



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Valerie Bega, City of Corcoran  
Lisa Dock, City of Hanford  
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6  
Randon Reeder, City of Lemoore  
Jim Ross, City of Hanford  
Liliana Stransky, Kings County Environmental Health

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Jim Damkowitch, DKS Associates; Eric VonBerg, Rincon

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Stransky) to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION

**A. Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy EIR**

Terri King stated that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the development of a long-range planning, policy, action, and financial document. CEQA also requires that an environmental document accompany the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The 2022 RTP covers a 26-year period from 2022 to 2046 and is an update of the 2018 RTP. The programs, plans, and projects in this document are inclusive of the entire area of Kings County; the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore, as well as the unincorporated communities of the County. Capital improvement projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) are located on state highways, county roads and locally owned streets. The RTP/SCS reflects changes in legislative requirements, local land use policies, and resource constraints. Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2022 RTP/SCS was initiated in October 2021. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR was sent to the State Clearinghouse, Kings

County Clerk Recorder's Office and other public agencies and organizations in accordance with CEQA Guidelines. The EIR identified a few significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics (alteration of visual character), air quality (re-entrained dust), agriculture (conversion of agricultural lands), biological resources (wildlife movement), cultural resources (historic resources), geology and soils (disturbance of paleontological resources), and land use (conversion of agricultural lands). All other environmental issue areas were determined to be either significant but mitigable or less than significant. A copy of the proposed Final EIR and CEQA Findings can be found on the KCAG website at: [https://www.kingscog.org/2022rtp\\_update](https://www.kingscog.org/2022rtp_update).

It was moved and seconded (Bega / Dow) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee Certify the Final EIR for the 2022 RTP/SCS with the adoption of Resolution No. 22-11. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, Final 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Final Air Quality Conformity Analysis**

Terri King stated that every four years KCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which includes a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). KCAG released the draft documents in July for public review and comment. KCAG received two comment letters from Caltrans and the California Air Resources Board, which have been addressed in the final RTP and SCS with modifications where appropriate and responses from KCAG. The 2022 RTP/SCS will be presented to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee for approval on September 14, 2022. A copy of the proposed final 2022 RTP/SCS, and associated documents, can be found on the KCAG website. A copy of the proposed Final Air Quality Conformity analysis for the 2022 RTP/SCS and 2023 FTIP is attached to the agenda packet.

Lisa Dock asked if the FTIP can be updated to include future projects. The reply was that applications that have not yet been approved do not need to be included, but that after a project is approved for funding then the project can be included in an amendment.

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Bega) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the Final 2022 RTP/SCS, Final 2023 FTIP, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis with the adoption of Resolution No. 22-12. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

A. None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Terri King reported that the next workshop for the Regional Early Action Planning activities is scheduled for October 18, 2022, regarding implementation of Accessory Dwelling Units. The agenda for the Valley Voice trip is available in the KCAG Commission agenda packet online.

Lisa Dock said that the City of Hanford applied for a \$3million grant for the grade separation project at Grangeville Blvd. and BNSF rail crossing. City of Hanford staff met with elected officials regarding the BNSF grant application to review and provide comments; Hanford awarded the Lacey Blvd. pedestrian facility and traffic signal at 9th Ave. to QK; the new Acting Public Works Director is Jim Ross.

Angie Dow stated that due to the potential railroad strike transportation services, KART will be impacted.

David Padilla said that the second cycle of the Clean California grants will be released soon, the next cycle of sustainable planning grants will be released soon, and technical assistance will be available for grant applications.

Jim Ross introduced himself to the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee.

Teresa Nickell stated that the RFP for the Kings County Transit Needs Assessment Study is available on the KCAG website.

Kayley Clay stated that the RFP for the Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Plan for KART and Corcoran City Transit regarding fuel cell or battery-operated buses is available on the KCAG website.

Luis Ledezma stated the KCAG Staff has met with other MPO's regarding the Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 Program and would like to work with the local agencies to determine the projects or programs to use the funds.

Terri King said KCAG is working with the County of Kings Community Development regarding the funding for the contract for the Multi Jurisdictional Housing Elements.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director