chief?”*

Police Chief Nicholson – *“The ordinance now is under 10.16.220, which is two-hour parking. It's enforceable from 9:00 to 6:00 PM except for holidays and on Sundays. And it doesn't include disabled parking, just the regular parking. That's been in existence at least for 25 years, at least since I've been here. The signs have been posted since as far back as I can remember. The signage was in place when we began enforcing in December of last year, and that's essentially the gist of the ordinance. Any vehicle that stops or parks in the designated area where signs are posted for more than two hours can be given a citation for parking more than two hours.”*

City Manager Reyna – *“Honorable Mayor, just to remind the council how this issue was brought back up, staff did go and visit business to business in marketing the economic development micro loan program. And when we really weren't getting any takers, we went right back out and visited the businesses and this time inquired as to, "If you don't need this from us, what do you need? What can the city do to help your business?" And the biggest thing that they came back with was, "Please enforce the parking." So that's why we had brought that back to you as something that was really generated incidentally from the micro loan program. We're trying to offer them low interest loans, and they came back and said, "Enforce the parking." So it has generated some complaints. My recommendation would be to perhaps send out a ballot to each of the businesses, the business owners, not the property owners council and not the employees, but have it be filled out by the actual business owner so that council could get a response from the business and let's just ask them if they want it enforced or if they don't. We want to be supportive of our downtown businesses. That's not necessarily a convenience to the employee, but is a help to the business. But if the help to the business is no enforcement, then we can certainly do that. But if the business is saying we depend on our walk-in traffic and we need parking, then we enforce it. But my recommendation would be to try to gather some actual data so that council could perhaps make a more informed decision.”*

Mayor Solorio-Ruiz opened public comment.

Mari Garcia (via interpreter) – *“The owner of MGS Glam Beauty. It's a beauty salon. I want to express my worry about the limit on parking, of the two hour limit on parking. Honestly, it's affecting how my business is working and my colleagues who work close by. At this point, this rule of two hours means that if our clients want to spend a meaningful amount of time in our salon, they have to rush to leave or risk. For a small business like mine, this is a big problem. Often people who come to our business need more than two hours to receive our services we have available experience, or only to enjoy of experience. When they feel pressured with time, they won't come back, with affecting directly our income. This is generating an unnecessary stress to our customers. On top, it's hard for all of us who work there, including me. Often we work shifts that last more than two hours. We have to go outside and move our cars several times during our shift. This is really inconvenient. You make us lose valuable time. And there's other times when there's not enough parking spots available on the street for us to park during those two hours. This can cause fines for my clients and my business associates. I will really appreciate if the city can consider eliminating this restriction, eliminating this two hour restriction or to extend the limit to four hours. This small change will be a big difference in how our business flow, and the tranquility for employees to be able*

*to work during their shifts. We are part of the Delano community, and we want to prosper here. Any measure to solve this parking restriction will be a big help for all of us who earn their life or lives here in Delano. Something I would like to add is that if we go outside to our parking spot and the state comes over and they see our clients with some type of chemical in their heads, we will be fine. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope we can find a solution soon. Thank you. 1124 Main Street, Delano, California.”*

*Bernardo Preza (via interpreter) – “Afternoon. I apologize. I have a sore throat, but I'm going to try to express myself in the best way possible. My name is Bernado Presa and I'm the owner of Kern Bakery. 1302 High Street. We're having a little bit of an issue due to parking. We have been there for 10 years, established in this place. The building, we share this building with other four businesses and we share parking with them. We usually park on the street on Avenue... 13th Avenue. Due to the parking lot that we have, we only have 13 spots available. We only have 15 parking spots to be shared in four. If we as employees park where the customers are going to park, then we're not going to have enough space for our clients. And this is going to affect our business because now we have to park where customers should be parking. We try parking somewhere else in order to leave the parking space open for our customers, but everything else is closed. If we park over High Street, the limit is two hours. Either way we move, there's not enough space, so we need please. If you can help us with this petition, because we want to keep moving forward with our businesses because we want our customers to be able to park closely because sometimes there's customers that have their kits and they come in walking. And Sometimes due to rain or the heat, we want our customers to be able to park close to our businesses. That's what I want to keep ...That's why I'm asking for this, because I want to keep my customer happy and keep growing in my business. Thank you very much. Kern Bakery. K-E-R-N Bakery.”*

*Melani Juan – “Good evening, everyone. My name is Melanie Juan. I'm a longtime Delano resident and I rent a suite at MGS Glam Beauty Salon at 1124 Main Street. I found it very unfortunate when I heard the news of a few of my peers and clients receiving parking tickets while being at the establishment, and I feel that it will affect all of us at the establishment as well. I'm addressing that I'm against the two-hour parking time limit. I just don't think it makes any sense for there to be a parking time limit on Main Street with all the different businesses on the street that require customers to stay there for long periods of time, such as multiple salons and barbershops, the gym, restaurants, boutiques, and much more. As for the salon, most of our services that we provide take more than two hours to complete, and with us working with chemicals that need to be constantly monitored, the constant clock watching and need to go and move our vehicles could negatively affect the outcome of our work or cause us to run behind schedule for our next client. Also, on the days we work late hours, it's better for us to park on Main Street that's very lit up rather than in the alley with minimal light. With the homeless issue in our city, on top of us being predominantly women coming out of the salon, I find it very dangerous for us to park our vehicles in the alley. With that being said, I would suggest for the city to put up more lights in the back alleys of our businesses. Parking meters would not be a good solution because I don't think us business owners should have to pay for parking nor our customers as it would deter the customers. If the parking signs should remain up, businesses should be provided parking passes or even designated parking areas for each business. With enough parking slots for employees and customers. These are my main concerns for the parking situation. I kindly urge the city to come up with a better solution. Thank you.”*

*Erica Ramirez – “My name is Erica Ramirez. I live on 115 Calepinuelas, and I work at 927 Main Street. My boss was not able to attend today, but I do have a statement from him that he'd like me to read on his behalf. My boss's name is Matt Billings. He is an agriculture business owner. We are on the corner of 10th and Main Street. The business has been owned by his family for 98 years. We're 10 employees that require street parking. We're only parking in front of our building. We're not impeding on any other business parking, and this parking enforcement is only penalizing our employees. The safety of our employees walking and getting to work safely is his main concern. There's also people that are a little bit*

*older and they have a physical impairment to walk. My personal statement is, I'd like to speak to you on the impact of the two-hour parking limit on Main Street. It's heavy on myself and fellow employees. Since the parking limit has been enforced, we have been subject to parking at either two public parking lots that are both a block or more from our place of employment. Both parking lots have their share of nuisance. One parking lot requires you to walk down the alley to reach 10th and Main Street. This parking lot is next to an old apartment building where the residents, typically men, like to stand outside, talk, and observe the people and cars passing by. This parking lot is also next to a big dumpster, which typically is full on Mondays and has a wretched smell. Occasionally, you can find raw meat laying on the ground and empty beer cans and other household waste. The other parking lot sits between a drug rehab and public library, which is occasionally host to homeless people. Between the two parking lots, I've been taking my chances with the old residents because maybe I can outrun them if I ever need to. You see, as a female employee, this parking limit has brought fear, anxiety, and an uneasy feeling walking to and from work. I don't think it's safe for any female employee to have to walk through an alley to reach her place of employment. Yes, I could walk down main streets like High Street or Jefferson, but I'm creating a longer walk for myself and only subjecting myself to the traffic of the passing cars. Being honked at or getting catcalled on your way to work is not the way I'd like to start it. Just because of an incident hasn't occurred doesn't mean it won't happen. I fear that this parking limit is only a matter of time before an incident like such takes place for a female. And until Well, then will you revoke the parking limit? Are you trying to create revenue off the employees of Main Street? Look at how many other female-owned and ran businesses are down Main Street and adjacent. Do you think everyone's safety now having to walk a block or two to reach their workplace? Do you know that typically women are at beauty shops for longer than one or two hours? You're risking their safety by parking at the alley or risk getting a ticket. You're screwing the female employees and customers."*

*Jorge Navarro – "Good Afternoon, my name is Jorge Navarro. My business is in 1006 Main Street and I'm also a barber. I am also in disagreement with this two hour parking. The same reason the people before me presented. Everything they say before me is correct when it comes down to what's happening with our customers. Now, a person who works with me received to a practice in less than a month. So I don't think it's fair, because I don't think it's fair that we have to be moving our car every two hours because sometimes we get busy. We get busy with one customer for more than that time, and sometimes the officer comes over, gives an infraction, and we don't have enough time to go outside and move our car. I would prefer if it could be possible to be extended to four hours. If that could happen, we will appreciate it a lot."*

*Creshanda Villalobos – "Hello. My name is Krishada Villalobos and I am resident of Delano 250 Belmont Street. I'm here representing MGS Glam Beauty Salon of 1124 Main Street. I am a suite renter and the impact has directly affected me, my peers, and our clients. Due to being ticketed at the salon, clients receiving tickets as well while being served, I would like to give a brief insight to the timeframes in which services can be completed. A basic color service can run two hours plus. A lightner service can run three to four hours, plus on top of many Delano families receiving haircut services for each of the children in the house and/or adults. Also, many of our clients receive services from hairstyles and nail techs during one appointment block. Clients and stylists have already received tickets during said services. It's unfortunate during this tight economic time to tack on another price during their appointment. I would like to also bring up the fact that many clients will come from the gym to the salon, receive a service, treat their children to ice cream, walk across the street to the bank to get cash to pay us. They will go to the 99-cent store, buy their kids a treat. They will take home food from the business across the street and such. So these clients are also going and consuming multiple businesses, and I think that that promotes revenue within Delano. Excuse me. Oh, one second. I'm so sorry. For every new business that is built, we see one parish down Main Street. As a city cannot afford to impose something that discourages business where businesses are much needed. Finally, due to our increased homeless epidemic, we felt very unsafe parking in the alley, which does only fit two vehicles if parked properly. I*

*propose this because the situation is one that directly affects me, my means to provide for my family, my coworkers, our salon, my clients, and the time and finances. What are our options? A multi-level parking structure, a longer time span, or those who work on Main Street getting parking passes. This situation is very discouraging to many of us who work in this location, furthermore, in the City of Delano. I kindly ask that you take time to listen to our voices, the people who keep Main Street afloat. Speaker 18 (35:11): Thank you for your time and consideration. I would like to quickly add on something that was discussed with my clients and other coworkers. In our salon, we host ... Delano is inclusive, and we have an environment where we all have private suites, meaning that nursing mothers have a safe place to nurse their children. Now, that takes time. That is additional time on top of a service. And to know that we are very proud at MGS Glam that every single mother can have a private suite to do that. It's an awesome retreat, and it's something that brings in business and revenue. Now, if that's taken away from the women, because primarily it is women that consume that service from our salon and can perform what they need to do. Me included, it is very discouraging and it may even in fact affect me to the point where I cannot no longer work. So it's very personal. Thank you."*

*Veronica Palomo – " Good evening. My name is Veronica Palomo. I've been a resident of Delano more than 20 years. I'm a licensed cosmetologist. I'm currently servicing at 1124 Main Street. I've practiced in Delano the whole time I've been here, specifically on Main Street the last seven years. As was already stated, the signs have been there the whole time. Nobody's paid attention. We go in provider service and go out. It's been great. Unfortunately, on the 7th, I did walk out to my car having a ticket on there. And then the following day in the mail, I received another ticket that was dated the 5th. Besides the office concern that my colleagues have shared, that was a little unfortunate and unfair. The whole seven years, every single time we have a parade, there's cones posted. We're going to have a parade. We're going to shut down the main street that stops our walk-in and our clients to come in conveniently. So that's already another issue separate from parking. But I'm wondering, Mr. Mayor, why we didn't have the cones and the signs because Mr. Nunez, Vice Mayor Nunez shared with me that there were supposed warnings given. I'm there Monday through Saturday, 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Not one notice was ever put around or even verbally given. So, one problem or one suggestion or one question I have is, will you give grace to this first month that you guys seemingly abruptly put this into place? I figure if any notice was given, I would've got it because I'm there so frequently. Also, like they briefly mentioned, State Board is really tight on us. We don't have the luxury of leaving our clients unattended with chemicals when, or sending them out with chemicals and drapes to move their car. It's not plausible. Aside from it affecting our businesses as a consumer to medical treatment, my agenda is as Dr. Carlos Bohaman on 1019 Main Street, I have an upcoming root canal. We know that's going to take longer than two hours. Do I ask him to stop my medical treatment while I have numbing and possibly things in my mouth to move my car? It's really also the prompt care on Jefferson. If you're going to PromptCare, you're going to take longer than two hours. My solution is agreeing with some of my colleagues. I mean, if we want a solution that is not going to affect us financially, we have these parking spaces by La Michoacana, Bank of America, the one between the Courthouse Street to be multi-level parking. I don't agree with limiting. If we do the math and paying 50 cents an hour or whatever, it can go up to 2,000 a year, and that's not possible for us. We're the revenue that's bringing Delano. We're all these businesses that is helping our economy thrive here. I don't think we should be punished. I don't know if there's any questions. I went pretty fast. Thank you."*

*Manuela Jordan – "Hello. My name is Magdalena Jordan. I reside in 1200 County Line Road. I do work for MGS as well since 2022. My hours are pretty long. Sometimes I go early in the morning at 4:30 and come out sometimes till five o'clock. I have never got an issue with parking. On the 7th, I myself as well came out to a parking ticket in my car and I was unaware that these rules were applied since I've been working there for so long and it's never been an issue before. Sometimes I do have to close there. I get out sometimes 11:00 PM, 12:00 PM, which will be very harsh for me to go to the back where it's dark. They're sometimes homeless by the back in the trash cans. And I feel that's kind of dangerous for a female*

*to go out there and just go out there in the dark. So I don't know what solution you guys have. I feel my clients, sometimes they are there for over four hours. And like my teammates said, they can't be going out with chemicals and their hair and just switching the car from one day from hour to hour. The other day, I actually had to do that. I was there for about six hours and every two hours I went out there and changed my car, but it's hard leaving my client in the room while I go and change my car and having them do the same thing. So maybe you guys could come up with better solutions on the parking lots. Thank you."*

*Guadalupe Olmedo – "Hello. Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Guadalupe Olmedo. I am here in the address on 920 11th Avenue. That's our place of business. And for me, I wanted to come in and address this topic because like many of our community members, I have also been affected by the cost of these infractions. And I wanted to point out the fact that in our location specifically, we are at a financial institution, and so many times our clients are there for hours at a time being that we want to prioritize being swift and having security for our clients and giving them the trust that they need to be able to perform their financial transactions. Oftentimes, me personally, I don't end up taking a lunch till maybe 2:00, 3:00 PM. And so unfortunately, during this month, I also had an infraction during one of these times where I wasn't able to take my lunch on time and I was helping our community with their financial services. And so I'd just like to add the fact that in our location specifically, we only have a parking that we don't have ... I guess we could park there, but we wouldn't because it's not the right thing to do, like many of our community members stated. The parking is for the convenience of our customers. And being that we are at a financial institution and being that I'm sure DPD may be aware of situations where we've had security concerns specifically with the community, how is it that we're protecting our community members when we're not being given enough time to park, especially us as employees, being that we're here to serve our community, we need to trust that our city is also supporting us in this common goal of helping our community thrive. I want to piggyback on what the ladies behind us mentioned. As a woman, a young woman here in our community, unfortunately, I've experienced many instances of sexual harassment, stalking. And unfortunately, to say our community or our court system here doesn't really support restraining orders. And so, the reason why I bring that up is because working in a financial industry or in a financial institution, we often do get out late or we have clients who are women and they might be going to the bank on their own and they are at risk and they have been at risk. I think that I don't need to say more, but I think that it's a concern when we're not able to have access to parking. So, I want to offer a solution and I think a great solution might be considering a public parking structure. I know we have some space here. I'm not sure if it's owned by the city, but I think that might be a perfect spot for us to take advantage of and being able to create a space for our businesses and community members. Thank you for your time."*

Mayor Solorio-Ruiz closed public comment.

