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# MEETING

**Agenda:** Kings County Association of Governments  
Technical Advisory Committee

**Place:** In-Person  
Kings County Association of Governments  
339 W. D Street, Suite B  
Lemoore, CA 93245

**Zoom Meeting**  
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**Time:** 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2022

**KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL**

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**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2022.**



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 8, 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, June 8, 2022, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore  
Cynthia Baruch, NAS Lemoore  
Mary Beatie, City of Hanford (1:44pm)  
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development  
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6  
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings, Public Works  
Kevin Tromborg, City of Corcoran, Community Development

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** John Douglas, Consultant; Liliana Stransky, Kings County Environmental Health.

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

Terri King introduced two new KCAG Regional Planner staff members; Kayley Clay and Luis Ledezma.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Tromborg / Dow) to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION

**A. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Resolutions**

Teresa Nickell stated that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) presents its recommendation to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) concerning potential unmet transit needs in Kings County for Fiscal Year 2022-23. She reviewed the five requests to the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) that were received during the public hearing process for Kings County.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Bailey) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 22-07 approving the determination that there are no unmet transit that are reasonable to meet; Resolution No. 22-08 to approve the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2022-23 Local Transportation Fund; and Resolution No. 22-09 to approve the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2022-23 State Transit Assistance fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. 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 the triennial period of FY 2018/19 through 2020/21. The auditors offer no findings or recommendations for the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA). The City of Corcoran's audit report offers several recommendations for the City Transit Division, including that the City's auditor ensure the TDA fiscal audit can be completed within a 90-day extension. The auditors offer two findings or recommendations for KCAG.

Kevin Tromborg wanted to clarify that the City of Corcoran has never been late on completing the audit within a 90-day extension. The reply was that the late reference was likely in reference to the legislative date of December 31 date versus the 90-day extension date of March 31 and that there were no findings for noncompliance for the City of Corcoran; only recommendations.

It was moved and seconded (Tromborg / Dow) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee accept the final Triennial Performance Audit reports for KCAG, KCAPTA, and City of Corcoran for submittal to Caltrans. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

**A. Preliminary Draft 2022 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology**

Terri King introduced John Douglas, RHNA Consultant, to provide the staff report. Mr. Douglas reported that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a requirement in state housing laws to accommodate for growth on an eight-year cycle. This is a three-step process, 1) to identify the region, 2) develop the methodology for allocating shares of the region, 3) provide the jurisdictions in the region with the total housing needs assigned to them. Currently KCAG is developing the draft RHNA methodology. The four-year update to the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) is also in progress, and that regarding housing, state law requires KCAG to use similar assumptions in their housing planning that are used in transportation planning. RHNA allocations are generally higher due to a change in statewide methodology triggered by a perceived housing crisis. As part of the RHNA Plan, KCAG is responsible for developing a proposed methodology for distributing regional housing need to each Kings County member jurisdiction consistent with the total regional housing need of 9,429 additional housing units as determined by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Terri King reported that KCAG staff is working on the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) amendments 8 and 9 for FTA and CMAQ funded project changes; KCAG is willing to provide letters of support for Active Transportation Program grant applications; KCAG staff is working on the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy,

Draft 2023 FTIP, and the associated Air Quality Conformity Document; KCAG Consultants are working on scheduling workshops for the Sustainable Communities Strategy; the draft report for the Regional Corridor Needs Study can be requested on CD or hard copy and that comments are due; and the flyers for the Central Valley Household Travel Survey has been distributed and that more responses are needed for Kings County.

Angie Dow stated that KART received a grant to fund the \$20 Quarter Pass; the KCAPTA Board approved allowing accompanied children under 12 to ride for free with a paid adult rider; the “Go-KART” program is being deployed via an Uber service; and noted that there are electric vehicle charging infrastructure funding opportunities through the California Energy Commission.

Cynthia Baruch reported that she is working on comments for Chapter 7 of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

David Padilla stated that Caltrans is releasing a call for projects for the Reconnecting Communities Program grant this summer and that Caltrans District 6 will be nominating the SR 198 and 9th Ave. interchange project for funding, as well as a planning grant for the Kettleman City Overcrossing project. He noted that Caltrans is reviewing the Draft Regional Corridor Needs Study and will provide comments and requested that KCAG forward to them the household travel survey for Kings County to assist with distribution; and that Caltrans nominated SR198 as an Alternative Fuel Corridor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director



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TO: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee  
FROM: Terri King, Executive Director  
DATE: July 13, 2022

SUBJECT: Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Finding

### Introduction

The Kings County Association of Governments, as the state recognized Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Kings County Region, is required by Title 23 United States Code (USC) §134 to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), based on the latest available information provided by Caltrans, each city, and the county, every four years.

