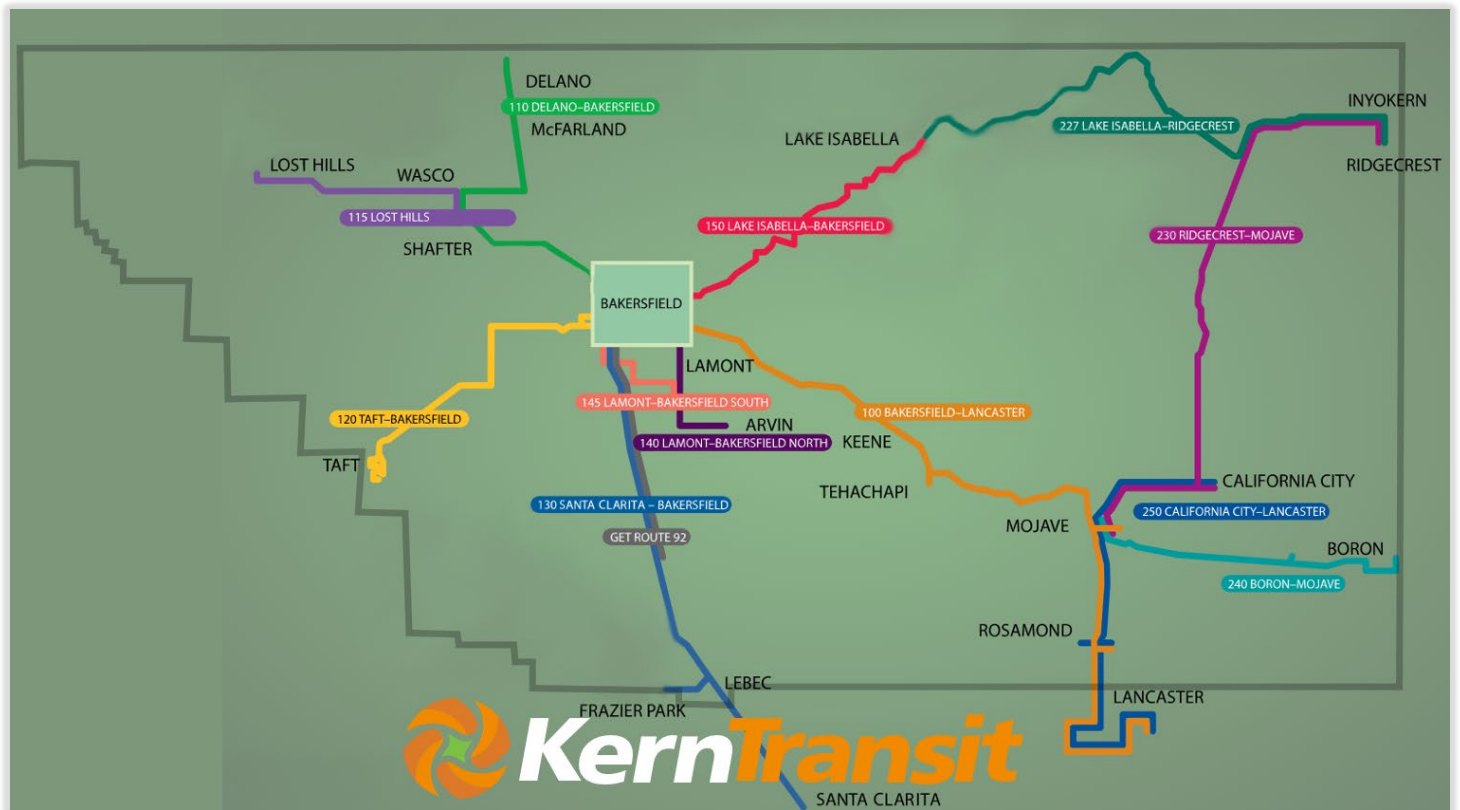


Kern Transit Unmet Needs Report

Fiscal Year 2022-2023



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SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

On an annual basis, Kern Transit conducts an assessment where the residents of Kern County are invited to provide comments regarding unmet transit needs. Every other year, during odd-numbered years, the agency holds several public meetings throughout the County. After the information has been gathered, Kern Transit then provides the Board of Supervisors with recommendations on how to address them. The transit needs assessment helps determine system performance and that the community's transit needs are being met. Information presented in this report assists the Board in deciding as to whether an unmet need, which is reasonable to meet, exists in the unincorporated areas of Kern County, excluding the area served by Golden Empire Transit (GET).

As a public transportation service agency, Kern Transit receives its funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and from passenger fares. To improve California's public transportation, the State enacted the Transportation Development Act (TDA) in 1971, which provides funding in urban and non-urban areas and for local streets and roads after all transit needs have been met. To continue receiving this funding from the State of California, Kern Transit must provide:

- A copy of hearing notice and proof of publication.
- Public notice published thirty (30) days before hearing date.
- A resolution or minutes documenting "unmet needs" and "reasonable to meet" definitions.
- A resolution adopting the unmet needs findings.

This report is the culmination of efforts by Kern Transit to gather, analyze, and disseminate the public's feedback regarding possible unmet transit needs in relation to existing services within the unincorporated areas of Kern County, outside of metropolitan Bakersfield.



SECTION 2 – SCOPE

Kern Transit provides passenger bus service between and in rural communities of Kern County. There are twelve fixed routes and seven on-demand Dial-A-Ride services. The transit system offers intercity service between Arvin, Bakersfield, Bodfish, Boron, Buttonwillow, California City, Delano, Frazier Park, Inyokern, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Lamont, Lebec, Lost Hills, McFarland, Mojave, Mountain Mesa, North Edwards, Onyx, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Shafter, South Lake, Taft, Tehachapi, Wasco, Weldon, and Wofford Heights, along with local transit service. Connections to the train service, Metrolink, in Lancaster and Santa Clarita are also available. Kern Transit is a division of the Kern County Public Works Department. Current service areas are as follows:

Dial-a-Ride

- Frazier Park Area (serving the communities of Cuddy Valley, Frazier Park, Gorman, Lake of the Woods, Lebec, Pine Mountain Club, and Piñon Pines)
- Kern River Valley (Serving the communities of Bodfish, Hillview Acres, Kelso Valley, Kernville North/Riverkern, Lake Isabella, Mountain Mesa, Onyx, South Lake, Weldon, and Wofford Heights)
- Lamont
- Mojave
- Rosamond
- Tehachapi
- Medical Dial-a-Ride (service for passengers transferring from Kern Transit routes requiring transportation to medical appointments in Bakersfield)

Fixed Route

- Route 100 – Bakersfield/Keene/Tehachapi/Mojave/Rosamond/Lancaster
- Route 110 – Bakersfield/Shafter/Wasco/McFarland/Delano
- Route 115 – Wasco/Lost Hills (Request only)
- Route 120 – Bakersfield/Taft
- Route 130 – Bakersfield/Grapevine/Lebec/Frazier Park/Santa Clarita
- Route 140 – Bakersfield North/Lamont/Arvin
- Route 145 – Bakersfield South/Lamont (extends to Arvin on weekends)
- Route 150 – Bakersfield/Lake Isabella
- Route 227 – Lake Isabella/Onyx/Inyokern/Ridgecrest
- Route 230 – Mojave/California City/Inyokern/Ridgecrest
- Route 240 – Mojave/North Edwards/Boron
- Route 250 – California City/Mojave/Rosamond/Lancaster

SECTION 3 – DEFINITIONS

To determine if service requests collected during the process can be met by Kern Transit, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) adopted the following definitions:

- 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 those requests for minor operational improvements and those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year” (1990).
- Reasonable to Meet:
 - “Operational Feasibility – The requested improvement must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadway 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 recovery ratio (PUC Sections 99268.2-99268.5 and CAC Sections 6633.2-6633.5) with fares close to fares of similar services. Kern County’s required farebox ratio is 10%” (1990).

The farebox recovery ratio is an important measurement that helps Kern Transit determine how cost effective a fixed route or on-demand service is. This value is calculated by dividing fare revenue by operating expenses. Transit services provided in rural areas of California, such as Kern Transit services, are required to meet a farebox recovery ratio of ten percent. A farebox recovery ratio guide is provided below for further clarification on how recommendations are made for service adjustments.

Rural Service	Recommended Action
Less than 5%	Service May be Discontinued
5% - 10%	Continue Service with Adjustments
10% or More	Continue or Expand Service

Farebox Recovery Ratio Guide

SECTION 4 – PUBLIC MEETINGS AND COMMENTS

During the Unmet Needs assessment, citizens and organization representatives were able to submit comments directly to Kern Transit. In accordance with established policy, Kern Transit conducted the unmet needs report process by advertising during the months of February and March 2023. The advertisements were published in ten adjudicated newspapers, two social media channels, and the Kern Transit website. A legal notice for the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing was published in the Bakersfield Californian on April 15, 2023, allowing at least thirty days prior to the meeting on May 23, 2023. The notice informed the public of the opportunity to present public testimony, either written or verbal, to the Board of Supervisors. Interested persons were able to submit comments via email, in-person, mail, phone, social media, and the Kern Transit website. Ten in-person, public meetings took place during the month of March 2023 in Bakersfield, Boron, Frazier Park, Lake Isabella, Lamont, Mojave, Ridgecrest, Taft, Tehachapi, and Wasco. The Bakersfield public meeting was also available online through Microsoft Teams on March 30, 2023. This report documents all comments received.

The public meeting locations were chosen based on ridership and staff's awareness of the riders' interest in providing input about the transit service. Dial-A-Ride services were made available at no-cost to individuals interested in attending the meetings where the Dial-A-Service was available. Meeting information is provided below.

Service Area	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Location Address
Bakersfield	03/30/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Public Services Building	2700 M Street
Boron	03/20/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Senior Center	27177 Twenty Mule Team Road
Frazier Park	03/06/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Recreation Building	3801 Park Drive
Kern River Valley	03/09/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Veterans Building	6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard
Lamont	03/13/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Bear Mountain Recreation	10300 San Diego Street
Mojave	03/15/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Veterans Building	15580 O Street
Ridgecrest	03/16/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Library	131 East Las Flores Avenue
Taft	03/21/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	Recreation Center	500 Cascade Place
Tehachapi	03/23/2023	5 PM – 7 PM	BeeKay Theatre	110 South Green Street
Wasco	03/28/2023	4 PM – 6 PM	Library	1102 7 th Street

BAKERSFIELD / GENERAL COMMENTS

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$ 92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
Dial-A-Ride – Medical	233	2,824	1,836	\$ 170,331	N/A	N/A

Comments

- “[Bus] trainees who quit after getting their license (who go on to Amtrak or Greyhound) should pay the county back. Sign a paper up front about it.” (Email)
- “Better marketing on local agencies that run regional service. You show GET 92X, but not Arvin to Grapevine, Lamont or Bakersfield run by City of Arvin, or Taft to Maricopa run by City of Taft. Alternatively, take over operation of those trips.” (Email)
- “Offer discounted fare for trips within cities, especially Bakersfield.” (Email)
- Recommend cameras be installed on buses to provide surveillance to monitor outside of the vehicles for safety and improved behavior in those areas. (Phone Call)

Response to Comments

- The Kern Transit website has a Connections page, which provides the contact information and websites to other transit service providers in the region: <https://kerntransit.org/connections/>
- Kern Transit’s Bakersfield Medical Dial-A-Ride is provided at no cost to Kern Transit riders, which provides riders with connections to medical appointments in the City of Bakersfield area.
- Kern Transit buses have camera systems installed.

BORON

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$ 92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
240 – Mojave to Boron	1,174	40,533	849	\$ 78,781	\$ 2,262	2.90 %

Comments

- “Extend route 240 to Barstow to connect to Greyhound. More buses go eastward from there rather than Bakersfield.” (Email)
- Boron-Chapparral at Borax timed stop could be made request only. (Meeting)

Response to Comments

- The extension of service is not considered a need reasonable to meet based on existing ridership levels, farebox ratio, and demand.

FRAZIER PARK

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
130 – Bakersfield to Santa Clarita	3,356	272,836	4,454	\$ 413,159	\$ 8,807	2.13 %
Dial-A-Ride – Frazier Park	2,927	18,207	3,775	\$ 350,174	\$ 1,998	0.57 %

Comments

- “It has been known for years that the computer program in use is inappropriate for the Mountain Communities. It has incorrect information about how long it takes to get from place to place, especially to and from PMC. Because of this, the computer denies appointments that are totally doable. This makes scheduling sort of a nightmare for passengers and dispatchers alike. I’ve been told the program can’t be fixed. Shouldn’t it be replaced?” (Letter)
- “A plan for better communication between Roads and Kern Transit and National Express.” (Letter)
- “A meeting between Transit, National Express, Roads, CHP, and our County Supervisor to help promote cooperation and improve service.” (Letter)
- Please advertise promotions in the Mountain Enterprise, local shopping locations and consider putting up a booth at Fiesta Days. (Meeting)
- Riders on Route 130 would like another later southbound trip between the late morning and evening runs. The current schedule only allows for one hour to shop at Walmart before returning. The only other option is to take the evening bus back to Frazier Park which arrives after Dial-A-Ride hours leaving riders with no ride home. (Meeting)
- Timely updating of road closure and chains required signs would be helpful to keep services available to riders if within control of County. (Meeting)
- Make Lebec Post Office a request stop. (Meeting)

Response to Comments

- The California Highway Patrol, Kern County Sheriff, and Kern County Public Works Department monitor roadway conditions and post signs and notifications advising of road closures and chains required daily during winter weather in these mountain communities. Kern Transit buses heed all agencies’ road closure and chains required signs or notifications that are posted during inclement weather.
- Kern Transit intends to adjust service times for one run in the Summer 2023 schedule change on Route 130 in order to provide Frazier Park riders with more time in Bakersfield prior to the return trip.

KERN RIVER VALLEY

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
150 – Bakersfield to Lake Isabella	9,645	131,798	3,615	\$ 335,282	\$ 22,466	6.70 %
227 – Lake Isabella to Ridgecrest	2,232	55,094	1,731	\$ 160,511	\$ 4,899	3.05 %
Dial-A-Ride – Lake Isabella	12,768	121,019	7,392	\$ 685,748	\$ 17,084	2.49 %

Comments

- “Since one has to call 5 AM each day, 6 days a week, to try and get a bus, how about giving some of your transit funds to Kern Valley Hospital District that transports seniors to medical appointments?” (Email)
- “Old jail next to Senior Center in Lake Isabella is perfect for a restroom stop as bus stop there (used for Bakersfield runs). Small—think 2 toilets. Used for Rotary club food (giveaway) storage.” (Email)
- “Sunday Dial so people can get to the Bakersfield run in Lake Isabella. I know why it starts in Bakersfield. Can’t some of those funds be used for up here in the KRV?” (Email)
- Multiple riders requested to bring back fixed routes to Lake Isabella/Kernville. Expressed willingness to reduce dial-a-ride to have fixed routes back. (Meeting)
- Expressed concern that DAR reservations had to be made early morning and same day.
- Frequently find that there is no same day availability. Only works about 70% of the time and sometimes the bus never shows. (Meeting)
- Interested in Route 227 to/from Ridgecrest being increased beyond 3 days/week. (Meeting)
- Low income students lack transportation needed for social services, school, and medical appointments. Fixed routes require less planning and would be better able to meet these needs. School students rely on Kern Transit services to get to school. Fixed routes are useful for teaching them important life skills. (Meeting)
- Residents often do not have reliable phone or internet service to be made aware of public meetings and promotions. Consider reaching out to residents by alternate methods: Vons, food giveaways, senior centers, etc. (Meeting)
- “Will Route 220 between Lake Isabella and Kernville be brought back any time soon?” (Twitter)

Response to Comments

- Kern Transit intends to resume partial fixed route service in the Kern River Valley area in Summer 2023 at the next schedule change, modifying Routes 150 and 220.
- Kern Transit offers Dial-A-Ride service in the Kern River Valley area between the hours of 5:10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on weekdays and 7:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Dial-

A-Ride reservations are available on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations can be requested up to 2-weeks in advance.

- Route 227 provides fixed route service to the Kern Valley Hospital from the Lake Isabella area 3 times per day, 3 times per week.
- Requested service expansions are not considered a need reasonable to meet based on existing ridership levels, farebox ratio, and demand.

LAMONT

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
140 – Bakersfield North to Lamont	14,967	136,994	4,988	\$ 462,738	\$ 22,817	4.93 %
145 – Bakersfield South to Lamont	8,839	86,536	2,936	\$ 272,285	\$ 12,119	4.45 %
Dial-A-Ride – Lamont	7,654	11,550	5,802	\$ 538,056	\$ 10,709	1.99 %

Comments

- “I go to BC and the first bus doesn’t come down Pioneer until 7 and I need to be in by 8, there isn’t no way I will get there in 1 hour, I would like to see where I can get the transit bus by where I live on Pioneer by Oswell.” (Facebook)
- Run Route 140 on weekends from Lamont to Kern Medical Center in the mornings and then run from Kern Medical Center to Lamont in the early afternoon. (Meeting)
- There used to be several other students of Alicante High School using Lamont Dial-A-Ride. But because of poor service, they stopped using it. (Meeting)
- Install a bus stop where students can be dropped off at Alicante School (Meeting)

Response to Comments

- Golden Empire Transit provides public transit service in Metropolitan Bakersfield.
- Requested service expansions are not considered a need reasonable to meet based on existing ridership levels, farebox ratio, and demand. Kern Transit offers Dial-A-Ride service in the Lamont area between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, 5:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 7:00 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Sundays. Dial-A-Ride reservations are available on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations can be requested up to 2-weeks in advance.