*Council Member Morris – "Personally, I really don't care either way because I'm not a business owner downtown. So whether you want to cater to your clients or cater to your employees, that's up to you. I'm with Maribel. I'm saying send out something to every business owner down that street and whatever vote comes in the most is the direction where we go. I know Mario and I surveyed a lot of the area. Well, at least I went down with them a couple of blocks down and we talked to people downtown just to see what is more important, your customers or your employees. And I realize both of them are important, but somewhere along the line, you have to weigh that out. Okay. Which is it going to be? You want your clientele to be able to park or do you want your employees to be able to park? So for me, like I said, it doesn't really make a difference to me because I'm not particularly a business owner downtown, and that's true. And it's hard to find a parking place downtown. Sometimes I'll go round and round and round and round hoping somebody eventually leaves before I park and find a place or I'll have to park a block down and walk down or just hope that I can find a parking space. But I know that's always been a problem. We haven't really enforced it because when it's fresh and new, we're all gung-ho on the issue, and then after a while it just kind of dies off a little bit and then we forget about it. So that's kind of where*

*I stand right now. I'm saying, send the letters out and whoever comes out at the top and says, "Yay, no, is the direction that we'll go." And I think that's my comment."*

*Council Member Osorio – "Yeah. Well, first of all, I just want to thank everyone for showing up to give their insights as to what they've experienced with this parking enforcement recently. The common themes I'm identifying are related to public safety, access, health, and the financial hardship of dealing with these infractions. I think what I shared with folks who took the time to call me, who took the time to email us, and I think we were all looped into those emails. It reflects some of those comments that were shared this evening. I am particularly concerned how we listened this evening to how women especially feel at risk of this enforcement and how they've had to adjust to make sure that they're not receiving citations. Because of that and because of the potential suggestion of a survey, I'd be in support of halting enforcement until we make a more solid decision. And I feel like that solid decision should be backed up with more information, which could be the survey results of our folks in support of a two-hour limit. I believe that's the recommendation is just for that question. I'd also be curious whether there would be support for a four-hour limit, if that's also helpful because at the root of this, there's also the concern from those businesses who want to make sure that they do have parking available for their clients because right now we are possibly adjusting to making sure that clients have adequate time, but we also want to make sure we prepare for the concern on the other end, which is what if clients have too much time? And so I would be curious to see if a survey can include that question as well. But ultimately, again, I hear folks, I hear their concerns, and I would be strongly in favor of making sure that we're not, or that we would hold off on enforcement until the City Council makes a more collective decision."*

*Council Member Alindajao – "I think that the bigger picture here that I think the council's thinking about, at least from my position, is retail development in this city is really moving towards the southwest part of the city. And our concern is that we don't want downtown to be left behind. We're really concerned about making sure that downtown continues to be vibrant, revitalize and move forward as the city continues to develop new retail in the southwest part of the city. So I think that's the bigger picture that sort of drives this parking issue. I used to work in downtown years ago, and that was the problem then. It's the problem now. And we really have to balance all the businesses. We have to be equitable in terms of how do we apply the law. I hear the salon type businesses, those are legitimate concerns. You can't have a customer running out there with things in their hair and whatnot or employees going out there to move their cars because of the time limit. But then what do we say to the coffee shop or the sandwich shop that doesn't necessarily require two hours or three hours? And they could have parked in a parking spot near the salon, say, and they can't get to a parking spot, or those business owners cannot. So we really have to balance all the different types of businesses that are in the downtown area. I assure you that the city's not trying to generate any revenue that's going to come out of a parking meter or a ticket. It's very minuscule compared to the city budget. So I can assure you that I think our concern is if we don't have a steady flow of customers or patrons that can visit retail stores in downtown in a systematic, regular basis, we can risk losing a lot of business in downtown. And perhaps if we really dug deep into the metrics of what's happening in downtown, maybe many of retail businesses in downtown are losing a lot of business, to be honest, because of the parking situation. I think Council Member Morris described having ... We've all done it. I mean, we go downtown to do something really quick, drop off something at the alterations or pick up a sandwich or whatnot, and we have to ride the block a few times. And sometimes we give up and we just, it's too busy, I'll try another day. So those are the concerns that we have for downtown and being able to balance all the types of businesses. And then the other issue that we have to balance is employees versus patrons parking in the downtown area. A lot of you employees and owners brought up a lot of good concerns about safety and the time of day and night that y'all are working there certainly is a concern, but do we allow ... I think Councilmember Morris alluded to this in that do we want parking for our customers? Do we want parking for employees? Because of the space that we're in and downtown, I don't think we have both. I think the long-term solution is what many of you have suggested, and that is a city-owned parking structure or parking. And I think at some point we're*

*going to have to really potentially have a conversation about that. I know in many cities there's city-owned parking structures that help out, but for the meantime, I think I'd be open to a four-hour limit for parking rather than the two-hour. I think that facilitates those customers, at least at the beauty salon, to be able to handle their business at those salons, at those businesses, and then move on without having an all-day parking situation. And that's really what we're concerned about is an employee of a sandwich shop or a beauty salon going to park there for six or eight hours and take up space that would've been for a customer? That's the concern. Again, the bigger picture is we want downtown businesses to grow and to be vibrant and revitalize the downtown area, invite more businesses to come there, but we only have so much space. So the long-term solution, of course, is the parking structure. I think we can perhaps have a discussion about that in the future. But for now, I think a middle ground would be a four-hour parking limit in the downtown area and we'll have to continue to discuss it. It's a very complex issue and it's probably going to take a lot more discussions than just one discussion tonight, but I think for now it could be a temporary fixed four-hour parking limit. Thank you, Mayor."*

Mayor Pro Tem Nunez – *"Hi, just so you know, I don't have a preference either for or against the parking enforcement. It's what everybody wants to decide on, what's best for the community. Like Councilwoman Liz said earlier today, she and I walked on Main Street. I actually parked at Vallarta, talked to the manager of Vallarta. "Hey, I'm going to leave my truck here because I'm going to walk Main Street. I don't want to get a two-hour parking ticket." The guy laughed at me. He goes, "Yeah, just park at the end where everybody else has been parking so they don't get tickets." So I started at 11:30 this morning and five minutes before the council meeting ended, I got as far as Bank of America from walking from Bayada all the way down talking to the businesses, those that were open or those who answered me and worked my way back. Of the 33 businesses I contacted, 11 of them had no contact or somebody didn't come out to the front when I went there. Of those 22 that I did make contact with, 15 of them said yes. The only ones I spoke to were business owners, not employees. Employees seem to be the ones that get into the citations right now, not the owners. A lot of employees are getting cited. Of the 22 I contacted, 15 of them said yes, continue to enforce it. I have the addresses and names and phone numbers to those business owners. Seven of them said no, and three of them said it didn't matter to them either way. And again, I didn't get to finish Main Street. I didn't get 100%. This is unofficial. We heard multiple positives for it and against it. Again, like I say, I'm not forward against it. Whatever is good for everybody, what they want. I do know that we need to either enforce it or not. We need to pick one. Back in the early 2000s, I was the officer that was assigned to go to Main Street and start writing these tickets because of the same concerns. Businesses are saying, "Hey, my clientele's going down. There's no parking for my business. There's nowhere people to come to my shop or come to my place to do business." So there's nowhere to park. So they're going around the block, they're not finding, they're leaving and they're not coming to the business. Some of the concerns that Councilwoman Liz and I heard today is the people across the street at 1234 Main Street, their employees are parking in front of our place, picking up all our parking spots and all the spots on their side are empty. So we're parking in front of their spots and it's all it is is employees going back and forth. When we had this meeting back in November, I warned the council and I warned some of the business owners that this is going to happen. It is not the client's going to get tickets. It's going to be the employees and the business owners getting these citations because they're the ones that are sitting there all day. I spoke to Mr. Guzman and several other of these that they have issues. Somebody brought up some issues on parking passes, and I gave an example to one of the businesses who has a beauty salon in the 1200 block. She has nine chairs in her business. Those nine chairs, every individual chair is a business owner of that chair. So that's nine parking spots. We will give her employees. Nine spots right next to her is a barbershop, four chairs there. Now we have 13 business owners. Right next to her is another beauty salon with six chairs. Now we have 19 business owners on one block who all want a parking pass. How do we give 19 business owners a parking pass? You as a business owner who gets those two parking passes for you if you have eight or nine employees. It's not going to solve the issue with that. Somebody brought up this thing about revenue. The city of Delano gets about \$35 for parking ticket and approximately a little bit over a hundred citations were issued since it*

*started back in November. But we do our homework, that's like \$3,500. That employee costs the city almost \$8,000. So, we're not in it for the money. We don't need the money. We don't want the money. We're just enforcing something that business owners came to us and wanted us to take care of. There was talk about issues with homelessness and the homeless people in the back. A lot of business owners I spoke to today, and some of those who emailed me and called me, I asked them when's the last time they called the police and asked for help regarding homeless? Less than 5% of those business owners called or have called regarding homeless. Police department doesn't know where everybody's at. We don't have 500 police officers out there looking for all the homeless are out there. There's multiple police officers working. They're just not living on Main Street. We do have community service officers. We do have code enforcement officers are specifically dealing with that. In June of 2025, we had a little bit over 115 homeless people in our city of Delano. As of Monday, which was yesterday, a couple of people I talked to, volunteers go out, feed the homeless or provide services. We have less than 20 in our city right now, less than 20. They're out there finding them, identifying them, finding somewhere to go, moving them along, a lot of new faces. So how do we handle this? Some of these businesses were built in the late 40s and 50s on Main Street that don't have parking in the rear. Some of these businesses don't have lights in the rear. Your property owners need to light up your back parking lots if you have them. Put a light back there, light it up. City of Delano has three city parking lots that we do not charge for you to go park at them. There's one in the 1000 block of Main Street. There's one in the 1100 block of Main Street, and there's one in the 1200 block of Main Street. Some of the stuff that lives and I heard today, "Well, that's a block and a half away. I don't want to walk." Again, I don't have a preference what business owners want, but we need to come to a solution either we enforce it or we don't. We can't keep changing the hours and we can't be changing it based on what business comes in and they want it enforced and some others don't. We can't give parking passes to specific people. There is no \$500 fee you pay a year and you can have two spots in front of your business that, as far as I understand that doesn't exist, correct? A couple businesses told me that, "Hey, that's what I was told." So again, I don't have a preference, but we do need to either enforce it or not. If we're going to do more of an official survey, we need to look at it. But as of right now with this unofficial, I did the east side of Main Street from 8th and Main all the way down to 14th, and I made it southbound back to Bank of America. 75% of the people are telling us already enforce it."*

*Mayor Solorio-Ruiz – "Thank you, Vice Mayor. As far as my comments go, first off, I want to thank everyone who is here today who spoke on the item. Your concerns are valid. Your opinions are appreciated. And of course, we heard your comments. I also want to note that I did, of course, receive several calls. I think initially starting when the City and the Chief and the Council provided their perspective and when the enforcement began sometime in December, that's when I started to receive calls about this issue, folks saying, "Why did I receive a ticket?" And et cetera. And so of course, we can't go back to see exactly how that transition was done, but I just wanted to put that in the record. I did receive several calls even this morning from folks who were vocalizing their disagreement. A lot of those businesses who were in disagreement were our hair salons businesses. And that's one thing that I did note when we talked about this issue in November is I was like, we need to keep in mind our hair salons because we have customers in there for three hours, four hours, you name it. And so that's important to note because the folks who are potentially in agreement with this are the folks that have the 99 cent stores or the quick and grab stores where you go in there, grab something and you head out. And so one of the things that I talked about in November was that in order for us to enforce some type of policy like this, we need to ask ourselves, do we have the infrastructure? And by that, I mean, one of the hair salons mentioned that they have potentially 10 or more chairs in there, or not chairs, employees who are working there cutting hair, et cetera, and don't have enough space in the back for all of their employees. And of course, concerns over safety issues, you name it. And then a couple of things that I spoke about with those businesses as well is to assist us in really balancing this issue out. As many up here have noted, do you want it to benefit the customers or do you want it to benefit business owners? I say, let's try to find a middle ground where we can all work together and find a solution for this. I looked at the maps*

online yesterday and I found there to be approximately about 10 hair salons down Main Street. And so, I say that because of course it's important for us to recognize what type of businesses are on Main Street. And so that's important when we decide whether to enforce this or not. Of course, I also heard and learned, I think this was a very unique learning experience about how our hair salons, someone can't just walk out with product in their hair because the State will find you or the State will potentially take away your license. That's insane. I didn't know that. I found that out this morning. Or I believe in banks, when you open, you have to park right in front. And so that of course delays the progress of you working, whether you take your lunch or not, et cetera. But I preface this also to note and say my own personal experience, do I believe there is an issue of parking on downtown Main Street? I do believe there is, but the way we do it matters. The way we tackle this issue matters. And so, I did do some more research on what other communities do, what are other solutions? Of course, there is an extension of the time like others have noted up here. There's also, of course, the idea of parking meters as much as what we've heard and echoed here, and I do the same, is we are not here and we're not in the business of taking money from you. We are in the business of putting money in your pockets. And so that is not the intention that we have, but of course it's different solutions that we can bring forward to find a middle ground here that can work for all of us. I am going to say I find interesting the ballot measure, the ballot measure, sorry, that was Measure "B." The ballot initiative in terms of sending out surveys and getting comments from folks. The only concern that I have is we've heard it before about how certain folks who own these actual establishments don't even live in Delano. And of course that's just me speaking without proper information, but I'd be willing to try it out. I'd be willing to try it out and maybe not only putting in there, do you want us to enforce it or not, but be more descriptive in terms of, if so, do you want us to enforce it for two hours, for three hours, for four hours? I'd be in favor of getting that input. And I agree with you, City Manager. I think it's important for us to establish some type of information and data before we move forward with anything. But I also will say that I appreciate the folks who came and spoke today. This issue might not be solved tonight. It might take a couple of meetings to solve it, but I assure you as far as on my end, I assume my Council colleagues is we don't want to burden you. We do not want that. That is not our goal. We want to make the city great. We want to make sure that we prioritize our small businesses and our customers because that's important as well. And so I'll go ahead now and let me see. Of course, like also Council Member Alindajao mentioned the parking structure, looking at that down the line. Let me see if there's anything else I missed. No. Well, those are my comments. I will now entertain a motion for the council."