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.

California Government Code §65080 et seq., the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), require the preparation of an accompanying environmental document that addresses the cumulative environmental impacts of the projects and programs contained in the RTP.

As the MPO for the Kings Region, KCAG is required to biennially adopt and maintain through amendments and modifications a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as part of the formal process of applying for federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Projects requiring federal funding, a federal action, or projects that are considered regionally significant must be included in the FTIP.

As a MPO in a National Ambient Air Quality Standard Non-attainment region; The Clean Air Act Section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR 93 Subpart A), KCAG is also required to demonstrate conformity to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) before the RTP and TIP are approved by the MPO or accepted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

KCAG staff has prepared the required documents for 2022 as follows:

### ***Draft 2022 RTP /SCS***

The RTP is the region's blueprint for future transportation improvements and investments based on specific transportation goals, objectives, and policies as defined by the community and its elected officials.

The RTP discusses major transportation issues of the San Joaquin Valley and the Kings County region including state highways, routes of regional significance, public transit, railroads, aviation facilities, non-motorized facilities, transportation systems management, and transportation control measures.

The Four Elements of the RTP are the:

The Policy Element, which describes the transportation issues and identifies the transportation needs of the region. It also identifies the policies developed by the region to meet the needs;

The Action Element identifies the short and long term activities that the region will implement to affect the policies and in turn meet the regional transportation needs; and

The Financial Element, which describes the current and anticipated revenue sources and the financial techniques that the region will employ to be able to implement the action element.

The Sustainable Communities Strategy demonstrates how the region will meet the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets established by ARB through integrated land use/transportation planning process, coupled with a series of off-model strategies. Four SCS scenarios were proposed and are being presented to the public and the Stakeholder Advisory Group. A comprehensive public outreach program was implemented to solicit public input. Each of the scenarios meet the GHG emission reduction targets to varying degrees utilizing various strategies.

#### *Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)*

California environmental law requires an environmental document prepared to accompany the development of the RTP. The environmental document must evaluate, on a program level, the potential impacts of the projects listed in the RTP. The environmental document prepared for the 2022 RTP is an Environmental Impact Report and will evaluate the RTP projects and their potential impacts on various environmental issues in Kings County.

#### *The 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)*

The FTIP is a financially constrained multimodal transportation program developed by KCAG through its member agencies and in cooperation with State and Federal agencies. Served as the incremental implementation mechanism for the long-range Regional Transportation Plan, the FTIP is composed of two major parts. The first is a priority list of projects and project phases to be carried out in each year of the four year period after the initial adoption of the FTIP. The second is a financial plan that demonstrates how the FTIP can be implemented. The financial plan is also required to indicate all public and private resources and financing techniques that are expected to be used to carry out the plan.

#### *Air Quality Conformity Document*

Kings County is part of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, a non-attainment area for several emissions pollutants and fine particle dust. Each transportation project included in the RTP must be evaluated for its potential to exacerbate the air quality in the region. The Air Quality Conformity evaluates the projects through the use of air quality software developed by the California Air Resources Board. The projects in the RTP and FTIP must pass the air quality conformity limits (budgets) in order for the Kings County Region to continue to deliver projects.

### Public Review and Adoption

The requirement of public review and comment period for different documents varies: 55 days are required for the RTP/SCS, 45 days for the EIR, and 30 days for the FTIP and the Air Quality Conformity document. To fulfill these requirements, the Draft 2022 RTP/SCS was released on July 7, 2022, and the EIR, FTIP and the Air Quality conformity documents will be released on July 15, 2022.

Two public hearings are scheduled, one of which will take place at the August 10, 2022 KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meeting to consider comments on all documents and an additional public hearing will be conducted on August 24, 2022 to consider comments on the Draft 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Presentations on the draft RTP/SCS are being provided to each City Council and the Board of Supervisors. Three public workshops to present the Draft 2022 RTP and SCS scenarios to receive additional public comment and feedback on the preferred scenario are scheduled for July 19 in Avenal, July 20 in Hanford, and a virtual workshop on July 21.

