



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 February 22, 2023, 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, Alvaro Preciado, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: David Padilla (via Zoom)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Via Zoom: Cynthia Baruch, NAS Lemoore; Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency; Avenal Viewing Room

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of January 25, 2023

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2023, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Neves, Palmerin, Preciado, Padilla
Abstain: Morrow, Orth, Verboon

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2023-24 Transportation Development Act Fund Estimates

Teresa Nickell stated that based on the current State budget, the State Controller has estimated that there will be \$1,902,091 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds allocated to Kings County in FY 2023-24 and the Kings County Auditor has estimated that \$6,200,000 in Local Transportation Funds (LTF) will be available for apportionment and allocation during the fiscal year FY 2023-24. KCAG must advise expected claimants of the area apportionments within the county by March 1st of each year. The apportionment to each claimant is based on the latest Department of Finance population estimates. Each claimant is required to hold a public hearing and have both an adopted resolution, stating their findings on unmet transit needs before funds can be allocated for road purposes within their jurisdiction. Before funds can be allocated for street and road purposes, a public hearing must be conducted by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to determine if there are unmet transit needs within Kings County that can be reasonably met. The public hearings will be conducted during the April and May KCAG TPC meetings. Approval of the FY 2023-24 apportionments and allocation instructions, to the County Auditor, will be made by Resolution during the June TPC meeting. A summary of activities and funding is included in the agenda packet.

2. Draft FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget

Terri King stated that each year KCAG is required to prepare and submit an Overall Work Program (OWP) to Caltrans. A draft OWP for FY 2023-24 is included in the agenda packet. The draft is due to Caltrans by March 1st for review and comment and a final OWP must be submitted before June 1, 2023. KCAG's FY 2023-24 apportionments of Federal planning funds is \$808,760 and of Federal Transit Act funds is \$75,438. The total cost of next year's activities is estimated to be \$2,101,200. A summary of next year's activities was provided. The requested total expenditures is a 11% decrease over the prior year budget, with expenditures of \$896,180 for salaries and benefits increased by 7%, and total expenditures of \$234,520 for Services and Supplies increased by 6%.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Preciado) to approve the release of the draft FY 2023-24 OWP for review and comment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Padilla, Palmerin, Preciado, Verboon

B. Caltrans Report

David Padilla reported that the Clean California Local Grant program is underway with applications due in April 2023; the Reconnecting Communities Highway to Boulevards Program will have a call for projects soon, with workshops to follow, and the Climate Adaptation planning grants and Caltrans Planning Grants applications are due March 9, 2023. Projects reported on included a Clean California project in Avenal with construction completed by June 2023; a public outreach effort is planned for the Kettleman City roundabout project; SR 41 and Stratford bridge replacement permit has been received; the Bush St. and SR 41 interchange roundabout is moving toward

permitting; the Kettleman City road rehab project from Quail Avenue to Nevada Avenue will be ready for construction in June 2023; and the pavement preservation project on SR 198 from 14th Ave. to SR 43 is in the project initiation report phase and on schedule to be approved in March 2023. He announced that there is a community event for Clean California from March 17-27, 2023.

Commissioner Neves inquired about calls received regarding potholes along SR 43 near Corcoran. The response was that this has been elevated to Caltrans Office Chief.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Staff Comments

None

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. General Commissioner Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on February 22, 2023

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Morrow) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on February 22, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado, Verboon

2. FY 2022-23 Second Quarter Financial Report

Jennifer Morales reported that the quarterly financial report for the period of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 was submitted to Caltrans. A total of \$157,348.76 in federal funds will be received as reimbursement for eligible activities. Caltrans approved an indirect cost rate of 340.33% for FY 2022-23. Included in the agenda packet is a report that provides the budgeted versus actual expenditures and revenues of KCAG for FY 2022-23 Second Quarter from the financial reporting system. Total expenditures during the quarter were \$229,769.66 and total revenues received were \$350,709.73.

3. AB 2449 KCAG Meeting Teleconference Options

Kris Pedersen reported that on September 13, 2022, Governor Newsom signed into law AB 2449, marking the latest development of the Brown Act in a post-pandemic world. The new amendments to the Brown Act went into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 2449 provides complex alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of a legislative body to participate remotely via

teleconferencing when there is not a declared state of emergency. AB 2449's rules remain in effect through January 1, 2026. A summary of AB 2449 rules was briefly summarized and it was stated that the public is still allowed to participate either in person, virtual or telephonically. However, board members have limited circumstance where they can appear remotely and for good cause as defined in AB 361. Board members must notify the affected agency as soon as possible and disclose the identity of anyone over the age of 18 who is in the room with them.

4. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program

Terri King stated that nominations for the Blueprint Awards is now open and that applications are due by March 31, 2023.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King stated that next month's agenda items will include additional Transportation Development Act information regarding claims, the final Regional Corridor Needs Study, and the REAP 2.0 scoring methodology will be presented for approval. The Valley Voice Sacramento trip is scheduled for March 29, 2023, the San Joaquin Policy Conference is scheduled for April 24-26, 2023, in Manteca, and there is a San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee for Housing meeting this Friday at 9:00 a.m. The CalCOG Regional Leadership Forum is March 5-7, 2023 in Riverside and the Washington DC Valley Voice trip is scheduled for September 11-14, 2023.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Preciado stated that Avenal is working to return to pre-covid status.

Commissioner Morrow stated that the City of Hanford is seeking a \$1.8 million grant for the Grangeville grade separation project.

Commissioner Palmerin stated that Gateway Park Veterans Memorial dedication will be April 29, 2023.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2023

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director