**Motion was made by: Morris to send out a ballot to each business owner one vote and get the data back on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, as well as halt the enforcement of the downtown municipal code parking until the March 16, 2026;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Nunez**

**Vote: 4-1**

<b>Ayes:</b>	Solorio-Ruiz/Nunez/Morris/Osorio
<b>Nays:</b>	Alindajao
<b>Absent:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

No Items.

## **COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

**Council Member Bryan Osorio** – *“Yeah. Well, I know Councilman Lindahl and I were just talking about how it's been a while since we last connected, so happy new year to folks. I think many of us attended the celebration of the RFK Football Program's State Championship ceremony and also recently the recognition of Cesar Chavez's band program as well, placing first in state. I think it just speaks to the development in this community. I know last year I was getting deja vu when I was hearing some of the comments, but yeah, just there's a lot of volunteerism and support from parents, guardians, tios tias, grandparents. And yeah, I just want to acknowledge everyone's contributions to these state recognitions. Also, last week I attended the second monthly current Council of Governments board meeting. I think just a main takeaway from that was I think for some time now, our city staff has been aware of the, and my colleagues have been aware of the reconstruction of Garces that will be happening. They're about to put that project to bid, and hopefully by late spring they'll be able to begin construction. So as I get updates at these board meetings, I'll let the council and the public know, and that'll be it from my end.”*

*“Mayor, before you do your coding statement, I did forget something when I mentioned Kern Cog earlier, we didn't go into details on the specific awardees, but they did bring up the regional awards program happening this March. And our city manager, Ms. Maribel Reyna, was a recipient of the Daryl Hillbrand Distinguished Leadership Award. And so, congrats, Ms. Reyna, on that recognition.”*

**Council Member Alindajao** – None.

**Council Member Morris** – *“Just make a couple of comments. I did receive a thank you letter from the senior citizens, and they wanted to thank all those members who made a donation to the Yearly Jefferson Senior Center Holiday Party, and they are so appreciated. And it says that Delano was fortunate to have such caring people in our community that would make that holidays special for them. So, they said to each and every one of us here at this wonderful, to make this special holiday special for them. And they wanted to thank all who contributed to that effort. The only other thing I have is that I will be attending Cal Cities in Sacramento this Thursday. And actually, the beginning of the year is when we decide what issues we want to legislate for cities. So that means that what we do is we get all the representatives from every division in the State of California there, and then everyone presents issues that are important to them in their cities. And then we list all the ones that everybody feels a priority that we want to legislate for. And so, if any of you have any concerns or feel an issue that needs to be presented and put on that board, so that way we can take a look at some of those matters to see which is important to cities. Many times, many of those in the past years that I've served on that committee, I guess homelessness has always been an issue, so that usually comes up at the top of the list most of the time. Some of the other issues that have come up in the past have been the closing of all a lot of libraries in the State of California everywhere. Childcare issues are important. And I sit only on the community committee, and so that means that there are a lot of other committees working for land, for financial, for all kinds of things. So if you feel that there's anything important you want me to present that is critical or important to cities, then let me know so that way I can present those there so we can put those on a list of what we want to legislate for with the governor and see what we can do to make cities better. See me afterwards. We're going to finish right now. Okay? Thank you. Okay. And that's it. Thank you.”*

*“Maribel, how did we fare out on the skating rink? How did that go?”*

City Manager Reyna – *“Skating rink did amazing. We had well over 1100 attendees, and I think we made almost \$20,000. Wow. And not that we were in it for the money, we really wanted to provide another activity for kids, for families to do during the Christmas season. And it just went over and we got a lot of good compliments, a lot of photos from kids. I mean, it was just, I think, a nice thing for families to be able to do Christmas. That's great. Yeah.”*

Council Member Morris – *“It's good to hear.”*

City Manager Reyna – *“Yes. It's all taken down now and it's back to our 11th Avenue gym. Right on.”*

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nunez** – *“I had one item, but she left. There was a young lady sitting in the back. Her name is Fabiola Hernandez. I was going to congratulate her and her fiance for getting engaged this past weekend. Other than that, I have nothing else, but she left. So congratulations, Fabby and Angel.”*

**Mayor Solorio-Ruiz** - *“Thank you for that. Okay. So happy new year. It has been some time since we've seen each other. So of course, like others, I also attended the Victory Parade and the event that followed for RFK as the football team won the state championship, which is very important. And so we're all very proud of them. Delano definitely has lots of talent. And so I did have some conversations with some community members and leaders and the superintendent. And of course, I have mentioned it to the city manager about potentially having a ... Well, not congratulations, but this is the home of the Robert F. Kennedy Thunderbirds State Champions when you walk in. When you drive into Delano, a lot of local and small communities do that to recognize their students. And so I asked the City Manager if we could potentially look into it, if everything looks good, if maybe if we can get it by the next meeting to have a discussion and a vote on the council. And then of course with Councilwoman Morris and Councilmember Osorio, I also attended the congratulatory celebration for CCHS band. And again, going back to what I said, we have lots of talent in Delano, which is really good to note and we should applaud our young people. Also, just a few days ago, I think our cheer teams made some headlines as well, which is also great, and I need to mention that before people get ... And of course, our CCHS band, they received state champions three times in a row, which is very remarkable. I also attended the current Economic Development Corporation meeting that occurred this month, and where different members of different cities across Kern County were present, leaders, private sector, you name it. And we all talked about and discussed the economic standing in Kern County, but I had the privilege and the honor of speaking on Delano's economy. And so I did speak to some members, and I believe we are one of two cities who is not a member of the Kern Economic Development Corporation. And so, I'm going to ask if potentially down the line, if we can have a presentation from Mr. Richard Chapman about the benefits, about the pros and cons that... City Manager, I know..., he was very insistent. He's like, and everyone there was like, "You need to join." And so, there's a lot of benefits as they mentioned. And so let's bring them in if we can. Or if they have time to meet with each Council Member individually and then go from there, however works with them and your schedule as well, we'll have those further discussions. And then I believe that is all on my end.”*

*“Thank you. Thank you, City Manager. Thank you, Councilman Morris. That's important too. And of course, now that it's back to its normal center, there's also a lot of activities happening for our young people and our seniors and you name it, so please get involved. But I do want to end my comments with just giving you recognition city manager on your award. Congratulations when we heard about it. I was like, yes, we did it. You did it, of course, with your staff, with your remarkable staff as well. And one thing is for sure a fact, which is that you love this city. You love it a lot, and you've of course built it up from what it was to what it is now, and we're grateful for your leadership. Thank you. With that, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.”*

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

No items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Nunez seconded by Osorio and unanimously carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:39pm.

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Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk



# Golden Empire Transit: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION 2026-02**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code 99401.5, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is required to establish and define the terms “unmet transit needs”. Kern COG Resolution 90-04 defines “unmet transit needs” as follows: An unmet transit need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport him or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system and are reasonable to meet. Excluded are (1) those requests for minor operational improvements and (2) those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following year. The term “reasonable to meet” is defined as: (A) operating feasibility, (the requested improvement must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles); (B) duplication of service, (the proposed service shall not duplicate other transit services); (C) timing, (the proposed service shall be in response to an existing, rather than a future need); and (D) service must meet the legally required farebox ratio (PUC Sections 99268.2, 99268.5 and CAC Section 6633.2, 6633.5) with fares close to fares of similar service.

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments has requested that the Golden Empire Transit District hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding unmet transit needs within the Bakersfield metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Empire Transit District has accepted the responsibility of holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public testimony regarding unmet transit needs within the Bakersfield metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Empire Transit District held a public hearing on February 17, 2026, to receive public testimony regarding unmet transit needs within the Bakersfield metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Empire Transit District received six comments, none of which supported an unmet transit need or are being addressed by our Operational Service Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Golden Empire Transit District that there are no unmet needs within the Bakersfield metropolitan area that may be reasonable to meet.

All the foregoing, being on motion of Director Abernathy, seconded by Director Baldovinos and authorized by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Ceja-Butkiewicz  
ABSTAIN: None

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Golden Empire Transit District certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Empire Transit District held March 17, 2026.

  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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Signature

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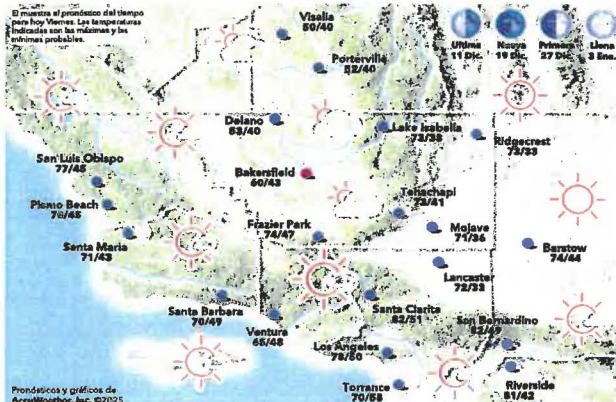
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## Houchin (HCBB) anuncia al ganador del concurso "Contesta la llamada" 2025

EL POPULAR

Bakersfield, CA — El Banco de Sangre Comunitario de Houchin se enorgullece de anunciar al ganador del concurso Answer the Call 2025: el Departamento de Policía de Bakersfield.

Answer the Call es un evento anual que reúne a primeros intervinientes locales, incluidos policías, bomberos, sheriff, CHP, paramédicos y técnicos de emergencias médicas, en una competición amistosa para ver qué equipo puede donar más sangre durante el mes de diciembre. El objetivo es simple pero fundamental: apoyar nuestro suministro local de sangre durante uno de los meses más difíciles del año.

Diciembre ha sido históricamente una época difícil para los bancos de sangre debido a las fiestas, los viajes y la escasez de donantes disponibles. Este año no fue una excepción. Houchin llegó a diciembre preparado con 420 unidades de grupo sanguíneo O. A finales de mes, el inventario estaba completamente agotado, lo que requirió una petición comunitaria de donaciones. La participación de nuestros equipos de primeros intervinientes desempeñó un papel vital para ayudar a mantener operaciones que salvan vidas durante este periodo crítico.

"Estos equipos ya salvan vidas cada día a través de sus roles profesionales", dijo Anna Kazaryan, directora de Relaciones con Donantes. "Al donar sangre, amplían ese servicio de otra manera poderosa, ayudando a los pacientes de nuestros hospitales que dependen de productos sanguíneos durante emergencias, cirugías y eventos traumáticos."

Nos enorgullece felicitar al Departamento de Policía de Bakersfield, los campeones de Answer the Call 2025. BPD no solo defendió su título, sino que se mantuvo invitado desde que comenzó la competición en 2022. A través de sus esfuerzos colectivos este año, los donantes con TLP contribuyeron a salvar unas 141 vidas durante la temporada navideña solo mediante donaciones de sangre.

El Banco de Sangre Comunitario de Houchin expresa su más sincero agradecimiento a todos los primeros intervinientes que participaron. Tu compromiso, trabajo en equipo y disposición a dar marcan una verdadera diferencia para los pacientes y las familias de todo el condado de Kern. Juntos, realmente respondisteis a la llamada.

Para más información sobre donar sangre o participar en futuros eventos de Answer the Call, por favor visite [www.hcbb.com](http://www.hcbb.com)

## El Baile del Alcalde regresa el 21 de febrero de 2026, entregando esperanza a través de iglesias locales y alianzas comunitarias

EL POPULAR

BAKERSFIELD, California — El Baile del Alcalde volverá por su sexta edición el sábado 21 de febrero de 2026 en la sede de CityServe en el centro de Bakersfield. La gala anual de etiqueta recauda fondos para apoyar a personas y familias necesitadas en todo el condado de Kern mediante asociaciones basadas en iglesias y comunidades.

"El Baile del Alcalde es un reflejo vibrante de lo que hace extraordinario a Bakersfield", comentó la alcaldesa de Bakersfield, Karen Goh. "En estos seis años, hemos visto el increíble poder de la unidad, la generosidad y el propósito compartido. Esta noche no se trata solo de celebrar lo que hemos logrado: se trata de encender el futuro que podemos crear juntos para ayudar a individuos y familias a pasar de la dependencia a la sostenibilidad."