MOJAVE

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
100 – Bakersfield to Lancaster	30,914	417,278	11,272	\$ 1,045,541	\$ 90,233	8.63 %
250 – California City to Lancaster	26,952	153,653	5,099	\$ 473,006	\$ 56,379	11.92 %
Dial-A-Ride – Mojave	6,868	11,438	3,076	\$ 285,321	\$ 8,369	2.93 %
Dial-A-Ride – Rosamond	5,606	14,511	2,881	\$ 267,161	\$ 6,333	2.37 %

Comments

- “Cut Route 250 back to Mojave, customers can transfer to Route 100 for Lancaster, apply those resources saved somewhere else.” (Email)
- “The Metrolink train station – Is there any way a bus can get someone from Mojave to the 5 AM Metrolink without having to be homeless overnight?” (Email)
- “Dial-A-Ride could be on a route with designated stops so there’s no missing the bus to Lancaster or Bakersfield because I often am turned down to get around because of the 11 AM break.” (Email)
- “Please make a late 250 so I’m not stranded in Mojave or Lancaster after a long day of commuting to and from Santa Clarita for work.” (Email)
- “Is there any way Mojave Mobil and Rosamond Casino can be turned into stops you call in such as the Cameron Pass stop. People who catch the bus also live in the rural patches where they’re still walking miles on miles to bus stops when there can be a freeway exit call in stop where you can ask the driver to pull over; no turns necessary, just the stop—that’s it.” (Email)
- Riders are interested in expanded Dial-A-Ride hours, according to a Mojave driver. (Meeting)
- “Run a bus Sundays to Cal City. Even if just once a day.” (Twitter)

Response to Comments

- Requested service expansions are not considered a need reasonable to meet based on existing ridership levels, farebox ratio, and demand.

RIDGECREST

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
230 – Ridgecrest to Mojave	1,225	106,415	2,241	\$ 207,875	\$ 2,798	1.35 %

Comments

- “Our small hospital doesn't offer many of the services our elderly need, such as cancer treatment, for which people have to go out of town. This is a huge barrier to the elderly but also to the general population who might not have a car, or who might have it, but are unable to drive due to their illness.” (Email)
- “There is no transportation to take residents from Ridgecrest directly to LAX or even to Lancaster. Many people might take the bus that goes to Mojave, and from there wait a long time, to get a different bus to Lancaster. And that's it. This is very inconvenient because often times, people travel with suitcases, and this is just not possible.” (Email)
- “In town, our Ridgecrest Runner works but it's expensive and only takes you from point A to point B, the routes are very limited. There should be an increase of bus routes in town, and if possible, more affordable. In addition, having an efficient bus system in town would help the economy as those people who have no car, could more easily go grocery shopping, for example.” (Email)
- “We need to save our environment. We in the US are number 1 pollutant. In Europe, everybody uses the bus, in cities, in towns, and even in very small villages. This change of culture to use more public transportation can only happen when and if our government is able to see the benefits of it for everybody, and the community as a whole.” (Email)
- “We need reliable and frequent bus routes that people can use to go around town, and especially, get us out of Ridgecrest, mainly to LAX.” (Email)

Response to Comments

- Requested service expansions are not considered a need reasonable to meet based on existing ridership levels, farebox ratio, and demand.

TAFT

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
120 – Bakersfield to Taft	8,792	149,879	3,971	\$ 368,342	\$ 20,416	5.54 %

Comments

- None.

TEHACHAPI

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
Dial-A-Ride – Tehachapi	6,701	22,399	4,168	\$ 386,570	\$ 8,009	2.07 %
100 – Bakersfield to Lancaster	30,914	417,278	11,272	\$ 1,045,541	\$ 90,233	8.63 %

Comments

- College Community Services (CCS) emphasizes that transportation is a considerable barrier for those trying to reach their doctor appointments. Please have Kern Transit conduct an in-service training for College Community Services. (Meeting)
- Please bring back the Old Towne bus stop in Tehachapi and make it a Request Only stop. If possible, please place the bus stop on the north side of Route 202. There is a coffee shop on the north side that can provide shelter from the heat and cold. (Phone Call)
- Please provide Sunday service if the Old Towne bus stop is not possible. (Phone Call)
- The Real-Life Church in Tehachapi does its best to work around the bus schedule but would like to provide services on Sunday mornings and afternoons as well as evening services on Wednesdays and Saturdays. There are 3 to 15 riders travelling from Bakersfield to Tehachapi to attend church services. (Phone Call)
- “The route from Tehachapi needs more times for service to Bakersfield. Very limited service.” (Email)

Response to Comments

- Kern Transit provided information to Tehachapi residents, including CCS representatives, at a meeting on April 27, 2023.
- Route 100 provides 6 trips from Tehachapi to Bakersfield daily on weekdays and 3 trips on weekends, the most of any Kern Transit route.
- Requested service expansions are not considered a need reasonable to meet based on existing ridership levels, farebox ratio, and demand.

WASCO

Route	Annual Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Annual Operating Costs (\$92.76/hr)	Calculated Revenue	Farebox Ratio
110 – Bakersfield to Delano	25,529	218,504	5,201	\$ 482,403	\$ 60,007	12.44 %
115 – Bakersfield to Lost Hills	165	11,367	657	\$ 60,896	\$ 336	0.55 %

Comments

- “Shift Route 110 to stop at Walmart in NW Bakersfield, connects to several GET routes and avoids backtracking to downtown for Westside residents.” (Email)
- Please include a 9 AM or 10 AM run on the weekends from Wasco to Valley Plaza [Route 110]. (Meeting)

Response to Comments

- Kern Transit intends to adjust service times in Summer 2023 for the first run of Route 110 on weekends to two hours earlier to accommodate service requests.

SECTION 5 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

Kern Transit staff have reviewed and considered all comments received from the public located in the unincorporated communities of Kern County. Based on staff's review, Kern Transit has determined that all public transit needs identified in the report are either: 1) currently being met, 2) soon to be implemented, or 3) not reasonable to meet as defined by the Kern Council of Governments' guidance.

All other comments do not meet the criteria for being unmet needs as they are either requests for minor operational improvements or requests for improvements already funded and scheduled for implementation.

Therefore, Kern Transit recommends the Board of Supervisors to make the determination that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet currently within the area served by the regional transit agency of Kern County.



APPENDIX A – PUBLIC NOTICES





2023 Unmet Needs Public Meeting March 9, 2023

Kern River Veterans Building - Room 1
6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Persons interested in public transit of the unincorporated areas of Kern County are invited to attend. To schedule FREE Dial-A-Ride service for this event, please call 1-800-323-2396.

Comments may be submitted until April 15th, 2023 via:

Mail - Ste 400, 2700 M St, Bakersfield, CA

Email - info@kerntransit.org

Phone - 661-862-5032



2023 Juntas Públicas Para Discutir Necesidades no Satisfechas Marzo 9, 2023

Kern River Veterans Building - Room 1
6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Las personas interesadas en el transporte público de las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Kern están invitadas a asistir. Para programar el servicio GRATUITO Dial-A-Ride para este evento, llame al 1-800-323-2396.

Comentarios pueden enviarse hasta 15 abril de 2023 a:

Correo - Ste 400, 2700 M St, Bakersfield, CA

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03/01/2023, Kern Valley Sun (Lake Isabella)

In PMC, broken plows and outages made for chilly nights ⁵

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water, blankets and a flashlight in your home and vehicles. Limit unnecessary travel," and "Fill up your [propane] tank and make sure your vehicle has at least half a tank of fuel," were some of those reminders included in the press release. "However, not everybody was able to prepare enough, in time, or did not prepare for power to be lost," Freeborn said.

By late Saturday, Pine Mountain Club Property Owners Association volunteered to set up a warming and charging station at its clubhouse on Beechwood Way.

Kern County Sheriff Department Search and Rescue also set up in the PMCPOA parking lot and began coordinating with Kern County Fire Department to help reach residents in need, while KCFD Station 58 helped the efforts by screening calls for help, Freeborn said.

While the storm brought many inconveniences and some emergencies to our mountain communities, it was not considered to be a significant enough event to merit the

Emergency Response Services of Kern County.

"As a full-risk department, we have within our ability the authority to organize and activate a response at the levels needed to maintain safety in a specific area. In this case, it was within our ability to organize extra aid that helps utilities secure a safe environment for repairing vital infrastructure, like telecommunications and power," Captain Freeborn said in a phone interview with *The Mountain Enterprise*.

There were dozens of residents requiring assistance in one form or another, according to Freeborn.

Despite popular belief, Kern County Fire Department has full authority in calling for assistance and services, organizing rescue efforts and activating responses without the need of opening up an Emergency Operations Center, and without the need for approval from the Kern County Supervisor, according to Captain Freeborn.

"Neighborly help is the most

effective way to assist", he said. "Residents needing food, water, firewood or help digging out of their driveways have been able to call on and rely on their neighbors for help in ways that KCFD and KCSO Search and Rescue cannot, due to more urgent needs and responsibilities in other areas."

"If you need assistance, you can call KCFD Station 58 at 661.242.3702 and they will assess what help can be given and where, in coordination with KCSO," Freeborn advised. "There are wellness checks being carried out on-foot and, in emergency cases, KCSO Search and Rescue is using its snowcat to rescue residents and bring them to a place where services can be safely rendered, Freeborn said.

As of mid-afternoon Tuesday, February 28, to Captain Freeborn's knowledge, there were no known emergency response requests in the area. Freeborn said Kern County Fire Department and KCSO Search and Rescue would continue to



coordinate together and remain in the area.

Following our interview with Captain Freeborn, a rescue team was dispatched to Dogwood Way to assist a 92-year-old female who was reported to be "snowed in."

Resident Nick Novosel said his power at Arbor Drive came back on around 2 p.m. Tuesday, and his road was plowed Wednesday.

PMCPOA announced Wednesday morning that power had been restored in most areas of PMC.

Another set of storms began Wednesday in our Mountain Communities. Anyone in need of assistance is advised to call the Kern County Fire Department Station 58 at 661.242.3702, or, in the event of an emergency, call 911.

Dionne Bolton photo

The Mountain Enterprise

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023



2023 Unmet Needs Public Meeting Frazier Park Frazier Park Recreation Building 3801 Park Drive March 6, 2023 @ 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



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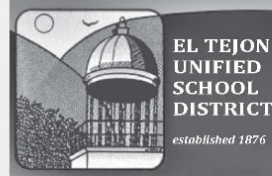
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está en el centro del estado.

Las carreteras 5, 99, y 58 son los tres principales corredores que los traficantes usan para transportar a sus víctimas a través del estado con el propósito de la explotación sexual" dijo Tyson McCoy, subprocurador de la Procuraduría General de Justicia del Condado de Kern en una entrevista con The Bakersfield Californian. "Tal es que la geografía del Condado de Kern, lo pone en medio de las vías de la actividad de tráfico de humanos".

De tal manera que CityServe y Canyon Mills se han unido junto con la Coalición en Contra de la Trata en Kern (KCAHT) siglas en inglés) y otras organizaciones para dar concientización de los peligros de la trata en la comunidad de Bakersfield y el Condado de Kern. El año pasado, la empresa de la trata de personas se estimaba producía \$32 millones de dólares, hoy en día, según las estadísticas del Centro de la Trata Humana, esta empresa gana \$150 millones anualmente.

Este año, CityServe y la Coalición en Contra de la Trata de Personas han vuelto a contratar a Golden Empire Transit para diseminar información sobre la trata al envolver un total de diez camiones que correrán por catorce (14) rutas locales mostrando el número de teléfono y texto, en ambos, inglés y español, para que personas llamen si es que han caído víctimas de este delito.

Entre los eventos que se llevarán a cabo este mes se encuentran:

• Promover el baile de gala "Project Rescue Red and White Gala", que está programado para el viernes, 17 de

marzo. Este evento de recaudación de fondos tendrá como orador principal a la senadora estatal Shannon Grove. Otros invitados incluyen al jefe Craig Terry, Tyson McCoy de la procuraduría general de justicia de Kern y Dustin Contreras, copresidente de la Coalición en Contra del Tráfico Humano de Kern.

• También se avisará de las cuatro ubicaciones donde se llevará a cabo la recolección de fondos en la calle del "Project Rescue" que la sido programado para el 31 de marzo. Junto con empresas locales y con voluntarios a través de la ciudad se obtendrán donaciones para el apoyo a KCAHT con esfuerzos para ayudar a las víctimas de la trata en Bakersfield y en el Condado de Kern. Las ubicaciones de esta recaudación de fondos son:

- 1) Restaurante Hodel's en la intersección de la Knudsen y Olive Drive
- 2) Sully's Chevron en la Coffee Drive en la intersección de la Stockdale y Gosford Rd
- 3) Sully's Chevron en la intersección de la avenida Ming y Buena Vista
- 4) Luigi's Restaurant en la calle 19 oriente (viernes 31 de marzo y sábado, 1º de abril)

Para obtener mayores informes sobre estos eventos, llame a Tracey Richardson al 661-428-0821. Si usted es víctima de la trata, llame al 1-888-373-7888 para reportar casos de trata llame al 1-866-347-2423 o mande un texto a 233733 (befree)

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se vende también pan, y en tiempos de calor hasta agua de tejuino, es toda una variedad de productos.

Roberto, un vendedor que prefirió estar en el anonimato, contó a *El Popular News* que venden en ciertas esquinas sus productos debido a que no encuentran un trabajo estable o la temporada en los campos es muy baja en esta época del año. Platicó que tienen que soportar las inclemencias del clima, ya sea, calor o frío, y en ocasiones pasan autos desde donde les gritan malas palabras.

También, en algunos casos, estos vendedores están temerosos de que lleguen a quitarles sus productos las autoridades o alguna persona que tienen odio por ellos, lleguen a violentarlos, les griten e incluso en ocasiones les pegan sus productos que venden en la vía libre.

La discriminación o racismo que deriva en el odio hacia las personas no puede ser tolerado de ninguna manera, ya que cada persona merece el respeto de los demás que viven en su comunidad. Para evitar muchas de estas acciones, los vendedores ambulantes van cambiando de esquinas para que no sepan donde se instalan continuamente.

En un recorrido que *El Popular News* realizó, pudo constatar que en poblaciones como Delano, Lamont, Shafter, hay venta de productos en la calle, agua de coco, pan, revuelos de mariscos, tamales, café, atole, muchas veces ya se instalan puestos de tacos que son buscados para consumir, sin embargo, el racismo sin razón está latente, se puede presentar en cualquier momento.

Hay que recordar que hace dos años, en plena pandemia de Covid, un vendedor ambulante de Bakersfield que se instaló en una esquina de Buena Vista Boulevard, fue agredido por una persona sin hogar. Le tiró sus flores y lo insultó abiertamente, esto debe alertarnos por el odio que existe hacia la población hispana, principalmente que es la que se dedica a la venta ambulante.

Sin embargo, también los vendedores ambulantes tienen derecho a hacer sus denuncias en contra de aquellos que violen sus derechos cívicos. Recursos existen para su ayuda y estos incluyen:

• **La línea de recursos CA vs Hate:** Es un número y portal en línea que ayuda a personas conectarse con recursos adecuados cuando es la víctima de crímenes de odio. Para conectarse con un coordinador de recursos llame al 1-833-8NO-HATE de lunes a viernes de 8 am a 5 pm PST.

• **Junta de Compensación de Víctimas de California para Crímenes de Odio:** Esta liga ayuda a localizar organizaciones locales que proveen recursos y pueden asistir en la aplicación para ser compensado si es una víctima del crimen. Después de entrar a la liga, puede seleccionar el condado donde vive y que desea recibir recursos y seleccione "HATE CRIMES". <https://victims.ca.gov/for-victims/get-help/>

• **Consejería, encuentre a un terapeuta:** Esta liga provee un directorio de terapeutas que le pueden ayudar con sus problemas. La mayoría de ellos son miembros de la Asociación de Terapeutas de Matrimonio y Familia de California. <https://www.counselingcalifornia.com/Find-a-Therapist>

Departamento de Servicios Sociales de California, proveedores de detener el odio: La CDSS en conjunto con la Comisión de Temas Asiáticos y Isleños Americanos, han provisto subvenciones a organizaciones calificadas para proveer apoyo y servicios a víctimas y sobrevivientes de incidentes y crímenes de odio y a sus familias, y también para facilitar medidas de prevención de incidentes y crímenes de odio.

<https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/ca-vs-hate-resource>

Golf Tournament Benefits Kern County Burn Survivors and Their Families

Join your local public safety, EMS, and business community on April 10 for the 13th Annual Harvey L. Hall Lights and Sirens Memorial Invitational, benefiting Kern County burn survivors and their families.

This year's event returns to the Stockdale Country Club with registration opening at 10 a.m., a catered lunch at 11 a.m., and a shotgun scramble at noon. The day concludes with an after-party and awards ceremony.

The Lights & Sirens Invitational was established in 2008 when Harvey L. Hall identified the need that burn survivors and their families required a commitment of long-term care and special assistance while on their road to recovery.

Since its inception, the tournament has raised over half a million dollars, with proceeds funding programs through the Bakersfield Firefighters Burn Foundation and the Kern County Firefighters Burn Survivor Trust. The Bakersfield Firefighters Burn Foundation uses the funds to provide burn survivor & family support, burn care professional assistance, and burn prevention education. The Kern County Firefighters Burn Survivor Trust uses the funds to provide burn camp sponsorships, regional burn center support, and survivor scholarship awards.

Individual golfers can register for \$200, while team foursomes are available for \$800. The committee is also seeking tournament sponsors with a deadline of March 20 to maximize sponsor benefits.

For sponsorship and player registration, visit:
<https://hallamb.com/tournament>



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What They Told Us: Californians Weigh In on High Natural Gas Bills

Following effort to secure oversight for high natural gas prices in California, Senate Republicans Share Concerns Raised by Constituents in Recent Surveys

SACRAMENTO – Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa), along with members of the California Senate Republican Caucus, called for oversight on recent natural gas bill increases. Today's hearing on high utility prices is a result of the California Senate Republicans' request.

In recent Districtwide Surveys, Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), Senator Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta), and Senator Ochoa Bogh, heard horrifying stories of how these high utility bills were impacting their constituents. Below are a few of those stories:

John: "My wife and I are retired and now on a fixed income. Our average gas bill for the last 12 months was \$89. Our February 2023 bill was \$631."

