



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, via teleconference, in accordance with COVID-19 Public Meeting Protocol.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore, Community Development
Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development
Randon Reeder, City of Lemoore, Public Works
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Cosgrove, Joel Gandarilla, Terri King, Teresa Nickell

VISITORS PRESENT: John Douglas

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Baley) to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FFY 2020-21 Annual Federal Funds Obligations Report

Terri King stated that each year Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are required to either publish or make available to the public an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the proceeding federal fiscal year. As the MPO for the Kings County region, the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) has prepared the annual report of obligated projects for the Federal Fiscal Year FFY 2020-21, posted on the KCAG website. Kings County obligated approximately \$3.66 million (and \$4.1 million de-obligated) for streets, roads, and highway projects and \$5.9 million for transit projects within Kings County. Of the total project obligations, \$832,060 was for active transportation projects. The agenda includes a list of programs for which federal funds were obligated.

B. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Appointments

Teresa Nickell stated that each year KCAG has the responsibility to appoint members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). There are seven members of the SSTAC whose terms are expiring in January 2022, and KCAG staff was able to confirm each member's desire to continue participation on the SSTAC for a three-year term, with the exceptions of Joseph Strickland and Sue McKeefrey. KCAG staff recruited for new members in December 2021 and KCAG received two membership applications related to specific areas of expertise and eligibility. Attached to the staff report is the roster identifying the 2022 members of the SSTAC along with their categories of representation and terms of service.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Kinney) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the reappointment of five members and the appointment of two new members to serve three-year terms on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Final 2022 Supplemental Public Participation Plan

Teresa Nickell reported that KCAG is required to develop a comprehensive long-range planning document, or Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), every four years. The 2022 RTP is currently underway with an update to the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which details how the Kings County region will reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles and light duty trucks to meet the California Air Resources Board (CARB) emissions targets. The project also includes a Supplemental Public Participation Plan (SPPP). A Draft Supplemental PPP was released for comments on November 4, 2021 for a 45-day public review period, which closed December 18, 2021. KCAG received comments from Caltrans District 6.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Baley) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the Final Supplemental Public Participation Plan for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy with the adoption of Resolution No. 22-01. The motion carried unanimously.

D. CRRSAA STBGP Transportation Funding

Terri King stated that the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) apportioned \$911.8 million to California. At the March 2021 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, the funding distribution of the CRRSAA funding was approved through two existing funding programs, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). KCAG's apportionment of the STBGP share of the CRRSAA funding is \$738,212. KCAG is required to submit a project list that identifies each project that will receive funding through the program to Caltrans Local Assistance for approval by the CTC. These funds are federally reimbursed at 100%, however small urbanized areas may request State exchange. The funds must be programmed by October 2023 and be obligated by September 2024 or the funds will lapse. The funds could be programmed for a regional priority project, or distributed to local jurisdictions for their eligible projects based on a formula, such as the Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) formula portion of the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) formula. Chuck Kinney indicated that the County of Kings supports the Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) formula. Kristie Baley said that the City of Lemoore will be reviewing this issue and get back in contact with KCAG staff.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. 2022 Regional Housing Needs Allocations Plan Activities

Joe Cosgrove reported that KCAG, as a Council of Government, is required to prepare a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan that our member agencies will use to develop their individual Housing Elements. The RHNA plan must be adopted no later than December 31, 2022 and the member agencies' Housing Elements must be submitted to HCD no later than January 31, 2024. To kick off the RHNA process, a meeting was held on December 13, 2021 with the member agencies staff, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and KCAG. According to government code, HCD must issue the final RHNA determination by January 29, 2022 or at least 24 months prior to the Housing Element due date. HCD provided KCAG with the draft 2022 RHNA determination, which shows that the number of housing units per income category is 9,429 for the reporting period. KCAG released a Request for Proposals to prepare the 2022 RHNA and KCAG received two proposals that will be scored by the review committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King reported that there is an online Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) workshop on January 25, 2022; copies of the draft executive summary of the Valley Wide Housing Study are available; the REAP consultant needs GIS General Plan land use files to continue developing a scenario tool using urban footprint; and technical assistance is still available for local agencies. KCAG is seeking assistance in posting and advertising a virtual workshop for the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy scheduled for February 8 and 9, 2022; there will be City Council and Board of Supervisors presentations scheduled for Lemoore and Hanford on January 18, 2022, Corcoran and Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2022, and Avenal on February 27, 2022. In connection with the land use scenario development, KCAG will be sending survey forms, and scheduling meetings with local agencies.

Teri King reported that the eight San Joaquin Valley agencies is seeking to emulate what the northern region has done in developing a master list of high priority regional projects that could serve as a stamp of approval for federal and state grant applications. One project that may meet the criteria is the roundabout on SR41 in Kettleman City and she encouraged other jurisdictions to provide projects that may meet the regional criteria.

Teresa Nickell stated that the workshop for the KART Hanford Fixed Route study is in February and that there will a new website for the project; the triennial performance audits for FYs 2018-2021 is scheduled to start; and a call for FTA 5310 grant projects will be sent out with applications due March 22, 2022.

Joe Cosgrove reported that an email was sent out to planning directors with a reminder that HCD is providing technical assistance for the pro housing designation application.

Kristie Baley reported that there are some projects on the northeast side of Lemoore that are going through the annexation process for a large residential sub-division; there are 5-acres on D Street and Oleander that was designated surplus property and will sold to a developer; and the City of Lemoore is reviewing a development projects along SR 198 for a medium density housing application.

Chuck Kenny reported on the SR 198 and SR 41 animal feedlot and slaughterhouse project; housing development in Armona, and incorporating SB 9 in Kings County.

Angie Dow reported on the emergency operational plan in case of decreased service levels as to driver shortages. Service stepdown procedures will be implemented on a daily basis as benchmarks are reached.

Cynthia Baruch thanked KCAG for meeting with herself and Adam Wright from the Office of Local Defense and Community Corporation who was here to validate the interest in the Compatible Use Program Study. He will be developing a scope of work for that study for approval in April.

David Padilla reminded those present that applications for the Clean California local grant program are due by February 1, 2022. Caltrans is currently assembling the evaluation team for review of applications. Grant award may be announced by March 1, 2022. Caltrans is in the process of considering three grant applications for the Kings County region.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director