El evento, organizado en apoyo a CityServe Kern, reúne a líderes cívicos,

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**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

17 de febrero de 2026 – Las Necesidades de Tránsito Incumplidas

Ante la Junta Directiva de Golden Empire Transit District (GETD) en el asunto de COMENTAR E IDENTIFICAR LAS NECESIDADES DE TRÁNSITO INCUMPLIDAS:

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA QUE:

1. The Golden Empire Transit District recibirá testimonios públicos que identificarán y comentarán sobre las necesidades de tránsito insatisfechas que puedan existir en el área metropolitana de Bakersfield. Existe una necesidad de tránsito insatisfecha si una persona de cualquier edad o condición física no puede transportarse a sí misma debido a deficiencias en el sistema de transporte existente y es razonable satisfacerla. Se excluyen (1) las solicitudes de mejoras operativas menores y (2) las mejoras financiadas y programadas para su implementación en el año siguiente. El término "razonable de cumplir" se define como: (A) factibilidad operativa (la mejora solicitada debe ser segura para operar y debe haber carreteras adecuadas para los vehículos de tránsito); (B) duplicación de servicio, (el servicio propuesto no duplicará otros servicios de tránsito); (C) tiempo, (el servicio propuesto será en respuesta a una necesidad existente, en lugar de una futura); y (D) el servicio debe cumplir con la proporción de caja de tarifas legalmente requerida (Secciones PUC 99268.2, 99268.5 y Sección CAC 6633.2, 6633.5) con tarifas cercanas a tarifas de servicio similar.
2. Se llevará a cabo una AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA en la Sala de Juntas del Consejo de Gobierno de Kern ubicada en 1401 19th Street, Suite 300 a las 4:30 p.m. el martes 17 de febrero de 2026 con el propósito de recibir comentarios y testimonios con respecto a cualquier necesidad de tránsito insatisfecha que sea razonable satisfacer y que pueda existir en el área metropolitana de Bakersfield. GETD revisará toda la información disponible y adoptará, por resolución, sus hallazgos para el área metropolitana de Bakersfield.

Una persona que desee presentar testimonio relacionado con las necesidades de tránsito insatisfechas puede comparecer y ser escuchada o puede presentar comentarios por escrito a Golden Empire Transit District, 1830 Golden State Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. 93301 para su inclusión en el registro oficial de la audiencia. En el sitio web de GET se describen oportunidades adicionales para comentarios públicos en las reuniones de la Junta Directiva: <https://getbus.org/board-meeting-zoom-link>.

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empresarios y miembros de la comunidad para apoyar esfuerzos que aborden la inseguridad alimentaria, la inestabilidad de vivienda, la ayuda en desastres, el acogimiento y la adopción, así como otras necesidades críticas.

Los beneficios del Baile del Alcalde se destinan a las Iniciativas de Compasión de CityServe Kern, que capacitan a iglesias locales y socios sin ánimo de lucro para ofrecer asistencia práctica y apoyo a largo plazo a familias que atraviesan dificultades en toda la región.

El Baile del Alcalde es un evento exclusivo con patrocinio; no se venden entradas individuales. Los patrocinios apoyan directamente los programas locales de CityServe y reconocen a las empresas y organizaciones participantes. La información sobre oportunidades de patrocinio está disponible en [cityserve-kern.com/bakersfieldmayorsball](http://cityserve-kern.com/bakersfieldmayorsball).

En 2025, el Baile del Alcalde celebró su quinto aniversario y recaudó 1,9 millones de dólares en una sola noche, incluyendo el apoyo de un donante anónimo como donante equivalente. Los fondos recaudados apoyaron programas de CityServe como la respuesta ante desastres, la distribución de bienes en especie y coordinaron servicios a lo largo de sus Iniciativas de Compasión.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
February 17, 2026 – Unmet Transit Needs

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**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026  
4:30 PM**

**1401 19<sup>th</sup> STREET, SUITE 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 4:31 p.m. by Board Chairperson Cindy Parra.

2. **ROLL CALL**

The following Directors were present, representing a quorum.

Chairperson Cindy Parra

Vice Chair Cathy Abernathy

Carlos Baldovinos

Imelda Ceja-Butkiewicz

City of Bakersfield Representative

County of Kern Representative

County of Kern Representative

Member At-Large

Chris James

Amanda Rodriguez

Chief Executive Officer

Legal Counsel

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Director Baldovinos

(Director Bello entered the meeting at 4:35 p.m.)

4. **PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

Director Parra, Chair, opened the hearing at 4:36 p.m. and stated that GET will receive public testimony identifying and commenting on Unmet Transit Needs that may exist in the Bakersfield Metropolitan Area.

An anonymous email was submitted regarding the need to extend the service hours on Route 42 to 9:00 p.m. This email also asked for more buses on route 61 as it is always running late. More bus stops was also requested as well as the need to clean the bus stops. (See Exhibit 4a)

Amy Sanchez spoke in person. Ms. Sanchez shared that she is a mental health worker whose mom rode Route X92 to work for 10 years. Ms. Sanchez stated that there is a need for our community to bring back the X92 for people who need to go to work at the Outlet Mall, IKEA or the new Hard Rock Hotel.

(See Exhibit 4b)

Jennifer Lancaster submitted an email stating that bus service needs to extend service hours to 1:00 a.m. to accommodate people who need to seek medical attention late at night.

(See Exhibit 4c)

Ulises Hernandez spoke in person. He expressed his thoughts on changes made since Covid. He stated that some are good changes and some are not. His main focus tonight was Route 47. He said there is a need for this route to run more often than every 90 minutes. He asks that the Board add two more buses and increase this route's frequency.

Receiving no further testimony, Director Parra closed the hearing at 4:44 p.m.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1 APPROVE AGENDA**

**6.2 ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES:**

- A. January 20, 2026, Board of Directors' Meeting
- B. February 6, 2026 – Facilities and Equipment Board Committee Meeting
- C. February 6, 2026 – Administration and Finance Board Committee Meeting
- D. February 10, 2026 – Marketing and Service Development Board Committee Meeting.

Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

**6.3 ACCEPT: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**

Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

**6.4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

That the Board approves the Board Chair's standing committee assignments for 2026.

**6.5 APPROVE: NEW FLYER BUS BUILD CHANGE ORDER DUE TO TARRIFF CONST INCREASE**

Ray Allen, Maintenance Manager

**6.6 APPROVE: LIQUID HYDROGEN FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Ray Allen, Maintenance Manager

**6.7 APPROVE: AVAIL SOFTWARE AGREEMENT**

Robert Williams, IT Manager

**6.8 APPROVE: CUSTOMER SERVICE SATISFACTION SURVY CONTRACT**

Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Director Abernathy

SECOND: Director Ceja-Butkiewicz

**MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

**AYES:** Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra, Ceja-Butkiewicz      **ABSENT:** None  
**NOES:** None      **ABSTAIN:** None

## REGULAR AGENDA

**7. APPROVE: REFRIGERATED LIQUID HYDROGEN STORAGE SYSTEM**

Ray Allen, Maintenance Manager shared the need to reduce or eliminate liquid hydrogen fuel loss due to “boil-off venting” caused by cryogenic hydrogen warming and converting to gas. As pressure increases, the storage tank vents hydrogen to prevent over-pressurization. To address this issue, the District issued a request for proposal on December 19, 2025. One proposal was received from Fastech who submitted a responsive and responsible proposal with a total cost of \$4,063,331.00. The District has budgeted for this project and is using a combination of Zero Emission Transit Capital Program and State of Good Repair to fund 100% of this procurement. Discussion ensued.

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE REFRIGERATED LIQUID HYDROGEN STORAGE SYSTEM AS PRESENTED**

**MOTION:** Director Parra  
**MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

**SECOND:** Director Abernathy

**AYES:** Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra, Ceja-Butkiewicz      **ABSENT:** None  
**NOES:** None      **ABSTAIN:** None

**8. APPOINT: KERN COG REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENTS**

**REPRESENTATIVE:** Director Ceja-Butkiewicz nominated Director Parra as the 2026 representative to Kern Cog TPPC and Board of Directors. No other nominations were made.

**ACTION: MOTION TO ELECT DIRECTOR PARRA AS THE 2026 REPRESENTATIVE TO KERN COG TPPC AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**MOTION:** Director Ceja-Butkiewicz  
**MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

**SECOND:** Director Bello

**AYES:** Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra, Ceja-Butkiewicz      **ABSENT:** None  
**NOES:** None      **ABSTAIN:** None

**ALTERNATE:** Director Parra nominated Director Baldovinos as the 2026 alternate to Kern Cog TPPC and Board of Directors. No other nominations were made.

**ACTION: MOTION TO ELECT DIRECTOR BALDOVINOS AS THE 2026 ALTERNATE TO KERN COG TPPC AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

MOTION: Director Parra  
**MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

SECOND: Director Ceja-Butkiewicz

**AYES:** Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra, Ceja-Butkiewicz    **ABSENT:** None  
**NOES:** None    **ABSTAIN:** None

**9. RECEIVE: JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer, presented the January 2026 financial reports. Information item only.

**10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

- No comments from Directors Abernathy, Baldovinos, Bello and Parra.
- Director Ceja-Butkiewicz asked staff to present ridership updates on the Toucan Trolley at each Board Meeting. She also asked for a Mt. Vernon property and new property update at the next Board Meeting.

**11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Chris James, Chief Executive Officer, shared that Transit System Safety Officer, Deidre Brown is retiring at the end of the week. Mr. James invited the Board Members to her retirement party on Wednesday in the GET Board Room.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairperson Parra moved to close the meeting. The meeting concluded at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary of the Board of Directors

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MARCH 17, 2026,  
4:30 PM**

**1401 19<sup>th</sup> STREET, SUITE 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

**SECTION I: OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** at 4:35 p.m. by Board Chairperson Cindy Parra.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following Directors were present, representing a quorum.

Chairperson Cindy Parra  
Vice Chair Cathy Abernathy  
Carlos Baldovinos

City of Bakersfield Representative  
County of Kern Representative  
County of Kern Representative

Chris James  
Jim Worth

Chief Executive Officer  
Legal Counsel

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Ray Allen

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Monisha Parker submitted an email regarding multiple suggestions and various services. Ms. Parker's comments were too lengthy to read out loud during the meeting, so the Board of Directors were each given a copy of her email for their review.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 APPROVE AGENDA**

**5.2 ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES:**

A. February 17, 2026, Board of Directors' Meeting  
Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

**5.3 ACCEPT: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**

Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Director Abernathy  
MOTION PASSED (3-0)

SECOND: Director Baldovinos

**AYES:** Abernathy, Baldovinos, Parra,  
**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bello, Ceja-Butkiewicz  
**ABSTAIN:** None

## REGULAR AGENDA

(Director Bello entered the meeting at 4:39 PM)

### 6. **ADOPT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-02 – MAKING A**

#### **DETERMINATION AND DIRECTING STAFF OF UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

Steve Barnes presented the requirement by the FTA grant funding and the state TDA, that The District must hold a public hearing annually to identify any unmet transit needs that can be reasonably met. The Public Hearing was held on February 17, 2026. Mr. Barnes reported that staff reviewed all comments and determined there were no unmet transit needs that exist within the Bakersfield metropolitan area that are reasonable to meet. Discussion ensued.

#### **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-02 AS WRITTEN**

**MOTION:** Director Abernathy  
**MOTION PASSED (4-0)**

**SECOND:** Director Baldovinos

**AYES:** Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra,  
**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ceja-Butkiewicz  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### 7. **ADOPT: CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2026-03 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FOR THE FUNDING OF FREE FARES FOR K-12 PROJECT**

Denise Sailes shared the District will procure funding for \$1,026,244 from the FY25/26 LCTOP to fund the free fares project for K-12 and College students. As a requirement for the grant, the Board by resolution must authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to enter into this financial agreement.

#### **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-03 TO AUTHROIZE THE CEO TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE LCTOP FOR THE FUNDING OF FREE FARES FOR K-12 PROJECT, TO INCLUDE COLLEGE AND TRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**MOTION:** Director Parra  
**MOTION PASSED (4-0)**

**SECOND:** Director Bello

**AYES:** Abernathy, Bello, Baldovinos, Parra,  
**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ceja-Butkiewicz  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**8. RECEIVE: TOUCAN TROLLEY UPDATE**

Toddash Kim shared an update on the Toucan Trolley Pilot Service. He reported that the pilot service has shown promising growth trends during its launch phase, with ridership rising by 55% in February compared to January. Saturdays have consistently been the peak service day. The estimated monthly operating cost is \$26,880, which will require an average of 100 riders per day to maintain a farebox ratio of 20%. Staff will continue to monitor the ridership throughout the pilot timeline that ends June 30, 2026. Discussion ensued.

Information item only.

**9. RECEIVE: FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2026 financial reports.

Information item only.

**10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

- No comments from Directors Abernathy and Baldovinos.
- Director Parra stated that she is in favor of the Free Rides for Students because the goal is to get students used to riding so they continue to ride after they graduate. It's important to continue to invest in the program.
- Director Bello shared that he has taken a group of people on the Trolley and it was a lot of fun. He stated that the drivers provided good customer service and everyone in his group enjoyed the ride.

**11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Chris James, Chief Executive Officer, shared that the new CNG buses are starting to arrive this week. So far, we have received 4 of the 10 ordered. He shared that Canyon Hills Women's Ministry and City Serve have partnered to place advertisement on the buses regarding Human Trafficking Awareness. He stated that the program's call volume has increased since their Bus Ads were placed. Mr. James reported that he is hoping to get a response from High-Speed Rail by the end of April regarding GET's property acquisition counteroffer. Finally, he invited the Board of Directors to attend a BBQ at GET's Admin Facility on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 to celebrate National Transit Employee Appreciation Day.