The adoption of all the documents are scheduled for the September 14, 2022 KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

### Recommendation

KCAG staff recommends that the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Finding be reviewed and comments provided before the closing dates.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, THE DRAFT 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, CORRESPONDING DRAFT CONFORMITY  
ANALYSIS, AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Transportation Policy Committee will hold a public hearing on August 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the City of Hanford, City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, regarding the Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2023 FTIP), the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2022 RTP/SCS), the corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on these documents.

- The 2023 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Kings County during the next four years.
- The public notice also satisfies the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program, Section 5307. If no comments are received on the proposed POP, the proposed transit program (funded with FTA Section 5307 dollars) will be the final program.
- The 2022 RTP/SCS is a long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy to meet Kings County's transportation needs out to the year 2046.
- The EIR document provides an analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of the RTP/SCS as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.
- The corresponding Conformity Analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS meet the air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter.

Individuals with disabilities may call KCAG staff at 559-852-2654 (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

An additional public hearing will be held to receive public comments on the Draft 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), on August 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the City of Hanford, City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA.

The public review and comment period for each of the documents are as follows:

- 55 days commencing on July 7, 2022 and ending on August 30, 2022 for the Draft 2022 RTP/SCS;
- 45 days commencing on July 15, 2022 and ending on August 29, 2022 for the Draft EIR.
- 30 days commencing on July 15, 2022 and ending on August 15, 2022 for Draft 2023 FTIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

The draft documents are available for review at the KCAG office, located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA and on KCAG's website at [www.kingscog.org](http://www.kingscog.org).

Public comments are welcomed at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the dates shown above to staff identified below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee at a special meeting to be held on September 14, 2022. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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## Preview Plans for Regional Transportation Investments

**IN-PERSON WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, July 19**

**6:30 – 8:00pm**

*Avenal Theater  
233 E. Kings St.  
Avenal, CA*

**IN-PERSON WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, July 20**

**6:30 – 8:00pm**

*Training Room,  
Administrative Offices  
Hanford City Hall  
319 N. Douty St.  
Hanford, CA*

**VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, July 21**

**6:30 – 8:00pm**

**SCAN HERE TO JOIN:**



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**TO:** KCAG Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Terri King, KCAG Executive Director  
**DATE:** July 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan Methodology

### Introduction

KCAG is required by State law to prepare a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan that our member agencies will use in preparing their individual Housing Element updates. As part of the RHNA Plan, KCAG is responsible for developing a proposed methodology for distributing regional housing need to each Kings County member jurisdiction consistent with the total regional housing need of 9,429 additional housing units as determined by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The RHNA Plan is expected to be completed by January 2023. The due date for member agencies to adopt their next Housing Element updates is tentatively expected to be January 31, 2024.

### Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan Process

Preparation of the RHNA Plan commenced in February of this year. KCAG staff and consultants have been coordinating closely with the RHNA Advisory Committee, which includes member agencies' Planning or Public Works Directors, to prepare a methodology for allocating shares of the regional total housing need to each jurisdiction consistent with the requirements of State law. At its June meeting the RHNA Committee reviewed a preliminary draft methodology. Subsequently HCD provided informal recommendations to KCAG regarding the preliminary RHNA methodology and revised growth forecast data used for the RTP also became available. A revised RHNA methodology has been prepared incorporating this new information. The revised preliminary draft RHNA methodology is based on the following factors:

- Projected housing and employment growth
- Housing vacancy rates
- Opportunity scores determined by State HCD and the Tax Credit Allocation Committee

One of the important requirements of State law is that the RHNA Plan be consistent with the development pattern reflected in the RTP. The draft RHNA methodology furthers this requirement by using the same population and employment forecast as the 2022 RTP update.

The revised draft RHNA methodology will be reviewed at the July 13 RHNA Committee meeting. A public hearing must then be conducted by the KCAG Commission to receive public comments on the draft methodology. After any appropriate revisions based upon comments received, KCAG must then submit the draft methodology to HCD for formal 60-day review. After receiving HCD's comments, the KCAG Commission will consider approval of the final methodology with an opportunity for appeals by any jurisdiction. The KCAG Commission is the final decision-maker on appeals and the adoption of the final RHNA Plan.

KCAG will continue to work closely with our member agencies throughout the remainder of the RHNA process. The RHNA Advisory Committee generally meets each month immediately following the TAC meetings.

### Recommendation

KCAG staff provides this as an informational item.