



# 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 3:12 p.m., on August 10, 2022, in the Hanford City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA and via Zoom.

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

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Sandra Scherr

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Alvaro Preciado

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Absent

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder; Jim Damkowitch, consultant via Zoom

### A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

### B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

### C. Minutes

#### 1. Minutes of July 27, 2022

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

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

## II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

### A. General Transportation Items

1. Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, Draft Environmental Impact Report, Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Terri King stated that KCAG has released the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for their respective public review and comment periods. At today's TPC meeting there will be a public hearing for all the aforementioned documents and on August 24, 2022, there will be a public hearing for the Sustainable Communities Strategy. In the agenda packet is a summary of these documents.

Commissioner Neves opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Draft Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis. With no one coming forward Commissioner Neves closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Verboon asked if the public hearing would be open until August 24, 2022. The reply was that the public hearing for all, but the Sustainable Communities Strategy has closed. However, the comment period for all documents is still open.

Commissioner Neves encouraged Commissioners present to share the SCS document with others who may have an interest in the document.

2. Draft 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenarios

Terri King stated that a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) was developed with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to meet the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets of 13% from baseline set by the Air Resources Board (ARB). She noted that the agenda packet contained the SCS Chapter and the Appendix with documentation related to the SCS. She introduced Jim Damkowitz of the consulting team to present the alternative scenarios developed for the SCS.

Jim Damkowitz provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the four possible scenarios that included: A) Current trend consistent with local agencies general plans that potentially attains a 13.1% reduction; B) Current trend and residential infill projects that potentially attains a 13.5% reduction; C) Current trend plus less aggressive investments that potentially attains a 17.9% reduction, and D) Current trend plus more aggressive investment that potentially attains a 18.3% reduction. Although there are several GHG reduction projects taking place in Kings County, each scenario aims to take credit for these programs at differing levels.

Commissioner Verboon inquired about obtaining credit for broadband and High-Speed Rail. The reply was that the commission may select a preferred scenario while not claiming credit at this time for other measures potentially coming to fruition in Kings County. The study identified potential funding sources totaling \$1.8 billion over the next 20 to 25 years. Based on the potential of Kings County

receiving funding, the investment is projected to be around \$1.4 billion over the same period. There was additional discussion regarding other measures where possible credit may be taken.

Terri King explained the process of submitting the adopted SCS with the preferred scenario and data table to the ARB, where there will be a lengthy iteration to explain and verify the emission reductions from included projects and programs prior to their acceptance of the SCS.

Terri King reported that the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee recommended Scenario A as the preferred scenario. Following further discussion, the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee directed KCAG Staff to select Scenario A as the preferred scenario for inclusion in the final SCS.

**B. Caltrans Report**

Sandra Scherr stated there was nothing to report on at this time.

**C. Correspondence**

None.

**D. Staff Comments**

Terri King reported that there is a San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) workshop scheduled for August 30, 2022; and there are still EV charger rebates available for Kings County to cover up to 75% of the project cost through CALeVIP.org

**E. Commissioner Comments**

None.

**III. KCAG COMMISSION**

**A. General Commissioner Items**

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on August 10, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on August 10, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

None.

**B. Staff Comments**

Terri King provided a summary of agenda items for the next meeting that included the SCS scenario selection; State of Good Repair project approval list; and closed session.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

None

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

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director