**SECTION II: RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:22 P.M.**

**12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

**PENDING LITIGATIONS**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

[Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

*Sanders v Golden Empire Transit District, et al.,*

Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-103725

*Griego v Golden Empire Transit District, et al.,*  
Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-103772

*Carbajal v Golden Empire Transit District, et al.,*  
Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-25-101402

*Alexander v Golden Empire Transit District, et al.,*  
Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-23-101735

**WORKERS COMP CLAIM**

[Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:07 P.M.**

**13. REORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

Jim Worth, District General Counsel, reported that no action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairperson Parra moved to close the meeting. The meeting concluded at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary of the Board of Directors



# Kern Transit: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2026-154

**DETERMINATION OF NO UNMET  
TRANSIT NEEDS (2026)**

I, NANCY ANDERSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Couch, seconded by Supervisor Perez, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at a regular meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



**NANCY ANDERSON**  
County Administrative Officer  
Clerk of the Board

  
Deputy Clerk

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**RESOLUTION**

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) Pursuant to Government Code section 29530, this Board and the State Board of Equalization previously entered into an agreement that provides for the Board of Equalization to collect certain additional sales and use taxes in Kern County which taxes are returned to Kern County, administered by the regional transportation planning agency (the Kern Council of Governments), and used for the purposes specified in the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act (Public Utilities Code section 99200 et seq., also commonly referred to as the "Transportation Development Act"); and

(b) The regulations (Title 21 of the California Administrative Code section 6658) implementing the Transportation Development Act require the Kern Council of Governments ("Kern COG") to find there are no unmet transit needs that can reasonably be met within the unincorporated area of Kern County prior to approving the County's use of Transportation Development Act monies for street and road projects; and

(c) In addition to annually holding its own public hearing (as required by Transportation Development Act regulations), Kern COG requires all agencies intending to file claims to use Transportation Development Act funds for street and road projects, to hold a public hearing for the purpose of identifying transit needs within their respective jurisdictions; and

(d) To ensure the public an adequate opportunity to comment on transit needs within the unincorporated areas of the County, Kern Regional Transit ran advertisements in eleven (11) local newspapers, in both English and Spanish, requesting the public's feedback on any unmet needs that may exist. Comments were also requested on Facebook and Twitter. A virtual and in-person meeting was held on February 25, 2026; and

(e) Kern Regional Transit prepared and filed with this Board a report summarizing and analyzing the comments received from the public with respect to the Regional Transportation Plan and the requirements of the Transportation Development Act. Based upon the analysis of the comments and suggestions received from Kern Regional Transit riders throughout Kern County, it is the conclusion of Kern Regional Transit that all transit needs identified in the report are either: 1) currently being met, 2) soon to be implemented, or 3) not reasonable to meet. The report also states that it is Kern Regional Transit's recommendation this Board find currently there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within the County's area of responsibility; and

(f) On April 14, 2026, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing at which:

1. The report and the recommendations of Kern Regional Transit were received and reviewed; and
2. All persons desiring to comment on transit needs were given the opportunity to address this Board.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. The Board finds the facts recited are true, that it has jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt the subject of this Resolution, and it incorporates and makes all the findings recommended by Staff, whether verbally or in their written reports.

2. After reviewing the report presented to this Board with respect to this matter and considering the comments received from the public, this Board determines that no unmet transit need, that is reasonable to meet, currently exists within the County's area of responsibility.

3. Kern Regional Transit is directed to continue to work with all interested individuals, public agencies, communities, and transit operators within and without Kern County regarding transit needs and issues.

4. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this to the following:

Public Works Department/Kern Regional Transit  
County Counsel

Kern Council of Governments  
1401 – 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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COUNTY OF KERN

Solicitor I.D.: 0

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

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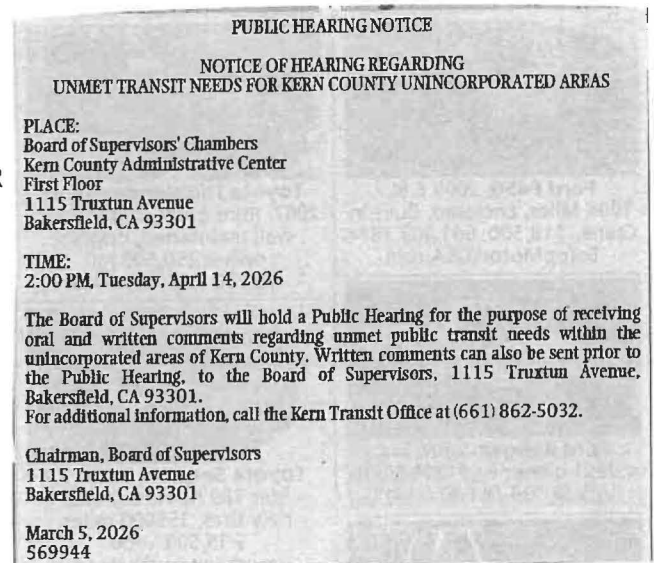
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*Terry Branch*

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

*3-5-26*



- CA-10) Public hearing on unmet transit needs (Fiscal Impact: None) (All S.D.s) - OPENED HEARING; NO ONE HEARD; CLOSED HEARING; RECEIVED REPORT; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2026-154 ON UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS WITH A FINDING THAT NO UNMET TRANSIT NEED, WHICH IS REASONABLE TO MEET, CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**

- CA-11) Proposed Resolution of Acceptance for an Offer of Dedication of Easement or portion thereof and acceptance into the County maintained road system as a portion of Granite Road, County Road No. 4128, for continued maintenance of existing road improvements and compliance with current standards for guard rail installation (Fiscal Impact: None) (S.D. #1) - CONTINUED TO TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, AT 2:00 P.M.

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**

- CA-12) Hearing regarding proposed annual update of Capital Improvement Plan and review of public information for Metropolitan Bakersfield Transportation Impact Fee Program (Fiscal Impact: None) (All S.D.s) - OPENED HEARING; NO ONE HEARD; CLOSED HEARING; MADE FINDING THAT PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW PER SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF STATE CEQA GUIDELINES; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2026-155; RECEIVED AND FILED REPORT

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**

- CA-13) Hearing regarding proposed annual update of Capital Improvement Plan and review of public information for Rosamond/Willow Springs Transportation Impact Fee Program (Fiscal Impact: None) (S.D. #2) - OPENED HEARING; NO ONE HEARD; CLOSED HEARING; MADE FINDING THAT PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW PER SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF STATE CEQA GUIDELINES; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2026-156; RECEIVED AND FILED REPORT

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**

- CA-14) Hearing regarding proposed annual update of Capital Improvement Plan and review of public information for Tehachapi Transportation Impact Fee Program (Fiscal Impact: None) (S.D. #2) - OPENED HEARING; NO ONE HEARD; CLOSED HEARING; MADE FINDING THAT PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW PER SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF STATE CEQA GUIDELINES; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2026-157; RECEIVED AND FILED REPORT

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**

- CA-15) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 228-2021 with SWCA Environmental Consultants, providing environmental consulting services, extending the term of agreement through June 30, 2026 (Fiscal Impact: None) (All S.D.s) - APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 135-2026

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**

- CA-16) Request for retroactive approval of non-standard terms and conditions with Network Solutions, LLC, for purchase of website domains Walkkern.net and Walkkern.com, effective January 7, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$301.70 (Fiscal Impact: \$301.70; Public Works General Overhead; Budgeted; Discretionary) (All S.D.s) - APPROVED

**Couch-Perez: All Ayes**



# Maricopa: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA,  
FINDING THERE ARE NO UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS WHICH CAN  
REASONABLY BE MET IN THE CITY OF MARICOPA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027

**WHEREAS:** The Transportation Development Act of 1971 provides for the disbursement of funds from the Local Transportation Fund held in trust by Kern County Auditor-Controller for the purpose authorized by Article 8, Section 994000 (a) Streets and Roads and Article 4, Section 99260 (a) Public Transportation; and

**WHEREAS:** An eligible claimant wishing to receive an allocation from the Local Transportation Fund must first hold a Public Hearing where all Unmet Public Transit Needs that Can be Reasonably be Met in the City of Maricopa are discussed.; and

**WHEREAS:** On March 10, 2026 a Public Hearing to discuss all Unmet Public Transit Needs that Can Reasonably be Met in the City of Maricopa was advertised in the Taft Midway Driller, and

**WHEREAS:** on March 10, 2026 the City Council of the City of Maricopa conducted the advertised Public Hearing to discuss Unmet Public Transit Needs that Can Reasonably be Met in the City of Maricopa;

**NOW THEREFORE:** The City Council of the City of Maricopa hereby resolves that:

(1) Pursuant to the provisions of law, a duly noticed and Public Hearing regarding Unmet Public Transit Needs that Can Reasonably Met in the City of Maricopa was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026; and

(2) The finding was made that there were no Unmet Public Transit Needs that could reasonably be met in the City of Maricopa; and

(3) The City Administrator of the City of Maricopa is hereby duly authorized to sign all claims, assurances and necessary paper work; and

(4) A copy of this Resolution will be transmitted to the Kern Council of Governments in conjunction with the filing of a claim; and

(5) The Kern Council of Governments is requested to concur in these findings and grant the allocation of funds specified in the Article 8 claim.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

AYES: *Harris, Horn, Owens, Morse*

NOES: *Bill*

ABSENT: *⊙*

ABSTAIN: *⊙*



*[Signature]*  
BY: Cory Morse, Mayor

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
By: Meghan Wilson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM :  
*[Signature]*  
By: Alan Peake, City Attorney

Exhibit "D"  
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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County of Kern )

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the DAILY MIDWAY DRILLER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published bi-weekly in the City of Taft, County of Kern, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Kern, State of California under the date of February 11, 1952, Book 90, Page 286, Case Number 57657; that the notice of which the annexed is printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonparel), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

January 29

all in the year 2026

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date at Taft, California, this 29

day of January, 2026

[Signature]

SIGNATURE

CITY OF MARICOPA  
400 CALIFORNIA STREET  
P.O. BOX 548  
MARICOPA, CALIFORNIA  
93252-0548

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Location: Gusher Hall,  
271 California Street,  
Maricopa, CA 93252

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF MARICOPA, CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing in the Maricopa Senior Center, Gusher Hall, 271 California Street, Maricopa, California, on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the consideration of:

TO DETERMINE UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FOR THE CITY OF MARICOPA. All interested parties are invited to attend said HEARING and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

Meghan Anderson, CITY CLERK

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Exhibit "A"

CITY OF MARICOPA  
400 CALIFORNIA STREET  
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Meghan Anderson, CITY CLERK

Publish: Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Maricopa City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Exhibit "C"  
3 pages  
Adopting Resolution

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Mayor Cory Morse ✓	City Administrator Eric Ziegler ✓
Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Bell ✓	City Attorney Alan Peake ✓
Council Member Crystal Harris ✓	City Treasurer Dorine Horn ✓
Council Member John Horn ✓	City Clerk Meghan Wilson- Ab
Council Member James Owens ✓	Deputy City Clerk Lauri Robison ✓

III. Community Recognition

IV. Reorder of Agenda

V. Council Reports/Statements

- a. Report by Public Safety/Sheriff Department/Fire Department - The Mayor had a report from the Sheriff
- b. City Clerk Meghan Wilson - none
- c. City Treasurer Dorine Horn – Confirmed Consent Calendar included past warrants & payroll of January and February, and also current checks that are currently due.
- d. City Administrator Eric Ziegler -Report on Sewer Project, having to cut the scope of work back due to budget. He would be bringing a new contract for approval and would be asking the Engineer from AM Consulting to report on the current status of the project.
- e. City Attorney Alan Peake- Reminder to get your FPPC forms in, and changes to the Brown Act that he would be bringing back at a future meeting.
- f. City Council Members  
Deputy City Clerk- None  
Harris- None  
Bell- What would be the possibility of getting the speed limit coming into town lowered?  
Owens - Drag race on his street and concerns that someone was going to be hurt.  
Horn – Inquiry as to the cameras that we paid for several months ago, and where they are?  
Mayor Morse responded that there were no updates.
- g. Mayor Cory Morse -None at this time

VI. Public Hearings

**Conduct Public Hearing re Unmet Transportation Needs and, if Warranted by Public Evidence and Testimony, Consider Adoption of Resolution Entitled a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Maricopa Finding There Are No Unmet Transit Needs Which Can Reasonably Be Met in the City of Maricopa for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

- 1. Mayor To Open Public Hearing- Opened P/H @ 6:08
- 2. Staff Report to City Council
- 3. Mayor To Invite Evidence and Testimony from Maricopa Residents Re Unmet Transit Needs - None
- 4. In The Absence of Further Testimony, Mayor to Close Public Hearing Re Unmet Transit Needs- Closed P/H @ 6:12
- 5. City Council Discussion of Unmet Transit Needs as Warranted- Owens asked about ridership and how many actually utilize the Transit. Bell suggested they cut the transit program and move funds towards a road repair project.

vi. Consent Motion to Adopt Resolution Entitled a Resolution of The City Council of The City of Maricopa Finding That There Are No Unmet Transit Needs Which Can Be Reasonably Met in The City of Maricopa (2026-2027)

Motion by Owens to Adopt Resolution Entitled a Resolution of The City Council of The City of Maricopa Finding That There Are No Unmet Transit Needs Which Can Be Reasonably Met in The City of Maricopa (2026-2027)

Second by Horn

AYES: Harris, Horn, Owens, Morse

NOES: Bell

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Passes

VII. Public Commentary

Dick Albright commented about gunshots in his neighborhood and drag racing on the streets.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve Maricopa City Council Regular Agenda Minutes for February 10, 2026

b. Approve Maricopa City Council Regular Agenda Minutes for February 24, 2026

Motion to approve both Items a & b, made by Bell, seconded by Owens. All in favor, motion passes.

IX. Consent Calendar –

1. Approve payment of payroll December 2025

2. Approve payment of warrants December 2025

3. Approve payment of payroll January 2026

4. Approve payment of warrants January 2026

5. Approve Payment of current warrants due

Motion to approve items 1-5 by Harris, seconded by Horn

AYES: Harris, Horn, Morse

NOES: Bell, Owens

Motion Passes.

X. Agendized Items

a. Request from Mayor Morse to Excuse Absences from the Regularly Scheduled Meetings of Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Special Meeting January 8, 2026, Regular Meetings of January 13, 2026, and January 27, 2026. Due to Extenuating Personal Circumstances

Discussion: Harris stated that the dates on the Mayor's handout re his absences were incorrect, in that he stated he missed two regular meetings, when one of the meetings was actually a special meeting. Horn: Reminded that Morse stated he did not come to meetings because he was mad at staff, and at another time, he overslept, yet was seen in the parking lot helping with the food drive an hour before the council meeting, reasons Horn feels are inexcusable. Even legitimate absences should require a mandatory call to the City Clerk.

Owens: stated that he thought it was already established at the previous meeting that if any of the council were going to be absent, there should be a courtesy call to the City Clerk. He said, "Let's try to do better; the town needs us all".

Harris: No communication is huge; have the courtesy to call. Neglect of duty. You can't get mad at somebody and not just show up.