Ben: "Natural gas increase of over 500% in one month. Reducing all costs including food, clothes budget, and all discretionary spending for our family."

Curtis: "Our bill went from \$150 a month to \$860 a month. Unaffordable!"

Marianne: "We are seniors and are already struggling to buy groceries, gas and utilities. We just got a \$540 gas bill, \$240 Electric bill & now have to leave our heater off completely and freeze."

James: "I'm retired on a fixed income. My gas bill went from \$135 in December to \$355 in January. Pretty hard to budget for that kind of increase!"

California Senate Republicans are committed to cutting costs for families and today's oversight hearing was secured as a direct result of their efforts in the state legislature. In addition to the request for oversight that was fulfilled, California Senate Republican lawmakers also secured early relief for high natural gas bills after a push to the state's Utilities Commission."

Aliyah Guerra Named to Dean's List at University of Maryland Global Campus

ADELPHI, MD (02/27/2023)-- Aliyah Guerra of Rosamond was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGCC.

UMGC was established in 1947 to serve adults in the workforce. Today, the university enrolls some 90,000 students annually, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificates in more than 125 fully online, hybrid and face-to-face programs and specializations.

UMGC has a long history of innovation in reaching students where they are, including as a pioneer of internet instruction, piloting its first online classes in 1994. The university has received numerous awards for its groundbreaking work in developing fully online degree programs, including in high-demand fields such as cybersecurity, business, data analytics, health care and education.

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2023 Unmet Needs Public Meeting
March 15, 2023
Mojave Veterans Building - Room 1
15580 O Street, Mojave
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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CLMRG

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So what will become of you, stuck out in the middle of nowhere or dangling from a mountainside and in need of rescuing?

Faster the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG).

CLMRG was first established in 1958, and continues to operate strong.

According to Jessica Kormelink, education committee leader for CLMRG, the main focus of the group is to assist the Kern County Sheriff's Department during rescue events. This includes rescues from rivers, urban areas and the desert. However, CLMRG specializes in high altitude rescues in all weather conditions.

"We do rescues, searches and recoveries," Kormelink said. "Searches lead to rescues, but can also lead to recoveries or death. Those are always the sad ones."

Currently, there are 40 members in the group, however more volunteers are always welcome to come train for the 20 plus rescues the group usually participates in any given year.

Said Kormelink, "Because of how isolated we are and it's a big country out here without a lot of population, the Sheriff's Department needed help in finding lost individuals. A lot of people go up into the mountains unprepared or thinking they were prepared, and then the weather comes in or they fall and get hurt."

While the group is not on rescue missions, members participate in regular training held at Joshua Tree and in Mammoth, and they work closely with the Mountain Rescue Association.

"We are very, very active," Kormelink said.

Training includes how to track lost individuals and a mountaineering class that is held each year which includes classroom time followed by

field trips to go bouldering, hiking and rock climbing.

CLMRG also trains the public on safety procedures should you get lost.

Said Kormelink, "We teach them to stay in place if they get lost, carry a garbage bag and whistle on outings so they can stay covered and blow the whistle until help arrives. The more people who are trained, the less we have to go do searches."

Last year, CLMRG volunteers logged in over 3,000 hours in training alone. Since rescues are often in remote areas or in other parts of the state, therefore volunteers are required to do a lot of traveling and logged in 11,000 miles in 2022 for both rescues and training events.

Said Kormelink, "I volunteer to give back to the community, and it is in an area that interests me. But to go out and actually help out with a search, it is really rewarding when I get to participate. A big take away is knowing all the volunteers and operational leaders who have been around for 10, 15 and 20 years who have dedicated their time to that (searches) and in training us. It's a really good community, in itself. Any time the family knows that we are there to help find their loved ones is a positive and really good feeling."

In the past year, CLMRG has participated in 28 rescue and recovery events.

Many of the volunteers have regular day jobs which requires them to take leave from work to participate in searches.

Said Kormelink, "A lot of our searches are during the week."

All CLMRG members are volunteers and are on-call at all times.

Funding is through private and corporate donations such as the United Way, and CLMRG is a non-profit organization.

Said Kormelink, "As a team member, we have to purchase our own clothing and rescue equipment for any training that we take. Some of the bigger events are supported



Members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group practice for a high line rescue in the Alabama Hills in October 2021.

through the donations, but none of us get paid anything. We do this because we want to help people."

During last winter, CLMRG participated in several search and rescues in the Mount Baldy area.

Said Kormelink, "Typically, they are alone, but recently we helped with one where there was a couple that went higher and got stuck in bad weather. One of them fell off the mountainside, and the other one got stuck trying to help."

Kormelink said that another recent search was conducted in Telescope Peak where two individuals slid down the mountain and got stuck. They were both injured, and needed help getting out."

Some of the hardest searches are river searches.

Said Kormelink, "Over 99 percent of the time, river searches end up being recoveries. They don't tell us that, and we are hoping we will find the individual the whole time we are searching, but it ends in recovery."

Occasionally, Kormelink

said members have been on searches for individuals who have been reported missing for some time, and survival is unlikely.

Said Kormelink, "In the mountains, it is less than a week (since the person was recorded missing), we are hoping they are alive and sheltered down. We are hoping it's a rescue, but that's a mixed bag, too. This year, we have had a lot of snow recoveries. And, some people we haven't found yet. If they are not found, and end up covered in snow, we just have to wait until the snow melts before we try to recover them."

The winters are harder for the volunteers who have to undergo special training and be qualified for winter searches.

Of the 40 members, Kormelink guessed that no more than 10 have received this training. In addition, water searches also require special training.

Said Kormelink, "The more technical the search, the tougher it is because we have

to do more prep to make sure we have the proper equipment."

During the summer, Kormelink said CLMRG responds to a lot of calls of people who have gotten injured riding on all terrain vehicles.

But, not all volunteers need to be able to hike up steep mountains or be in top physical form. Some of the volunteers help remotely from home.

Said Kormelink, "We have some people who help by coordinating rescue events... Some of these ladies are up in the middle of the night calling people for a couple of hours. The more volunteers we have, the more we can spread out these duties."

Individuals who are interested in any level of volunteering, including those already trained with first aid procedures, are asked to visit clmr.org. The website includes a schedule of events for training and information on the summer class. It also includes contact information to speak directly to a member.

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Ridgecrest Library
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work at RHC on attendance and inviting parents. It was wonderful; we had over 60 families coming, which was very better than we ever could imagine. Our wonderful FTA provided snacks and we also were able to kind of entertain families to come up with a couple of raffles that we did for our students. We had two raffles, and our PD also donated some spirit wear for families who came. Board member, IIS middle school and we need to teach these kids that. Using your hand or using violence is not the way you can communicate but it's also to the parents to echo this to their children and to you, know, teach them that violence is not the answer. Fighting is not fun. You don't need to harm someone. Whatever we need to do to kind of stop it, it's not just here. It's happening at all the schools and the district, every private district in the valley. It's not an isolated situation. It's a generational thing and it's something that we need to resolve or alleviate or just help however we can.

Under Comments from the Public—the public was able to get in front of the board and make comments, complaints or suggestions during this period of the meeting and was allowed 5 minutes.

Resident—1 am an RHC alumni; I was the first student board member serving with Dr. Scher, my husband is also. We are currently raising the children and have one child who is now an RHC alumni. Our daughters are at RHC currently and our youngest son is at West Park and our son Lang is currently at TMS. My mom was on staff for nearly 30 years at USC, not including the time she volunteered before she became an employee.

We have in-laws and siblings currently serving on staff and students on staff. We support and want to see the teachers and school succeed because our children are here, and we live in this community. I'm reaching out to you on behalf of our son. In the past eight months he's witnessed things and found support in the California Cadet Corps and his teacher. It was the hardest on him when he started at Topico Middle School, he found his place in the Cadet Corps and that's where he gets his support from. Thank you for your time.

Under Consent Items A-J, a motion and second were heard as far as A-ratify Payroll 18th, RCM for \$2,927,587.73, approve Purchase Orders 230782-230810, approve the 10th Calif. State FFA Leadership Conference in Ontario March 16-19th, approve Solant Health LLC NP Sandy Doney 1/18th, week not to exceed \$63,000, approve All Tech Fire & Security Inc MR #1922078 WES Fire Alarm Replacement Quote for \$63,048.37, approve Award Bid to Data for E-Rate Bid Evaluation RFP #2023-01 for \$303,139, approve RIBCC Senior Trip to Disneyland Resort in Anaheim May 5th, approve donation of \$5,000 to the RIBCC Robotics Club from Rob-Tech in J. Silva, approve addition of RIBCC Assistant Principal and approve new job description Interviewer—Teacher on Special Assignments, motion carried.

Under General—A second reading and review of updates to Board Policy Bylaws on 9223 and Board Policy Bylaws 9220 by Superintendent Gaines. I just wanted to direct the board's attention to page 80 in your board packet because this is some of the revisions that the board laboratorily provided to us. So, I just want

you to know and to please look over those pages because the next time you will have these back for the third time, they will be as an action item. If there is anything that you want to change, please bring it to my attention within the next week, there's also a second reading and review of the December 2022 for policy. Yes, these board policies will return on March 13th as an action item.

Southern Kern Unified School District transportation plan (informational)—by Mr. Irving. Background information: This year of the state budget we were able to get up to 50% of our expenses for transportation reimbursed by the students as part of the conditions for this, districts need to come up with the transportation plan. We've already been offering transportation, so I think the idea of the plan is more for larger urban districts that don't offer home-schooled transportation or where students are more reliant on public access. Mr. Irving continued by explaining that the plan also includes children of homeless parents then he called for any questions or comments which there were none.

Under Next Business Meeting for Open Public Meeting—a question and answer session took place during this time. Under Ratification, Resignations, Stipend/Extra Duty Employment/Resignations, Classified Substitutes Employment/Resignations, Certified Signet/Extra Duty Employment/Resignations, Certified Administrative Employment/Resignations and volunteers for the 2022-2023 School Year, motion carried with corrections.

After all the business was taken care of, a motion and second were heard to adjourn the meeting just before 8 p.m.

is expanding our voice over IP phone system, and this is the second RITF at Rosamond High School which we will install over the summer. The first RITF was for the cabling part, which means that somebody would come and run all the cables. This is for the equipment, so you've got the server, the switches, the phones themselves, the horns and the bells. So yeah, that's what this is for and it's going to be funded through Wester, it's current Resolution #22-20-15 California Schools Health Air, Plumbing and Efficiency Program Governing Body presented by—Mr. Irving. The Calif. Energy Commission's CASHAPE program provides grants to local educational agencies that include school districts, charter schools and regional occupational programs to fund the assessment, maintenance and repair of ventilation systems, installation of carbon dioxide monitors and replacement of noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances. A motion and second were heard to approve Classified/Confidential Employment/Resignations, Classified Stipend/Extra Duty Employment/Resignations, Classified Substitutes Employment/Resignations, Certified Signet/Extra Duty Employment/Resignations, Certified Administrative Employment/Resignations and volunteers for the 2022-2023 School Year, motion carried with corrections.

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Mojave area Crime Data Report for Feb.

By Patti Orr

The following is the crime data report for the Mojave area for the month of Feb., according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; the procedure address level is approximately 100%.

- 1st—Battery w/Serious Bodily Injury, 2000 block of Panamint Street and Helon/Adrian, Etc Possess Firearm, 16300 block of Sierra Hwy.
- 2nd—Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant, 15800 block of I. Street.
- 3rd—Threaten Crime w/Intent to Terrorize, 1500 block of Barstow Road and Battery on Person, 15900 block of Myer Road.
- 9th—Battery on Spouse/Ex Spouse/Date, 16100 block of K Street.
- 10th—Disorderly Conduct: Alcohol,

- Shasta Street and Danger to Self: Protective Custody.
- 14th—Missing Person, 15500 block of I. Street.
- 16th—Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant, 1300 block of Hwy. 98.
- 18th—GTA (Grand Theft Auto) Recovery other Agency, 15900 block of I. Street.
- 20th—GTA (Grand Theft Auto) Recovery; other Agency, 16100 block of K Street.
- 21st—Found Property, 13200 block of Nadene Street, Unregistered Vehicle, 2500 block of Hwy. 98 and Vandalism; less than \$400, 2000 block of Trinity Street.
- 22nd—Contempt of Court: Disobey Court Order/Plac, 15700 block of I. Street.
- 24th—Danger to Self: Protective Custody, 16100 block of I. Street.

Mojave area Arrests for Feb. 2023

By Patti Orr

The following is a list of Mojave area arrests for the month of Feb., according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

- 27-year-old Stephen H. Bush was arrested on Feb. 2nd on Suspicion of False Imprisonment by Violence, Battery w/ Serious Bodily Injury Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse, Threats of Violence and Harassment/Disturbance/Disorderly Communication Device to Prevent Summoning Assistance or Law Enforcement.
- 47-year-old Katherine Richey was arrested on Feb. 6th on Suspicion of Intoxicated in Public and Convicted Felon Purchase or Possess Stim. (Cm).
- 25-year-old Ricardo Ruiz was arrested on Feb. 8th on Suspicion of Possess Controlled Substance Paraphernalia, Possess Burglar's Tool, Receiving or Concocting Stolen Property, Receiving Stolen Property—Motor Vehicle, Take Vehicle w/ out Owners Consent, Drive w/out License, Drive while License Suspended, Fail to Provide Evidence of Financial Responsibility, Possession of Ammunition, Unregistered Vehicle and Possession of Another Person w/Intent to Defraud.
- 53-year-old Francisco Guerrero was arrested on Feb. 9th on Suspicion of

- Battery on Spouse/Cohabitant/Former Spouse.
- 24-year-old Henry Lee Sarmiento was arrested in San Bernardino County (Rancho CHP) on Feb. 12th on Suspicion of Fail to Appear after Written Promise.
- 31-year-old Salma R. Toubat was arrested in Los Angeles County (Palmdale) on Feb. 13th on Suspicion of Burglary.
- 34-year-old Elizabeth Tabor and 38-year-old Charles Nelson Irvin were arrested on Feb. 16th on Suspicion of Child Endangerment and Attempt to Prevent/Dissuade Witness/Victim.
- 23-year-old Jennifer Hernandez was arrested by Mojave CHP on Feb. 20th on Suspicion of Child Endangerment, DUI: Alcohol/Drugs and DUI: Alcohol w/BAC > .08.
- 45-year-old Gary Barber was arrested on Feb. 22nd on Suspicion of Contempt of Court: Disobey Court Order/Process.
- 31-year-old Brandon Abvardo was arrested on Feb. 22nd on Suspicion of Possess Controlled Substance Paraphernalia, Unregistered Calif. Based Vehicle, Inflict/Obstruct/Delay Peace Officer, Resist Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant, Threats of Violence, Vandalism, Drive w/out License, Maximum Speed: > 100 MPH, Speeding: Greater than 55 MPH and Branding Police Officer.
- 31-year-old David Nelson was arrested on Feb. 25th on Suspicion of Battery w/Serious Bodily Injury.

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Notice to Creditors, and Mortgage Lenders. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as the holder of the mortgage on the property described in the foregoing, have filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, San Francisco, California. The date of the filing of the petition is 02/28/2023. The date of the first meeting of creditors is 03/13/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 03/27/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 04/10/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 04/24/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 05/08/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 05/22/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 06/05/2023 at 2:00 PM. The date of the next meeting of creditors is 06/19/2023 at 2:00 PM. 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News

Cal. City Special Council Meeting Highlights, March 1st & 2nd

By Patti Orr

CALIF. CITY - A Special meeting was held on March 1st inside the city council chamber regarding a city employee grievance hearing pertaining to the approval of the new city Manager Inge Elmes. The meeting was called to order at 10am and after the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and adoption of the agenda, Mayor Pro-Ten Smith called for public comments before adjourning to Closed Session.

Under Public Comments - Mr. Shawn Bradley questioned the council about whether they had an accurate quorum of members to decide on the item on the agenda and if this meeting would add extra expenses to the city. Mr. Bradley: So, quick question: with Council member Kulikoff and Mayor Kulikoff participating; are the three of you going to be deciding on your own or is this something that can be tabled and is this special meeting an extra expense to the city? Mayor Pro-Ten Smith: I'm not aware of Councilman Kulikoff's availability and the mayor was unable to be here today. So, we have a quorum and with the quorum we will be making whatever decision, if necessary.

The mayor pro-tem then asked for any more public comment (which there were none) and council convened into Closed Session at 10:05am. The council reconvened to Open Session at approximately 1:25pm. Mayor Pro-Ten Smith: We are in the process of deliberating in this grievance case and there's nothing more to report. Thank you. The special meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30pm.

Another special meeting of the Calif. City Council concerning the 2022/2023 city budget was held on the afternoon of March 2nd inside the council chambers of city hall. The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30pm then after the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and adoption of the agenda; the meeting got underway.

Mayor Kulikoff - I'm requesting to participate remotely under just camera, within the meaning of AB2449 for a childcare need. I'm in the room with the screen and I request that Mayor Pro-Ten Smith to chair this meeting because I'm on zoom and it keeps cutting out. The mayor was informed that he needed to stay on zoom for the meeting then after the Pledge, roll call and adoption of the agenda, the meeting got underway.

Council member Creighton - May I say something first; since we have a new Acting City Manager, I think it'd be beneficial to give her a chance to review the budget and possibly get an opportunity to check it out and everything and it might better to trail this until the next meeting on the 14th if we have consensus on doing that. Council member Macedonio - We've been dealing with this for 3/4 of this fiscal year and it's time we do something with it and move on to the next fiscal year.

