



# Connecting Karnes County



# History of Alamo Regional Transit (ART) In Karnes County



Karnes County - 1870

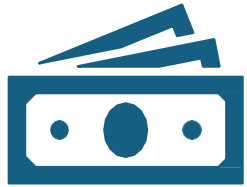
- ART has been operating in this area since the mid 80's
- ART provides an average of 650 Demand Response trips for Karnes County per year

**Most if not all residents, whether they ride the bus or not will benefit from Public Transportation**

Public Transportation supports **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Public Transportation supports **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

# ECONOMIC GROWTH



Every dollar invested in public transportation can yield around \$4 in economic gains in the community.



Transit connects workers to jobs and students to classes



Job creation

# COMMUNITY HEALTH



Transit assists seniors in accessing medical services and opportunities for socialization



Improves community mobility

# What AACOG/ART Provides

- Operation Management and Planning
  - Service Design and Implementation
  - Operation Staff (Drivers, Dispatchers, Supervisors)
  - Vehicles and Maintenance
  - Route Monitoring and Service Adjustment
  - Vehicle wraps
  - Online trip planning
  - App based reservation
  - Marketing and Travel Training
  - Ridership and Progress Reports

# Current Opportunity

- TXDoT Public Transportation Division has made available to AACOG/ART \$400,000 in additional annual federal funding for the Alamo region
  - A 50% local match is needed

# Progression to Implementation

- Discussions with Elected Officials on Vision
- Identify the Need and Challenges through Planning
- Host Focus Groups with community leaders and local consumers
- Commitment from the City and County
- Presentation to Elected Officials on Service Recommendations



# Focus Group

ART held 2 FOCUS GROUPS in Karnes County



February 5, 2025  
at Otto Kaiser Hospital

February 18, 2024  
at Mission Room | Methodist Church

# Karnes County Survey Results

TOTAL OF RESPONSES: 30

- 23 OUT OF 30 (80%) – KARNES COUNTY COMMUNITY RESPONSES REPRESENTED IN FAVOR FOR A CONNECTED ROUTE IN KARNES COUNTY
- PLACES OF INTEREST
  - 31% SHOPPING
  - 35% MEDICAL
  - 24% BOTH SHOPPING & MEDICAL

# Current Transportation Challenges

- Shortage of available public transportation due to funding
- Residents with limited opportunity to personal vehicles lack access
- Local businesses need to attract workers
- Older adults and low-income limited finances for transportation

# Service Options

- Flex Route Coverage
- Demand Response
- Micro Service
- InterCity Bus Service



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# Recommendation for Service

## FLEX-ROUTE SERVICE

- Flex-Route also called deviated fixed-route systems, uses a hybrid of a fixed-route and demand-response model
- Flex-Route systems use prescheduled timetables but may deviate from the predetermined route to go to a specific location such as major employment site, childcare center or a house
- Ride-hailing will be an additional option where passengers can use a cell phone app to request a driver to meet at a particular time and location served by the Flex-Route

# Current Flex-Route services provided by ART

## CONNECT SEGUIN

LIST OF STOPS/HOURLY TIME		
00	09	30
01	10	31
02	11	32
03	12	33
04	13	34
05	14	35
06	15	36
07	16	37
08	17	38
09	18	39
10	19	40
11	20	41

ough Friday. Let us take you where you need to go!