Bell: He missed a few meetings himself, due to work, usually. When you miss 3 times, it gets a little serious. Alan said 60 days.

Albright: Slap on the wrist for the issue is appropriate, and hope it doesn't happen again.

Morse: For the record, some of the information that was stated was inaccurate; but did make statements that were similar.

**Recommendation:**

No recommendation by staff.

But if the council wishes to excuse absences, it would be appropriate to make a Motion to excuse absences arising from extenuating personal circumstances to Mayor Morse for the Regularly Scheduled Meetings of Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Special Meeting January 8, 2026, Regular Meetings of January 13, 2026, and January 27, 2026.

Motion made to excuse absences by Owens

Second by Bell

AYES: Bell, Owens

NOES: Harris, Horn

ABSTAIN: Morse

ABSENT: 0

Motion does not pass

XI. New Business: None

XII. Closed Session: None

XIV: Council/Staff Items

Horn: Courtesy call to City Clerk for absence

Owens: Thought it was established at the last meeting to let the clerk know if there would be an absence, and he was also letting the council know he would not be at the meeting on March the 24<sup>th</sup>, and would not return until the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

Bell: We need to get over these things and move on.

Morse: Handed out a memo that he drafted and prepared himself, reading in its entirety, and would also be making it available to Maricopa Billboards to the public so they would be fully aware of what is going on. Content included: Compensation Information Presented to Council, Workplace Incident and Investigation, Code Compliance Enforcement, Interaction at City Hall, Payroll and warrant signing procedures, Non-standard Traffic Control Devices, Mayor's Oversight Responsibility, and Request for Closed Session.

Administrator Ziegler stated he would be turning in his resignation.

XV: Adjourn @ 6:58 pm

Meghan Wilson, City Clerk



**McFarland**  
CALIFORNIA

# McFarland: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AND FINDING THERE ARE NO UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS WHICH CAN BE REASONABLY BE MET IN THE CITY OF MCFARLAND**

**WHEREAS**, each year the Kern County Council of Governments (KCOG) conducts a review of unmet transit needs through a multi-jurisdictional public hearing process held throughout Kern County; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this annual process, KCOG encourages its member agencies to conduct individual public hearings to receive local public input regarding unmet transit needs; and

**WHEREAS**, public input received through this process is submitted to KCOG for inclusion in the annual Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings; and

**WHEREAS**, public input is categorized as follows:

- A. There are no unmet transit needs;
- B. There are no unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet; or
- C. There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet; and

**WHEREAS**, for the 2026 unmet transit needs process, Kern COG staff is preparing to collect required public hearing documentation from each Kern County transit operator by the end of April 2025 to allow sufficient time to present a summary report to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) and, subsequently, to the Kern COG Board of Directors at a duly noticed public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, Kern COG staff has requested several documents from each transit operator to assist in the preparation of the unmet transit needs public hearing report, including but not limited to: staff reports prepared for City Council meetings, copies of communications from residents regarding unmet transit needs, proof of public hearing advertisements, public hearing minutes, the adopting resolution, and any brochures or flyers used to promote the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk caused the Public Hearing Notice to be published and posted for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date at designated public locations and in the local newspaper, in accordance with KCOG requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, no public comments or concerns regarding unmet transit needs were received during the noticing period;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of McFarland that it hereby finds and determines as follows:

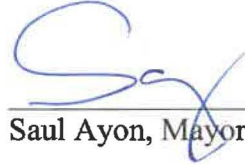
1. Pursuant to the provisions of law, a duly noticed and Public Hearing regarding Unmet Public Transit Needs was held.
2. The finding was made that there were no Unmet Public Transit Needs that could reasonably be met in the City of McFarland.
3. The City Manager of the City of McFarland is hereby duly authorized to sign all claims, assurances and necessary paperwork.
4. A copy of this Resolution will be transmitted to the Kern Council of Governments in

conjunction with the filing of a claim

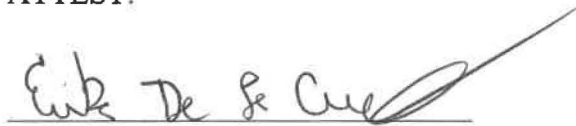
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of McFarland on February 11, 2026 by the following vote:

	Aye	Nae	Abstain	Absent
Saul Ayon	✓			
Ricardo Cano	✓			
Anita Gonzalez	✓			
María T. Pérez	✓			
Martin Gutierrez	✓			

CITY OF MCFARLAND

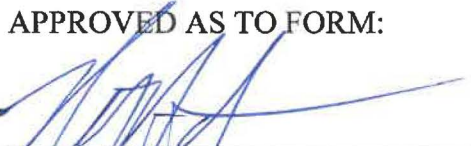
  
Saul Ayon, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

I, Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk of the City of McFarland, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of McFarland on the date and by the vote indicated herein.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Nathan Hodges, City Attorney



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Erika De La Cruz  
Name (signature)

PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY OF MCFARLAND DOES HEREBY SET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WHEREIN ALL UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN

BE REASONABLY MET ARE DISCUSSED

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2026  
TIME: 6:00P.M.

LOCATION: 103 WEST SHERWOOD AVENUE, MCFARLAND, CA 93250

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY CLERK, ERIKA DE LA CRUZ, AT (661)-792-3091, EXT. 2135.

CITYCLERK@MCFARLANDCITY.ORG

January 9, 2026  
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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**IN-PERSON MEETING**

**February 11, 2026**

**MCFARLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MCFARLAND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MCFARLAND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY  
MCFARLAND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY  
MCFARLAND PARKING AUTHORITY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Saul Ayon called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Saul Ayon, Vice-Mayor Ricardo Cano, Councilmember Martin Gutierrez, Councilmember María Pérez, Councilmember Anita Gonzalez

**Councilmembers Absent:**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

City Manager Viramontes, City Attorney Hodges, Chief of Police Olmos, Public Works Director Hernandez, Community Development Director Snyder, Human Resources Director McCuan, City Clerk De La Cruz

**INVOCATION**

Offered by Vice Mayor Cano

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Offered by Council Member Pérez

**APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM**

*Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez to Approve the Agenda as to Form at the meeting of February 11, 2026. **Motion Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*PASSED: 5-0*

**FEATURED PET**

Featured Pet, Lumi, presented by Community Development Director Snyder

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Proclamation for Safely Surrendered Baby Awareness Month

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$429,462.60 from 1/17/2026 to 1/30/2026.
3. Approval of Payroll Report for the Month of January 2026 in the Amount of \$468,538.51.
4. Approval of January 29, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ADDING AND APPROVING A NEW CHAPTER 2.22 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
6. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES EXCEEDING \$500.00 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO ATTEND ONLINE PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERSHIP COURSE
7. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSES EXCEEDING \$500.00 PER TRIP FOR CHIEF OF POLICE ADRIAN OLMOS TO ATTEND THE 80-HOUR POST EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT COURSE CLASS 25-4 IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, FROM MARCH 8-13, 2026, FOR SESSION 1, AND APRIL 12-17, 2026 FOR SESSION 2
8. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSES EXCEEDING \$500.00 PER TRIP FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER HILDA MADUENA TO ATTEND THE 160-HOUR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH COURSE AT THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE WEILL INSTITUTE IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA FROM MARCH 2-27, 2026

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez to Approve the Consent Agenda at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

### ***Roll Call Vote:***

*AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*PASSED: 5-0*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING A REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE ZONE CHANGE AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PARCELS IN THE CITY OF MCFARLAND

*Motion by Councilmember Gonzalez, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve the Consent Agenda at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

### ***Roll Call Vote:***

*AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED: 5-0

10. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-9 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AND FINDING THERE ARE NO UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS WHICH CAN BE REASONABLY BE MET IN THE CITY OF MCFARLAND

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-9 at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED: 5-0

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

11. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TOTALING \$1,103,490 IN THE GENERAL FUND AND \$253,414 IN OTHER FUNDS

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-11 at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED: 5-0

12. ANNEXATION NO. 3 INTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2019-1 (FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES) AND ANNEXATION NO. 4 INTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-1 (POLICE SERVICES) AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-2 (LANDSCAPING AND STREET MAINTENANCE)

- a. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (TRACT 7394) TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-2 (LANDSCAPING AND STREET MAINTENANCE), ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN FOR ANNEXATION NO. 4

*Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-12 at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED: 5-0

- b. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (TRACT 7394) TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2019-1 (FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES), ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN FOR ANNEXATION NO. 3

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-13 at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*PASSED: 5-0*

- c. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (TRACT 7394) TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-1 (POLICE SERVICES), ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN FOR ANNEXATION NO. 4

*Motion by Councilmember Pérez, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-14 at the meeting of February 11, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez, M. Pérez, A. Gonzalez*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*PASSED: 5-0*

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Geno Peraza

**COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- Councilmember Gutierrez expressed concern regarding the safety of Public Works staff while performing street striping due to high vehicle speeds and thanked them for their work.
- Council Members acknowledged staff for ongoing projects and presentations and thanked attendees for their participation.
- The Vice Mayor thanked the Finance Department and City Manager for the mid-year review presentation and recognized efforts related to housing development in the community.
- Mayor Ayon emphasized the City's commitment to transparency through live-streamed meetings and addressed misinformation regarding prior comments about the Super Bowl halftime show, clarifying that the remarks were intended to focus on unity and entertainment at national events.

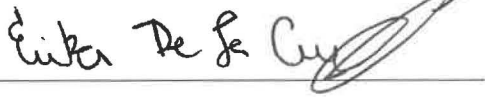
**CLOSED SESSION**

13. Director provided to City Manager and Human Resources Director concerning contract negotiation.

**ADJOURNEMENT**

Meeting adjourned approximately at 7:22P.M.

CITY OF MCFARLAND



Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk







# Ridgecrest: 2021-22

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

**RESOLUTION 26-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A FINDING FOR UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET WITH THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 29350, the County of Kern and the State Board of Equalization have entered into an agreement that provides for the collection of certain additional sales and use taxes in Kern County that are returned to Kern County, administered by the regional transportation planning agency (Kern Council of Governments) and use for the purpose specified in California Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code 99401.5, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is required to establish and define the terms "unmet transit needs." Kern COG Resolution 90-04 defines "unmet transit needs" as follows:

"An unmet transit need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport himself or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system.

Excluded are:

1. Those requests for minor operational improvements
2. Those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following year.

The term "reasonable to meet" is defined:

- Operational Feasibility: The requested improvement must be safe to operate, and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles
- Duplication of Service: The proposed service shall not duplicate other transit services
- Timing: The proposed service shall be in response to an existing rather than a future need
- Service must meet the legally required farebox ratio (PUC Sections 99268.2, 99268.5 and CAC Sections 6633.2, 6633.5) with fares close to fares of similar service"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ridgecrest receives Transportation Development Act funds from Kern COG for various transportation uses; and,

**WHEREAS**, before any allocation of Transportation Development Act funds is made for a purpose not related to public transportation services, a public hearing must be held to determine if there are any "unmet needs that are reasonable to meet" in the public transportation system: and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was duly advertised and held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to receive public comments regarding unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council considered all available information, including the information presented at the public hearing on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ridgecrest is required to submit findings from the annual unmet transit needs public hearing to Kern COG by the end of April 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest that:

- 1) The facts herein are true, and the Council has jurisdiction to consider and make findings in the matter herein mentioned; and
- 2) The Council hereby determines that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Ridgecrest; and
- 3) The Transit Division, or Public Works Director is directed to submit this finding and the supporting documentation to Kern COG.

**ADOPTED, AND APPROVED**, this 18th day of February, 2026, by the following vote:

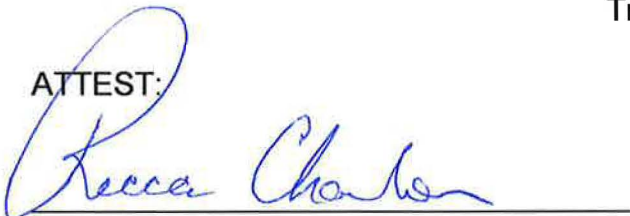
AYES: Endicott, Blades, Gorman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Rajaratnam, Hayman



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Travis Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Ricca Charlton, City Clerk

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

<b>City of Ridgecrest</b>
<b>Public Notice Unmet Needs</b>
<b>2026</b>

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF  
PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)**

State of California, County of Kern, ss:

Declarant says:

That at all times, herein mentioned, declarant is and was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to nor interested in the within matter; that declarant is the principal clerk of the printer and the publisher of THE DAILY INDEPENDENT, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published daily in the City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Judicial District, County of Kern, State of California, which newspaper has been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the said Superior Court by order made and renewed July 8, 1952, in Civil Proceeding No. 58584 of said Court: that the instrument of which the annexed in a printed copy has been published in each regular and like issue of said newspaper (and not any supplement thereof) on the following dates, to-wit:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**January 09, 2026**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED ON January 09, 2026 at  
Ridgecrest California.

Declarant Maria Suarez

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE CITY OF RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 100 W. CALIFORNIA AVENUE, RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTERS MAY BE HEARD.**

UNDER CONSIDERATION WILL BE a public hearing to receive comments related to unmet and reasonable transit needs in the City of Ridgecrest and the surrounding county areas services by the Ridgecrest Transit System.

Kern COG is required to define "unmet needs" and "reasonable to meet," and has defined them by resolution 90-04.

Unmet needs:

An unmet need exists if an individual or any age or physical condition is unable to transport him or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are (1) those request for minor operational improvements, and (2) those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year.

Reasonable to meet:

- A. Operational feasibility. The requested improvement must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles.
- B. Duplication of Service. The proposed services shall not duplicate other transit services.
- C. Timing. The proposed service shall be in response to an existing, rather than a future need.
- D. Service must meet the legally required farebox ratio (PUC Sections 99288.2, 99288.5 and CAC Sections 8833.2, 8833.5 with fares of similar service.

All interested persons are invited to attend and present testimony.

