



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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, January 10, 2024, 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
Lorena Mendibles, Caltrans District 6
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works
Kevin Tromborg, City of Corcoran, Community Development

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency;
Colleen Vidinoff, Senior Transportation Planner, Transit
Coordinator Specialist, Caltrans District 6; Manish Shah,
Assistant Engineer, Caltrans District 6

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Dock) to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program Activities

Terri King stated that KCAG is required to develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) for its transportation planning activities and that a draft OWP is to be submitted to Caltrans by March 1, 2024. Funding sources are estimated to be \$797,33 in new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), \$59,300 in new Federal Transit Administration (FTA), \$167,500 in SB 1 Formula apportionments, federal carryover funds, Local Transportation Funds (LTF), Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) funds, Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funds, and local funds. A summary of the transportation planning activities was provided.

Agencies were encouraged to submit eligible SB 1 planning projects. It was asked how SB 1 funds could be used. The response was SB 1 funds are a suballocation available to KCAG for eligible planning activities.

B. FFY 2022-23 Annual Federal Funds Obligations Report

Kayley Clay reported that the KCAG has prepared the annual report of obligated projects for the Federal Fiscal Year FFY 2022-23. During FFY 2022-23 KCAG Member Agencies and state agencies on behalf of the region obligated approximately \$6 million (and \$178,689.67 de-obligated) for streets, roads, and highway projects and approximately \$16.8 million for transit projects within Kings County. It was asked what the definition is of “obligated.” The reply was for projects requiring an E-76 Form.

C. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Appointments

Terri King stated that KCAG has the responsibility to appoint members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). There are ten members of the SSTAC whose terms are expiring in January 2024 and Staff confirmed each member’s desire to continue participation in the SSTAC for a three-year term, except for three. KCAG has received new membership applications related to specific areas of expertise and is eligible for consideration. Angie Dow commented that it would be most beneficial if in the future the SSTAC included more actual public transit riders as its members.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Tromborg) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the reappointment of 9 members and the appointment of 2 new members to serve three-year terms on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Strategic Funding Opportunities – State and Federal Grants

Terri King introduced Collen Vidinoff and Manish Shah with Caltrans District 6 to provide the presentation.

Colleen Vidinoff stated that the main purpose of the presentation is to improve communication and collaboration with local jurisdiction and Caltrans. The presentation covered upcoming funding opportunities, Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act (IIJA), and state programs; Active Transportation Program (ATP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Local Partnership Program (LPP), Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP), Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP), and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Agencies were encouraged to “tell your story”, and specifically name the schools, communities, senior center, transit stop, include maps, etc., when applying for grant opportunities, and to show how the project will help an identified group, such as disadvantaged or low-income groups. Lerena Mendibles, Transit Coordinator for Caltrans District 6, stated that Caltrans’ offices will be reaching out to each jurisdiction with the focus on improving communication and collaboration.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. Regional Early Action Planning Workshop Notice- Water Supply Implications on Regional Housing Needs Allocation

Terri King noted the free webinar REAP workshop on January 23, 2024. The flyer contains a link to the Zoom meeting and other resources and encouraged local jurisdiction staff to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King stated that the Governor's proposed budget includes a reduction in funds for some transit and housing programs; staff is working on a call-for-project for the Congested Mitigation Improvement Program and Carbon Reduction Program; KCAG participated in the Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) kick-off meeting with the consultant Mark Thomas and noted that ATP projects list will be updated to include a walk path.

Kayley Clay said that the monthly project update meeting will be next week.

Colleen Vidinoff expressed appreciation for programming the monthly project update meeting.

David Padilla stated that grant applications are due Thursday, next week and that Caltrans is offering to review draft applications prior to submittal; new Caltrans staff will also be present for next week's Overall Work Program meeting; and the SR 41 Stratford bridge replacement will be starting as scheduled.

Angie Dow said that KCAPTA is working through new California Air Resources Board requirements for heavy duty vehicles; the new \$30 million transit center is now under construction and scheduled to be operational in July of 2025; and the maintenance facility needs infrastructure improvements.

Lisa Dock stated that a new Public Works Director will start this month; the City of Hanford has been waiting for four months to obtain the right-of-way from Caltrans for the traffic signal at 12th Ave. and Hume Ave.; the East Lacey Blvd. project is still in the design phase; and the Parks Department is working on a walking path near the People's Ditch.

Orfil Muniz stated that Corcoran is working on CMAQ projects, however the environmental phase is holding up the projects. Colleen Vidinoff offered to investigate the issue for the City of Corcoran.

Cristal Schisler said that the City of Lemoore is submitting a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant for a pedestrian overpass on SR 198.

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 January 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri King, Executive Director