



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 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
Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station
Mitchel Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Christal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works
Alejandro Solorio, City of Hanford Public Works

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Juliana Amores, Lemoore Naval Air Station
Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Muniz) to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. Draft 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Kayley Clay stated that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has adopted Guidelines and a Fund Estimate for the upcoming 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) are required to submit an adopted 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) to the CTC by December 15, 2023. Kings County has a balance of (\$5,797,000) in advanced regional shares from prior STIP periods and a formula distribution of \$6,168,000 in new STIP capacity through FY 2028-29. This leaves a balance of \$371,000 in net shares through FY

2028-29, which is not enough to program a new project. A formula distribution of \$24,696,000 in new STIP capacity through FY 2031-32 leaves a balance of \$18,899,000 in net shares through FY 2031-32. The 5% limitation of regional shares for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) is \$455,000 for FYs 2024-25 through 2027-28, and \$102,000 for FY 2028-29. Any projects considered in the 2024 RTIP must be consistent with the adopted 2022 Kings County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a comprehensive 20-year plan for developing transportation facilities in Kings County. Terri King added that the maximum share in the outer years is enough to allow for a request to advance funds for the SR 198 and 9th Ave interchange. Therefore, the draft 2024 RTIP is proposing to program the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of this project.

B. Cross Valley Corridor Plan Phase 1

Teresa Nickel stated that the Kings/Tulare High Speed Rail (HSR) Station, planned east of the city of Hanford, will ultimately link the Central San Joaquin Valley with the State HSR system at the approximate midpoint of the Cross Valley Corridor (CVC) corridor. The CVC Plan implementation is planned over three phases: Phase 1 includes the coordination of bus service between cities along the CVC and to the HSR station; Phase 2 includes the initial operating rail segment between Lemoore and Visalia, with the continuation of a connecting feeder bus service; and Phase 3 includes full build out of the passenger rail system, with the continuation of feeder bus service from outlying cities and communities to CVC stations and the HSR station. The Working Group consultant team (Arup and LSC Transportation Consultants) has created an inventory and catalog of existing and planned transportation services and facilities of Kings and Tulare Counties' bus operators along the CVC corridor to understand and identify gaps in service. Other areas being analyzed by the Working Group include branding the rail service with a regional name, paratransit services and concepts, Capital Plan components, identifying vehicles and fleet size, locations of stops/stations, transit priority measures, design criteria of infrastructure, and electrification of maintenance facilities. Concurrent public outreach activities include a live website that offers an online survey for stakeholder feedback.

Angie Dow reported that KCAPTA has been monitoring the plan being developed by Tulare County and is not in support of the Phase 1 plan to develop a single bus route due to duplication of services and not focusing on connectivity of services. The plan proposes a single operation, which would be Tulare County, and Kings County could be asked to pay for operating costs through the Local Transportation Fund. There are other concerns with ridership.

C. FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program – Amendment 1

Terri King reported that the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) was adopted in April 2023, based on estimated amount of federal apportionments. The FY 2022-23 reconciliation letter of final prior year expenditures provides a carryover balance of \$551,607 in Federal planning (FP) funds and \$68,142 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. KCAG is required to reprogram those additional funds. Amendment No. 1 to the FY2023-24 OWP is needed to make changes in carryover fund and other changes requested by Caltrans since the OWP was first adopted. A summary of those changes to the work elements was provided.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Cabrera) to recommend that Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program be approved by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee with the adoption of Resolution No. 23-08. The motion carried unanimously.

D. FY 2022-24 FTA Section 5310 Regional Priority List of Projects

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG received one application for Federal Transit Act (FTA) Section 5310 Traditional Program capital purchases from the Kings Rehabilitation Center (KRC) to purchase four vehicles for a total project cost of \$500,000; two 12-passenger medium buses with 2 wheelchairs; one 8-passenger small bus with 2 wheelchairs to provide new service transportation to Los Banos/Gustine/Merced areas; one 5-passenger minivan with 1 wheelchair to provide transportation to Lemoore Naval Air Station. KCAG staff has scored the FTA Section 5310 applications utilizing the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) adopted project-scoring criteria. Attached to the staff report is the regional Prioritized List of Projects from the Kings Rehabilitation Center.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Schisler) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 23-09 to approve the FY 2022-2024 FTA Section 5310 Regional Prioritized Project List, which includes projects for the Kings Rehabilitation Center, for submittal to the State Review Committee to be considered for funding. The motion carried unanimously.

