



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Kansas Avenue Safe Parking Site

- The County will open a new safe parking site on Friday, August 13, 2021 to serve vehicle-based unhoused residents in our county.
- The intent of this site is to provide a stable and safe place for people to stay, where they can access services that will help them secure permanent housing.
- The creation of this site is a first step in developing a variety of resources to meet the needs of all unhoused residents. The Board of Supervisors will discuss other programs as part of a regional approach to taking action on homelessness during the morning session of its meeting on Tuesday, August 10.

Site Location:

- The site is located at the intersection of Kansas Ave. and Oklahoma Ave., San Luis Obispo, next door to the County's Joint Information Center.

Participants' Access:

- This safe parking site will serve people with working vehicles (e.g. cars, vans, trucks, RVs) – currently, there is no restriction on vehicle size.
- Interested people must arrive during check-in hours (5:00 – 9:00 PM daily) to meet with site security.
- Once checked in, participants will have access to the site 24 hours/day, 7 days a week, for the duration needed.
- Participants must sign a contract with a simple code of conduct focused on safety and respect for neighbors.
- Pets, under appropriate control, will be allowed to stay with participants.
- The site will not be available for camping in tents or similar structures.

Facilities:

- The site offers ADA-accessible showers, restrooms, a hand wash station, and dumpsters for participants' use.
- Site security staff will be present during check in hours, and otherwise the site will be monitored for safety by the Sheriff's Office.
- There is a bus stop along RTA Route 12 adjacent to the site on Kansas Ave., near the intersection of Highway 1. While currently a call to RTA is required to have Route 12 buses stop there, the County is working with RTA to create a simple, accessible process for safe parking participants to access that transit service.

Outreach and Access to Additional Support:

- The County is coordinating with 5Cities Homeless Coalition and CAPSLO to provide outreach services and offer case management and links to supportive services to address individuals' needs.
- This is a low barrier site, focused on a housing first model – meaning it offers a stable and safe place for people to stay, without requiring engagement in case management or other supportive services.

Operating Period:

- This site has an initial operating period of three months. The County will re-assess ongoing operation and connection with the overall regional effort at that time.

Funding:

- This effort is initially being funded by the SLO County Department of Social Services' operating budget. The County is considering options for reimbursement through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or regional homeless funding, to be discussed by the Board on August 10th (Agenda Item #45).