



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 10, 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, April 10, 2024, 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  
Valarie Bega, City of Corcoran, Transit Coordinator  
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Alex Hernandez, County of Kings, Community Development  
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6  
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works  
Frank Senteno, City of Hanford Public Works  
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings, Public Works

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Olson Eric, Caltrans Office Chief of Traffic Safety and Engineering, Safe System Lead; Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station; Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency; Mitch Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Hernandez / Schisler) to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION

**A. FY 2024-25 Transportation Development Act Fund Activities**

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG is to administer Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds composed of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. KCAG has received claims and other required documentation from all member agencies. Each claimant was required to hold a public hearing and present an adopted resolution, stating their findings on unmet transit needs, and required environmental

documents for streets and roads projects within their jurisdiction before funds can be allocated for road purposes. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will hold two public meetings in April and May to review unmet transit needs testimony and finalize their recommended determination on unmet transit needs in accordance with the TDA.

**B. FY2023-24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Project Program List**

Teresa Nickell stated that the FY 2023-24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) estimate has been received and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency's (KCAPTA) apportionment share is \$357,030 and the City of Corcoran's apportionment share is \$59,015. KCAPTA proposes two projects, a route to Lemoore Naval Air Station and quarterly bus passes; and Corcoran proposes to add solar panels to the bus parking structure located at the City's corporation yard. These projects are eligible expenses under LCTOP guidelines and are also consistent with the adopted Sustainable Communities Strategies.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Vega) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 24-01 approving the distribution of the FY 2023-24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program allocations for the projects included in the LCTOP Project List and designation of the KCAG Executive Director as an authorized agent for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Final FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget**

Terri King reported that the Draft FY2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) was approved for submittal. Comments were received from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration and appropriately incorporated into the final OWP. A new Work Element was added to account for the administration of a new fund source created by Senate Bill 125 for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) to fund transformative capital improvements. The proposed final budget increased by \$175,000 from the draft budget. The total cost of next year's activities will be approximately \$2,091,500 and includes salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and consulting services. Also included is the cost of new computers and office furniture for the new KCAG offices expected to be ready by July 1, 2025. A summary of funding sources and Work Elements was provided.

Angie Dow asked if there was a contingency plan for funding cuts to Senate Bill 125. The response was that the funding will be included this year and adjusted as budget cuts are announced.

It was moved and seconded (Hernandez / Tyburski) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the final FY2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget with the adoption of Resolution No. 24-02. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

None.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King stated that the REAP 2.0 funding is on hold pending State level budget decisions; the agreement for the FY 2023-24 Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds has been submitted with this year's apportionment of \$2,088,599. To receive their apportionment, local agencies should submit their annual reports.

Teresa Nickell said that the call for projects for FTA 5311 and 5339a funds is out; there are two projects for the Areawide Clearinghouse Review, with comments due by May 3, 2024; the project advisory committee meeting for the Regional Active Transportation Plan is next week and data needs requests will be sent to member agencies; and the SSTAC will meet on April 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Kayley Clay reminded those in attendance that the extension for the Carbon Reduction Program applications is due Friday and staff are working on programming CMAQ projects. The County was asked which project they anticipate starting first, Dana Circle or 17th and Houston Avenue signal. After some discussion, the response was that the County will review the issue and report back.

Joel Gandarilla reminded those in attendance that Form 700's are due in April.

Angie Down reported that the new Transit Center construction is ongoing and scheduled to be completed in July 2025; KCAPTA is applying for two competitive grants for the Transit Center infrastructure for electric charging and CNG compressor replacement and requests for Letters of Support will be sent to member agencies; and the unmet transit needs process is complete, with new routes being added.

Cristal Schisler said that the roundabout project on Bush St. at SR41 is in the environmental phase.

David Padilla stated that the Kettleman City application for a multiuse path has been submitted and was nominated by Caltrans Headquarters. He announced that Kayley Clay has been officially nominated for the Caltrans planning academy.

Eric Olson reminded those in attendance that his office is available to provide road safety expertise.

Mitch Cabrera said that the Houston Ave. Roundabout and Grangeville Roundabout are being held up by the right-of-way process; the Kettleman City pathway project is nearing completion; and bids for the Avenal-Cutoff Road project will be sent out to start after the SR 41 closure is completed.

Frank Senteno stated that the East Lacey Blvd. project is waiting on approval for right-of-way acquisition and the 12th Ave. and Hume signal project is waiting for authorization to proceed with construction. There was some discussion with Caltrans regarding restoration of the Lacey Blvd. and SR 43 roundabout with added traffic safety features. Eric Olson said that the High-Speed contractor plans on removing part of the SR 43 roundabout to transport large girders along SR 43. Once that project is completed the roundabout monument replacement can be reviewed.

Alex Hernandez said that the County is working on completing the Housing Element. KCAG noted that invoices for REAP 1.0 funds are due by the end of August 2024.

Cynthia Baruch expressed gratitude for the proposed bus routes to NAS Lemoore.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director