



MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 3:04 p.m., on May 25, 2022, in the Hanford City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA and via Zoom Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Neves, Jim Chaney, Alvaro Preciado via Zoom, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: David Padilla via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kalish Morrow, Sid Palmerin

STAFF PRESENT: Terri King, Joel Gandarilla, Jennifer Morales, Kayley Clay, Luiz Ledezma, Teresa Nickell

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. Unscheduled Appearances

Terri King introduced Kayley Clay and Luis Ledezma as new Regional Planners with KCAG.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of April 27, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Neves) to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes: Neves, Padilla, Preciado, Verboon
- Noes: None
- Absent: Morrow, Palmerin
- Abstain: Chaney

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG administers Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds available to Kings County and that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) must identify and review unmet transit needs pursuant to the TDA law. She reported that the City of Corcoran has not received unmet transit needs testimony, KCAG has not received comments at this time, and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) has received five unmet transit needs testimony for the Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) system. She reviewed the unmet transit needs testimony that was received and whether they were considered to be reasonable to meet. She noted that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will meet to assess all unmet transit needs received as public testimony and will make a recommendation on a finding and that KCAG has received TDA fund claims and other required documentation from all member agencies.

Commissioner Neves continued the Public Hearing that opened April 27, 2022. With no one coming forward and no further comment received, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Chaney) to have KCAG staff prepare for action at the June KCAG meeting of an unmet transit needs finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chaney, Neves, Padilla, Verboon
Noes: None
Absent: Morrow, Palmerin
Abstain: Preciado

2. Draft Triennial Performance Audit Reports

Teresa Nickell stated that every three years KCAG, as the regional transportation planning agency, is required to have a performance audit of its activities and the activities of each public transit operator that receives funds under Article 4 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA). KCAG selected the firm Moore & Associates to conduct the audits for KCAG, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and City of Corcoran for the triennial audit period of FY 2018/19 through 2020/21. A recommendation for acceptance of the final audit will be presented at the June meeting.

Kathy Moore of Moore & Associates presented the draft audit reports covering the audit process, compliance elements, findings and recommendations.

B. Caltrans Report

David Padilla reported on the Reconnecting Communities funding opportunities for \$1 million over five years and noted that the proposed Kettleman City roundabout is moving forward with an anticipated construction start date 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 May 25, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Neves) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on May 25, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Neves, Preciado, Verboon
Noes: None
Absent: Morrow, Palmerin
Abstain: Chaney

2. 2022 Department of Finance Population and Housing Estimates

Terri King reported that the California Department of Finance (DOF), Population Research Unit released the 2022 population estimates for Kings County and the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore. These population estimates incorporate 2020 census counts and overall, the total Kings County population has decreased slightly from the prior year estimates of 152,543 (2021) to 152,023 (2022) for a decrease of 0.34% (520 persons). The tables in the staff report detail the 2022 Department of Finance break down by jurisdiction, civilian population, housing estimate information for each jurisdiction, and a historical summary. She noted that these population figures will be used for budgeting purposes/

3. FY 2021-22 Third Quarter Financial Report

Jennifer Morales reported that each quarter, KCAG submits a quarterly report to Caltrans summarizing the expenditures and revenues for the fiscal year and a reimbursement request for federal funds expended. A total of \$192,615.39 in federal funds will be received as reimbursement for eligible activities. The attached report provides the budgeted versus actual expenditures and revenues of KCAG for FY 2021-22 Quarter 3 from the financial reporting system. Total expenditures for FY 2021-22 Quarter 3 were \$477,315.00 and total revenues received were \$83,358.34.

4. Legal Counsel Contract Term Extension

Terri King stated that KCAG entered into contract with Herr, Pedersen & Berglund, LLP for a period ending June 30, 2021, with the option, upon mutual agreement, to extend for four additional one year periods. KCAG has received excellent legal

services from Herr, Pedersen & Berglund, LLP, with Kris Pedersen serving as KCAG's General Counsel, while also maintaining access to all of the attorneys and experience of the firm. The current contract expires on June 30, 2022.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to approve the second one year extension option from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with Herr, Pedersen & Berglund, LLP to provide legal services for KCAG. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chaney, Neves, Preciado, Verboon
Noes: None
Absent: Morrow, Palmerin