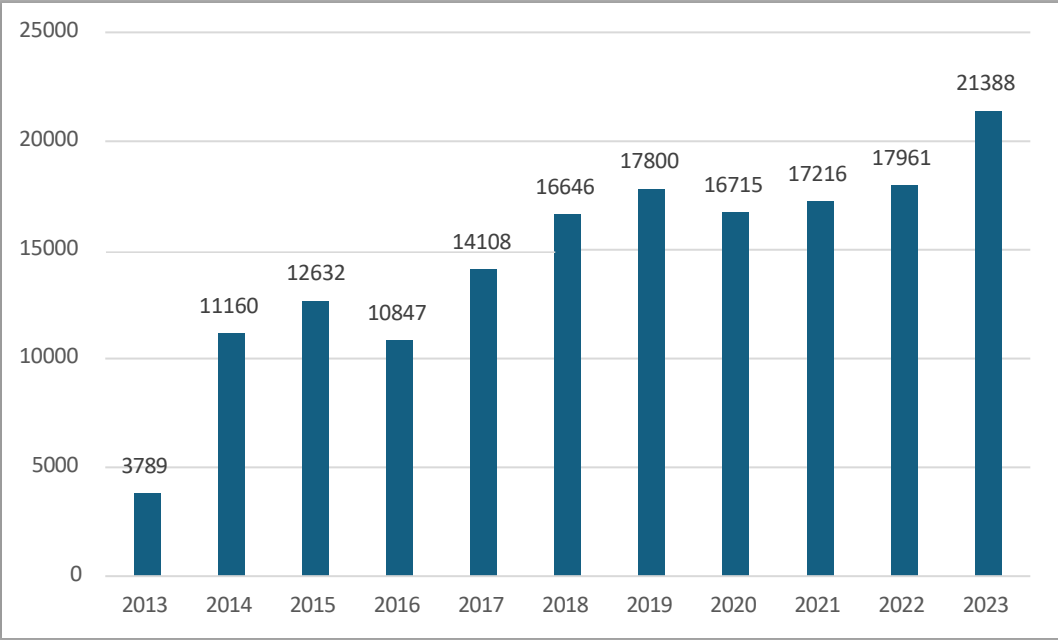
1st Run starts at 7:00

Jourdanton / Pivarsville	
Jourdanton Housing	:00
Jourdanton Square Apts	:03
Jourdanton HS	:06
Jourdanton City Hall	:11
Wal-Mart	:16
HSB	:20
Trade St Housing	:24
St. Francis Villa Senior Apts	:30
Pivarsville City Hall	:36
Methodist South Hospital	:43
Alamogordo County VSO	:50
Alamogordo County Courthouse	:56
Alamogordo Adult Protection	:57

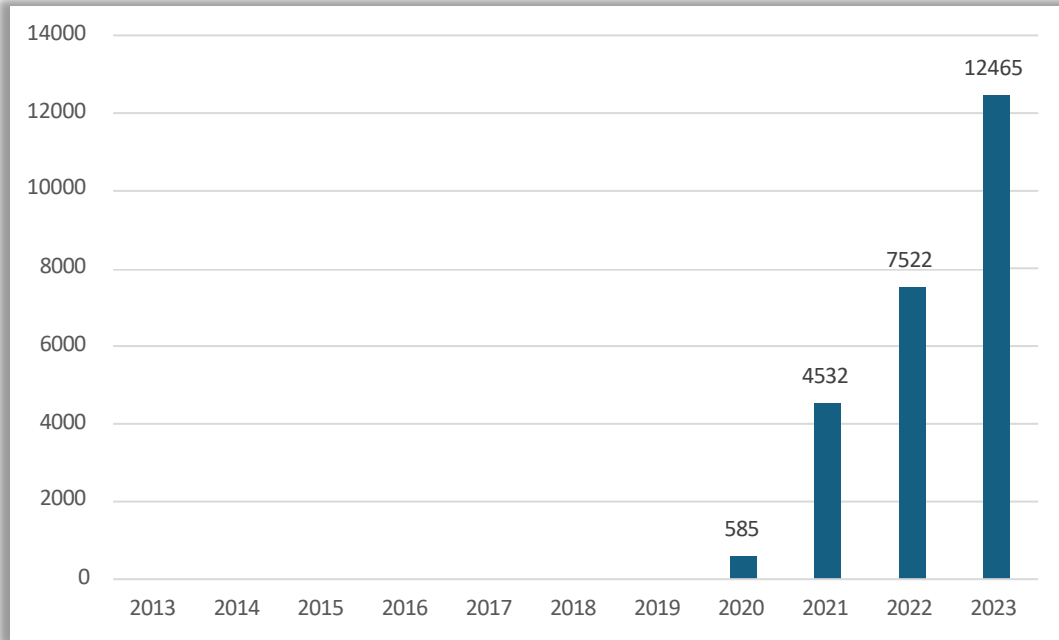
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Potest Lowe's	:03
Groutlow Apts	:06
Central Road College	:16
UPS Store	:20
HSB	:28
Pleasanton Library	:33
Pleasanton River Park	:37
Central Road College	:41
Potest Town Hall	:49
Potest Post Office	:51

View Route at: [www.sacog.com/soi/soyconnect](http://www.sacog.com/soi/soyconnect) \$1.00 per Ride