We only have four months left; the 2024 fiscal year will be in place by June 30th. We're also facing the special tax and the special tax, there is no general election, I believe, between now and the time, which means however many times it takes to pass it, if that's what this Council decides, we're going to be putting the bill for it ourselves with a special election so we really need, particularly based on the staff report, to approve this and move on and get into the 2024 budget by the next meeting, that's where the new city manager will have to take over. Mayor Kulikoff - I think we're already here for the budget meeting, so we might as well go through the budget and if it looks like we're ready to pass it, I mean we could always take a vote at the end, but we're already here, so we might as well talk about it and see if it's ready to go. I don't know if I'd be doing our acting city manager any favors when she takes responsibility by at least not discussing this and seeing how far we can go with this tonight.

Under Continued Business - CBI Post Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget by - interim city manager Dr. Hart: Mayor Pro-Ten and Mayor and council members, as you recall, back in December we made our first attempt at finalizing the budget for City Council review, and at that time, the Council had some questions regarding staffing issues. There were questions about whether some of the deficit spending in the general fund had been taken care of and some other general questions. So, the staff took that back and they've been working on trying to pull together the information that was requested by the Council at that time to bring this budget back to you. So what you have before you tonight, is we've taken the 20/21 budget that the Council carried over to 22/23 and we've updated the numbers and put the expenditures in there based on what's occurred through the first six months of this fiscal year that we're in, then we made projections on what we're going to spend by the end of this year and what sort of revenue we're going to receive by the end of the year. Our goal was to set a baseline. From which the 2024 budget could be developed by taking what's in place right now and then moving forward with recommendations for the 2024 year, but your general fund, which is obviously one of your main funds in the city has projected revenues of \$7,504,500. The expenditures in the general fund that we've projected are 6,865,100.

Council member Macedonio - I would like the Council to consider as we go forward with this are listed here under the recommendations on the staff report. We are without a finance director. Kenny has been acting as our accountant and I'm recommending that the Council consider reclassifying him to be the finance manager. He has a similar situation in parks and recreation and OHV. For the city, the Parks and Recreation director she also has that role, handles all those same responsibilities as a director would handle, and we're recommending that she be reclassified for that; in addition to that, we're recommending in this budget is that we add a deputy fire Marshall to the fire department. They would assist with a lot of the cannabidiol workload that's there, and in this budget is funding for that position that we're recommending, and then finally, over the years there's been a disparity between the police chief and the fire Chiefs salary ranges. So, I'm recommending that the City Council authorized movement of the Fire Chief salary to be equal to the range for the police chief.

There's been a recommendation for three water operator positions based on the water assets. There needs to be some kind people, which we don't have right now in place in these water operators which have that had role in the day-to-day operations of the water and the funding for that. is included in the water budget. So, our recommendation is that the City Council approve this, pull this off as the city's budget and if the Council does approve this budget, at the next City Council meeting, there'll be a resolution for the Council to approve for the implementation of the budget. This is our budget. Anything that comes in our operations would come back to Council, we would make that choice and then it would adjust as we get to 2024 so that we are operating on a much higher level of efficiency.

Considerable discussion continued then a presentation was shown to the council and public laying out the budget and how it was broken down, questions and answers continued then Measure C was put to a vote.

Measure C is designed only and exclusively for a special project, that being police and fire ticket, not operations. The fact that it's bundled into operations ought to be greatly concerning.

The council had a few technical problems as far as zoom goes but got them taken care of and the meeting continued with

the screen presentation of the budget. So, if you look back to Measure C, you'll notice that as of the end of December, we had received \$1.4 million in Measure C revenue and that's where we projected the three million per year and. Now it could go up, it could go down a little bit, but that's how we projected the three million. The discussion continued as far as the city police and fire departments, small businesses, etc. then Brian Glidden was brought into the discussion concerning his project(s).

Brian Glidden - Thank you for the opportunity. So, we have two different contracts with the city. One was to build the water infrastructure for the water system and the second one was to do miscellaneous services for the city and if you look at the sheet that the city manager provided, it shows some of the items we asked for. So, it's kind of like ongoing GIS services, but he gave us an initial budget of 25,000 to get started with that. I'm here today just to help expand the budget for the time frame we're in and help helping the city achieve these goals and others that come up again; the mapping system is something that you got to continually maintain and add more to it and keep it up to date as well as you know this project tracking system. We got started with it, but we still have a ways to go, so I put together this budget.

The mayor asked Mr. Glidden where the money for his projects came from, and Glidden stated that the funds came from the Planning building and Public Works. The mayor then told the council he didn't think it should be approved in the budget. Questions were raised by the council because they seemed a bit confused about all this. Mr. Glidden explained to the council that part of the funding was for water and the framework doesn't cover other departmental assets or expansions of the system that are in the current contract such as data work, parcel data, land zoning/ use and project tracking. After Glidden finished, there was a motion by Council member Creighton and a second by Council member Macedonio to trail this item until the March 14th meeting and have it put back on the agenda for consideration and adoption; more discussion was then heard from both council and members of the public.

Council member - I just think that we do need to give the opportunity to the acting city manager when that transition happens to allow for something if there is something, if there's not, then we have a good budget, and we could adopt it on the 14th. It's not going to hurt to have a little more public discussion on the 14th and get more of the public involved at a regular meeting since not many are here at this special meeting. OK, we have a motion and a second; roll call vote by City Clerk; Councilmember Kulikoff: Yes, Councilmember Creighton: No, Councilmember Macedonio: No Mayor Pro-Ten Smith: Yes, Mayor yes motion carried by a vote of 3-2.

Dr. Hart was given farewell comments from each of the council members as this is his last official meeting as Acting City Manager; one other request was made as far as the council members getting a list of contractors and consultants and how much each was being paid from the budget. The Council also announced that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 7th had been cancelled and a special meeting of the commission is anticipated to take place on March 15th which would allow the commission to hear two pending projects: the Bakers Metal Project and a request to revise conditions of approval of Tentative Parcel Map #12417. A motion and second to adjourn the meeting were heard and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28pm.

KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Bulky Waste Collection Event

Recolección de Artículos de Basura Grande

Mojave

Saturday, March 18, 2023
Sábado 18 de Marzo 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Drive-in and drop off your unwanted household items:

- Home Appliances
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- T.V.s & E-Waste
- Water Heaters
- *Tires without rims*

*Per State Law, transport ONLY 5 tires per trip

NO ACCEPTED:
 Hazardous Waste, Green Waste, Construction & Remodeling Waste
 NO Business Waste

Mojave Jr./Sr. High School
15732 O Street

Tráiga y deje sus artículos grandes del hogar, como:

- Electrodomésticos
- Muebles
- Colchones
- Televisores y electrónicos
- Calentadores de Agua
- Uñas sin Rines

*Por Ley Estatal, solamente transporte 5 llantas por viaje

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 NO Basura de Empresas

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Kern County Fire captain surveys fire.

Photo By Doug Koeze/Midway Driller



Firefighters battle fire that destroyed a home on Oak Street Sunday morning.

Photo By Doug Koeze/Midway Driller

Fire burns house, leaves 2 homeless

Two people are homeless after fire destroyed a single-family residence at Oak and Lerly Sunday morning.

The fire was reported at 7:45 a.m. and firefighters found heavy smoke and flames coming from the building when they arrived. One of the people living in the house was inside when the fire started but was able to escape.

The other occupant was outside, according to the Kern County Fire Department.

A dog and several cats were able to escape the flames but several other cats perished. The American Red Cross was called in to assist the victims. Firefighters also gave them a SAVE card, paid for by the California Professional Firefighters

Association, which gives the victim \$250 to purchase food, clothing, gas, medicine, or a place to stay the night in the aftermath of a fire or natural disaster. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The house was a total loss and damage is estimated to be about \$120,000.

Hall Ambulance offering EMT training

Hall Ambulance is looking to hire and train the next generation of EMS workers starting this May with Class 44 of the Hall EMT Academy.

The zero-cost paid training program prepares individuals to become licensed emergency medical technicians in about ten weeks. On successful completion, they are guaranteed job placement with Hall Ambulance, where they will respond to emergency and non-emergency requests for medical aid.

Graduates of the Hall EMT Academy start at \$43,825 per year, which is well above California's median (average) wage of \$36,330 for EMTs.

An emergency medical technician works on the front line of emergency medical services. EMTs assess illnesses and injuries, provide basic life support care, prepare patients for transport and safely operate the ambulance.

Founded in 2001, the Hall EMT Academy is not a school but an accelerated pathway to starting your career at Hall Ambulance as an emergency medical technician. Training occurs at the Harvey L. Hall EMS Academy, a state-of-the-art training facility in Bakersfield. Weekly lectures are supplemented with hands-on skills, assessment training, quizzes, and exams

covering CPR, anatomy/physiology, airway management/ventilation and assessment, respiratory and cardiac, trauma, and more.

To apply, you must have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license, and a driving record insurable by Hall Ambulance's insurance provider; must be available and willing to work all assigned shifts (nights and weekends included), and able to lift objects weighing up to 75 pounds.

Visit <https://www.hallambulance.com/emtacademy/> for details. The last day to apply is March 24.



Ben Nuncio on the mound for Taft High as the Wildcats beat Arvin in a non-league game last week.

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SOCIAL WORK

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and noted that for the 140 students enrolled in CSUB's Master of Social Work program, practice-based education is a requirement.

Last month, the Department of Social Work hosted a naloxone training event in partnership with Drug Free Kern. More than 80 MSW students were trained to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer naloxone to reverse the drug's life-threatening effects on the body. Each student received a naloxone kit to use to save lives in the community.

"Today, you're more likely to die from an overdose than an automobile accident," Herrera said. "We're hitting an all-time high in the country. In Kern County, unfortunately we're ranking higher than the state average. We're ninth in opioid deaths in the state."

To address the substance-use disorder crisis as well as homelessness and a long list of other challenges, Kern County needs more social workers.

"There is a shortage," Herrera said. "That's why we came into existence. Our program developed in reflection of the community's need for social workers. The state is trying to scale up on school social workers, early prevention and intervention so that we don't see such severe problems later in life."

Beare said the lack of social workers, especially to serve the chronically unsheltered, is

like a "desert within a desert." But working with interns like Gomez fills him with hope.

One cold, dark Thursday morning outside the Baker Street clinic, Beare and his street medicine team were loading the truck to head out to the encampments when a homeless man wandered into the lobby and sat down.

"And Fernando just went over to him and talked to him," Beare said. "Just lighthearted stuff. And when it came time to depart, I was trying to let this guy know we need you to exit the building. And when I did that, the guy became a little bit hostile. And Fernando was so poised and just knew instinctively how to talk to this guy and calm him down. This is something I do day in and day out, and he just did it like it was nothing. It takes a special mindset to engage with this population that comes across as not phoning it in. It's this weird natural talent."

Gomez credits the skills he has learned from CSUB, his mentor Jose Gomez, Kern Behavioral Health and his service in the Marines.

"If someone is cold and it's 6 in the morning and they're hungry and not sleeping well, they're going to be argumentative, aggressive. Who knows what's happening to them in the streets. So they act hard and tough, but it's a defense mechanism. You go through that barrier and say, 'I understand it sucks out here, but I'm just here to help you.'"

Jennifer Self is senior director of strategic com-

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TEHACHAPI NEWS

Upcoming public meetings and civic events include:

■ **Coffee with the Mayor:** Sponsored by the city of Tehachapi and scheduled for the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Kamenz Cafe, 120 S. Mill St., Tehachapi. The next event will be on March 16.

■ **Golden Hills Community Services District Board of Directors:** Regular monthly meetings are planned for the third Thursday of each month, with the open session beginning at 6 p.m. The next meeting is planned for March 16. Agendas are published online at <https://ghcsd.com/>.

■ **Tehachapi City Council:** The council typically meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Tehachapi Police Department Community Room, 220 W. C St. The second meeting this month is planned for Monday, March 20. Agendas are posted at City Hall, 115 S. Robinson St., and online at liveup.tehachapi.com/AgendaCenter.

■ **Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District Board of Directors:** The board's regular monthly meeting is typically set for the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. The next meeting of the board will be on March 21 at the district's of-

fice, 116 W. E St. Agendas are published online at <https://www.tvhd.org/>.

■ **Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District Board of Directors:** The board typically meets monthly at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the district office, 490 W. D St., Tehachapi. This month that will be March 21. Agendas are published online at <https://tvrpd.org/>.

■ **Stallion Springs Community Services District:** The board of directors typically meets at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. This month that will be March 21. Agenda information is available online at <https://www.stallion-springscsd.com/board-meetings>.

■ **Greater Tehachapi Economic Development Council:** Typically meets at 7:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at The Village Collective, 122 S. Green St. Networking begins at 7 a.m. The next meeting will be April 5. More information online at tehachapiedc.org.

■ **Eastern Kern County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors:** Remaining 2023 meetings will be held in May, July, September and November. The next meeting is set for 2 p.m. on May 4. Location and agenda information will be posted online at kernair.org.

— Claudia Elliott

CONNECTION

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Wasco High School will bring the musical "Grease" alive on the auditorium stage, with over 30 students involved to create a fun and exciting night full of dancing and singing.

The musical is based on the movie, with a few song changes. There will be two acts, with 12 scenes between both.

"It is the 'Grease' musical that we know and love in film. A school version and an adaptation that is age appropriate and kid-friendly," said Melanie Yasenchak, the drama class teacher. She has produced over 18 plays since joining WHS as a teacher in 2012.

"What I love about being a drama teacher is that students can be themselves and express themselves and maybe find their unique voice. It's a place they can use their imagination," Yasenchak said. "It's about connection and working together for one goal."

Yasenchak said the students are looking forward to the performances.

"They are extremely dedicated, and I think they are just thrilled that they have the opportunity to break new grounds, doing something students haven't been able to do since the early 1980s."

The students have been practicing since

January and have learned life lessons along the way.

"They are developing teamwork, responsibility, flexibility and critical thinking skills. There is a ton that is learned through theater, including cooperation. All of these are important skills."

The choreography is led by two WHS cheerleader volunteers, Daniela Ruiz and Sabrina Miramontes. There is a vocal director, Kassandra Martin, a graduate of WHS and a sound technician, student Jalie Grundt.

Students had to try out for the musical, and the qualities that were looked for when selecting the actors were a strong voice, the ability to sing, act and dance plus stage presence.

Of the stagehands working behind the scenes, Yasenchak said, "Without light and sound, we have nothing, moving props and set pieces on and off the stage, that is a really essential role, especially with a big musical to make it run flawlessly."

The production will be special for family and friends.

"It's a feel-good musical that everyone knows, so you can sing along and dance in your seats. That is what makes it special because it is known."

Ms. Wasco Rose Queen, Ensley Mehl-



Natalia Crane as Rizzo sitting with the Pink Ladies at lunch. (Photos courtesy of Melanie Yasenchak)

berg, is one of the actors. She said the best part will be the music.

"We have more than 20 songs. It has been a big part of the production, and I think it will be perfect for our show."

She has liked the experience so far.

"I've enjoyed practicing with all the cast members, meeting new people and hanging out. It's been great to be with all of them. We bounce off each other's energy and get along well."

To encourage others to see the show,

she said, "It's going to be an amazing show with amazing people and very energetic with a lot of dancing and music. It will be an incredible time for everyone to see us give it our all."

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m., with a matinee performance on Saturday at 2 p.m. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at WHS for \$10. Tickets at the door will be \$12 for students and \$15 for adults.

Spring is in the air

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Woman's Club will host its 2nd annual Spring Pop Up and Craft Fair on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Organizers say it will be a day of fun, shopping and an opportunity to support local small businesses.

Last year 25 vendors participated, and they expect the same this time around. There will be vendors selling many different items such as jewelry, Easter holiday decorations, candles, woodwork, spring gifts, fragrances, clothing and a variety of drinks and sweet treats.

The occasion will be in memory of Linda Dieter. She was a valued and respected member of the club. It was her idea to bring to life the event.

The 2022 event was very successful, and the club expects a large crowd again.

Club member Chris Gibson said of last year's event, "I think it was great. We had a good turnout. The vendors did well, and the club did well. It was good for the community, and we are looking forward to having it once more."

It will be an outdoor event, with food

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sold inside by the Woman's Club.

There will be face painting for the kids, compliments of the Orange Heart Foundation.

The organization Safe Haven will have a table to share information about foster care and its work to empower young people.

Each vendor will donate one item to be raffled off during the event. The money raised will be used to fund the many charitable efforts the club carries out throughout the year.

"We sponsor a Ms. Wasco Rose Queen candidate, support the local animal shelter and host candidate forums. We put on a Christmas party and prom for special education youth. We also do an art competition and award ceremony for Wasco High School students," event committee member Anita Harris said.

In conjunction with the event, there will also be an estate-like sale with household wares, home decor and gently used apparel.

There are still opportunities for vendors to participate. For a \$30 donation, a vendor will have a 10 foot-by-10 foot space to showcase their merchandise. For more



Club member Cheryl Woody with children Josephine Siewell, Peter Siewell and Romeo Woody at the 2022 event.


information, text Anita Harris at 661-342-1647.

The event will take place at the clubhouse located at 1601 7th St.


"It will be a fun day for families to come out and enjoy the vendors, grab some treats and find very unique items for the Easter holiday," Harris said.

On April 29, the club will put on a Spring Tea for the community at Grace Community Church. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call Jill Drescher at 661-758-2969.

"Anybody and everybody is invited to come in their Sunday best. Hats are optional," Gibson said.



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Karl's Hardware's merchandise giveaway

by Alesha Ripoli-Culpepper, contributing writer

It's that time again! Time for Karl's Hardware's \$500 merchandise giveaway. The winner, who will be randomly drawn, will have the opportunity to spend \$500 in merchandise from our giveaway catalog. Stop in for your chance to win.

You will more than likely run into Annabelle, pictured in our cover ad. Annabelle is an important part of the Karl's team, and is happy to assist you. From cashier to sales floor, she is here to help with a friendly smile.

Vince, who is pictured on this page, is the newest member of the team. Vince is also very knowledgeable, friendly and eager to help with your projects and questions. So, stop in, say hello, and enter your name into the giveaway. We're always here to help.

Karl's Hardware is located at 20901 South St. in Old Town, Tehachapi, and occupies the old Pioneer True Value store.



