



# MINUTES

## KCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Thursday, April 18, 2024

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was called to order by Ms. Teresa Nickell, KCAG Regional Planner, at 2:12 p.m. on April 18, 2024 at the Kings County Human Services Agency conference room and via teleconference.

**A. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Tamayo-Pagan, Kings County Behavioral Health  
Heather Corder, Alternate for Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Craig Wilson, MV Transportation  
Corina Pulido, Alternate for Valley LEAP  
Steve Mendoza, Kings Rehabilitation  
Savino Perico, Kings County Action Organization

STAFF PRESENT: Terri King, Executive Director  
Teresa Nickell, Regional Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: Nicholas Islas, Caltrans D-6

**B. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**C. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Wilson / Corder) to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2023 as submitted. Motion approved.

**II. TRANSPORTATION**

**A. Appointments and Reappointments to SSTAC**

Every December/January, KCAG will recruit for new members with applications and conduct reappointments to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). The January orientation meeting was postponed to today. New recruited members include James Chaney, senior transit rider, Savino Perico of Kings County Action Organization, Jenny Porter of Lily of the Valley Church in Lemoore, and Brenda Tamayo-Pagan of Kings County Behavioral Health.

**B. SSTAC New Member Orientation**

The SSTAC helps to identify unmet transit needs of the transit dependent or transit disadvantaged person, including the elderly and persons with disability and/or limited means. The SSTAC will review all testimony and assess individual requests and provide a recommendation to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) with one of three findings: 1) There are no unmet transit needs; 2) There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; or 3) There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) held public hearings for unmet transit needs in February and March this year. The City of Corcoran, overseeing the Corcoran Area Transit system, held public hearings in March and April. KCAG will hold a public hearing April 24 and May 22, with the recommendation to the TPC at the June meeting. The next meeting of the SSTAC will be held on May 30th to assess the unmet transit needs and provide a recommendation letter for the TPC. The assessment will include all unmet transit needs testimony, including any comments from agencies or agency constituents received.

Each RTPA/MPO is responsible for conducting the annual Transportation Development Act (TDA) process of determining any unmet transit needs within the region in conjunction with administering the TDA funds, comprised of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. These two funds are provided to the public transit agencies. The LTF is allocated to the transportation planning agency and the transit agencies, then following the unmet transit needs public hearings and subsequent to any payments for unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet with prioritized funding as determined by the TPC, the jurisdictions and the County will receive remaining LTF for bicycle, pedestrian, and streets and roads projects.

C. Transit Agency Updates

The Kings Area Regional Transit (KART) station is currently under construction on 7th Street, between Harris and Brown Streets, slated for completion next summer in 2025. The City of Corcoran operates a Dial-A-Ride system in Corcoran. The transit division has updated the Corcoran Depot building with repairs and improvements.

KCAG is working with Mark Thomas, a transportation consulting group, to conduct the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) and will be gathering public information and feedback regarding bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure needs through public surveys and public events within each city and the County. Walk audits will be provided to survey and walk around towns to visually assess infrastructure needs for improvement or construction. We will also provide a webpage for the project on the kingscog.org website soon.

D. Unmet Transit Needs

KCAPTA has received four unmet transit needs requests. KCAG will hold a public hearing on April 24 and May 22, 2024 to gather any unmet transit needs testimony. The SSTAC's letter of recommendation will be provided to the TPC at the Commission meeting in June.

E. Transit Meetings

The next meeting of the SSTAC is scheduled for May 30, and staff will send out the agenda packet the week prior to the meeting.

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned on April 18, 2024 at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Teresa Nickell*

Teresa Nickell, KCAG Regional Planner