



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station
Lisa Dock, City of Hanford Public Works
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Samantha McCarty, Santa Rosa Rancheria
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran City Engineer
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings Public Works

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency;
Mitchel Cabrera, County of Kings Public Works; Alejandro Solorio, City of Hanford Public Works

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dow/Schisler) to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. Final 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Kayley Clay stated that KCAG is required to submit an adopted 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by December 15, 2023. The 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate and Guidelines were prepared and adopted by the CTC on August 16, 2023, which showed the overall statewide capacity for the 2024 Fund Estimate identifies a net new capacity of \$1.718B in the five years of the STIP period of FY 2024-25 through FY 2028-29. The 2024 Adopted STIP Fund Estimate is broken down into three categories, the Base

(Minimum), the Total Target, and the Maximum. The Maximum share for the Kings County region showed available funding for programming a new project. The Project Study Report (PSR) for the State Route 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange was completed on December 15, 2020, as a condition of programming the project in the STIP. With the completed PSR, the 2024 RTIP is proposing the programming of the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of this project in the amount of \$4.5 million in FY 2024-25 and retaining the previously programming PPM funds in the amount of \$75,000 in FY 2023-24.

The Draft 2024 RTIP was released for a 30-day public comment period from October 11, 2023, to November 13, 2023, with a public hearing held at the October 25, 2023, meeting of the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee. No comments on the Draft 2024 RTIP have been received thus far. It was asked if additional projects need to be submitted by agencies. The response was not at this time.

It was moved and seconded (Dock/Schisler) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the Final 2024 Kings County RTIP with the adoption of Resolution No. 23-10. The motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Audit Extension

Jennifer Morales said 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 accounting firm of Moss Adams is preparing the audits of each claimant, under a contract with Kings County for the FY 2022-23 Audit Reports. It is anticipated that the auditor will not be able to submit draft audit reports in time so that KCAG can accept and submit them to the State Controller. In accordance with Section 6664 of the California Administrative Code, the regional transportation planning agency (KCAG) may grant an extension of up to 90 days for the submittal of the audit reports.

It was moved and seconded (Dow/Dock) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve an extension for the submittal of the FY 2022-23 TDA audits be granted and that the State Controller be notified of the extension. The motion carried unanimously.

C. SB 125 Transit Program Initial Allocation Package

Kaley Clay reported that Senate Bill (SB) 125 provides \$5.1B to the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) and the transit operators in their jurisdictions. Of that amount, \$4B comes from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and \$1.1B comes from the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). KCAG, being the designated RTPA for Kings County, will be receiving the funds making them available to both Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) and Corcoran Area Transit (CAT). KCAG has allocated the SB 125 Transit funds it is expected to receive to both KCAPTA and CAT utilizing the FY 2023-24 State Transit Assistance allocation percentages. To receive SB 125 Transit funds, KCAG staff must prepare and submit an Initial Allocation Package that is published on its website. 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. KCAG staff requests that SB 125 eligible transit agencies submit to KCAG the required materials for the Initial Allocation Package by Monday, November 13, 2023. A regionwide SB 125 Transit Program of Projects is expected to be adopted by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee at its December 6, 2023, meeting.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. 2024 KCAG Meeting Calendar

Terri King resented the KCAG 2024 Meeting Calendar. It is anticipated that KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting will resume in the Kings County Board of Supervisors' Chambers by February or March 2024. Also, the meeting time for the TPC may be adjusted to 3:00 p.m., if the TPC Commission approves the proposed KCAG By-Laws change.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King said that the next Regional Early Action Plan workshop, titled "Consequences for Missing Housing Element Due Date" will be November 14, 2023. The Technical Advisory Committee meeting for December 13, 2023, will be cancelled and the January agenda will include the activities anticipated for the 2024-25 Overall Work Program.

Kayley Clay stated that the Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Plan is reaching completion; and staff is waiting on Buy America Waivers from Lemoore and Corcoran in connection with their CMAQ projects.

Teresa Nickell said the FTA Section 5310 transit applications are being reviewed by Caltrans, then the California Transportation Commission, and that the final program of projects will be out in March 2024; the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council recruitment will start in December; and the Regional Active Transportation Plan proposal review committee will be meeting tomorrow regarding the scoring of the four Regional Active Transportation Plan proposals that were received.

Cynthia Baruch stated that NAS Lemoore will hold a meeting regarding funding for the Compatible Use Study and Installation Resiliency Study. NAS Lemoore is concerned with the water level reaching SR198. Caltrans responded that they are monitoring the situation.

David Padilla said that the Clean California Litter Abatement Program will be extended another four years, and that Caltrans can provide a cursory review of any Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application before it is submitted. The Stratford Bridge replacement project will reroute SR41 traffic in February 2024 for six months. It was asked where the detour signage would be located for the SR41 rerouting. The response was approximately one quarter mile before affected intersections.

Angie Dow stated that the construction contract for the new transit center has been awarded and KCAPTA anticipates construction to be completed in July 2025. Grant funding will provide for the electric infrastructure and bus purchases.

Mitchel Cabrera said the County will hold a public event regarding the Kettleman City Pedestrian Bridge on December 14, 2023.

Samantha McCarty requested Caltrans notify the Santa Rosa Rancheria regarding road projects.

Lisa Dock expressed appreciation for the Local Assistance Training webinar information. The City of Hanford has not announced who will be the new Public Works Director. The traffic signal at 12th Avenue and Hume is in the right-of-way phase; the East Lacey Blvd project is moving forward in the design phase; the Downtown improvement project is moving forward; and the city is meeting with High-Speed Rail regarding alignment.

Orfil Muniz said that Corcoran has ongoing pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects in the environmental phase and the Active Transportation Plan is still in the draft form.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director