Karl's Hardware's Vince Woodcock is ready to assist with your home improvement questions. See Karl's article on this page for the \$500 Giveaway!

Photo by Josh Crisalli.

Happy 22 years of The Loop newspaper



Photo by Christie Aguilar.

The Loop newspaper turned 22 years old this March. The newspaper wouldn't be here without our community and great staff. We thank our contributors, advertisers and readers for your support over the years. Pictured from left to right: Owner/publisher Claudia Baker, Tommy Baker, and sales associate, writer and welcome hostess Pat Doody.

Kiwanis Club of Tehachapi Stars and Stripes Display the Flag Project 2023

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Teams from the Kiwanis Club of Tehachapi, volunteers within the community and Civil Air Patrol post big, beautiful American-made United States flags in the front yards of subscribers' homes within the Tehachapi City Limits on 6 patriotic holidays.

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This year, for an additional \$10, have a flag placed on 9/11 Remembrance Day.

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2023 Unmet Needs Public Meeting March 23, 2023

BeeKay Theatre

110 South Green Street, Tehachapi

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Persons interested in public transit of the unincorporated areas of Kern County are invited to attend. To schedule FREE Dial-A-Ride service for this event, please call 1-800-323-2396.

Comments may be submitted until April 15th, 2023 via:

Mail - Suite 400, 2700 M Street, Bakersfield, CA

Email - info@kerntransit.org

Phone - 661-862-5032



2023 Juntas Públicas Para Discutir Necesidades no Satisfechas Marzo 23, 2023

BeeKay Theatre

110 South Green Street, Tehachapi

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Las personas interesadas en el transporte público de las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Kern están invitadas a asistir. Para programar el servicio GRATUITO Dial-A-Ride para este evento, llame al 1-800-323-2396.

Comentarios pueden enviarse hasta el 15 de abril de 2023 a:

Correo - Suite 400, 2700 M Street, Bakersfield, CA

Correo Electrónico - info@kerntransit.org

Teléfono - 661-862-5032

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NATION & WORLD

UKRAINE
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Russia has denied targeting residential areas even though artillery and rocket strikes hit apartment buildings and civilian infrastructure daily. Russian officials have blamed Ukrainian air defenses for some of the deadliest strikes on apartments, saying the deployment of air defense systems in residential areas puts civilians at risk. Russia sometimes also claims Ukraine is hiding military equipment and personnel in civilian buildings.

The war, which Russia started Feb. 24, 2022, has evolved in two main directions: a front line mainly in eastern Ukraine, centered around the city of Bakhmut, and periodic Russian missile and drone strikes nationwide. In addition, periodic — although unconfirmed — Ukrainian sabotage attacks have been launched across the border into Russia.

The front-line fighting largely stalemated over the winter, with expectations of major offensives by both sides expected in more favorable spring weather.

Earlier Wednesday, a drone attack damaged a high school and two dormitories in the city of Kyiv, south of the Ukrainian capital, officials said. It wasn't clear how many people were in the dormitories at the time. The body of a 40-year-old man was among those pulled from the rubble on one floor, according to regional police chief Andriy Nebitov, adding that more than 20 people were hospitalized. Videos showed what appeared to be a bloodied sneaker and a green ball on the ground near a damaged building, whose second floor was ripped off at a corner.

The attacks occurred as dueling diplomatic missions were winding down. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida left Kyiv after meeting Zelenskyy to support Ukraine. Chinese leader Xi Jinping left Moscow after meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin about Beijing's peace proposal, which the West has rejected as a non-starter. No progress toward peace was reported.

U.S. National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson noted the violent turn of events. "Just one day after Russia called for peace, Russia is attacking Ukrainian homes as part of its



In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Emergency Service, emergency personnel work at the scene following a drone attack in the town of Erzyshchiv, Kyiv region, Ukraine on Wednesday.

brutal war," she said in Washington. "What Russia is doing is horrific — and we are committed to continuing to help Ukraine defend itself against this Russian aggression."

The drone barrage and other Russian attacks on civilian infrastructure also drew a scathing response from Zelenskyy.

"Over 20 Iranian murderous drones, plus missiles, numerous shelling occasions, and that's just in one last night of Russian terror," he tweeted in English. "Every time someone tries to hear the word 'peace' in Moscow, another order is given there for such criminal strikes."

Zaporizhzhia regional administration said two missiles struck the apartment block, saying Russia's goal is "to scare the civilian population of the city of Zaporizhzhia."

"It's hell in Zaporizhzhia," Ukrainian lawmaker Oleksiy Goncharenko wrote on Telegram, adding: "There aren't any military facilities nearby."

Vladimir Rogov, an official with the Moscow-appointed regional administration for the Russian-occupied part of the Zaporizhzhia region, claimed, without offering evidence, that a Ukrainian air defense missile launched to intercept a Russian missile had hit the apartment complex.



In this grab taken from video provided by the Ukrainian Presidential Office, a residential multi-story building hit by a missile is on fire in southeastern city of Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine on Wednesday.

drone, that Russian warships weren't damaged and that several civilian facilities were damaged when the drones were hit and exploded. The blasts shattered windows in several buildings near the harbor. No injuries were reported. Ukrainian officials didn't claim responsibility for the attack.

Three people were wounded in a Russian missile attack on a monastery in the southern Ukrainian port city of Odesa on Tuesday night. According to Ukrainian Presidential Office head Andriy Bohdan, two of four missiles were shot down.

Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of Russia's Security Council that Putin chairs, responded when asked on his messaging app channel whether the threat of a nuclear conflict has eased:

"No, it hasn't decreased, it has grown. Every day when they provide Ukraine with foreign weapons brings the nuclear apocalypse closer."

Ukraine's Finance Ministry agreed with the International Monetary Fund on a \$15.6 billion loan package aimed at shoring up the country's economy, which the invasion has crippled. Ukrainian officials hope the IMF deal will encourage their allies to provide financial support, too.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told a House of Representatives committee in Washington that her agency has implemented more 2,500 Russia-related sanctions and "degraded the Kremlin's ability to replace more than 9,000 pieces of heavy military equipment that it has lost on the battlefield."



2023 UNMET NEEDS PUBLIC MEETING

March 30, 2023
PSB - Public Meeting Room
2700 M Street, Bakersfield
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



tinyurl.com/2023UnmetNeeds



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Marzo 30, 2023
PSB - Public Meeting Room
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5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



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Have a comment, concern, question, or suggestion regarding unmet needs?

*****Please let us know!*****

All comments will be given equal consideration regardless of how they are submitted.



2023 Unmet Needs

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS HERE!



Deadline for Public Comments: April 15, 2023

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2023 Necesidades no Satisfechas

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15 de abril de 2023

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04/15/2023

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FOR KERN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS

PLACE:
Board of Supervisors' Chambers
Kern County Administrative Center
First Floor
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

TIME:
2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments regarding unmet public transit needs within the unincorporated areas of Kern County. Written comments can also be sent prior to the Public Hearing, to the Board of Supervisors, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.
For additional information, call the Kern Transit Office at (661) 862-5032.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

April 15, 2023
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4/17/23

04/15/2023, Bakersfield Californian

APPENDIX B – WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED



Organized by Date of Submission

From: [REDACTED]
To: info@kemtransit.org
Subject: Unmet Needs letter
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 8:41:03 AM

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- 1). Since one has to call 5am each day (6) days a week to try and get a bus; how about giving some of your transit funds to Kern Valley Hospital District that transports seniors to medical appointments (I have been using since early last year). Otherwise I would be canceling Labs, doctor, dentist and podiatrist up here, plus donating blood at Houchin Bloodmobile. Did cancel one doctor for a year in Bakersfield.
- 2). Trainees who quit after getting their license (who go on to Amtrak or Greyhound) should pay the county back. Sign a paper up front about it.
- 3). Old jail next to Senior Center in Lake Isabella is perfect for a restroom stop as bus stop there (used for Bakersfield runs). Small—think 2 toilets. Used for Rotary club food (giveaway) storage.
- 4). Sunday Dial so people can get to the Bakersfield run in Lake Isabella. I know why it starts in Bakersfield. Can't some of those funds be used for up here in the KRV?
- 5). Hopefully you'll get enough drivers again for the route bus. Bob Neath told me years ago he would just like to see the Dial used as a Lyft/Uber style.

I live up a start of a mountain, no car and broke my femur 3 years ago. Before that, could walk down to bus stop and a Dial home mostly (groceries). Doctors were on route.

Then Dial because use a walker for a year, after a cane. Same time route was stopped. Luckily can order groceries from local market and by mail-order other things. Mail at Post Office a friend gets me once a month. So I am not using up time for other people who have jobs and such and depend on the bus.

Otherwise I would be in a big bind for medical appointments if the Hospital District did not have their medical transport. Good reason that part of your funds should go to them or tell them how you pay/grant for the free medical bus (I have used for years) of Kern Transit in Bakersfield.

Thank you.

Libras Libertas,
[REDACTED]
Kernville, California

Sent from my iPhone

02/18/2023, Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: info@kerntransit.org
Subject: Public transit of the unincorporated areas
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 7:31:47 PM

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Dear transit service managers:

I read in the Daily Independent, the local newspaper, that a 2023 Unmet needs Public meeting will take place on March 16 in Ridgecrest. Due to work I will not be able to attend it, but as a long time resident of Ridgecrest, I'd like to share with you my concerns and the concerns I've been hearing from residents throughout the years.

We are located in a remote area, and unless you have a car, you cannot leave town for anything. You're stuck. This is problematic as many senior citizens live in this town due to low housing costs, and our small hospital doesn't offer many of the services our elderly need, such as cancer treatment, for which people have to go out of town. This is a huge barrier to the elderly but also to the general population who might not have a car, or who might have it, but are unable to drive due to their illness.

Also, there is no transportation to take residents from Ridgecrest directly to LAX or even to Lancaster. Many people might take the bus that goes to Mohave, and from there wait a long time, to get a different bus to Lancaster. And that's it. This is very inconvenient because often times, people travel with suitcases, and this is just not possible.

Moreover, the way the system works is that you need a car for everything, but that's part of the systemic racism that many people have to suffer, as not everybody can afford to have a car.

In town, our Ridgecrest runner works but it's expensive and only takes you from point A to point B, the routes are very limited. There should be an increase of bus routes in town, and if possible, more affordable.

In addition, having an efficient bus system in town would help the economy as those people who have no car, could more easily go grocery shopping, for example.

Last but not least, we need to save our environment. We in the US are number 1 pollutant. In Europe, everybody uses the bus, in cities, in towns, and even in very small villages. This change of culture to use more public transportation can only happen when and if our government is able to see the benefits of it for everybody, and the community as a whole.

Please, we need reliable and frequent bus routes that people can use to go around town, and especially, get us out of Ridgecrest, mainly to LAX.

Please reply to this email if you can, but I'm not going to sign my name, as I don't want it to be in the public.

Sincerely, A concerned Ridgecrest resident

03/08/2023, Email



[Redacted] · Mar 13



Replying to [@KernTransit](#)

Run a bus Sundays to Cal City. Even if just once a day



03/13/2023, Twitter

From: info@kemtransit.org
To: [Transit, Roads](#)
Subject: New submission from Contact Form
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:37:51 PM

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Name

[Redacted]

Email

[Redacted]

Your Message

I'm providing my comments below in response to the Unmet Transit Needs. I value a reply.

Shift Route 110 to stop at Walmart in NW Bakersfield, connects to several GET routes and avoids backtracking to downtown for Westside residents.

Extend route 240 to Barstow to connect to Greyhound. More buses go eastward from there rather than Bakersfield.

Better marketing on local agencies that run regional service. You show GET 92X, but not Arvin to Grapevine, Lamont or Bakersfield run by City of Arvin, or Taft to Maricopa run by City of Taft. Alternatively, take over operation of those trips.

Cut Route 250 back to Mojave, customers can transfer to Route 100 for Lancaster, apply those resources saved somewhere else.

Offer discounted fare for trips within cities, especially Bakersfield.

Sunday service.

03/14/2023, Email

March 16, 2023

To: Kern Transit

From: [REDACTED]
Pine Mountain Club

Re: Unmet Needs

I was unable to attend your recent meeting on unmet transit needs in the Mountain Communities. Unfortunately, it was scheduled for a time period when the governor had declared a state of emergency in our area due to heavy snowfall. People were trapped in their homes. There were road closures, power failures, telephone outage issues, propane delivery issues, snow plow breakdowns, etc. In other words, it was the worst possible time for a meeting about the bus. Did that meeting actually take place? Has it been rescheduled? I've seen nothing in our local paper about a revised meeting date.

At any rate, there are bus problems in our area. I'll try to point out some of them here in the hope that my input will be helpful in making things better. I've written one of these letters each year for about 20 years now, except in years when I was able to get to and attend a meeting.

The Issues

- 1) In effect, Pine Mountain Club has had no bus service all winter due to decisions made by the County Roads Department to leave the "Chains Required" signs up at the Y on Mil Potrero in order to protect the County. I will admit that Mil Potrero can be a dangerous road, and it sometimes is. However,

the signs have been left up even at times when the road was perfectly safe to travel without chains. I know because I witnessed this first hand on more than one occasion when my Dial-a-Ride appointment got cancelled at the last minute because the bus was not allowed to come in. Desperate to get to Frazier Park, I managed to get rides in cars. On these trips, I was able to observe the road myself and see that it was not only clear of snow. It was also completely dry.

I spoke to the Head of the Roads Department. This was not my responsibility, but I couldn't get anyone else to do it. I was told that the County Road Crew comes to Mil Potrero once a day, in the early morning, and that the crew can't come back because it's needed elsewhere in the County. The problem is that conditions on Mil Potrero vary greatly over the course of the day. If the signs are left up from the early morning onward, it is very likely that they don't reflect the reality of road conditions later on -- as I experienced personally.

This issue with the signs has been going on for years to some extent. However, it's been far, far worse this year. If I understood correctly, a decision was reached after a couple of accidents to leave the signs up no matter what. Kern County buses can't chain, so they can't travel Mil Potrero when those signs are up.

As an aside, I'll add that the signs scared off some trucks making deliveries to Pine Mountain Club's General Store. Evidently, the management of that store was told the signs were being left up for legal reasons.

- 2) I live in PMC, but I gather that the other Mountain Communities have had problems this winter, too, because of a "Chains Required" sign in Lebec. This sign prevents buses from going anywhere but Lebec. I imagine this kept some regular Dial-a-Ride passengers from getting to work, the market, or whatever. I'm told the Highway Patrol has a hand in these decisions as well, especially when it comes to handling traffic from snow-play visitors. Is the CHP aware of impact on local residents and on bus riders in particular?
- 3) Dispatchers at National Express always do their best to help passengers get a Dial-a-Ride appointment. However, appointments get made then have to be cancelled because of the above-discussed sign issues. I gather the CHP puts information online, so dispatchers are able to check ahead of time and act accordingly in making or not making appointments. On the other hand, information from Roads seems to be sorely lacking. Dispatchers have to wait for a driver to physically take a bus to the Y and report back whether the signs are up or not. If they are, appointments already made on the basis of CHP's information get cancelled. Surely, in a world overloaded with technology, there must be a better way. And why are there conflicts between CHP and Roads Department information?

I'll explain that PMC's Dial-a-Ride service doesn't pick up passengers at their homes. We have to meet the bus at a bus stop in front of the Clubhouse, like we used to do when there

was a fixed route. Once this winter, I went to the bus stop and waited 40 minutes in the cold because I'd been told the bus would come. It turned out the signs were up at the Y. I found this out after I trudged back up the hill home. After that, I've pretty much given up on trying to make Dial-a-Ride appointments this winter. I'm 81 years old. It's just too frustrating, time-consuming, disappointing, and non-productive. The system in place doesn't work.

Since 2003, I've advocated for Kern Transit in this area. I provide the Club (PMCPDA) with current bus schedules and write articles to be included in their e-mail blasts to residents. After doing a long piece about the free rides in December that didn't happen up here because of the sign issue, I stopped giving the POA transit news for now. If you wish to contact them directly with information, send it to recept@pmcpda.com.

- 4) I'll mention another long-standing problem with regard to bus service in the mountain area. It has been known for years that the computer program in use is inappropriate for the Mountain Communities. It has incorrect information about how long it takes to get from place to place, especially to and from PMC. Because of this, the computer denies appointments that are totally doable (it's that reality factor again). This makes scheduling sort of a nightmare for passengers and dispatchers alike. I've been told the program can't be fixed. Shouldn't it be replaced?

5) A couple of suggestions - -

A plan for better communication between
Roads and Kern Transit and National Express.

A meeting between Transit, National Express,
Roads, CHP, and our County Supervisor to
help promote cooperation and improve service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
I know this is long, but there's a lot to be
said -- and, hopefully, heard.

rk

[REDACTED]
Pine Mountain Club
California
93222

From: [REDACTED]
To: info@kemtransit.org
Subject: Schedules
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:35:29 AM

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The route from Tehachapi needs more times for service to Bakersfield. Very limited service
Sent from my iPhone

03/23/2023, Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: info@kemtransit.org
Subject: Unmet needs (getting people to and from work... generating more income in our rural communities)
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:21:38 PM

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1st

The metrolink train station- is there anyway a bus can get someone from mojave to the 5am metrolink without having to be homeless overnight

2nd

Dial a ride could be on a route with designated stops so there's no missing the bus to lancaster or bakersfield because I often am turned down to get around because of the 11am break

3rd

Please make a late 250 so I'm not stranded in mojave or lancaster after a long day of computing to and from Santa Clarita for work

4th

Is there anyway mojave Mobil and rosamond casino can be turned into stops you call in such as the Cameron pass stop... people who catch the bus also live in the rural patches where they're still walking miles on miles to bus stops when there can be a fwy exit call in stop where you can ask the driver to pull over no turns necessary just the stop that's it

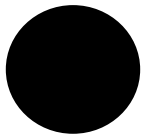
I'm available if elaboration accompanied by enforcing ideas is necessary

03/30/2023, Email

[REDACTED]
I go to BC and the first bus doesn't come down pioneer till 7 and I need to be in by 8, there isn't no way I will get there in 1 hour, I would like to see we're I can get the transit bus by we're I live on pioneer by Oswell.

