



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 3:00 p.m., on August 24, 2022, in the Hanford City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA and via Zoom.

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

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Navarro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kalish Morrow, Alvaro Preciado

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

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

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of August 10, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2022, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. Draft 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenarios

Terri King stated that the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) were presented last month, and a public hearing was opened, which continues today. The 2022 RTP/SCS will show how the Kings region will meet the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets set by the Air Resources Board (ARB). At the July meeting, as part of the SCS, four scenarios were presented and today the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee will be asked to select a preferred scenario.

Jim Damkowitch 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.

Commissioner Neves continued the public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the SCS. With no one coming forward, Commissioner Neves closed the public hearing.

Terri King reported that the four scenarios were also presented to the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee and to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and that these committees recommended Scenario A as the preferred scenario for the final 2022 RTP and SCS to the KCAG Commission.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to approve Scenario A as the preferred scenario for the final 2022 RTP and SCS. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair Program Projects List

Teresa Nickell stated that the State of Good Repair (SGR) Program is one of several programs from Senate Bill (SB) 1 that provides about \$105 million in annual proceeds to transit operators in California. Funds in this account are appropriated annually by the state to the State Controllers Office for allocation in accordance with Public Utilities Code (PUC) formula distributions of the State Transit Assistance Program. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency's (KCAPTA) FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$208,799 and Corcoran's FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$35,345.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to adopt Resolution No. 22-10 approving the distribution of the FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair Program allocations for the transit projects included in the regional FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair Program Project List. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Caltrans Report

Michael Navarro reported on upcoming grant deadlines. He also reported on the following projects: Caltrans continues to work with Avenal on their Clean California Project; the SR 41 and Kettleman City roundabout continues in the right of way phase; SR 41 and Stratford Bridge replacement is still delayed by one year; Construction activity continues on SR 198 between 12th Avenue and SR 43; Roadway rehabilitation project on SR 41 in Stratford to Nevada Avenue to start in November 2024; Kettleman City pavement rehabilitation from Quail Avenue to Nevada Avenue with construction anticipated to start next year. He noted that Caltrans will attend the Kettleman City public safety event in October to get some feedback.

Commissioner Verboon asked how to submit a claim for wheel damage sustained on SR 198. The reply was that there is a Caltrans Claims Office for such purposes.

An update was requested regarding ongoing patch road work on SR198 between 12th Avenue and SR 43, and sidewalk buckling on top of the 12th Avenue and SR 198 overcrossing. Caltrans will investigate and report back.

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 August 24, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on August 24, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Regional Early Action Planning Workshop

Terri King presented information regarding the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) activities, noted the next webinar discussing Annexations, and information on available grants to support housing.

B. Adjourn to Closed Session: 3:35pm

1. Closed Session for the Discussion of the Following:

Conference with Labor Negotiator: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]
KCAG Negotiator: Kris Pedersen, General Legal Counsel

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King said that KCAG staff has a meeting with the City of Hanford regarding a proposal to submit a grant for the SR 198 and 9th Avenue interchange; the next KCAG Commissioner special meeting is September 14, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.; the Valley Voice Trip is scheduled for September 19 and 20, 2022, in Washington, DC with more information to follow. Commissioner Verboon will be scheduling meetings during the Valley Voice Trip regarding water issues.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Palmerin stated that Corcoran is having their last farmers market this Friday, that work continues on the Gateway Park in Corcoran, and on September 15, 2022, there will be an event to honor the late Ray Lerma.

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 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director