



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Nichole Escalon, Santa Rosa Rancheria
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6 (1:41 p.m.)
(A quorum was not established)

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Alan Glen, AECOM

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

The approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2023 was tabled until the next meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2023-24 Transportation Development Act Fund Summary

Teresa Nickell stated that the estimate of FY 2023-24 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for KCAG member agencies is \$6,200,000 and State Transit Assistance (STA) is \$1,902,091. Claims and other required documentation from the claimants must be returned to KCAG by April 1st. Kings County Area Public Transit Agency held one unmet transit needs hearing in February and will hold another hearing in March. Corcoran will hold one unmet transit needs public hearing in March. KCAG will hear unmet transit needs testimony at public hearings on April 26th and May 24th.

B. Final Regional Corridor Needs Study

Kayley Clay stated that KCAG, along with AECOM, developed the Regional Corridor Needs Study (RCNS) for the Hanford-Lemoore urbanized areas within Kings County. KCAG worked with consultant AECOM to prepare the study and identify transportation project

needs along State Routes 41, 43, and 198. The study was initiated in February 2020 with a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to provide guidance.

Alan Glen, from AECOM, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the nine identified locations in order of highest priority to lowest; SR-41/Jackson Ave., SR-43/Idaho Ave., SR-198 from 14th Ave. to 11th Ave., SR-41/Fremont Ave., SR-41/Hanford Armona Rd., SR-41 from Bush St. to Grangeville Blvd., SR-43 from Grangeville Blvd. to Fargo Ave., SR-43/Flint Ave., and SR-41/SR-198 Interchange. KCAG anticipates utilizing the recommendations from the study to program future projects as funding becomes available.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. Regional Early Action Planning – Workshops and Suballocation Methodology

Terri King reported that KCAG’s region maximum award is \$2,060,590 for the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 program. The purpose of REAP 2.0 program grant funds is supporting transformative planning and implementation activities such as accelerating infill and affordable housing development; reducing vehicle miles traveled; and increasing transit ridership, walking, and biking as primary modes of transportation. KCAG submitted both REAP 2.0 applications for the initial advance allocation of \$206,059 and the remaining \$1,854,531 full application. The proposed use of the full application of REAP 2.0 funds is to suballocate to the local jurisdictions. The outreach workshops will assist in determining the suballocation process and types of desired projects and programs from stakeholders. A suballocation formula and application scoring methodology is to be developed, as well as a project application that would be submitted by the local agency to KCAG in order to verify eligibility by evaluating each project using the State goals and objectives for the program with California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) concurrence. State partners are to approve the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s proposed methodology and scoring criteria by March 31, 2023. KCAG posted the draft scoring methodology on the website for a 21-day public review and comment period.

David Padilla asked if this was for planning studies. The response was for planning and implementation of eligible projects.

B. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Workshop Series

Terri King said that the Valley Wide REAP 1.0 workshop series webinars is to support planning efforts for housing implementation Valleywide. The flyer in the agenda packet includes links for more information regarding a series of workshops on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing as part of the Housing Element update.

MISCELLANEOUS

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG has started the unmet transit needs process for Kings County.

Joel Gandarilla said that 700 Forms will be sent out in March 2023.

David Padilla said that sustainable grant applications are due tomorrow. Caltrans participated in a public engagement event in Kettleman City regarding a few Caltrans projects along SR 41.

Heather Corder said ridership is up and riders support the quarterly pass program.

Nichole Escalon, Cultural Monitor Specialist, was present for Shana Powers and will forward meeting notes to her. Any REAP program notices can be forwarded to Shana Powers, Cultural Department Director, or Samantha McCarty, Cultural Monitor Specialist.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director