Like Reply Hide 1w

03/30/2023, Facebook



[REDACTED] · Apr 4



@KernTransit Will Route 220 between Lake Isabella and Kernville be brought back any time soon?



04/04/2023, Twitter

APPENDIX C – ANNUAL SUMMARY OF RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE 2021-2022



Kern Transit – Dial-A-Ride
Ridership and Fare Summary 2021-2022

Month	Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Total Operating Costs	Actual Fare Revenue	Farebox Recovery Ratio
July 2021	3,374	14,673	2569	\$238,274	\$3,942	1.65%
August 2021	3,764	24,828	2531	\$234,732	\$4,483	1.91%
September 2021	3,708	16,504	2417	\$224,184	\$4,444	1.98%
October 2021	3,722	17,166	2496	\$231,553	\$4,597	1.99%
November 2021	3,406	15,930	2417	\$224,186	\$4,023	1.79%
December 2021	3,217	13,185	2032	\$188,522	\$3,974	2.11%
January 2022	3,068	14,248	2455	\$227,734	\$3,610	1.59%
February 2022	3,263	15,295	2342	\$217,236	\$4,096	1.89%
March 2022	3,776	18,434	2643	\$245,184	\$4,700	1.92%
April 2022	3,811	17,431	2495	\$231,413	\$4,815	2.08%
May 2022	3,948	17,102	2450	\$227,257	\$5,000	2.20%
June 2022	3,700	17,151	2082	\$193,084	\$4,819	2.50%
Totals	42,757	201,947	28,928	\$2,683,360	\$52,502	1.97%
Average	3,563	16,829	2,411	\$223,613	\$4,375	

Kern Transit – Fixed Routes
Ridership and Fare Summary 2021-2022

Month	Ridership	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Total Operating Costs	Actual Fare Revenue	Farebox Recovery Ratio
July 2021	10,539	181,016	4897	\$454,280	\$23,553	5.18%
August 2021	11,053	172,428	4670	\$433,224	\$24,563	5.67%
September 2021	12,276	164,840	4420	\$410,024	\$27,401	6.68%
October 2021	12,408	164,702	4578	\$424,696	\$28,222	6.65%
November 2021	11,996	161,952	4429	\$410,800	\$27,253	6.63%
December 2021	10,010	167,554	3733	\$346,293	\$22,501	6.50%
January 2022	8,910	146,975	3476	\$322,390	\$20,129	6.24%
February 2022	9,921	124,582	3290	\$305,177	\$22,296	7.31%
March 2022	11,583	138,342	3708	\$343,913	\$26,945	7.83%
April 2022	11,537	127,676	3471	\$321,943	\$26,421	8.21%
May 2022	11,723	128,355	3403	\$315,660	\$26,706	8.46%
June 2022	12,032	109,221	3027	\$280,763	\$27,833	9.91%
Totals	133,988	1,787,643	47,102	\$4,369,165	\$303,821	7.11%
Average	11,166	148,970	3,925	\$364,097	\$25,318	

APPENDIX D – DIAL-A-RIDE HOURS OF OPERATION



Kern River Valley Dial-A-Ride

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Kern River Valley Dial-A-Ride

Lamont Dial-A-Ride

View a different service

Service in Lamont

Monday through Friday - 4:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday - 5:30 AM to 7:00 PM, Sunday - 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Fares

Enter address or location

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Lamont Dial-A-Ride

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Mojave Dial-A-Ride

View a different service ▾

Service in Mojave

Monday through Saturday

6:30 AM to 6:00 PM

[Fares](#)

Regular	Reduced
\$2.00	\$1.00

Enter address or location

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Mojave Dial-A-Ride

Rosamond Dial-A-Ride

View a different service ▾

Service in Rosamond

Monday through Saturday

6:45 AM to 5:30 PM

[Fares](#)

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Rosamond Dial-A-Ride

Tehachapi Dial-A-Ride

View a different service

Service in Tehachapi

Monday through Friday - 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday - 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Fares

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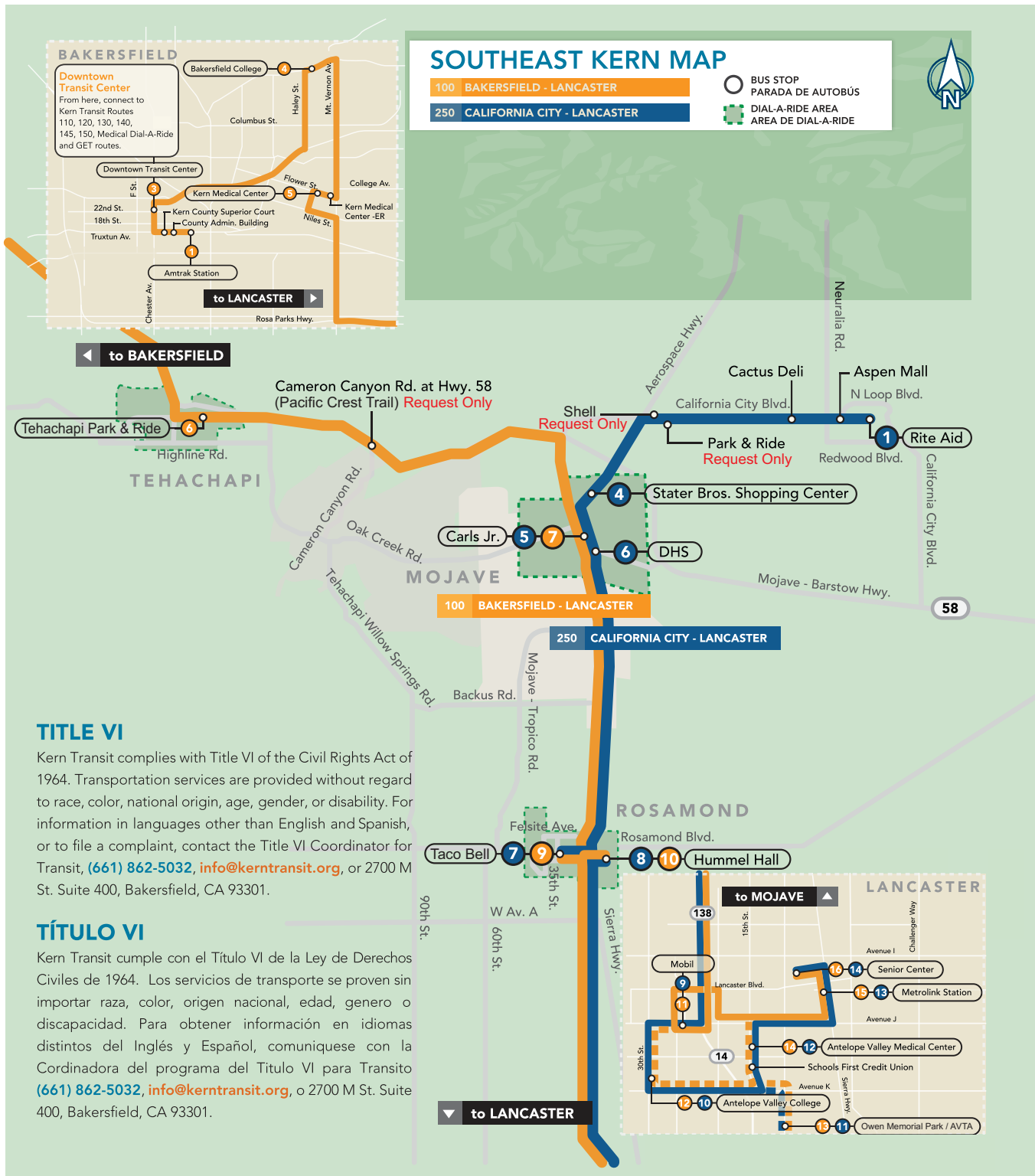
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The screenshot shows the Tehachapi Dial-A-Ride website. The header has the title "Tehachapi Dial-A-Ride" and a link to "View a different service". The main content is split into two columns. The left column, titled "Service in Tehachapi", lists the operating hours: "Monday through Friday - 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM" and "Saturday - 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM". Below this is a link for "Fares". The right column features a map of the Tehachapi area, including Golden Hills and Highline Rd. The map is highlighted in orange to show the service area. A search bar at the top right of the map says "Enter address or location". Map controls like zoom in (+), zoom out (-), and a compass (▲) are visible. The map is powered by Mapbox and OpenStreetMap.

Tehachapi Dial-A-Ride

APPENDIX E – FIXED ROUTE SCHEDULES





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Southeast Kern

100

250

Public Transit Connecting
 Bakersfield California City Lancaster
 Mojave Rosamond Tehachapi

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100 BAKERSFIELD to LANCASTER

Eastbound / Dirección Este		Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes						Mon-Thu/ Lun-Jue		Sat- Sun / Sáb-Dom		
Bus Stop	AM			PM						AM		PM
BAKERSFIELD												
1 Bakersfield Amtrak	--	8:00	9:25	12:40	3:50	5:15	9:00	--	8:10	3:15		
3 Downtown Transit Center	3:25	8:09	9:34	12:49	3:59	5:24	9:09	3:55	8:19	3:24		
4 Bakersfield College - Panorama Dr.	--	8:20	9:45	1:00	4:10	5:35	9:20	--	8:30	3:35		
5 Kern Medical Center - Flower St.	--	8:30	9:55	1:10	4:20	5:45	9:30	--	8:40	3:45		
TEHACHAPI												
6 Park & Ride- Tehachapi Blvd	4:13	9:20	10:45	2:00	5:10	6:35	10:20	4:45	9:30	4:35		
MOJAVE												
7 Carls Jr. - Inyo St.	4:43	9:50	11:15	2:30	5:40	7:05	--	5:15	10:00	5:05		
ROSAMOND												
9 Taco Bell- Eagle Way	5:00	10:07		2:47	5:57	7:22	--	5:32	10:17	5:22		
10 Hummel Hall - 20th St.	5:06	10:13		2:53	6:03	7:28	--	5:38	10:23	5:28		
LANCASTER												
11 Mobil - Avenue J	5:23	10:30		3:10	6:20	7:45	--	5:55	10:40	5:45		
12 Antelope Valley College - Entrance H	5:27	--		--	--	--	--	5:59	10:44	5:49		
13 Owen Memorial Park- AVTA	5:35	--		--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
14 Antelope Valley Medical Center - 15th St.	5:43	--		--	--	--	--	6:07	10:52	5:57		
15 Metrolink - Sierra Hwy.	5:49	10:39		3:19	6:29	7:54	--	6:14	11:01	6:06		
16 Senior Center - Jackman St.	5:53	10:43		3:23	6:33	7:58	--	6:20	11:05	6:10		

Free transfer to Route 250 at Carls Jr.

250 CALIFORNIA CITY to LANCASTER

Southbound / Dirección Sur		Monday Friday / Lunes a Viernes						Saturday / Sábado			
Bus Stop	AM			PM				AM	PM		
CALIFORNIA CITY											
1 Rite Aid - California City Blvd.	6:11	8:06	10:51	1:31	4:06	6:30	8:35	8:36	10:51	3:56	8:00
Shell- California City Blvd.	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ
MOJAVE											
4 Stater Bros. Center - Hwy. 14	6:37	8:32	11:17	1:57	4:32	6:56	9:01	9:02	11:17	4:22	8:26
6 DHS - Hwy. 58	6:42	8:37	11:22	2:02	4:37	--	--	9:07	11:22	4:27	--
7 Carls Jr. - Inyo St.	6:46	8:41	11:26	2:06	4:41	7:01	9:06	9:11	11:26	4:31	8:31
ROSAMOND											
7 Taco Bell- Eagle Way	7:04	8:59	11:44	2:24	4:59	--	--	9:29	11:44	4:49	--
8 Hummel Hall - 20th St.	7:09	9:04	11:49	2:29	5:04	--	--	9:34	11:49	4:54	--
LANCASTER											
9 Mobil - Avenue J	7:28	9:23	12:08	2:48	5:23	--	--	9:53	12:08	5:13	--
10 Antelope Valley College - Entrance H	7:33	9:28	12:13	2:53	5:28	--	--	9:58	12:13	5:18	--
12 Antelope Valley Medical Center - 15th St.	7:43	9:38	12:23	3:03	5:38	--	--	10:08	12:23	5:28	--
13 Metrolink - Sierra Hwy.	7:50	9:45	12:30	3:10	5:45	--	--	10:15	12:30	5:35	--
14 Senior Center - Jackman St.	7:55	9:50	12:35	3:15	5:50	--	--	10:20	12:35	5:40	--

250 LANCASTER to CALIFORNIA CITY

Northbound / Dirección Norte		Monday Friday / Lunes a Viernes						Saturday / Sábado			
Bus Stop	AM			PM				AM	PM		
LANCASTER											
9 Mobil - Avenue J	8:50	10:35	1:45	4:35	6:40			10:40	1:35	6:10	
10 Antelope Valley College - Entrance H	8:54	10:39	1:49	4:39	6:44			10:44	1:39	6:14	
11 Lancaster City Park - AVTA	--	--	--	--	6:55			--	--	--	
12 Antelope Valley Medical Center - 15th St.	9:02	10:47	1:57	4:47	7:04			10:52	1:47	6:22	
13 Metrolink - Sierra Hwy.	9:11	10:56	2:06	4:56	7:13			11:01	1:56	6:31	
14 Senior Center - Jackman St.	9:15	11:00	2:10	5:00	7:17			11:05	2:00	6:35	
ROSAMOND											
8 Hummel Hall - 20th St.	9:35	11:20	2:30	5:20	7:37			11:25	2:20	6:55	
7 Taco Bell- Eagle Way	9:40	11:25	2:35	5:25	7:42			11:30	2:25	7:00	
MOJAVE											
6 DHS - Hwy 58	9:57	11:42	2:52	5:42	7:59			11:47	2:42	7:17	
7 Carls Jr. - Inyo St.	10:01	11:46	2:56	5:46	8:03			11:51	2:46	7:21	
4 Stater Bros. Center - Hwy. 14	10:05	11:50	3:06	5:50	8:07			11:55	2:56	7:31	
CALIFORNIA CITY											
Park & Ride - California City Blvd.	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ			REQ	REQ	REQ	
1 Rite Aid - California City Blvd.	10:30	12:15	3:31	6:15	8:32			12:20	3:21	7:56	



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FARES & PASSES


	GENERAL	REDUCED *
LOCAL ROUTES - FARES		
140 145 220 & all Dial-A-Ride	\$2	\$1
INTERCOMMUNITY ROUTES - FARES		
100 110 115 120 130 150 227 230 240 250	\$3	\$1.50
CROSS - COUNTY - FARES		
100 130 for trips passing through Tehachapi and Frazier Park	\$5	\$2.50
ALL ROUTES - 31 DAY PASS & all Dial-A-Ride		
	\$65	\$32.50
LOCAL ROUTES ONLY - 31 DAY PASS & all Dial-A-Ride		
	\$45	\$22.50


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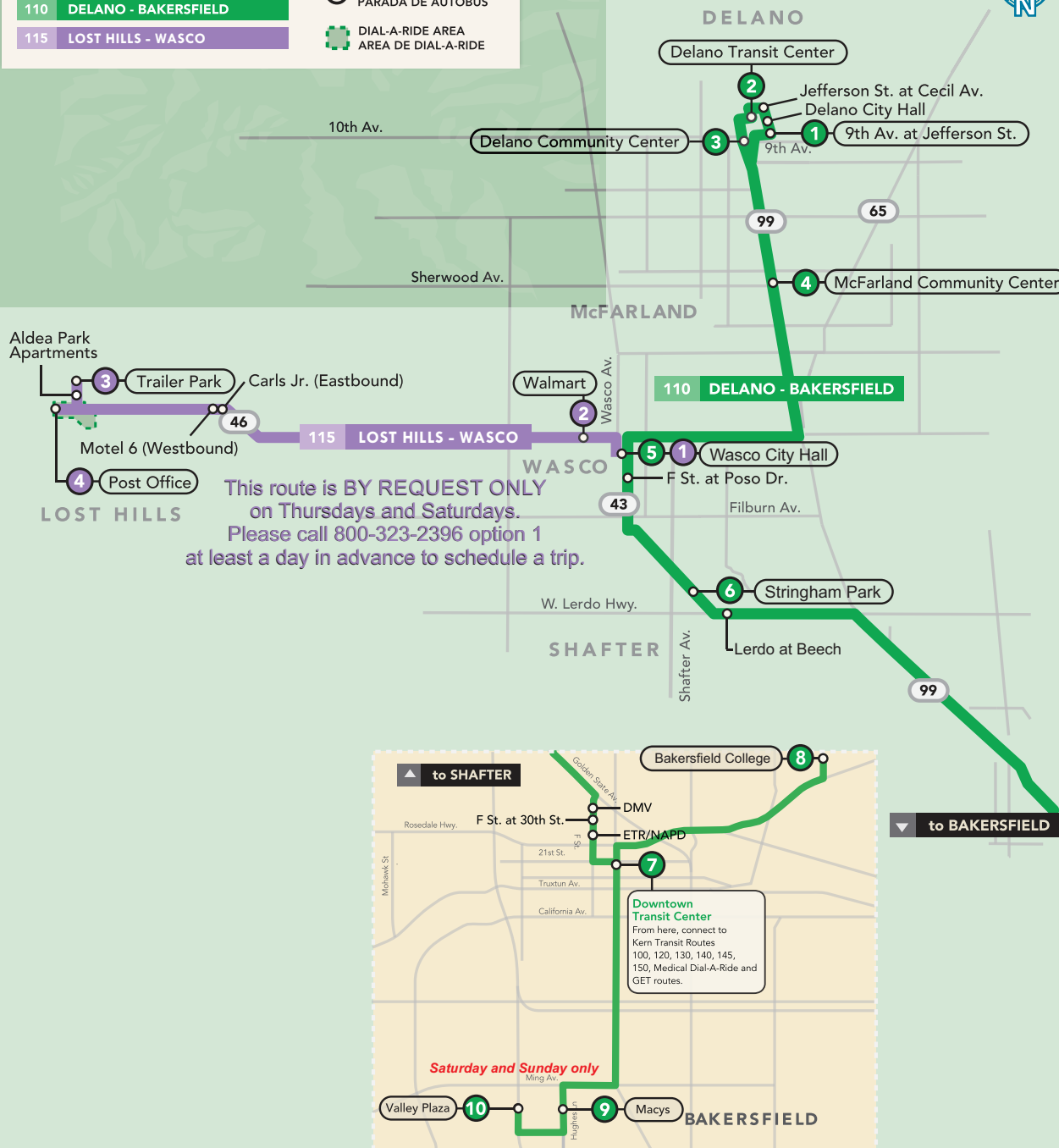
NORTH KERN MAP