# Connect Seguin



# Cowboy Connect

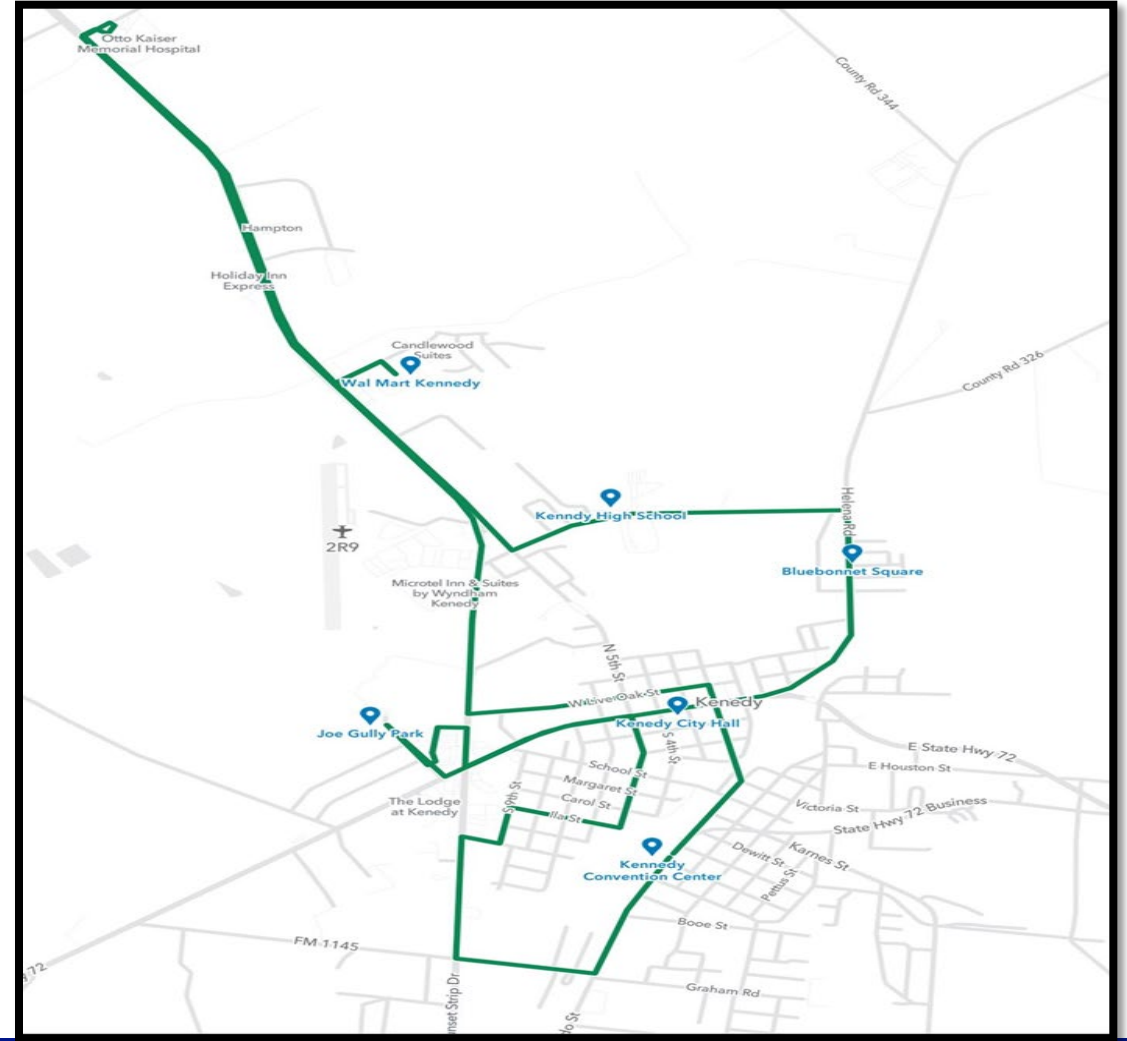


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# City of Kenedy – Flex Route

Kenedy Convention Center	Joe Gulley Park	HEB	Kenedy City Offices	Bluebonnet Square	Kenedy High School	Kenedy Wal Mart	Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital	TX Workforce	Kenedy Post Office	Kenedy Convention Center
7:00a	7:02a	7:04a	7:08a	7:13a	7:17a	7:22a	7:29a	7:37a	7:45a	7:47a
8:00a	8:02a	8:04a	8:08a	8:13a	8:17a	8:22a	8:29a	8:37a	8:45a	8:47a
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# Karnes county– Flex Route

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Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital	Savahna Apartments	Karnes Community Health Center	Karnes City Library	Karnes City High School	Karnes Housing Authority	Tierra Point Apartments	Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital	Kennedy Wal Mart	TX Workforce	HEB	Kennedy City Offices	Runge City Hall	Runge Library	HEB	Kennedy Wal Mart	Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital
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9:30a	9:35a	9:35a	9:36a	9:38a	9:44a	9:48a	9:52a	9:56a	9:57a	10:00a	10:02a	10:24a	10:26a	10:50a	10:54a	10:58a
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3:30p	3:35p	3:35p	3:36p	3:38p	3:44p	3:48p	3:52p	3:56p	3:57p	4:00p	4:02p	4:24p	4:26p	4:50p	4:54p	4:58p



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# Service Cost & Estimated Cost Sharing Scenarios

Route	Partner	Annual Hours	Cost Per Hour	Total Cost
Kenedy Connect Route Service		2,728	\$98.17	\$267,808
Karnes County Connect		1,688	\$98.17	\$165,711

ANNUAL COST SHARE			
Kenedy Route		Annual Cost	Cost Share %
AACOG/ART (SEP funding)		\$133,904	50%
Karnes County		\$66,952	25%
City of Kenedy		\$66,952	25%
Karnes County Route			
AACOG/ART (SEP funding)		\$82,866	50%
Karnes County		\$41,428	25%
Karnes City		\$32,313	20%
City of Runge		\$9,115	5%

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# Next Steps

- AACOG, ART and TXDoT have already committed the funding for this project with the requirement that service start by March 1, 2025 and 50% local match
- ART is looking for local commitment and support for this project.

Karnes County

City of Kenedy

City of Runge

Karnes City

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ANY QUESTIONS ?



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**Thank You For Your Time**

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