



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, via teleconference, in accordance with COVID-19 Public Meeting Protocol.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Kevin Tromborg, City of Corcoran, Community Development
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings, Public Works
Liliana Stranski, County of Kings, Environmental Health

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Valarie Bega, City of Corcoran, Transit Coordinator; John Douglas

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Tyburski) to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2022. The motion carried with Dock and Tromborg abstaining.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Fund Estimates

Teresa Nickell stated that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are composed of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. The estimate of the FY 2022-23 LTF for KCAG member agencies is \$5,800,000. Based on the current State budget, there will be \$1,476,972 in STA funds allocated to Kings County in FY 2022-23. The estimated shares of FY 2022-23 LTF for KCAG member agencies, based upon 2021 population figures were identified. The claims and other required documentation from the claimants must be returned to KCAG by April 1st. Each claimant is required to hold a public hearing and have both an adopted resolution, stating their findings on unmet transit

needs before funds can be allocated for road purposes, and required environmental documents within their jurisdiction. After funding LTF administration, up to 2% may be claimed for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Approval of the TDA apportionments and allocation instructions, to the County Auditor, will be made by Resolution during the June TPC meeting.

Terri King said the current year's LTF revenues continue to outpace the prior years, however it is uncertain how long it will last. Thus, the FY 2022-23 estimate provided by the Kings County Finance Department remains as a conservative one.

B. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Workshop

Terri King reported that yesterday's workshop was lightly attended. Today there will be a second workshop and a workshop flyer with instructions on how to register is included in the staff report. The purpose of the workshop is to receive input on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The local jurisdictions and local transit operators have received a survey to help KCAG identify different scenario developments to include in the SCS. The goal is to adopt the RTP/SCS by August 2022.

It was asked if KCAG is planning any in-person outreach. The reply was there has been in-person outreach at the four City Council meetings, Board of Supervisors meeting, Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, and Resources Agency and that KCAG is willing to meet with other recommended agencies.

C. Draft FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget

Terri King stated that the staff report included the financial pages for the various work elements in the draft FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP). The total budget is estimated to be about \$2,300,000, from several funding resources. A summary of the revenues, expenditures, and work elements was provided, which included several new projects. The draft of the FY 2022-23 OWP will be sent to all member agencies shortly

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. 2022 Regional Housing Needs Allocations Plan and Regional Early Action Planning Activities

Joe Cosgrove reported that the KCAG Commission has selected the consultant and sub-consultant team of Civic Solutions and John H. Douglas Planning to develop a methodology and a plan for the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the Kings County region, including the County of Kings and its four incorporated cities. 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 each jurisdiction. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has provided KCAG with the Final RHNA determination with a total housing need of 9,429 for the period of June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032.

Joe Cosgrove reported that the Comprehensive Housing Report for the San Joaquin Valley is scheduled to be released in February, which includes extensive information on existing conditions data related to housing inventory, a discussion of barriers and impediments to housing production, and best practices and recommendations. The Executive Summary of the report is included in the agenda materials as an attachment.

Joe Cosgrove stated that KCAG staff is collecting land use data from each of the member jurisdictions for a Valleywide partnership to develop a planning scenario tool called Urban Footprint. KCAG encourages member agencies to participate in these housing activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

Teresa Nickell stated that there will be a workshop on February 24, 2022 for the Hanford Fixed Route Study for the Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) system and that there is a website for the project which includes a survey and Wikimap function to help determine transit needs. KCAG is working on the Triennial Performance Audits for KCAG and the transit operators. Caltrans is modernizing their grant program efforts by placing them on their BlackCat electronic grant management system. Some grant programs include the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program; FTA 5310, which has a call for projects that is out and due to the grant system by March 2, 2022.

Terri King stated that CRRSAA funds are available for streets and road project based on formula and must be obligated and she will send out project list forms. The FY 20-21 TDA Financial and Compliance Audits are waiting on agencies to submit their information to the auditors in order to complete them before the end of March.

Lisa Dock said that the City of Hanford continues to work on the projects already programmed. She encouraged all in attendance to attend the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy workshop.

Angie Dow reported that ridership is increasing; however, they are dealing with occasional lack of available drivers due to Covid-19 exposure. Corcoran Area Transit and Kings Area Rural Transit will be meeting with Adventist Health representatives to help them understand the transit dependent patient community needs in rural areas. The multi-regional transit operators are seeking a grant to help improve transportation between all the affected communities. A memorandum of understanding is being developed to share drivers between transit operators to help fill-in when there is a need for drivers in other local regions. There will be a meeting with PG&E to help coordinate transit to help get residents affected by rolling blackout during extreme heat this summer to cooling locations. The Hanford Transit Center design is moving forward with the goal to start construction in January 2023 and complete construction in January 2024.

Kevin Tromborg stated that the City of Corcoran is experiencing a similar situation as KART regarding ridership and drivers. Corcoran was recently awarded a Sustainable Communities Strategies planning grant. The city has applied for a \$3.5 million Clean California grant for the beautification of Whitley Avenue. The grading portion of the Gateway Park project has started and over the next year, the park will reach completion.

David Padilla reported that the SR 41 and Stratford bridge replacement project is set to go into construction in September 2023 through March 2024. Caltrans received 32 grant applications for their Clean California program and applications were received from Corcoran and Hanford. It was asked if there was an update on the Caltrans Planning Grants. The reply was that awards will be announced in March.

Terri King stated KCAG submitted the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to program the first phase of the SR 198 and 9th Avenue interchange, for approximately \$4.5 million, but the California Transportation Commission staff responded that there were insufficient funds available to advance this amount of regional shares.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director