110 DELANO - BAKERSFIELD

115 LOST HILLS - WASCO

 BUS STOP
PARADA DE AUTOBÚS

 DIAL-A-RIDE AREA
AREA DE DIAL-A-RIDE



North Kern

110

115

Public Transit Connecting

Bakersfield McFarland

Delano Shafter

Lost Hills Wasco

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110 DELANO to BAKERSFIELD								
Southbound / Dirección Sur			Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes			Sat- Sun / Sáb-Dom		
Bus Stop	AM			PM			PM	
DELANO								
1 9th Av. at Jefferson St.	5:50	7:30	9:55	3:35	7:25	1:07	5:57	
2 Delano Transit Center - Glenwood St.	5:57	7:37	10:02	3:42	7:32	1:14	6:04	
3 Delano Community Center - Ellington St.	5:59	7:39	10:04	3:44	7:34	1:16	6:06	
McFARLAND								
4 McFarland Community Center - Sherwood Av.	6:09	7:49	10:14	3:54	7:44	1:26	6:16	
WASCO								
5 Wasco City Hall- 8th Street	6:27	8:07	10:32	4:12	8:02	1:44	6:34	
SHAFTER								
6 Stringham Park James St n/o Lerdo Hwy	6:41	8:21	10:46	4:26	8:16	1:58	6:48	
BAKERSFIELD								
7 Downtown Transit Center	7:08	8:48	11:13	4:53	8:43	2:25	7:15	
8 Bakersfield College	7:19	8:59	11:24	5:04	--	--	--	
9 Macys - Hughes Lane	--	--	--	--	--	2:35	--	
10 Valley Plaza - Wible Rd.	--	--	--	--	--	2:40	--	

110 BAKERSFIELD to DELANO								
Northbound / Dirección Norte			Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes				Sat- Sun / Sáb-Dom	
Bus Stop	AM			PM			PM	
BAKERSFIELD								
8 Bakersfield College	--	--	8:00	1:35	5:45	8:15	--	--
7 Downtown Transit Center	4:20	5:55	8:11	1:46	5:56	8:26	11:10	4:00
9 Macys - Hughes Lane	--	--	--	--	--	--	11:20	4:10
10 Valley Plaza - Wible Rd.	--	--	--	--	--	--	11:25	4:15
SHAFTER								
6 Stringham Park James St n/o Lerdo Hwy	4:50	6:25	8:41	2:16	6:26	8:56	11:50	4:40
WASCO								
5 Wasco City Hall- 8th Street	5:02	6:37	8:53	2:28	6:38	9:08	12:02	4:52
McFARLAND								
4 McFarland Community Center - Sherwood Av.	5:20	6:55	9:11	2:46	6:56	9:26	12:20	5:10
DELANO								
2 9th Av. at Jefferson St.	5:32	7:07	9:23	2:58	7:08	9:38	12:32	5:22
3 Delano Transit Center - Glenwood St.	5:40	7:15	9:31	3:06	7:16	9:46	12:40	5:30
1 Delano Community Center - Ellington St.	5:42	7:17	9:33	3:08	7:18	9:48	12:42	5:32

115 WASCO to LOST HILLS

115 LOST HILLS to WASCO

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on Thursdays and Saturdays.
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at least a day in advance to schedule a trip.**

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	GENERAL	REDUCED*
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INTERCOMMUNITY ROUTES - FARES		
100 110 115 120 130 150 227 230 240 250	\$3	\$1 ⁵⁰
CROSS-COUNTY - FARES		
100 130 for trips passing through Tehachapi and Frazier Park	\$5	\$2 ⁵⁰
ALL ROUTES - 31 DAY PASS		
& all Dial-A-Ride	\$65	\$32 ⁵⁰
LOCAL ROUTES ONLY - 31 DAY PASS		
& all Dial-A-Ride	\$45	\$22 ⁵⁰
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120 BAKERSFIELD to TAFT

Westbound / Dirección Oeste Bus Stop	Monday Friday / Lunes a Viernes				Saturday / Sábado		
	AM		PM		AM	PM	
BAKERSFIELD							
1 Bakersfield Amtrak	--	8:22	12:47	5:47	--	10:27	3:42
3 Downtown Transit Center	6:10	8:30	12:55	5:55	--	10:35	3:50
4 Cal State Bakersfield	6:22	8:52	1:17	6:17	--	10:57	4:12
5 Stockdale at Buena Vista Rd.	6:27	8:57	1:22	6:22	--	11:02	4:17
VALLEY ACRES							
6 Valley Acres Market - Hwy 119	6:57	9:25	1:50	6:50	--	11:30	4:45
TAFT							
7 Harrison St. at Cedar St.	7:07	9:35	2:00	7:00	--	11:40	4:55
8 Taft College- 6th Street	7:09	9:37	2:02	7:02	--	11:42	4:57
9 8th St. at North St.	7:13	9:41	2:06	7:06	--	11:46	5:01
10 Taft Transit Center	7:16	9:44	2:09	7:09	--	11:49	5:04

120 TAFT to BAKERSFIELD

Eastbound / Dirección Este Bus Stop	Monday Friday / Lunes a Viernes				Saturday / Sábado		
	AM		PM		AM	PM	
TAFT							
8 Taft College- 6th Street	7:40	10:00	2:30	7:35	7:50	12:12	5:30
9 8th St. at North St.	7:44	10:04	2:34	7:39	7:54	12:16	5:34
10 Taft Transit Center	7:48	10:08	2:38	7:43	7:58	12:20	5:38
7 Harrison St. at Cedar St.	7:54	10:14	2:44	7:49	8:04	12:26	5:44
VALLEY ACRES							
6 Valley Acres Market - Hwy 119	8:01	10:21	2:51	7:56	8:11	12:33	5:51
BAKERSFIELD							
5 Stockdale at Buena Vista Rd.	8:31	10:51	3:21	8:26	8:41	1:03	6:21
4 Cal State Bakersfield	8:37	10:57	3:27	8:32	8:47	1:09	6:27
1 Bakersfield Amtrak	8:59	11:19	3:49	8:54	9:09	1:31	6:49
3 Downtown Transit Center	9:07	11:27	3:57	9:02	9:17	1:39	6:57

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Taft

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Bakersfield
CSUB
Dustin Acres

Taft
Taft College
Valley Acres

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TAFT MAP

120 TAFT - BAKERSFIELD

BUS STOP
PARADA DE AUTOBÚS

FARES & PASSES

LOCAL ROUTES - FARES

140 145 220
& all Dial-A-Ride

GENERAL
\$2

REDUCED*
\$1

INTERCOMMUNITY ROUTES - FARES

100 110 115 120 130
150 227 230 240 250

GENERAL
\$3

REDUCED*
\$1.50

CROSS-COUNTY - FARES

100 130 for trips passing through
Tehachapi and Frazier Park

GENERAL
\$5

REDUCED*
\$2.50

ALL ROUTES - 31 DAY PASS & all Dial-A-Ride

GENERAL
\$65

REDUCED*
\$32.50

LOCAL ROUTES ONLY - 31 DAY PASS & all Dial-A-Ride

GENERAL
\$45

REDUCED*
\$22.50

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120 TAFT - BAKERSFIELD



BAKERSFIELD



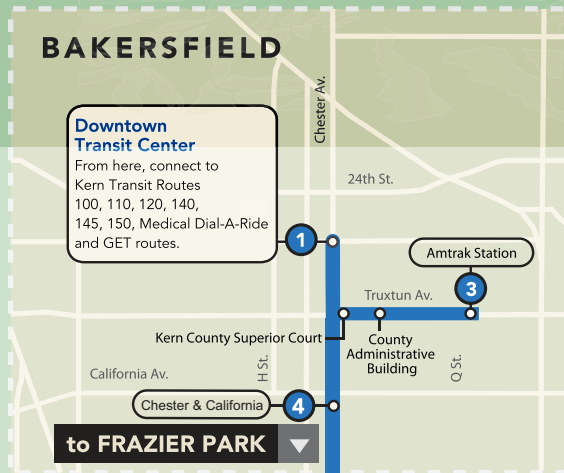
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FRAZIER PARK AREA MAP

130 FRAZIER PARK - BAKERSFIELD

BUS STOP
PARADA DE AUTOBÚS
DIAL-A-RIDE AREA
ÁREA DE DIAL-A-RIDE



Dial-A-Ride Area now includes Pine Mountain Club, Pinion Pines, and Lake of the Woods



Frazier Park Area Santa Clarita

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Bakersfield Santa Clarita
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130 BAKERSFIELD to SANTA CLARITA					
Southbound / Dirección Sur		Monday Friday / Lunes a Viernes		Saturday / Sábado	
Bus Stop		AM	PM	AM	PM
BAKERSFIELD					
1 Downtown Transit Center	--	10:15	5:05	7:00	12:20
3 Bakersfield Amtrak	--	10:25	5:15	7:10	12:30
4 Chester and California	--	10:28	--	--	12:33
5 Valley Plaza - Wible Rd.	--	10:40	--	--	12:45
6 Walmart - Panama Ln.	--	10:49	--	--	12:54
7 Park & Ride - McKee Rd.	4:35	10:55	5:35	7:30	1:00
GRAPEVINE					
8 Laval Rd. at Dennis McCarthy	--	11:16	REQ	REQ	1:21
9 Tejon Outlets - Laval Rd.	--	11:20	REQ	REQ	1:25
FRAZIER PARK AREA					
10 Post Office - Lebec Rd.	--	11:40	--	--	1:45
11 Clinica Sierra Vista - Lebec Rd.	--	11:43	--	--	1:48
12 Post Office - Monterey Trail	--	11:50	6:20	8:15	1:55
13 Flying J - Frazier Mt. Park Rd.	5:15	11:55	6:25	8:20	2:00
SANTA CLARITA					
14 Metrolink Station	6:05	12:45	7:15	--	--
Metrolink depart Santa Clarita	6:21	1:15	7:21	--	--
arrive LA Union Station	7:20	2:14	8:20	--	--
15 McBean Transit Center	6:15	12:55	7:25	--	--

130 SANTA CLARITA to BAKERSFIELD					
Northbound / Dirección Norte		Monday Friday / Lunes a Viernes		Saturday / Sábado	
Bus Stop		AM	PM	AM	PM
SANTA CLARITA					
Metrolink depart LA Union Station	6:39	11:39	6:39	--	--
arrive Santa Clarita	7:40	12:40	7:40	--	--
14 Metrolink Station	7:45	1:35	8:00*	--	--
15 McBean Transit Center	7:55	1:45	8:10	--	--
FRAZIER PARK AREA					
13 Flying J - Frazier Mt. Park Rd.	8:35	2:25	8:50	8:40	2:15
12 Post Office - Monterey Trail	8:40	2:30	--	8:45	2:20
11 Clinica Sierra Vista - Lebec Rd.	8:47	2:37	--	8:52	2:27
10 Post Office - Lebec Rd.	8:50	2:40	--	8:55	2:30
GRAPEVINE					
8 Laval Rd. at Dennis McCarthy	9:09	2:59	REQ	9:14	2:49
9 Tejon Outlets - Laval Rd.	9:13	3:03	REQ	9:18	2:53
BAKERSFIELD					
7 Park & Ride - McKee Rd.	9:38	3:28	9:30	9:43	3:18
6 Walmart - Panama Ln.	9:44	3:34	--	9:49	3:24
5 Valley Plaza - Wible Rd.	9:52	3:42	9:40	9:57	3:32
4 Chester and California	10:04	3:54	--	10:09	3:44
3 Bakersfield Amtrak	10:07	3:57	--	10:12	3:47
1 Downtown Transit Center	10:15	4:05	--	10:20	3:55

While we will make every effort to adhere to this schedule, we cannot be held responsible for missed connections.
 *The last northbound trip from Santa Clarita will not depart until after the arrival of Metrolink train number 227.

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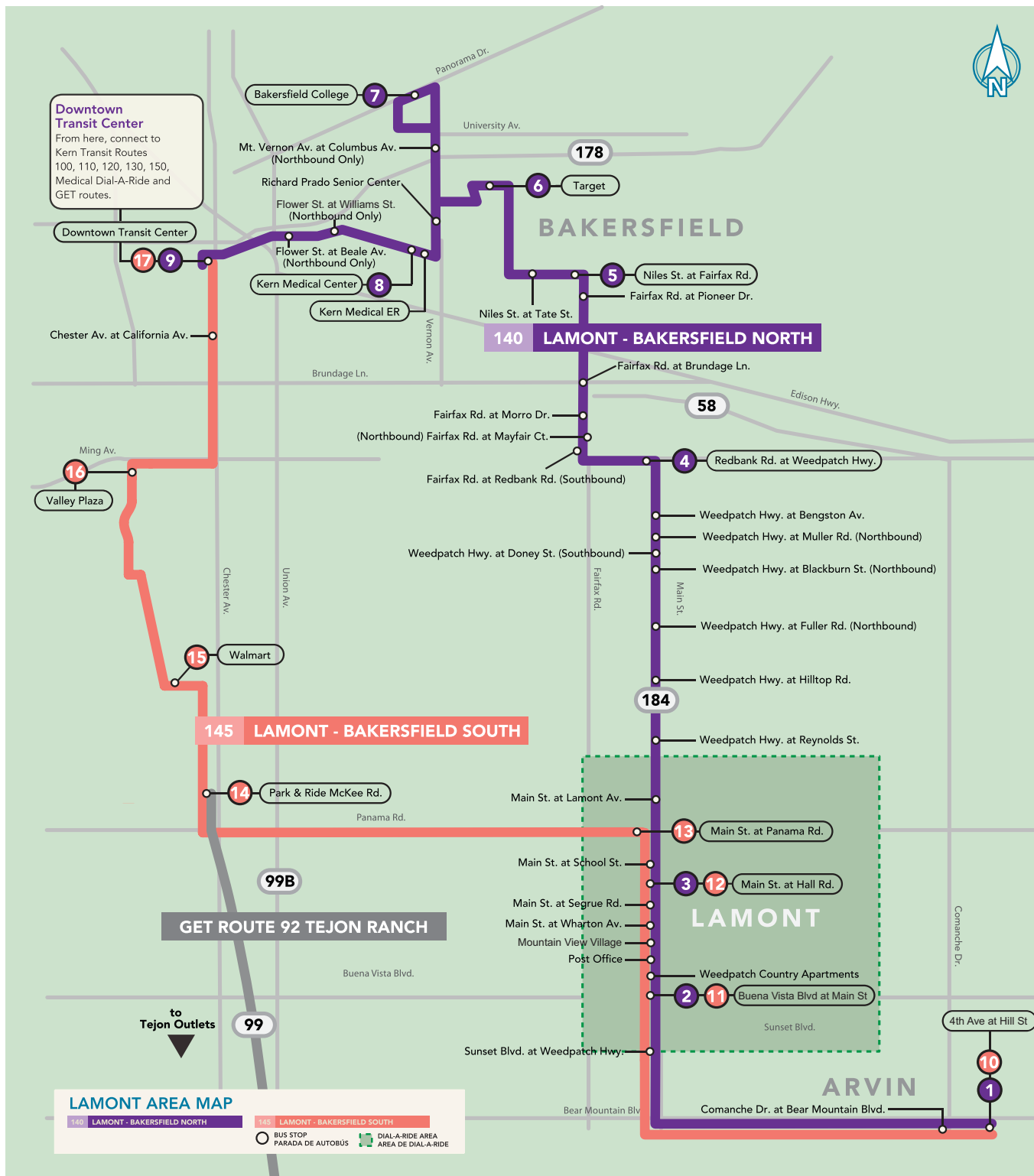


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 & all Dial-A-Ride	\$2	\$1
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Lamont and Arvin

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Public Transit Connecting
Arvin
Bakersfield
Lamont

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140 LAMONT to BAKERSFIELD NORTH

Northbound / Dirección Norte		Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes					
Bus Stop	AM	PM					
ARVIN							
1 4th Avenue at Hill Street	5:50	9:30	1:00	3:00	4:30	6:30	
LAMONT							
2 Buena Vista Blvd. at Main St.	6:05	9:45	1:15	3:15	4:45	6:45	
3 Main St. at Hall Rd. - County Fair Market	6:10	9:50	1:20	3:20	4:50	6:50	
4 Redbank Rd. at Weedpatch Hwy. (West)	6:20	10:01	1:31	3:31	5:01	7:01	
BAKERSFIELD							
5 Niles St. at Fairfax Rd.	6:29	10:11	1:41	3:41	5:11	7:11	
6 Target - Mall View Rd.	6:35	10:18	1:48	3:48	5:18	7:18	
7 Bakersfield College - Panorama Dr.	6:42	10:28	1:58	3:58	5:28	7:28	
8 Kern Medical Center - Flower St.	6:48	10:38	2:08	4:08	5:38	7:38	
9 Downtown Transit Center	6:54	10:45	2:15	4:15	5:45	7:45	

