



## Site Acquisition: NEPA, CEQA – The FTA and You

A Case Study in Planning,  
Compliance, and  
Coordination

# Environmental Phase: NEPA & CEQA

NEPA applies even if  
federal funds are used  
later

Prohibited from any  
commitment to  
acquire property

Hardship & protective  
acquisitions allowed  
(23 CFR  
771.118(d)(3))

# Early Planning Action Site Selection Study

Figure 2-1: Preliminary Sites

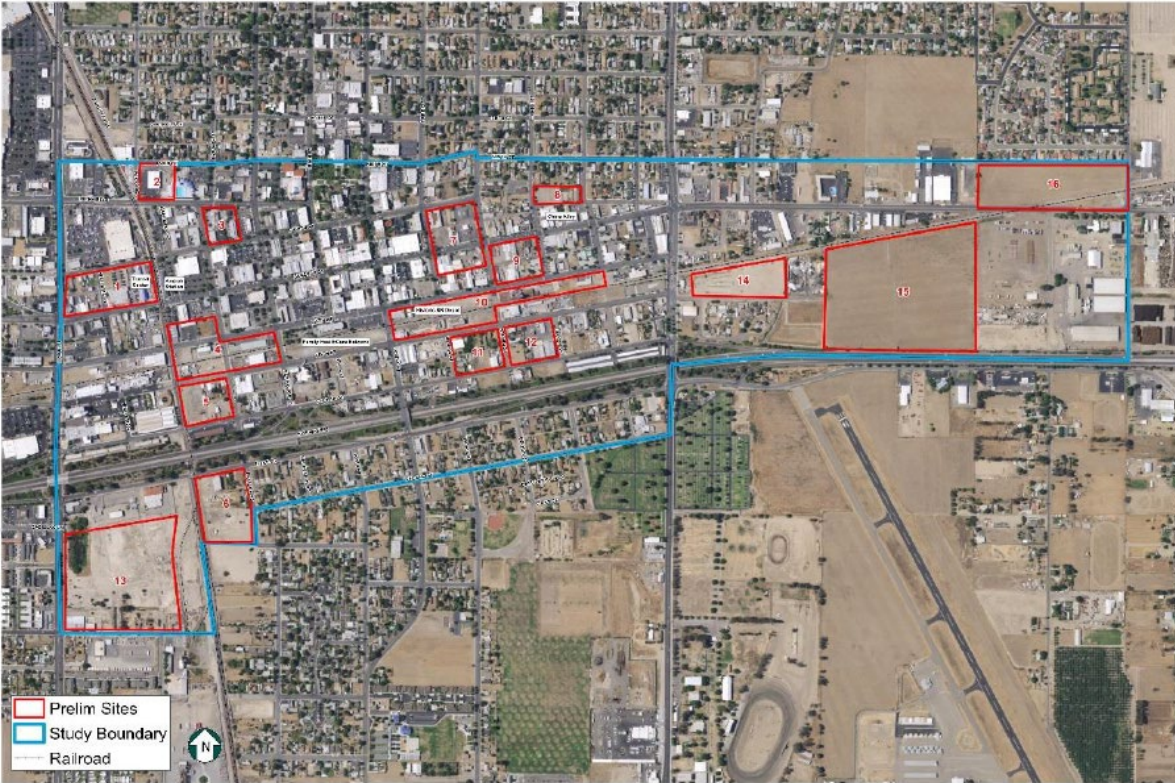


Table 5-2: Phase 2 Screening Results

Site	Final Score	Rank
1	40	1st
2	30	
3	30	
4	35	
5	30	
6	25	
7	39	2nd
8	23	
9	37	3rd
10	36	
11	28	
12	24	
13	28	
14	23	
15	23	
16	27	

# What You Can Do During NEPA & CEQA

## Coordinate:

- Engage FTA early and often
- MPOs
- Local Partners

## Map & Prepare:

- Perform title searches
- Develop conceptual layouts and cost estimates
- Prepare non-binding acquisition plans

## Study:

- Conduct environmental and technical studies
- Perform Phase I/II ESAs
- Gather data for NEPA / CEQA documentation

## Engage & Document:

- Hold public meeting and workshops
- Inform property owners and stakeholders
- Document all outreach and correspondence

# Preliminary Acquisition Activities (Allowed)

- Property access with owner permission
  - Title and ownership research
- Public notices and informational meetings
- Conceptual design and engineering for analysis

# Preliminary Acquisition Activities

- Site Selection Study
- Preliminary Title Searches
- Researching the Proposed Project Area
- Public Meetings



# Preliminary Acquisition Activities Public and Agency Coordination



## KINGS-COUNTY-AREA-PUBLIC-TRANSIT-AGENCY (KCAPTA)

### PUBLIC-INFORMATION- MEETING

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 | 5PM – 7PM

City of Hanford - Civic Auditorium  
400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA

The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency ("Agency") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) is the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed project identified below. The Agency is currently preparing an environmental document to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project, and we are notifying the public of this proposal transit project.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** The Agency requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Kings Area Rural Transportation (KART) Transit Station Project.

**Project:** KART Transit Station Project

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of the development of a 19,000-square-foot transit station building, along with offsite parking, and onsite bus parking. The KART Transit Station would include a large central waiting area, break room, training room, in addition to office space leaseable to tenants. The proposed project includes 21 sawtooth bus bays, 17 staff parking spaces, 8 secure staff parking spaces, and 105 park-and-ride spaces for transit users. Additionally, two electric bus chargers and two electric car chargers would be constructed onsite.

**Project Location:** East of Harris Street, west of Brown Street, north of East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and south of the alley located between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in an open forum format. KCAPTA staff will be present to informally discuss the proposed project. A formal presentation will be made at approximately 5:30 p.m.

All persons are encouraged to:

- Learn about this important transit project for the area.
- Learn about upcoming deadlines on this project related to the environmental document.
- Ask questions about the project.

The meeting space is accessible for persons with disabilities. However, if you require special accommodations at the meeting, please notify the contact listed below prior to July 25, 2019.

As information become available on this project, it will be posted by KCAPTA. To submit comments about this project, please email to:

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# Preliminary Acquisition Activities

## Working with Property Owners

### **Discuss Project:**

- Project information
- Study schedules
- Request access to property
- **Clarify that no acquisition decision**

# Preliminary Acquisition Activities

## What You Cannot Do

Discuss project:

- No Offers
- No Discussion of Price
- No Construction

# Protective Acquisition



# Lessons Learned

Engage FTA early and reengage often

Maintain thorough written documentation

Ensure NEPA compliance regardless of funding phase

Avoid early property acquisition without approvals

Success = Planning + Engagement + Compliance



Write a description for your map.







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