



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Valerie Bega, City of Corcoran  
Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Taylor Dihel, City of Hanford Public Works  
Chuck Kinney, Kings County Community Development  
Frank Rivera, City of Lemoore  
Sandra Scherr, Caltrans District 6  
Crystal Schister, City of Lemoore  
Kevin Tromborg, City of Corcoran  
Dominic Tyburski, Kings County Public Works

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Noelle Tomlinson, Kings County Community Development;  
John Douglas, Consultant

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Tyburski / Kinney) to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**A. Social Service Transportation Advisory Council Appointments**

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG has the responsibility to appoint members to the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) from a broad representation of social service and transit providers representing the elderly, the disabled, and persons of limited means. KCAG has received four new membership applications related to specific areas of expertise and eligibility for the TPC to consider. These are Barbara Lemos, Anthony Yun, Rebecca Donabed, and Tony Young. The SSTAC is scheduled to meet January 26, 2023, for new members to be introduced and provided an overview of roles and responsibilities.

It was moved and seconded (Tromborg / Tyburski) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the reappointment of four members and the appointment of four new members to serve three-year terms on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. FFY 2021-22 Annual Federal Funds Obligation Report**

Kaley Clay reported that Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) make available an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the proceeding federal fiscal year. During FFY 2021-22, member agencies and state agencies obligated approximately \$4 million, and \$2 million de-obligated, for streets, roads, and highway projects and \$1.5 for transit projects within Kings County. Of the total obligations, \$522,157 was for active transportation projects. De-obligated funds are from the close-out of previously obligated projects and does not necessarily represent a project was cancelled.

**C. Final KART Fixed Route Schedule Study**

Teresa Nickell stated that in December 2022, KCAG's consultant, Transportation Management & Design, Inc. (TMD), presented the Draft Kings Area Regional Transit (KART) Fixed Route Schedule Study to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and to the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) for public comment. Public participation efforts were comprised of onboard and online surveys, college-focused survey, a website with interactive map, virtual public workshops, interviews and questionnaires with stakeholders comprised of Hanford residents and members from social service providers, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and local jurisdictions. The realignment of the bus network would include expanded fixed route services for riders with new strategic bus schedules and route alignments to provide safe and reliable service, while providing passenger connectivity to downtown and area locations, to commuter routes, paratransit service, and Amtrak, and eventually to the future Cross Valley Rail and California High Speed Rail station in east Hanford. No public comments were received. It was asked if KCAPTA agrees with the Study. The reply was affirmative.

It was moved and seconded (Tromborg / Dihel) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee accept the final KART Hanford Fixed Route Schedule Study for KCAPTA as being completed. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

**A. Final 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan**

Terri King stated that KCAG has been preparing a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan for the 6th planning cycle, which extends from June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) assigned the KCAG region a total housing need of 9,429 units. KCAG staff and consultants worked with the RHNA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to prepare the plan for allocating shares of the regional housing need to the five jurisdictions. On October 26, 2022 the KCAG Commission conducted a public hearing and adopted the RHNA methodology. The 45-day appeal period closed on December 12, 2022 with no appeals filed. On January 11, 2023 the KCAG RHNA Technical Advisory Committee will review the proposed final 6th Cycle RHNA Plan and recommend its approval by the KCAG Commission.

**C. Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 Applications**

Terri King reported that the one-time Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 program funds distributed to the Metropolitan Planning Organizations is specifically designed to provide MPOs and other eligible entities with tools and resources to help implement and advance plans, primarily by pursuing greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through land use and transportation strategies. KCAG’s region maximum award is \$2,060,590. In November 2022 KCAG submitted an initial advance allocation of \$206,059 for 10% of the total funds. The remaining \$1,854,531 full application was submitted by KCAG before the December 31, 2022 deadline. The initial application funds will be retained by KCAG to administer, develop, and monitor the program. Proposed use of the full application funds is to suballocate to the local jurisdictions so that they can conduct appropriate targeted outreach and develop a program of projects or planning activities that meet the REAP 2.0 eligibility criteria. KCAG staff will work with the local agencies and stakeholders to conduct outreach activities, develop a suballocation formula, and suballocation application review criteria for the REAP 2.0 program.

**D. 2023 KCAG Meeting Calendar**

Terri King presented the KCAG 2023 Meeting Calendar and summarized the legal requirements for remote attending by KCAG Commissioners.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Terri King said that KCAG has received to date \$294,000 in REAP 1.0 funds and has spent approximately \$200,000 of the funds on the RHNA contract and its administration. Receipt of the final allocation is pending, with the final allocation of \$311,858 to be used for the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element consulting costs. The agreement between KCAG and the County of Kings for the suballocation of REAP 1.0 funds is pending review by legal counsel.

Kayley Clay stated that KCAG had the kick-off meeting for the Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Plan. KCAG website has a link to the Regional Corridor Needs Study project website. This study focuses on SR 41 and SR 41 as they relate to the cities of Hanford and Lemoore.

Teresa Nickell said that a notice was sent out regarding FTA Section 5311 grant funding applications. KCAG staff will be contacting member agencies regarding completed or proposed projects. KCAG anticipates new claims form for the FY 2023-24 Transportation Development act (TDA) funds to be sent by March 1, 2023.

Kevin Tromborg reported that the recent rains had eroded some of the city’s roads. However, the transit department is moving forward. There is an increase in residential and commercial development in the City of Corcoran, with construction of new roads, the gateway park is 90% completed, and Adventist Health was issued a permit for a 20,000 square foot health center. There will be a new Starbucks, two new restaurants, and three gas stations coming to Corcoran; and a 50-home residential project will be starting soon.

Frank Rivera stated that a new Panda Express restaurant has started construction in Lemoore and there is a proposed gas station near West Hills College.

Sandra Scherr reported there will be a workshop on January 30, 2023 for the next Caltrans planning grant cycle with \$84 million in available funds.

Terri King stated that the quarterly meeting with Caltrans regarding status of projects has been scheduled and some of the local agencies have been invited.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director