



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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, February 14, 2024, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Javier Andrade, City of Avenal, Community Development
Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore, Community Development
Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station
Alex Hernandez, County of Kings, Community Development
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Mark Pedreiro, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works
Frank Senteno, City of Hanford Public Works
Kevin Tromborg, City of Corcoran, Community Development
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings, Public Works

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Preciado Alvaro, City of Avenal Mayor; Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works; Solorio Alejandro, City of Hanford Public Works

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Schisler) to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2024-25 Transportation Development Act Fund Estimate

Teresa Nickell stated that the State Controller provided the FY 24-25 estimate of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to be allocated to Kings County in the amount of \$1,878,275. The Kings County Auditor provided an estimate of FY 24-25 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) funds in the amount of \$6,400,000. After funding LTF administration, up to 2% may

be claimed for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The claims and other required documentation from the claimants must be returned to KCAG by April 1st of each year. Before funds can be allocated for street and road purposes, a public hearing must be conducted by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to determine if there are unmet transit needs within Kings County that can be reasonably met. To satisfy the public hearing requirements, KCAPTA is holding two hearings in February and March 2024, and the City of Corcoran is holding their public hearings in March and April. Approval of the TDA apportionments and allocation instructions to the County Auditor will be made during the June TPC meeting.

Lisa Dock inquired if each city is required to hold a public hearing. The reply was there is not a need to hold a public hearing, as KCAPTA will hold the public hearing on behalf of Hanford. However, if the city receives any public testimony regarding unmet transit needs, that testimony should be forwarded to KCAPTA and KCAG.

B. 2024 CMAQ and CRP Call for Projects

Kayley Clay reported that on February 2, 2024, KCAG released a combined Call for Projects seeking nominations for projects to be funded under the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). KCAG is requesting all project applications be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024. The Call for Projects package and project application forms can be found on the KCAG website. KCAG will select eligible projects for funding from prior year apportionments and new apportionments for FY 2025-26 through FY 2026-27. For both new apportionment years, a combined total of \$3,976,622 is available for programming. For the CRP funds, KCAG will select eligible projects for funding from new year apportionments for FY 2023-24 through 2025-26, with a combined total of \$859,128 available for programming. Member agencies were encouraged to submit eligible projects for programming to obligate a \$5,000,000 balance from prior year apportionments.

C. Draft FY2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget

Terri King presented the summary financial tables for the Draft FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) which identify the activities and funding sources. The draft OWP is to be released for review and comment to Caltrans by March 1, 2024. KCAG's FY 2024-25 apportionments of Federal planning funds is \$797,300, Federal Transit Act funds is \$59,302, and SB1 Formula Grant funds in the amount of \$467,500, which need to be match will other funds. Funding sources for next year's OWP include Federal Planning funds; Toll credits; SB 1 Formula Grant funds; Local Transportation Fund; Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds; Abandoned Vehicle Abatement funds; Regional Early Action Planning funds; and City and County general funds. The total cost for next year's proposal is \$1,916,500. Included in the budget is the cost of new computers and office furniture for the new KCAG offices to be ready by July 1, 2025. Total expenditures of \$955,248 for salaries and benefits and expenditures of \$340,752 for Services and Supplies (not including consulting services).

Alex Hernandez asked if the total budget includes a full staff count. The response was affirmative, including the new Deputy Director position salary instead of the Planner IV position salary.

It was moved and seconded (Hernandez / Baley) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee review and approve the release of the draft FY 2024-25 OWP for review and comment. The motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Award Nominations

Terri King announced the upcoming San Joaquin Valley Blueprints Awards to be presented on May 1, 2024, at the San Joaquin Valley Annual Police Conference. The annual award highlight projects that exemplify good planning in the Valley. Members were encouraged to submit nominations by April 1, 2024.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cynthia Baruch reminded staff about the upcoming meeting regarding future grant possibilities. Other meetings have been held with the County of Kings and the City of Lemoore.

Lisa Dock introduced Frank Senteno as the new Engineering and Utility Division Director; the city is still working on moving forward with several CMAQ projects, and the planning projects grants with the High-Speed Rail is being worked on.

Crystal Schisler said the City of Lemoore is working on a housing development project.

David Padilla said that the FY 2023-24 FTA 5339b and 5339c grants for buses and bus facilities in the low or no emissions competitive grants programs are available and that applications should be submitted to Michael.Lang@dot.ca.gov by end of day April 18, 2024. Draft application reviews can be requested by April 5, 2024, via the same email address. The 2024 Clean California days will be April 19-22, 2024, however the Clean California funding has not been extended and the adopt-a-highway program will end in June 2024. The sustainable planning grant applications have been reviewed and scored.

Dominic Tyburski stated that the County of Kings will reach out to KCAG for available programming funds for underfunded projects such as the Dana Circle, Pedestrian Bridge in Kettleman City, Road repair due to recent flooding, and the Houston Ave. bridge.

Orfil Muniz said the environmental delay has been resolved and the CMAQ projects can now move forward.

Mark Pedreiro provided a transit center update, noting that groundwork is moving forward for the foundation of one of the secondary buildings.

Javier Andrade said that the 7th Street reconstruction is about 20% funded.

Mayor Alvaro Preciado introduced Javier Andrade as taking the lead in TAC attendance.

Kayley Clay reminded all regarding the project update meeting tomorrow.

Joel Gandarilla encouraged those that receive a Form 700 to please fill it out and submit to KCAG.

Terri King stated that the Governor's proposed budget proposes to cut Regional Early Action Planning funds which affects a pending call for projects.

Teresa Nickell said that Low Carbon Transit Operating Program apportionments will be released soon, the FTA 5311 and 5339 will be coming in March, the Regional Active Transportation Program update is moving forward with a Project Advisory Committee selection, and possible workshop locations will be suggested in places that could offer the most public input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director