CITY OF RIDGECREST, Ricca Charlon, CMC, City Clerk

(01/09/2026)

**RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL  
SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
FINANCING AUTHORITY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a certain period of time from date of approval by the Ridgecrest City Successor Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Endicott; Mayor Pro-Tem Blades; Council Member Gorman

Absent: Vice Mayor Rajaratnam; Council Member Hayman

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz; Acting City Manager Brewton; City Clerk Charlon

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion To Approve** – Blades – Gorman – 3 ayes; 2 absent

**REGULAR SESSION** – 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – S. Merck; M. Licitra; M. Sinnott; D. Neal

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Regular Ridgecrest City Council Meeting Dated Feb. 4, 2026 **Charlon**

2. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Special Ridgecrest City Council Meeting Dated Feb. 9, 2026 **Charlon**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar* – Blades – Gorman – 3 ayes; 2 absent

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. A Public Hearing And Approval Of A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Establishing A Finding For Unmet Transit Needs That Are Reasonable To Meet With The Public Transportation System For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 **Transit**

Staff report reviewed

Open Hearing – 6:24 p.m.

Public Comments – S. Merck – concerned about the Sr. Center access/use of the bus system.

Close Hearing – 6:26 p.m.

*Motion To Approve*– Blades – Gorman – 3 ayes; 2 absent

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam  
Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
➤ **Next meeting March 2, 2026**

### Finance Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Scott Hayman  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday *every other month* at 5:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
➤ **Report from February 10, 2026**

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Mayor Endicott and Kyle Blades  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
➤ **Next meeting February 26, 2026**

### Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Endicott and Scott Hayman  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Council Chambers  
➤ **Report from February 11, 2026**

## OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 6:41 p.m.



- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3061**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER ESTABLISHING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation and Development Act Statutes and Administrative Code for 1982 requires that before any allocation of Transportation Funds is made for a purpose not related to public transportation services that a public hearing be held to determine if there are unmet transit needs which can be reasonable met.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code 99401.5, the City of Shafter is required to establish and define the terms “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet.”

**WHEREAS**, The City of Shafter has elected to use the same definition as the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) as adopted in Kern COG Resolution 90-04 which defines “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” as follows: “An unmet transit need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport himself or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are 1) Those requests for minor operational improvements, and 2) Those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following year. The term “reasonable to meet” is defined: A) Operational Feasibility. The requested improvement must be safe to operate, and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles; B) Duplication of Service. The proposed service shall not duplicate other transit services; C) Timing. The proposed services shall be in response to an existing, rather than a future need; and D) Service must meet the legally required farebox ratio (PUC Sections 99268.2, 99268.5 and CAC Section 6633.2, 663.5) with fares close to fares of similar service.”

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held at a regular meeting of the City Council on February 17, 2026, for the purpose of receiving public testimony on Unmet Transit Needs and no oral or written comments establishing an unmet transit need which could be reasonably met were received.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shafter as follows,

Section 1. The facts herein are true and correct.

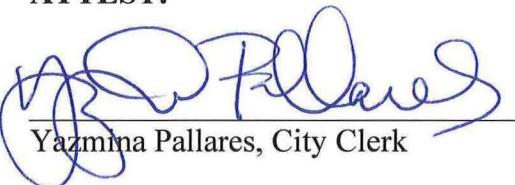
Section 2. The City of Shafter adopts the definition of “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” as described above.

Section 3. after consideration of all available information, including that presented at the public hearing, that there are no unmet transit needs which can be reasonable met within the City of Shafter.

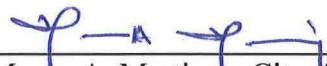
**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.**

  
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Chad Givens, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marco A. Martinez, City Attorney



# PROOF OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5C.C.P.)  
(GENERAL FORM)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } ss.  
County of Kern

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a part of or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the chief clerk/publisher of the *Shafter Press*, a newspaper of general circulation, published weekly, in the City of Shafter, County of Kern, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation and published by the Superior court order number 29926, of the county of Kern; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

**January 8, 2026**

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

*Diane Givens*  
(Signature)

**January 8, 2026**

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
at Shafter, California

The *Shafter Press*  
PO Box 789  
Shafter, CA 93263

Phone (661)292-5100

## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk, City of Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a Public Hearing listed on this Notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the Public Hearing.

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto:CityClerk@shafter.com). If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto:CityClerk@shafter.com) before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and

consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

Dated: January 2, 2026

Publish Shafter Press January 8, 2026





# Taft: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 4334-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT MAKING FINDINGS RELATIVE TO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT.**

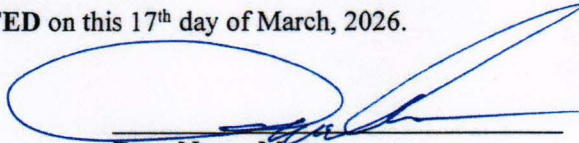
**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Development Act of 1971 provides for distribution of funds to Local Transportation Fund held in trust by the Kern County Auditor/ Controller for use by eligible claimants for purposes authorized by Article 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has noticed the public hearing to hear comments relative to unmet transit needs in the City of Taft; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Agency has made finding that the Taft Area Transit service has no unmet needs which are reasonable to meet other than those previously scheduled and the claimant may use the remaining funds for the purpose authorized by Article 8, Section 99400(a) Streets and Roads.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Taft that there are no Unmet Transit Needs that are reasonable to be met within the greater Taft area serviced by the Taft Area Transit.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Dave Noerr, Mayor

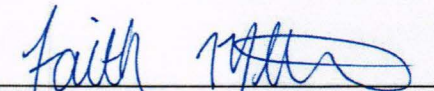
ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Faith Melton  
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF KERN } SS  
CITY OF TAFT }

I, Faith Melton, City Clerk of the City of Taft do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member : Krier, Waldrop, Noerr  
NOES: Council Member : None  
ABSENT: Council Member : Bryant, Chavira  
ABSTAIN: Council Member : None

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Faith Melton  
City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

)ss  
County of Kern )

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the DAILY MIDWAY DRILLER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published bi-weekly in the City of Taft, County of Kern, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Kern, State of California under the date of February 11, 1952, Book 90, Page 286, Case Number 57657; that the notice of which the annexed is printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonparel), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

January 22

all in the year 2026

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date at Taft, California, this 22

day of January, 2026

[Signature]

SIGNATURE

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Taft will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony on Unmet Transit Needs within the City of Taft and its surrounding communities. This hearing will be held Thursday, February 26, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Taft City Hall, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA, 93268. It will be held inside the council chambers.

To maximize the opportunity for public involvement, interested persons or organizations are requested to limit their testimony to three minutes. Written testimony should be sent to Taft City Hall 209 East Kern Street, Taft, CA, 93268. For telephone testimony, please contact Michelle Kincaid at (661) 763-1222 extension 112. Electronic mail may be sent to mkincaid@cityoftaft.ca.gov. Deadline for written, telephone, and electronic testimony is no later than Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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January 22, 2026)

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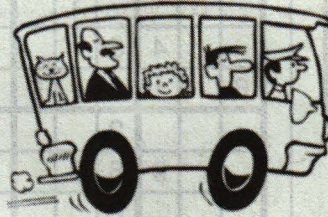
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# PUBLIC TRANSIT MEETING



**PLACE:** Taft City Hall  
209 E. Kern Street  
Taft, CA 93268

**DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 2026

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Persons interested in public transit in the community are invited to voice comments and concerns on possible unmet public transit needs. The meeting will be held inside the Council Chambers. Anyone unable to attend may submit written comments, to be sent to the address below.  
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Michelle Kincaid  
Administrative Assistant  
City of Taft  
209 East Kern Street  
Taft, CA 93268

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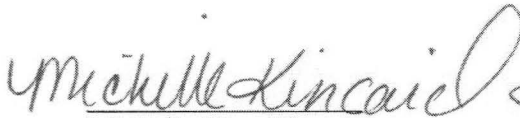
CITY OF TAFT  
CITY CLERK

**UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 26, 2026

The meeting was opened at 10:00 AM. The meeting was attended by Staff Members Tom Azbill, Transit Coordinator, Michelle Kincaid, Administrative Assistant and Teresa Binkley, Finance Director. No members from the Public were in attendance.

With no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:30 AM.



Michelle Kincaid  
Administrative Assistant



Craig Jones  
City Manager/Public Works Director



**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2026**

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The March 17, 2026 regular joint meeting of the Taft City Council/Taft Successor Agency, held in the Council Chamber at Taft City Hall, 209 East Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Mayor Dave Noerr at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Orchel Krier and invocation was given by Pastor Lloyd Francis.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dave Noerr  
Council Members Orchel Krier and Ron Waldrop  
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson  
City Clerk Faith Melton

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Bryant and Council Member Carlos Chavira

**1. PRESENTATION - CALM ZOO**

**2. PROCLAMATION - AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN TAFT**

**3. MEASURE A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION**

Finance Director, Teresa Binkley, gave the annual presentation on behalf of the Citizen's Oversight Committee.

**4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was none.

**5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON-ACTION)**

Council Member Waldrop mentioned the Pheasant Hunt that is hosted by the Sportsmen's Club and said it is a great event to bring communities together.

Council Member Krier spoke about the Taft Sportsmen's Club and reminded local non-profits that it is time for Firework Booths and to enter your organization for a chance to have a Firework Booth.

Mayor Noerr thanked the Red Cross for all their hard work and reminded everyone to make sure your house is always disaster ready in preparation of emergencies.

**6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Planning Commissioner Jerry Livingston reported that the Planning Commission passed an Alcohol Sales Permit to Kern St. Market.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There was none.

**8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

There was none.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There was none.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There was none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11-15**

Motion: Moved by Krier seconded by Waldrop to approve consent calendar items 11-15.

AYES: Krier, Waldrop, Noerr

PASSED: 3-0

**11. MINUTES**

March 03, 2026 Regular

**Recommendation** - Approve as submitted.

**12. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant # 031326

Check No. 201710-20177

\$ 611,341.53

**Recommendation** - Approve payment of the bills.

**13. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT**

**Recommendation** -

Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT MAKING FINDINGS REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT** (*Resolution No. 4334-26*) and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15060(c)(3) and Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**14. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FEES TO BE WAIVED TO EDGAR AND SUSANA GIL FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE CORNER OF 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND SUPPLY ROW AT THE OIL WORKER MONUMENT PARK AREA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026.**

**Recommendation** -

Motion to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING THE WAIVING OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FESS TO EDGAR AND SUSANA GIL OF IGLESIA DE DIOS PENTECOSTES JESUCRISTO REY DE REYES FOR A CHRISTIAN SERVICE EVENT ON CITY PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF SIXTH STREET AND SUPPLY ROW AT OIL WORKER MONUMENT PARK AREA TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026** (Resolution No. 4335-26) and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**15. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – WESTSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT CO., INC. – AMENDMENT #5 TO SECTION 11.1 COMPENSATION FOR BASIC RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

**Recommendation -**

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #5 to the Franchise Agreement between the City of Taft and Westside Waste Management Company, Inc and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15060(c)(3) and Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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At **6:58 PM** the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.


**CLOSED SESSION**


A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – One (1) undisclosed case

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER  
Government Code 54957.6 – All units

- The City Council discussed in closed session those items agendized for closed session discussion and directions were given to negotiators and staff. No other reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at **7:21 PM**.

  
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Faith Melton  
City Clerk

  
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Dave Noerr  
Mayor

*John Bryant*  
*PROTEK*

# Tehachapi: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TEHACHAPI FINDING THAT THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT  
NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET WITHIN THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tehachapi City Council conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, to consider possible unmet transit needs within the City, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tehachapi currently provides public transportation service within the City of Tehachapi, and;

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of providing the public transportation system are to meet the public need for limited cost transportation, to serve the mobility limited population, and to provide an alternative to private vehicle transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Tehachapi City Council that, after holding a duly advertised public hearing and receiving public testimony, it finds there are no areas within the City with unmet public transit needs which could be reasonably met by expansion of the existing system or establishment of a new system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Kern County Council of Governments in conjunction with the filing of claims for Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and that the City Manager is authorized to execute said claims.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Tehachapi this 17th day of February, 2026.

AYES: POGON-CORD, PAUER, CHUNG, SMITH

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: (1) VACANCY


ABSTAIN: NONE

  
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JOAN POGON-CORD, MAYOR  
City of Tehachapi, California

ATTEST:

  
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TORI MARSH, CITY CLERK  
City of Tehachapi, California

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Tehachapi at a regular meeting thereof held on February 17, 2026.

  
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TORI MARSH, CITY CLERK  
City of Tehachapi, California

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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TEHACHAPI CITY COUNCIL NO

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE TEHACHAPI NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI COUNTY OF KERN,

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

Pub Dates  
01/14/2026

**TEHACHAPI CITY COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY TRANSIT NEEDS**  
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Tehachapi at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, or soon thereafter, at the Tehachapi Police Department Emergency Operations Center, 220 West C Street, to consider possible unmet transit needs for residents within the City of Tehachapi. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.  
TEHACHAPI CITY COUNCIL  
Jessica Garner, Deputy City Clerk,  
City of Tehachapi  
Dated: January 7, 2026  
Posted: January 7, 2026  
Published: January 14, 2026  
Tehachapi News AD# 552390

