



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 3:05 p.m., on June 22, 2022, in the Hanford City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA and via Zoom Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kalish Morrow, Joe Neves, David Orth, Sid Palmerin, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: David Padilla via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Alvaro Preciado

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder, Cynthia Baruch via zoom, Dominic Tyburski via zoom

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of May 25, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Neves) to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Resolutions

Teresa Nickell stated that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) presented its recommendation to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee concerning potential unmet transit needs in Kings County for FY 2022-23. The City of Corcoran, the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and KCAG have held separate public hearings for public testimony regarding unmet transit needs as required by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). She reviewed the five requests to KCAPTA that were received during the public hearing process for Kings County. KCAG staff concurs with the recommendation letter by the SSTAC to the KCAG TPC with the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kings County.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Morrow) to adopt Resolution No. 22-07 approving the determination that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kings County. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Verboon) to adopt Resolution No. 22-08 approving the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2022-23 Local Transportation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to adopt Resolution No. 22-09 approving the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2022-23 State Transit Assistance fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Final 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-through 2020-21. The draft Triennial Performance Audits were presented last month and the final audit reports have been received.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Verboon) to accept the final Triennial Performance Audit reports for KCAG, KCAPTA, and City of Corcoran for submittal to Caltrans. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

Terri King stated that every four years KCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and that California Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) requires that the 2022 RTP include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as an integrated element of the plan to explain how the region will meet the California Air Resources Board (ARB) established emission reduction targets for Greenhouse Gases (GHG) from passenger vehicles and light duty trucks. As for KCAG in this RTP/SCS cycle, the GHG emission reduction targets are 5% for 2020 and 13% for 2035. In the SCS, KCAG is required to identify the preferred scenario that reflects the region's best interest in future development and meets the GHG emission reduction targets. KCAG staff, working with local agencies, explored various strategies to not only contribute to reducing GHG emissions, but also are practical to be deployed in the highly rural setting of Kings County. The strategies are summarized into five categories: land use, mobility improvement, operational improvements, active transportation, public transit, and alternative fuel vehicles. The RTP/SCS public workshops series are aimed to foster the general public's better understanding of RTP/SCS and provide opportunities for them to be engaged in the integrated land use and transportation planning process, and to solicit feedback regarding the RTP/SCS scenarios.

Terri King stated that in order to facilitate the adoption and submittal of the 2022 RTP/SCS, Environmental Impact Report, 2022 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis before the September 30, 2022, deadline, special meetings of the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee will need to be scheduled, and the recommended dates are August 10, 2022, and September 14, 2022.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Morrow) to schedule special meetings for the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on August 10, 2022, and September 14, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Caltrans Report

David Padilla reported that Caltrans is in the process of nominating projects for the Reconnecting Communities grant funding opportunities and that for Kings County they are nominating the SR 198 and 9th Avenue interchange project. There is an additional Safe Streets and Roads grant program for local agencies. Letters of support may be requested from Caltrans. Regarding the Caltrans projects, the Kettleman City roundabout project is in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase with construction anticipated to start in 2024; the SR 41 Excelsior Expressway is in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase with construction to start in 2025; and there is a project on I-5 near the Kern and Kings County Line.

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 June 22, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on June 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Authorize Out of State Travel for San Joaquin Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC

Terri King reported that the San Joaquin Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC will be in person this year and will take place September 19-22, 2022 with meetings on the 20th and 21st. At the KCAG Commission's May 25, 2022 meeting, approval for Commissioner Doug Verboon and the Executive Director, Terri King to participate in the 2022 trip on behalf of Kings County was provided.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to authorize out of state travel for the Executive Director to participate in the 2022 Valley Voice Washington D.C. trip on September 19-22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Valleywide Meeting Agendas

Terri King summarized the topics for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council meeting on Friday, June 24, 2022, and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing meeting the say day.

4. Election of new Officers

Terri King opened the nominations for new officers. Commissioner Palmerin asked if the nomination had to take place on a yearly basis. The reply was that the KCAG Bylaws require yearly nominations.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to nominate Joe Neves as Chair for the KCAG Commission, to close nominations, and elect as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to nominate Sid Palmerin as Vice-chair for the KCAG Commission, to close nominations and elect as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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 announced the open recruitment to fill the vacant Fiscal Analyst position and outlined some of the items for next month's KCAG Commission meeting.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Morrow mentioned an email alert from the California League of Cities regarding a legislative bill of concern, AB 2237 (Friedman).

Commissioner Orth reported on the efforts to assist with the Little League Regional State tournament in Lemoore.

Commissioner Verboon stated that water has reached the Kings River and other waterways in our area for an eight to ten week run for the benefit of our community.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for June 27, 2022

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director