



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 August 23, 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: Michael Navarro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Via zoom; Russ Sterling, Heather Corder

A. Remote Participation Due to Emergency Circumstances

None.

B. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

C. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

D. Minutes

1. Minutes of June 28, 2023

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2023, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2023-24 State of Good Repair Program Project List

Teresa Nickell stated that State of Good Repair (SGR) Program funds are available for eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects with the goal to keep transit systems in a state of good repair. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency's (KCAPTA) FY 2023-24 SGR apportionment is \$217,414 and proposes to rebuild seven (7) CNG engines. Corcoran's FY 2023-24 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$35,937 and proposes to utilize funds to chip seal the depot parking lot, replace broken parking blocks, and install wrought iron fencing at the back of the depot building.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Orth) to adopt Resolution No. 23-07 approving the distribution of the FY 2023-24 State of Good Repair Program allocations for the transit projects included in the regional FY 2023-24 State of Good Repair Program Project List. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. FY 2021-22 Transportation Development Act Financial and Compliance Audits

Jennifer Morales reported that the California Administrative Code requires that each claimant of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds annually and within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year submit a report of the fiscal and compliance audit of the financial statements to the State Controller. The KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approved an extension for the submittal of the audit reports for all claimants. Since the City of Corcoran's FY 2021-22 audit report has been received, the Auditor may release the withheld allocations and resume current year allocations to the City of Corcoran.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to accept the final FY 2021-2022 TDA Financial and Compliance Audits of the City of Corcoran for submittal to Caltrans and the State Controller's Office; and to authorize the County of Kings Auditor to resume Transportation Development Act fund allocations to the City of Corcoran. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Caltrans Report

Michael Navarro stated that Caltrans received three applications for the Clean California local grant program from Kings County. Caltrans sent out a solicitation to transit partners regarding the Clean California Beautification grants. There are also several federal programs, the Reconnecting Communities Program, Neighborhood Action and Equity, and a multi modal discretionary grant program.

Regarding projects, Michael Navarro reported that the Kettleman City Roundabout is schedule for summer of 2024; the SR 41 Stratford bridge replacement construction is scheduled to begin in December 2023; the SR 41 widening project in Fresno County, up to Excelsior Avenue is scheduled to start in spring of 2025; and Caltrans is planning several pavement rehabilitation projects along SR 41 during 2024.

Commissioner Orth asked about the pavement rehabilitation on SR 41, from SR 33 to SR 46. The response was that project has started and traffic will be detoured to SR 43.

Commissioner Neves discussed if electric bikes were allowed on pedestrian walkways as it relates to pedestrian safety.

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 August 23, 2023

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on August 23, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King stated that next month's TPC agenda may include the 4th quarter year end financial report, a closed session, an item to create the Deputy Director position, the Avenal TDA audit, and the Valley Voice trip to Washington, DC. There is a pre-trip workshop this Friday to discuss the itinerary, draft agenda, and talking points, with discussions on discretionary spending, highway infrastructure, air quality, passenger rail applications, Buy America waivers, and water infrastructure. Commissioners Verboon and Preciado will be attending the Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC.

Joel Gandarilla presented the Commissioner Updated Contact Request form. Commissioners should provide their most up to date contact information. The next form will also include an area for Alternate contact information.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Preciado said that the main water transmission line should be completed shortly and the planned water treatment plant is moving forward.

Commissioner Morrow stated there were traffic light recalibrations along major throughways and there will be a grand opening of a new medical facility in Hanford.

Commissioner Palmerin said that Corcoran will be hosting the City and County Coordination meeting today at 6:00 p.m. and this week will be the last Farmers' Market.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for September 27, 2023

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director