ALL IN YEAR 2026

I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

*Ed Bascom*

DATED AT TEHACHAPI CALIFORNIA

*1-14-26*



<p><b><u>FINANCE REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>* 3. Disbursements and bills for January 29, 2026, through February 11, 2026 – <b>AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS</b></p> <p>* 4. City of Tehachapi Investment Report through January 2026 – <b>RECEIVED REPORT</b></p> <p>5. <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> – Conducted a public hearing to receive public testimony concerning the transit needs within the city. The City of Tehachapi provides a transit service named Dial-A-Ride through Kern Regional Transit – <b>OPENED HEARING AT 6:03PM; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE TEHACHAPI NEWS ON JANUARY 14, 2026; NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED; FINANCE DIRECTOR HAMED JONES GAVE STAFF REPORT; NO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED; CLOSED HEARING AT 6:06PM; ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 01-26 FINDING THAT THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET WITHIN THE CITY</b></p> <p>* 6. City Attorney hourly rate increase request from \$180 to \$225 per hour – <b>APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE CITY ATTORNEY’S BILLING RATE TO \$225 PER HOUR AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY’S CONTRACT</b></p>	<p>Approved and Filed Sm/Ch Ayes All</p> <p>Received Report Sm/Ch Ayes All</p> <p>Adopted Resolution No. 01-26 Finding That There Are No Unmet Transit Needs That Are Reasonable To Meet Within The City Ch/Pa Ayes All</p> <p>Approved An Increase to the City Attorney’s Billing Rate and Authorized the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the City Attorney’s Contract Sm/Ch Ayes All</p>
<p><b><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>7. 2026 Community Event Schedule – <b>INFORMATION ONLY</b></p>	
<p><b><u>PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>8. Second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending the zoning for APN No. 415-130-42 and No. 415-130-43 from Light Industrial (M-1) to General Commercial (C-3) for the Kern Community College District to construct a community college campus – <b>ADOPTED ORDINANCE 26-01-785 AMENDING THE CITY’S OFFICIAL REGULATING PLAN REGARDING ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NUMBER 415-130-42 AND 415-130-43 OF THE TEHACHAPI ZONING CODE</b></p>	<p>Adopted Ordinance 26-01-785 Amending the City’s Official Regulating Plan Regarding Assessor’s Parcel Number 415- 130-42 and 415-130-43 of the Tehachapi Zoning Code Sm/Ch Ayes All</p>
<p><b><u>CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>* 9. The attorney’s Spring conference for the League of California Cities is scheduled for May 13-15, 2026. The registration fee is \$675.00 and a two-night stay in the hotel is \$239.00 per night. If approved by the City Council, the City’s share of the registration fee and hotel room would be \$576.00 – <b>APPROVE THE CITY’S SHARE OF THE COST FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ATTEND THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITY’S SPRING CONFERENCE</b></p>	<p>Approved The City’s Share Of The Cost For The City Attorney To Attend The League Of California Cities’ Spring Conference Sm/Ch Ayes All</p>
<p><b><u>CITY MANAGER REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>10. Report to Council regarding current activities and programs – <b>VERBAL REPORT</b></p>	

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Closed Session Minutes for February 2, 2026 – **APPROVED AND FILED**
  
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): (4 cases)
  - a. City of Tehachapi v. Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, et al. Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-23-104134
  - b. City of Tehachapi v. Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, et al. Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-101512
  - c. Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District v. City of Tehachapi, et al. Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2022-80003892-CU-WM-GDS
  - d. Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District v. City of Tehachapi, et al. Kern County Superior Court case No. BCV-25-103013

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council/Boards adjourned at 6:28 p.m. to a City Council, Tehachapi Redevelopment Successor Agency, Tehachapi Public Financing Authority and Tehachapi City Financing Corporation Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Adjourned At 6:28 pm



\_\_\_\_\_  
TORI MARSH, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Tehachapi, California

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of March 2026.



\_\_\_\_\_  
JOAN POGON-CORD  
Mayor, City of Tehachapi, California



## Wasco: 2026-27

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing
- 3) Minutes

## RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 4305

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE MET WITHIN THE CITY OF WASCO

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Wasco, on February 17, 2026, conducted a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral and written testimony regarding unmet transit needs for the incorporated area of the City of Wasco; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code 99401.5, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is required to establish and define the terms "unmet transit needs." Kern COG Resolution 90-04 defines "unmet transit needs" as follows: "An unmet transit need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport himself or herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are 1) Those requests for minor operational improvements and 2) Those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following year. The term "reasonable to meet" is defined: A) Operational Feasibility: The requested improvement must be safe to operate, and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles; B) Duplication of Service: The proposed service shall not duplicate other transit services; C) Timing: The proposed service shall be in response to an existing rather than a future need; and D) Service must meet the legally required farebox ratio (PUC Sections 99268.2, 99268.5 and CAC Sections 6633.2, 6633.5) with fares close to fares of similar service."; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was duly advertised and held on February 17, 2026, to receive public comments regarding unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wasco is required to submit findings from the annual unmet transit needs public hearing to Kern COG by the end of April 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Wasco as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That it does hereby find that within the City of Wasco, there are no unmet transit needs that can be reasonably met through modification or expansion of the Wasco transportation system.

**SECTION 2:** The Administrative Manager or Designee is directed to submit this finding and the supporting documentation to Kern COG.

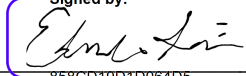
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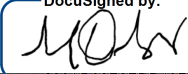


**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026 - 4305 was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Wasco at a regular meeting thereof held on February 17, 2026, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	SALDAÑA, REYNA MARTINEZ, MEDINA, RAYA
AYES:	SALDAÑA, REYNA MARTINEZ, RAYA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	MEDINA

Signed by:  
  
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**EDUARDO SALDAÑA,**  
MAYOR of the City of Wasco

Attest: 2/20/2026

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**MARIA O. MARTINEZ, CMC**  
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of  
the Council of the City of Wasco

# PROOF OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5C.C.P.)  
(GENERAL FORM)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } ss.  
County of Kern

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a part of or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the chief clerk/publisher of the *Wasco Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation, published weekly, in the City of Wasco, County of Kern, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation and published by the Superior court order number 183950, of the county of Kern; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

**January 15, 2026**

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

*Diane Givens, JM*  
(Signature)

Executed on **January 15, 2026**  
at Shafter, California

The *Wasco Tribune*  
PO Box 789  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Phone (661)292-5100

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**City Council of the City of Wasco**  
**February 17, 2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Wasco City Council on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm or soon thereafter.

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The supporting documents may be viewed during normal business hours at City Hall, located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280. Any person wishing to testify to the above resolution or the adoption of the resolution may appear before the City Council at their hearing on February 17, 2026, or may submit written comments on or before February 17, 2026.

If you challenge this resolution or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco City Clerk, 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280 at or prior to the public hearing.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meeting described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact Maria Martinez, City Clerk, at (661) 758-7215.

/s/Maria O. Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Aviso de Audiencia Pública**  
**Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad**  
**de Wasco**

**17 de febrero de 2026**

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública ante el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Wasco el martes, 17 de Febrero de 2026, a las 6:00 p. m. o tan pronto como sea posible después de esa hora.

UNA RESOLUCIÓN DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE WASCO DECLARANDO QUE NO EXISTEN NECESIDADES DE TRANSPORTE INSATISFECHAS QUE PUEDAN SER RAZONABLEMENTE ATENDIDAS DENTRO DE LA CIUDAD DE WASCO

Los documentos de respaldo pueden ser revisados durante el horario normal de oficina en el Ayuntamiento, ubicado en 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280. Cualquier persona que desee testificar sobre la resolución mencionada o sobre la adopción de dicha resolución puede presentarse ante el Concejo Municipal en la audiencia del 17 de Febrero de 2026, o puede enviar comentarios por escrito en o antes del 17 de Febrero de 2026.

Si usted impugna esta resolución o cualquier aspecto de la misma ante la corte, es posible que se le limite a presentar únicamente aquellos asuntos que usted u otra persona hayan planteado en la audiencia pública descrita en este aviso o en correspondencia escrita entregada al Secretario Municipal de la Ciudad de Wasco, 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280, en o antes de la audiencia pública.

Si necesita asistencia especial para participar en la reunión descrita en este aviso, comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal al (661) 758-7215 para hacer los arreglos razonables que garanticen la accesibilidad a esta reunión. Las solicitudes de asistencia deben hacerse por lo menos dos (2) días antes, cuando sea posible.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede comunicarse con María Martínez, Secretaria Municipal, al (661) 758-7215

/s/ María O. Martínez, CMC  
Secretaria Municipal

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## MINUTES

### WASCO CITY COUNCIL

and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**City Council Chambers**

**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco, CA 93280**

#### REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Saldaña called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2) ROLL CALL:** Mayor Saldaña, Mayor Pro Tem Reyna, Council Members: Martinez, Medina, Raya

**PRESENT:** Mayor Saldaña, Mayor Pro Tem Reyna, Council Members: Martinez, Raya

**LATE:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member Medina

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager M. Scott Hurlbert, City Attorney Mark Bateman, Assistant City Manager Maria Lara, City Clerk Maria O. Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Cinthia Ugalde, Public Works Director Luis Villa, Community Development Director Keri Cobb, Accounting Manager Rocio Mosqueda, Police Chief Alecio Mora, Kern County Fire Chief Joe Appleton.

**3) FLAG SALUTE:** by Mayor Saldaña

**4) INVOCATION:** observed a moment of silence.

**5) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Martinez, **Seconded** by Mayor Saldaña, to approve the agenda as to form, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SALDAÑA, REYNA, MARTINEZ, RAYA

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: MEDINA

**6) PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. 2026 Art and Mental Health Festival

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

There were no public comments.

Deputy City Clerk Cinthia Ugalde mentioned there are no email comments on this item or any other items on this agenda.

**8) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS: None**

**9) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS: None**

**10) PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)  
Chief Appleton shared information on the emergency communication platform: Genasys Protect
- b. Wasco Police Department (Mora)  
Police Chief Mora reported on the current public safety activity report.

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**11) CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The Consent Calendar consists of items that are routine and noncontroversial, in the staff's opinion. These items are approved in one motion unless a Council Member or member of the public requests the removal of a particular item.

- a. Receive and File department payments totaling \$ 1,036,964.08.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes for February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- c. Council finds this action is not a "project" under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Approval of Travel and Training Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for one-half of City Attorney Thomas F. Schroeter to attend at the League of California Cities Annual City Attorneys Spring Conference held on May 13-15, 2026, in Universal City, California, not to exceed \$576.00.
- d. Council finds this action is not a "project" under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Approval of Travel and Training Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the Police Department Administrative Staff to attend the California Police Chiefs CPCA Annual Training Symposium from March 15-18, 2026, in San Diego, CA.
- e. Council finds this action is not a "project" under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Submit an Application, Execute a Grant Agreement, Budget Appropriations, and any Amendments Thereto for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) from the California Highway Patrol (CHP).  
**Reso#2026-4303**
- f. Council finds that this action, based on the evidence in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the approval of the Water System Improvement and Treatment Project, will not have a significant environmental impact, and CEQA requirements, all of which have been fully met; Adopt a Resolution to Award to Finalize and Enter into an Agreement with Unified Field Services Corporation (UFSC) for the Well #12 Installation of the 123-TCP Treatment Project for \$3,904,504.00 and authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute Contract Change Orders and make quantity adjustments to the contract, not to exceed a total project cost of \$4,500,000.00.

**Reso#2026-4304**

**Agmt#2026-003**

- g. Council finds this action is not a “project” under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Receive and File the Investment Reports for October 2025 through December 2025.
- h. Receive and File the Community Development Quarterly Report - Information only
- i. Receive and File the Homeless Outreach Quarterly Report - Information only

There was no conflict of interest on the consent calendar for any Council member.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Reyna, **Seconded** by Council Member Martinez, to approve the Consent Calendar by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SALDAÑA, REYNA, MARTINEZ, RAYA  
 NOES: NONE  
 ABSTAIN: NONE  
 ABSENT: MEDINA

**12)PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Council finds this action is not a “project” under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments concerning unmet transit needs, consider comments, if any, and Adopt the Resolution Establishing Unmet Transit Needs Finding for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

**Reso#2026-4305**

City Clerk Maria Martinez gave an oral presentation.  
 Mayor Saldaña opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.  
 There were no public comments.  
 Mayor Saldaña closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

**Motion** by Council Member Martinez, **Seconded** by Mayor Saldaña, to adopt the resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SALDAÑA, REYNA, MARTINEZ, RAYA  
 NOES: NONE  
 ABSTAIN: NONE  
 ABSENT: MEDINA

**13)DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

**14)NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Council finds this action is not a “project” under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Adopt a Resolution approving the final five (5) year Transit Development Plan.

**Reso#2026-4306**

Kyle Taniguchi, a Senior Associate at Nelson Nygaard Consulting, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

**Motion** by Council Member Martinez, **Seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Reyna to adopt the resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SALDAÑA, REYNA, MARTINEZ, RAYA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: MEDINA

- b. Council finds this action is not a "project" under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to endorse and enter into an agreement with an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Solution provider to conduct a feasibility study of the City's current water meter-reading process, potential alternatives, and financing options, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Reso#2026-4307**

**Agmt#2026-004**

Oral presentation by Public Works Director Luis Villa

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Member Reyna, **Seconded** by Mayor Saldaña, to adopt the resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SALDAÑA, REYNA, MARTINEZ, RAYA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: MEDINA

#### **15) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:**

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Medina)  
No reports
- b. Kern Council of Governments (Reyna)  
No reports
- c. Wasco Task Force (Saldaña and Raya)  
A cleanup event will take place at Cormack Park on the 28th of February from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

#### **16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER: (Hurlbert)**

**City Manager Hurlbert updated the city council on the following:**

- SNIP event to occur on February 23, 2026; the March event date is still to be determined.
- Community Breakfast will be on March 4, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. at Wasco High School, hosted by Wasco High School and Wasco Union Elementary School District.
- The budget workshop and the Strategic Workshop have no dates for the initial schedule. The City Clerk will contact the City Council for availability.
- The Loteria event is coming up on February 20, 2026, at the Vets Hall from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

- Staff received confirmation from Congressman Valadao's office for the Downtown phase two funding.

**17) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Reyna:**

- Requested an update from staff on the completion of asphalt repairs on Beckes & Palm Ave.
- Requested that the Agenda page numbers be updated.
- Requested to have a detailed budget for Bi-Polar Day by the next Council Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026.

**Council Member Martinez:**

- Recommended an education campaign and strategic planning for pet owners to reduce stray dogs in town

There were no public comments on the closed session items.

Mayor Saldaña adjourned into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Saldaña adjourned from the closed session at 7:42 p.m.

**18) CLOSED SESSION:**

a. Closed Session Minutes for February 3, 2026.

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: (3 potential cases).

**c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of section 54956.9: (One potential case)

**d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE 54957**

Evaluation of salary schedule

Designated representative: City Manager

**19) CLOSED SESSION ACTION:**

City Manager Hulbert reported out.

a. Closed Session Minutes for February 3, 2026.

**Motion** by Council Member Martinez, **Seconded** by Mayor Saldaña, to approve the closed session minutes by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SALDAÑA, REYNA, MARTINEZ, RAYA

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: MEDINA

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: (3 potential cases)

**No reportable action**

**c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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**No reportable action**

**d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE 54957**

Evaluation of salary schedule

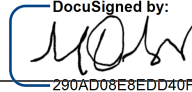
Designated representative: City Manager

**No reportable action**

**20) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Saldaña adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

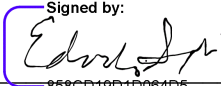
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Eduardo Saldaña, Mayor