



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 2023, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore, Community Development  
Taylor Dihel, City of Hanford Public Works  
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development  
Samantha McCarty, CMS, Santa Rosa Rancheria  
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6  
Jim Ross, City of Hanford Public Works  
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Dihel / Dow) to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION

**A. FY 2023-24 Transportation Development Act – Unmet Transit Needs**

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG must identify and review unmet transit needs pursuant to the Transit Development Act (TDA) laws. After public hearings, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) will review all testimony and assess individual requests to form a recommendation for the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), City of Corcoran, and KCAG held public meetings between February and April 2023. Upon final analysis, KCAG has the authority to set aside TDA funds to meet any “unmet transit needs” that are found to be “reasonable to meet”. After this evaluation, jurisdictions may receive Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for either transit, transportation planning, or street and road purposes.

KCAPTA received requests for transportation needs. A summary of KCAPTA and Corcoran Area Transit services and planned improvements was provided.

## REGIONAL PLANNING

### **A. 2023 Department of Finance Population and Housing Estimates**

Terri King reported that the California Department of Finance released the 2023 population and housing estimates for the County of Kings and the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore. Overall, the total Kings County population has decreased slightly from the prior year January 1 estimates to 151,018 for a decrease of 0.67% (1,005 persons). Two cities experienced growth during this same period including Avenal with 188 persons and Hanford with 594 persons. Included in the agenda packet are tables that detail the 2023 Department of Finance break down by jurisdiction, civilian population, housing estimate information for each jurisdiction, and a historical summary.

### **B. Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 Workshops**

Terri King stated that the first Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 workshop was last week, which helped to identify some proposed uses for these funds. The next workshop will be Thursday, May 11th at 2:00 p.m. and the last workshop will be Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m., each via Zoom. All REAP 2.0 information, including the workshops, can be found on the KCAG website. A summary of qualifying project types was provided. The question was asked if all workshop covered the same information. The reply was that each workshop has similar information and builds on information learned from the previous workshop. All were encouraged to attend the REAP 2.0 Workshops, complete the survey, and let other interested parties know about the workshops.

Terri King also reported on the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 program for Valleywide activities. KCAG has a one-year license for Urban Footprint, which is a GIS mapping and analytical tool. The Valley MPO's are working on getting a group rate license for Urban Footprint tool, if any jurisdiction would be interested in obtaining their own license. The question was asked of what the tool provides. The reply was that it allows Urban Footprint GIS files to be used, along with other GIS data sets. A second question asked was if copies of the GIS shape files can be imported to other GIS program systems. The response was possibly. There is an online training for the Urban Footprint system, which can also answer some of these questions. She noted that there is free technical assistance for REAP 1.0 activities to Valleywide jurisdictions. As an example, Merced County is using this assistance to help with their Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing activities as part of the Housing Element update. Utilizing the Technical Assistance could help reduce the local cost of preparing Kings County's Multijurisdictional Housing Element.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Kayley Clay stated that for the Zero Emission Bus Infrastructure Plan, KCAPTA has finalized the existing conditions report and moving forward the modeling, and Corcoran Area Transit is also finalizing the existing conditions report.

Teresa Nickell said that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) meeting will be June 1, 2023. Caltrans should be releasing the call for projects for FTA 5310 program funds in June 2023. Staff is working on the Complete Streets project list update and will be sending project lists to each jurisdiction. Staff will send out the revised TDA claims with the population changes.

Jennifer Morales stated that staff is still waiting on the final TDA Audit information from Corcoran and Avenal.

Taylor Dihel reported that the traffic signal at 12th Ave. and Hume Ave. is in the right-of-way phase.

Chuck Kinney said that the county is working with recent flooding issues and working with FEMA to secure funding for road damage repairs.

Samantha McCarty offered some technical assistance for local jurisdictions regarding GIS systems.

Jim Ross said that Hanford has awarded the downtown and pedestrian improvement project; the local roads safety plan will be presented to city council for comments and approval; and the design work for the East Lacey Blvd. widening project has been awarded.

Angie Dow stated that KCAPTA continues to work on the new Transit Center project and that a request for bids should be released this month; they are seeking a competitive grant to help build the electric bus charging infrastructure transition; and the EBus will start circulating in Hanford.

David Padilla reminded those present about available grants like Clean California, which was extended to May 31, 2023; Reconnecting Communities, call for projects is expected later this month; Safe Streets and Roads for All applicants may request a letter of support from Caltrans by May 19, 2023; Awards for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant is pending; and the Caltrans' workers memorial was today.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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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 June 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director