



# 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 3:01 p.m., on September 14, 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, Sid Palmerin, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Absent

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: David Orth, Alvaro Preciado

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Angie Dow, KCAPTA; Kings County Public Works via Zoom

### A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

### B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

### C. Minutes

#### 1. Minutes of August 24, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2022, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

## II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

### A. General Transportation Items

1. Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Environmental Impact Report

Terri King reported that KCAG is required to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) every four years. Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2022 RTP/SCS was initiated in October 2021 with a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR sent to the State Clearinghouse, Kings County Clerk Recorder's Office and other public agencies and organizations in accordance with CEQA Guidelines. A scoping meeting was held on November 3, 2021 and no comments were received during the scoping meeting; however, four comment letters regarding preparation of the EIR were submitted from Caltrans, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Native American Heritage Commission, and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. A summary and response to those letters is included in the final proposed EIR. The EIR identified a few significant and unavoidable impacts related to environmental issues. All other environmental issue areas were determined to be either significant but mitigable or less than significant. On July 15, 2022, KCAG staff released the Draft EIR for public review and comment and one letter was received from Caltrans. This letter, along with a response to the letter has been provided in the final EIR along with a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. In addition to the Final EIR, CEQA Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations have been developed.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Morrow) to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy with the adoption of Resolution No. 22-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy, 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Terri King stated that California Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) requires that the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). KCAG staff initiated the 2022 RTP/SCS development process in early 2021 with the establishment of a Stakeholder Advisory Group and an updated Public Participation Plan for public outreach related activities to solicit public input for the RTP/SCS. On August 24, 2022, the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee selected Scenario A – Current Trend Land Use with Tier I Capital Improvement Program List as the preferred scenario of the SCS to carry forward in the final RTP/SCS and Environmental Impact Report. Public hearings were held on August 10, 2022 and on August 24, 2022 for the draft 2022 RTP/SCS. 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.

Terri King stated that KCAG, as a federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Kings County, is required to biennially adopt a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as part of the formal process in applying for federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). KCAG received comments from Caltrans on the 2023 FTIP and all comments received have been responded to and necessary changes have been incorporated into the Final 2023 FTIP.

Terri King stated that an Air Quality Conformity analysis is required to assure that the 2022 RTP and 2023 FTIP meets the air quality plans and budgets established by the State Implementation Plan (SIP). No comments were received on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Morrow) to 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 by the following vote:

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

**B. Caltrans Report**

None.

**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 September 14, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on September 14, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. 2022 San Joaquin Valley Voice Washington D.C. Agenda

Terri King reported on the San Joaquin Valley Voice Washington, DC trip that KCAG Executive Director, Terri King and KCAG Commissioner Doug Verboon will be participating and summarized the agenda for the meetings. Commissioner Verboon stated he will be participating in meetings regarding local water issues.

4. FY 2021-22 Fourth Quarter and Year-End Financial Reports

Terri King presented the FY 2021-22 Fourth Quarter report submitted to Caltrans for reimbursement. The total expenditures for salaries and direct expenses reported during the Fourth Quarter were \$414,154 and a total of \$300,957 in federal funds was received as reimbursement for eligible activities. Caltrans approved an indirect cost rate of 301.91% for FY 2021-22 for which KCAG requested reimbursement. Total indirect costs for FY 2021-22 were \$543,792 and a total of \$360,166 in federal funds were received as reimbursement. For the year end, total expenditures reported during FY 2021-22 were \$1,411,251 and a total of \$982,893 in federal funds were received as received as reimbursement for eligible activities. The total expenditure billed to the local agencies was \$15,472. Total expenditures for FY 2021-22 based on the agency's financial reporting system were \$1,539,777 and total revenues received were \$1,080,064.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

None.

**B. Staff Comments**

Terri King summarized KCAG activities such as the Valleywide efforts for the Regional Early Action Plan with a workshop on October 18, 2022 regarding Implementing Accessory Dwelling Units, and reported that Requests for Proposals from consultants for the Transportation Need Assessment Study and Zero Emission and Bus Infrastructure were released.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Morrow reported that Hanford's Thursday night Farmers' Market has been extended to the end of October 2022; and Dutch Brothers is joining the fundraiser program this weekend.

Commissioner Palmerin reported that Corcoran's Cotton Parade is scheduled for October 1, 2022, followed by an additional event at the YMCA. There was some discussion regarding the impact of the railroad union strike on Corcoran's transportation services and contingency plans.

Commissioner Neves reported that CalVans is considering separating their base operations from the County of Kings and moving out of their current location in Hanford. There was some discussion regarding the direction the County of Kings may pursue to implement a van pool service and discussed the process for separation of KCAG from CalVans by July 1, 2023. Commissioner Neves noted that the September 28, 2022 meeting has been cancelled.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for October 26, 2022**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director