140 BAKERSFIELD NORTH to LAMONT

Southbound / Dirección Sur		Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes					Monday-Thursday Lunes a Jueves	
Bus Stop	AM	PM						
BAKERSFIELD								
9 Downtown Transit Center	7:23	11:03	2:58	4:48	6:18	8:03	9:03	
8 Kern Medical Center - Flower St.	7:34	11:14	3:09	4:59	6:29	8:14	9:14	
7 Bakersfield College - Panorama Dr.	7:41	11:21	3:16	5:06	6:36	8:21	9:21	
6 Target - Mall View Rd.	7:49	11:29	3:24	5:14	6:44	--	--	
5 Niles St. at Fairfax Rd.	7:56	11:36	3:31	5:21	6:51	--	--	
LAMONT								
4 Redbank Rd. at Weedpatch Hwy. (East)	8:06	11:46	3:41	5:31	7:01	8:39	9:39	
3 Main St. at Hall Rd. - Chipres Plaza	8:16	11:56	3:51	5:41	7:11	8:46	9:46	
2 Buena Vista Blvd. at Main St.	8:20	12:00	3:55	5:45	7:15	8:50	9:50	
ARVIN								
1 4th Avenue at Hill Street	8:35	12:15	4:10	6:00	7:30	9:05	10:05	

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145 LAMONT to BAKERSFIELD SOUTH

Northbound / Dirección Norte		Monday – Friday / Lunes a Viernes				Sat- Sun / Sáb-Dom			
Bus Stop	AM	PM				AM	PM		
ARVIN									
10 4th Ave. at Hill St.	--	--	--	--		8:30	11:00	2:00	5:00
LAMONT									
11 Buena Vista Blvd. at Main St.	7:45	12:45	2:55	5:30		8:45	11:15	2:15	5:15
12 Main St. at Hall Rd.	7:50	12:50	3:00	5:35		8:50	11:20	2:20	5:20
13 Main St. at Panama Rd.	7:52	12:52	3:02	5:37		8:52	11:22	2:22	5:22
BAKERSFIELD									
14 Park & Ride - McKee Rd.	8:05*	1:05	3:15*	5:50		9:05	11:35	2:35	5:35
15 Walmart - Panama Ln.	8:12	1:12	3:22	5:57		9:12	11:42	2:42	5:42
16 Valley Plaza - Wible Rd.	8:21	1:21	3:31	6:06		9:21	11:51	2:51	5:51
17 Downtown Transit Center	8:35	1:35	3:45	6:20		9:35	12:05	3:05	6:05

145 BAKERSFIELD SOUTH to LAMONT

Southbound / Dirección Sur		Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes				Sat- Sun / Sáb-Dom			
Bus Stop		AM	PM			AM	PM		
BAKERSFIELD									
17 Downtown Transit Center		9:20	1:50	4:25	6:30	9:45	12:45	3:45	6:15
16 Valley Plaza - Wible Rd.		9:34	2:04	4:39	6:44	9:59	12:59	3:59	6:29
15 Walmart - Panama Ln.		9:45	2:15	4:50	6:55	10:10	1:10	4:10	6:40
14 Park & Ride - McKee Rd.		9:52*	2:22*	4:57*	7:02*	10:17	1:17	4:17	6:47
LAMONT									
13 Main St. at Panama Rd.		10:03	2:33	5:08	7:13	10:28	1:28	4:28	6:58
12 Main St. at Hall Rd.		10:05	2:35	5:10	7:15	10:30	1:30	4:30	7:00
11 Buena Vista Blvd. at Main St.		10:10	2:40	5:15	7:20	10:35	1:35	4:35	7:05
ARVIN									
10 4th Ave. at Hill St.		--	--	--	--	10:50	1:50	4:50	7:20

* Connects with GET Route 92. / Se conecta con la Ruta GET 92.

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227 LAKE ISABELLA to RIDGECREST				
Eastbound / Dirección Este		Mon., Wed., and Fri., / Lun., Miér. y Vier.		
Bus Stop		AM	PM	
LAKE ISABELLA				
1 Kern Valley Plaza		--	12:10	2:55
● 2 Senior Center - Lake Isabella Rd.		6:00	12:15	3:00
ONYX				
3 South Lake Plaza - Entrada Blvd.		6:15	12:30	3:15
4 Southfork School - Hwy. 178		6:23	12:38	3:23
5 Scodie Park Rd. at Cypress St.		6:31	12:46	3:31
INYOKERN				
● 6 Transit Center - 3rd Street		7:08	1:23	4:08
RIDGECREST				
7 Kern County Superior Court		7:20	1:35	4:20
8 Walmart - China Lake Blvd.		7:30	1:45	4:30
9 Cerro Coso College		7:40	1:55	4:40

227 RIDGECREST to LAKE ISABELLA				
Westbound / Dirección Oeste		Mon., Wed., and Fri., / Lun., Miér. y Vier.		
Bus Stop		AM	PM	
RIDGECREST				
8 Walmart - China Lake Blvd.		7:50	2:10	5:30
9 Cerro Coso College		8:00	2:20	5:40
7 Kern County Superior Court		8:20	2:40	6:00
INYOKERN				
● 6 Transit Center - 3rd Street		8:32	2:52	6:12
ONYX				
5 Scodie Park Rd. at Cypress St.		9:09	3:29	6:49
4 Southfork School - Hwy. 178		9:17	3:37	6:57
3 South Lake Plaza - Entrada Blvd.		9:25	3:45	7:05
LAKE ISABELLA				
● 2 Senior Center - Lake Isabella Rd.		9:40	4:00	7:20
1 Kern Valley Plaza		9:45	4:05	7:25



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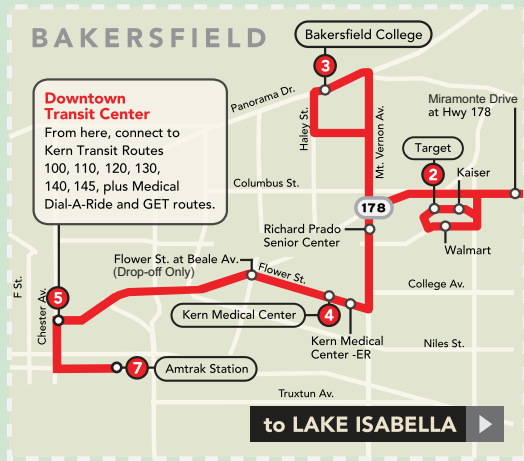
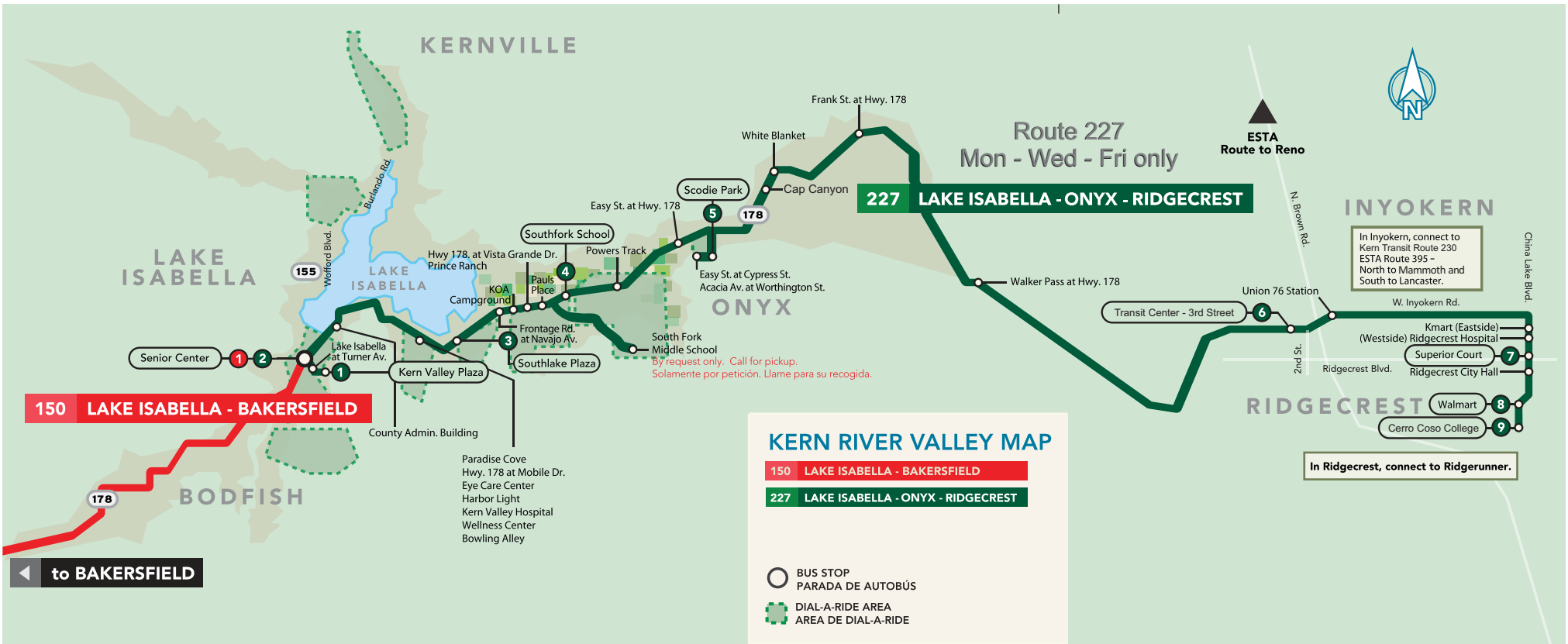
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150 BAKERSFIELD to LAKE ISABELLA						
Eastbound / Dirección Este		Mon. – Sat. / Lun. a Sáb.			Sunday / Domingo	
Bus Stop		AM	PM		AM	PM
BAKERSFIELD						
7 Bakersfield Amtrak	7:40	11:46	1:30	5:52	6:45	10:25 4:30
5 Downtown Transit Center	7:48	11:54	1:38	6:00	6:53	10:33 4:38
4 Kern Medical Center - Flower St.	--	12:02	1:46	6:08	--	-- --
3 Bakersfield College - Panorama Dr.	--	12:09	1:53	6:15	--	-- --
2 Target / Mall View Rd.	REQ	12:17	2:01	6:23	7:01	10:41 4:46
LAKE ISABELLA						
1 Senior Center Lake Isabella Blvd.	8:45	1:12	2:56	7:18	7:56	11:36 5:41

150 LAKE ISABELLA to BAKERSFIELD									
Westbound / Dirección Oeste		Mon. – Sat. / Lun. a Sáb.				Sunday / Domingo			
Bus Stop		AM		PM		AM		PM	
LAKE ISABELLA									
● 1	Senior Center Lake Isabella Blvd.	6:00	9:45	11:45	4:05	8:20	12:00	6:05	
BAKERSFIELD									
2	Target - Mall View Rd.	REQ	10:35	12:35	4:55	9:10	12:50	6:55	
3	Bakersfield College - Panorama Dr.	6:54	10:45	12:45	5:05	--	--	--	
4	Kern Medical Center - Flower St.	7:04	10:54	12:54	5:14	--	--	--	
5	Downtown Transit Center	7:11	11:01	1:01	5:21	9:21	1:01	7:06	
7	Bakersfield Amtrak	7:20	11:10	1:10	5:30	9:30	1:10	7:15	

● Connection with Route 150

● Connection with Route 227

● Connection with Route 230

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230 MOJAVE to RIDGECREST

Northbound / Dirección Norte Mon., Wed., and Fri., / Lun., Miér. y Vier.
 Bus Stop AM PM

MOJAVE

● 1 Carls Jr. - Inyo St. 4:40 11:50 5:50

CALIFORNIA CITY

Park & Ride- California City Blvd. REQ REQ REQ
 3 Aspen Mall- California City Blvd. 5:05 12:15 6:15

INYOKERN

● 4 Transit Center- 3rd Street 5:51 1:01 7:01

RIDGECREST

5 Kern County Superior Court 6:04 1:14 7:14
 6 Walmart China Lake Blvd. 6:10 1:20 7:20

230 RIDGECREST to MOJAVE

Southbound / Dirección Sur Mon., Wed., and Fri., / Lun., Miér. y Vier.
 Bus Stop AM PM

RIDGECREST

6 Walmart China Lake Blvd. 6:40 1:40 7:40
 5 Kern County Superior Court 6:49 1:49 7:49

INYOKERN

● 4 Transit Center- 3rd Street 7:02 2:02 8:02

CALIFORNIA CITY

Rite Aid - California City Blvd. -- -- REQ
 3 Aspen Mall California City Blvd. 7:48 2:48 REQ
 Shell- California City Blvd. REQ REQ REQ

MOJAVE

● 1 Carls Jr. - Inyo St. 8:10 3:10 8:50

240 BORON to MOJAVE

Westbound / Dirección Oeste Mon., Wed., and Fri., / Lun., Miér. y Vier.
 Bus Stop AM PM

BORON

1 Post Office Boron Av. 6:50 11:20 4:20
 2 Boron Senior Center -
 Twenty Mule Team Rd. 6:52 11:22 4:22
 3 Chaparral Av. at Borax Blvd. 6:57 11:27 4:27

NORTH EDWARDS

4 Shopping Center - Clay Mine Rd. 7:06 11:36 4:36

MOJAVE

5 DHS - Hwy. 58 7:39 12:09 5:09
 ● 6 Carls Jr. - Inyo St. 7:42 12:12 5:12
 7 Stater Bros. Center - Hwy. 14 7:47 12:17 5:17

240 MOJAVE to BORON

Eastbound / Dirección Este Mon., Wed., and Fri., / Lun., Miér. y Vier.
 Bus Stop AM PM

MOJAVE

7 Stater Bros. Center - Hwy. 14 9:10 3:00 5:40
 ● 6 Carls Jr. - Inyo St. 9:15 3:05 5:45
 5 DHS - Hwy. 58 9:18 3:08 5:48

NORTH EDWARDS

4 Shopping Center - Clay Mine Rd. 9:41 3:31 6:11

BORON

3 Chaparral Av. at Borax Blvd. 10:00 3:50 6:30
 2 Boron Senior Center -
 Twenty Mule Team Rd. 10:05 3:55 6:35
 1 Post Office Boron Av. 10:07 3:57 6:37

● Connection with Route 100 ● Connection with Route 227 ● Connection with Route 250



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RIDGECREST - MOJAVE MAP

230 RIDGECREST - MOJAVE



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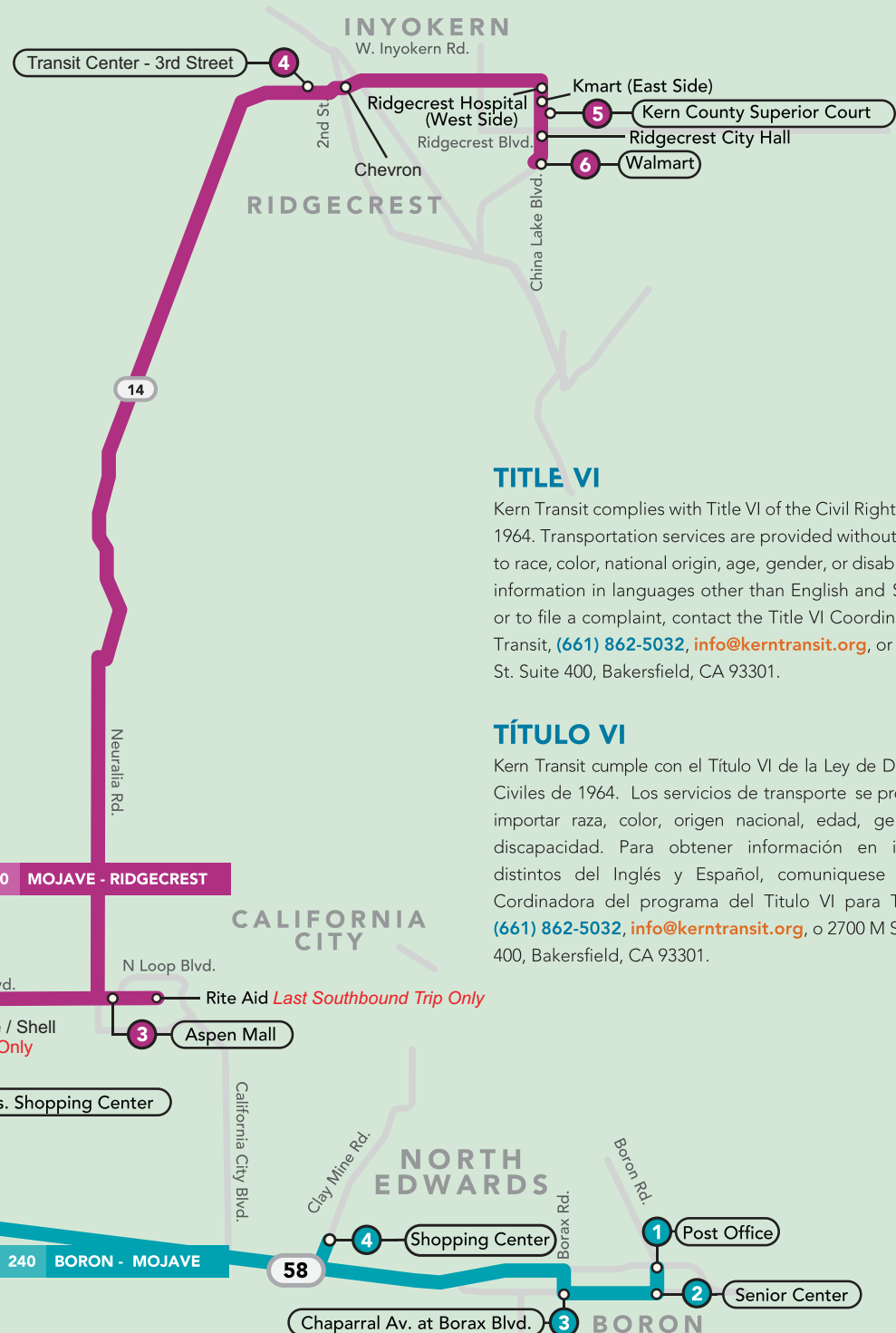
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