E. SB 125 Formula Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program

Kayley Clay stated that Senate Bill (SB) 125 provides \$5.1B to the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) and the operators in their jurisdictions. \$1.1B comes from the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) for FY 23-24 through FY 26-27. These funds are intended to provide a one-time multiyear bridge funding for transit operators to address operational costs until long-term transit sustainability solutions are identified. ZETCP funding may also be used for transit operations expenditures that prevent service reduction or elimination in order to maintain or increase transit ridership. FY 23-24 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds must be dispersed to RTPAs, and spent by CalSTA, by June 30, 2028. The TIRCP was created to fund transformative capital improvements that modernize California's intercity rail, bus, ferry, and rail transit systems.

KCAG, as the designated RTPA for Kings County, has a total fund estimate of \$18,204,049 between both the TIRCP and ZETCP funds for the next four fiscal years. FY 23-24 has an estimated \$7,982,701 in TIRCP funds, and an estimated \$827,175 in ZETCP funds. The following year, FY 24-25 has an estimated \$8,002,098 in TIRCP funds, and an estimated \$464,025 in ZETCP funds. For FY 25-26 and FY 26-27, only ZETCP funds will be available, and both years have an estimated \$464,025. The maximum administration share for these funds is \$182,040. KCAG is utilizing the FY 2023-24 State Transit Assistance allocation percentages to estimate the amount both Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and Corcoran Area Transit (CAT) will receive from the total allocation KCAG is estimated to receive from the TIRCP and ZETCP funds. Each RTPA seeking an allocation of funding shall complete an Initial Allocation Package for FY 2023-24 funds by December 31, 2023. RTPAs must also post on their website a summary of monthly ridership data, consistent with the data submitted to the National Transit Database, from all its transit operators during the period for which it receives that money.

Angie Dow stated that KCAPTA will start the implementation of the Zero Emission Bus Plan to build the charging infrastructure. For the second phase, KCAPTA plans on using the funds to help build a new bus maintenance facility at the same location.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. Regional Early Action Planning – Condominium Housing Study Workshop Notice

Terri King introduced the REAP Workshop series Condominium Housing Study for the San Joaquin Valley webinar scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, with a link to register in the agenda materials.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King reported that the REAP 2.0 application has been received and accepted by the State. Approximately half of the REAP 1.0 funds have been received and will be used for the cost of the Housing Element consultant.

Kayley Clay stated that staff will be sending out proposed dates for a monthly project update meeting.

Teresa Nickell said that an RFP for the update to the 2018 Active Transportation Plan has been released. A stakeholder recruitment will be forthcoming.

Cynthia Baruch inquired of Caltrans about the Kings River run off area east of the housing gate at NAS Lemoore, because the water is nearing the roadway. The response was to send an email to David Padilla regarding the location.

Alejandro Solorio reported that the Lacy Blvd. project in Hanford is moving forward; Hanford is waiting for the right-of-way certification for the 12th and Hume traffic signal; the next High Speed Rail meeting will be October 27, 2023; and Hanford is still recruiting for their Public Works Director.

Angie Dow stated that KCAPTA will be receiving bid proposals on the new transit center, with anticipated construction to start in December, and the triennial audits have been completed.

Mitchel Cabrera said that the County is in the right-of-way phase for the 17th and Houston signalization; Grangeville and 22nd project is also in the right-of-way phase; Avenal cutoff road project is suspended for the winter; and the Dana Circle project is waiting on Caltrans.

Kristy Bailey reported that Lemoore is waiting to receive the grant funds for their Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities housing project near D Street and Oleander. Sidewalk improvements will be part of the project.

David Padilla announced that the FY 24-25 planning grant workshop is October 26, 2023; Corcoran received \$2.5 million for their Clean California grant; the SR 41 closure starts in January with a detour along SR 198 to I-5; and the new Transit Specialist at Caltrans is Lorena Mendibles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director