5. San Joaquin Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC

Terri King reported that the in-person federal Valley Voice trip will take place September 19-22, 2022, with meetings on the 20th and 21st. Staff, in consultation with Jen Covino of Simon and Company, will be compiling a list of legislative and regulatory priority advocacy items for consideration that will be included in a Valley Voice brochure to participants and attendees. Local funds from member agencies have been budgeted in the KCAG FY 2022-23 Budget for activities such as this. The cost of the trip is estimated to be about \$1,800-\$1,900 per person depending on air fare. She noted that due to Capitol restrictions, the attendee limit is one commissioner and one staff per agency and that Commissioner Verboon has volunteered to attend. If approved, staff would come back with an agenda item in June to approve out of state travel for the Valley Voice trip.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Chaney) to approve the participation of Commissioner Verboon and KCAG staff to participate in the Valley Voice legislative trip in September 2022 to Washington D.C. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chaney, Neves, Preciado, Verboon
Noes: None
Absent: Morrow, Palmerin

6. Governor's Revised FY 2022-23 Transportation Budget Summary

Terri King said that The Governor has released his revised FY 2022-23 State Transportation Budget which include Active Transportation Program (\$1 billion), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$3.75 billion), Supply Chain/Ports/Freight Improvements (\$1.2 billion), Climate Adaptation Projects (\$400 million), Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program (\$150 million), Highway Safety Improvement Program (\$100 million), Fuel Tax "Holidays" (-\$523 Million and -\$600 Million, and Direct Payments to Vehicle Owners and Transit Subsidies (\$9 Billion and \$750 Million). The Legislature has until June 15 to pass a budget, which must be signed into law by the Governor by July 1.

7. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies FY22-23 Overall Work Program

Terri King presented the San Joaquin Valley's Regional Planning Agencies' FY22-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) for projects throughout the Valley. The OWP includes work objectives that cover mayor highways and interstates, joint funding strategies, interregional goods movements, air quality transportation planning,

sustainable communities strategies, regional transportation plans, relationship development with agencies, valley voice advocacy, valley wide modeling plan, and other valley wide activities.

8. Valleywide Meeting Agendas

Terri King outlined the scheduled meetings for the San Joaquin's Joint Powers Authority. Commissioner Verboon summarized some of the highlights and decisions from previously attended meetings and noted that the business plan and update agreements for vending machines was approved, and grant funding for Merced Track Connection was approved.

Terri King noted that the Chair of the Regional Policy Council requested a special meeting for two items to oppose AB 2550, and discuss the draft AB 285 report, which already has legislation moving forward to approve the recommendations that reduces or eliminates local control of transportation funding.

9. San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Workshop

Terri King presented the flyer for the Regional Early Action Planning grants workshop. She noted that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) methodology is being developed by the consultant and that the RHNA helps establish the land needed to reach housing needs projected by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. KCAG Employee Compensation

Terri King stated that each year KCAG adopts a budget for the next year which includes employee salaries and benefits. During a closed session discussion at last month's special meeting for a public employee performance evaluation review of the KCAG Executive Director and to conference with the labor negotiator, direction from the KCAG commission to the KCAG labor negotiator was to have KCAG staff prepare for KCAG Commission action, a resolution to approve a salary and benefits package for the KCAG Executive Director that included and salary increase of 7.5%, effective the first pay period in FY 2022-23.

During the closed session discussion to conference with the KCAG labor negotiator to present the proposed changes to the compensation salary and benefit package for Unrepresented Employees and management, direction from the KCAG Commission to the KCAG labor negotiator was to have KCAG staff prepare for KCAG Commission action, a resolution to approve a salary and benefits package for Unrepresented Employees and Management that included a salary increase of 5%, effective the first pay period in FY 2022-23.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Chaney) to adopt Resolution No. 22-01 to approve a salary and benefits package for the KCAG Executive Director to include a salary increase of 7.5%, effective June 27, 2022, the first pay period (#14) of FY 2022-23. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chaney, Neves, Preciado, Verboon
Noes: None
Absent: Morrow, Palmerin

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Chaney) to adopt Resolution No. 22-02 to approve a salary and benefits package for Unrepresented Employees and Management to include a salary increase of 5%, effective June 27, 2022, the first pay period (#14) of FY 2022-23. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chaney, Neves, Preciado, Verboon
Noes: None
Absent: Morrow, Palmerin

B. Closed Session

The Closed session to discuss Performance Review – Executive Director was tabled for a later date.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King outlined some of the items for next month's meeting which include resolutions for the FY 22-23 Transportation Development Act regarding unmet transit needs findings, apportionments and allocations of the Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance; final performance audits; out of state travel request; the election of Chair and Vice Chair; RHNA methodology public hearing; and rescheduled closed session items. She noted that the Central California Household Travel survey is underway and that KCAG has received the preliminary draft report for the Regional Corridor Needs Study.

C. Commissioner Comments

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for May 25, 2022

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director