



MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 4:30 p.m., on January 26, 2022, via teleconference, in accordance with COVID-19 Public Meeting Protocol.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Richard Fagundes, Kalish Morrow, Joe Neves, David Orth, Sid Palmerin, Alvaro Preciado

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Navarro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Dominic Tyburski

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of December 8, 2021

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Morrow) to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None
Abstain: Fagundes

2. Minutes of January 5, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Fagundes) to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2022 special meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FFY 2020-21 Annual Federal Funds Obligations Report

Terri King reported that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are required to publish and make available to the public an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the proceeding federal fiscal year. KCAG has prepared the annual report of obligated projects for the Federal Fiscal Year FFY 2020-21. Approximately \$3.66 million (and \$4.1 million de-obligated) for streets, roads, and highway projects and \$5.9 million for transit projects was obligated within Kings County. Of the total project obligations, \$832,060 was for active transportation projects.

2. Social Service Transportation Advisory Council Appointments

Teresa Nickell stated that seven members of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) 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, who are unavailable to continue. KCAG staff recruited for new members in December 2021 and KCAG received two membership applications related to specific areas of expertise and eligibility. The SSTAC is scheduled to meet January 27, 2022 for new members to be introduced and provided an overview of roles and responsibilities.

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Fagundes) to 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 by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

3. Final Supplemental Public Participation Plan

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG is required to develop a comprehensive long-range planning document, or Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), every four years and that KCAG staff is working on the 2022 RTP. KCAG staff has updated the 2018 Supplemental Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the 2022 RTP/SCS process and a Draft 2022 Supplemental PPP was released for comments on November 4, 2021 for a 45-day public review period.

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Fagundes) to approve the Final Supplemental Public Participation Plan for the 2022 RTP/SCS with the adoption of Resolution No. 22-01. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

4. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Public Workshop

Terri King reported that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes regional goals, identifies present and future needs, deficiencies and constraints, and fiscally constrained infrastructure improvements. The Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) details how the Kings County region will reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles and light duty trucks to achieve reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board. The public can follow the development and progress of the 2022 RTP/SCS on the project website at www.kingsregionalvision.com and on the KCAG website. KCAG has initiated the public outreach process for the 2022 RTP/SCS update. Staff urged those present to help in getting the word out. There is a workshop on two different evenings on February 8 and 9, 2022. The schedule to adopt the 2022 RTP/SCA is by July 2022.

B. Caltrans Report

Michael Navarro stated that Caltrans' Clean California local grant program applications deadline is February 1, 2022.

Michael Navarro reported on the status of various highway projects, including that the Kettleman City roundabout environmental document is completed and proceeding to the design phase, with construction slated for spring 2024; the SR 41 and Stratford bridge replacement project has been delayed due to the permitting process; the SR 198 roadside safety improvement project between SR 43 and SR 41 was awarded, but is now in winter suspension; the SR 41 and Bush Street interchange temporary roundabout is in the permitting process; and the SR 41 widening project is seeking additional funding with projected construction to begin in 2024.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Staff Comments

None.

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commissioner Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on January 26, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Fagundes / Orth) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on January 26, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

2. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan – Consultant Selection

Joe Cosgrove reported that KCAG is seeking a qualified consultant to develop and implement a methodology and a plan for the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the Kings County region. KCAG is required to develop a methodology to distribute the housing need to jurisdictions within the region and prepare a RHNA Plan that determines housing allocations specific to jurisdictions and furthers the objectives of Government Code Section 65584. KCAG staff developed and distributed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to known and interested consulting firms with a budget of \$60,000 for the cost of the project. Funds for this project were provided through the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant available to KCAG. Two consultant proposals were received by the deadline of January 7, 2022 from Regional Government Services, and Civic Solutions. The RHNA Plan Proposal Review Committee independently reviewed and scored the proposals, and based on the combined ranking of the proposals, the Review Committee has recommended Civic Solutions as the preferred consulting firm to develop the Kings County RHNA Plan. KCAG staff may want to negotiate a revised budget based on the task and staff needs to complete the project, as this project may have been under budgeted. REAP funds are available for this purpose.

Commissioner Neves asked if the additional cost has been established. The reply was not yet since KCAG was waiting for Commission approval to negotiate the contract. Legal council will review the contract and the consultant will be notified that they have been selected. A final contract can be negotiated at that time.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Orth) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Civic Solutions, Inc. to prepare and conduct the 2022 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan at a proposed cost of \$60,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

3. Appointment of KCAG Representatives to Committees

Terri King provided an overview of the two standing committees; KCAG Personnel Committee and KCAG Finance Committee, which each have a vacancy. A Summary of the remaining five committees and their current members was presented.

Commissioner Morrow volunteered to serve on the KCAG Personnel Committed and Commissioner Orth volunteered to serve on the KCAG Finance Committee.

Commissioners were provided the opportunity for any committee member to change committee assignments. No other changed were recommended.

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Fagundes) to accept Commissioner Morrow to serve on the KCAG Personnel Committed and Commissioner Orth to serve on the KCAG Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

4. Finding of Necessity and Authorizing Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions of AB 361

Terri King stated that due to the current state of affairs it is recommended to continue meeting remotely for health and safety issues.

Commissioner Neves outlined the county statistics for positivity rate for COVID-19 and its variant.

A motion was made and seconded (Fagundes / Preciado) to reaffirm Resolution No. 2021-03 authorizing the KCAG Commission and all standing, advisory, policy, oversight, steering, and inter-agency committees and subcommittees of the Commission to continue to meet by remote teleconference, subject to the requirements of Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fagundes, Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado
Noes: None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King stated that KCAG currently has an open recruitment for the vacant Regional Planner position. Upcoming agenda items include the FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act estimates; second quarter financial report; and draft FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program. She reported that the 9th Avenue and SR 198 interchange project was included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, but, since there is not enough funds available in this cycle to advance \$4.5 million, we will try again for the next cycle. Weekly Valleywide Lobbyist reports will be forwarded to the Commission. KCAG is working on the plan for the Valley Voice Trip to Sacramento. There is an upcoming "99 to the Finish Line" summit scheduled for March 3 and 4, 2022 at the International Ag Center in Tulare. Staff is working on the San Joaquin Valley Capital Improvement Program to identify the highest priority projects by county and that for Kings County, the possible project is the Kettleman City roundabout.

Terri King also reported on transit for Kings County that include the KART fixed route study and related workshops, the triennial performance audits for KCAG and transit operators, the Transportation Development Act audits, the Federal Transit Act section 5310, and the Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program call for project.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Neves expressed gratitude for everyone's participation in today's meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2022

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director