



# 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 April 26, 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 (via zoom)

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Navarro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Doug Verboon

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT:

### A. A. Remote Participation Due to Emergency Circumstances

A motion was made and seconded (Morrow / Orth) to approve remote attendance by Commissioner Preciado due to travel related to official business of a public agency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado  
Abstain: Navarro  
Absent: Verboon

### B. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

### C. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

### D. Minutes

#### 1. Minutes of March 22, 2023

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Orth) to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado  
Abstain: Morrow  
Absent: Verboon

## II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

### A. General Transportation Items

#### 1. FY 2023-24 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Activities

Teresa Nickell stated that Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are composed of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. KCAG has received TDA fund claims and other required documentation from all member agencies. Each claimant was required to hold a public hearing and present an adopted resolution, stating their findings on unmet transit needs, and required environmental documents within their jurisdiction before funds can be allocated for road purposes. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) held public hearings in February and March 2023; the City of Corcoran held a public hearing in March, and KCAG will hold public hearings in April and May. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will hold two public meetings in April and June to review unmet transit needs testimony and finalize their recommended determination on unmet transit needs.

Commissioner Neves opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony on the Unmet Transit Needs. Seeing no one come forward Commissioner Neves continued the public hearing until the May 2023 TPC meeting.

#### 2. Final FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget

Terri King stated that KCAG is required to prepare a yearly Overall Work Program (OWP) and budget for the upcoming transportation and regional planning activities. The draft FY 2023-24 OWP was released for review and comment and comments received from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration were reviewed and incorporated into the Final FY 2023-24 OWP. The FY2023-24 proposed final budget increased by \$13,200 from the draft budget. KCAG's FY 2023-24 apportionment of Federal planning funds is \$808,760 and Federal Transit Act Funds is \$75,438. A summary of other funding sources was provided. The total cost of the budget is \$2,113,400 and included salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and consulting services. The requested total budget is a 10% decrease over the prior year.

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Morrow) to approve the final FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget with the adoption of Resolution No. 23-01. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### 3. Final FY 2022-23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

Teresa Nickell stated that the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resource Board's Cap-and-Trade Program, with 5% of the proceeds deposited into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund each year to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and improve public mobility with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency's (KCAPTA) FY 2022-23 LCTOP apportionment is a total of

\$331,923, which KCAPTA proposes to use for two projects. The City of Corcoran's FY 2022-23 LCTOP apportionment is a total of \$56,187 and will be used to supplement the FY 2021-22 LCTOP funds of \$51,937 for a total project cost of \$108,124 to install solar panels to include public charging stations. These projects are eligible expenses under LCTOP guidelines and are also consistent with the adopted Sustainable Communities Strategies.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Orth) to adopt Resolution No. 23-02 approving the distribution of the FY 2022-23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program allocations for the projects included in the LCTOP Project List and designating the KCAG Executive Director as an authorized agent for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. FY 2022-23 Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds

Terri King stated that KCAG annually exchanges its apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for non-federal dollars. The FY 2022-23 apportionment of RSTP Exchange funds is \$2,284,746. The RTPA apportionment funds will be distributed to the local agencies under the standard distribution formula used by KCAG with the agreement of our member agencies for eligible transportation projects in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. This year, the City of Hanford will receive \$250,000 total from the County of Kings' share to mitigate the maintenance costs of the streets included in the annexation of several county islands into the city. Prior to the release of the FY 2022-23 RSTP Exchange funds, KCAG must receive the "Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Monitoring Report" for prior year RSTP Exchange expenditures from each jurisdiction.

5. FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program – Amendment No. 2

Jennifer Morales stated that a total of \$1,416,786 in available federal planning funds apportioned to KCAG was programmed in the FY 2022-2023 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 1 for various work elements. Amendment No. 2 will redistribute a portion of \$126,558 in previously programmed PL Carryover FY 2020-21 funds to various work elements to cover any anticipated over or under expenditures.

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Morrow) to approve Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2022-2023 Overall Work Program with the adoption of Resolution No. 23-03. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**B. Caltrans Report**

Michael Navarro reported that this is the last week to apply for the Clean California local grant program. Another, new program is the Safe Streets and Roads for All, only available to local agencies, is now open until July 10, 2023. This week is Caltrans' Safety Awareness Week to honor employees who have been killed in the line of duty. Since 1921 Caltrans has lost 191 employees. The Clean California project in Avenal is on schedule to be awarded; the Stratford bridge replacement construction is scheduled to begin in December 2023, along with the detour along SR 41; the

pavement rehabilitation project along SR 41 from Nevada Ave. to SR 198 is scheduled to start next summer and from Nevada Avenue to Quail Avenue is scheduled to start in June 2023.

Commissioner Palmerin asked about construction on SR 43 and Kansas Ave. north. The response was Caltrans is not aware of any construction in that area. There was a question regarding response time to claims submitted to Caltrans. Michael Navarro was not aware of the response times for claims. There was some discussion regarding the affect the heavy rains have had on local road conditions.

**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 April 26, 2023

A motion was made and seconded (Morrow / Orth) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on April 26, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. 2023 San Joaquin Valley Voice – Washington D.C.

Terri King stated that KCAG staff is planning for the federal Valley Voice trip which will take place September 11-14, 2023, with meetings on the 12th and 13th. Metropolitan Planning Organization staff, in consultation with Jen Covino of Simon and Company, and other partners, will be compiling a list of legislative and regulatory priority advocacy items for consideration that will be included in a Valley Voice brochure to participants and attendees. Since this trip is considered a lobbying activity, the cost of the trip must be funded with local city and county funds. The cost of the trip is estimated to be about \$2,000 per person. Local agencies were encouraged to let KCAG know if they have applied for any Federally funded project that could be highlighted in the brochure. Commissioners Orth and Preciado volunteered to attend for the KCAG Commission. Commissioner Morrow volunteered to be an alternate, if needed.

**C. Adjourn to Closed Session – Tabled until next meeting**

This item was tabled.

**D. Adjourn Closed Session / Reconvene Open Session**

None.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

None.

**B. Staff Comments**

Terri King said that next month's agenda will include the Unmet Transit Needs public hearing and additional Transportation Development Act information. KCAG has three upcoming workshops related to the Regional Early Action Program 2.0 which will be posted to the KCAG website.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Palmerin stated that the Gateway Park Veterans Memorial dedication will be April 29, 2023, and in May, the city will hold a celebration in honor of Mr. Lerma in the picnic area at the Gateway Park.

Commissioner Morrow stated that the City of Hanford is starting the Farmers' Market this week and the city is seeking additional funds for the East Lacey Blvd. improvement project.

Commissioner Orth stated that Lemoore is relieved that heavy rainwater is receding; the Lemoore Days event had a great turnout and looking forward to next year's event, and that the Corcoran Gateway Park Veterans Memorial is very impressive.

Commissioner Preciado stated that Avenal is holding their Old Timers event this weekend and the city is seeking additional funds for the recreation center project.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for May 24, 2023**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director