



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 8, 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, May 8, 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
Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works
Frank Senteno, City of Hanford Public Works
Alex Solorio, City of Hanford Public Works
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings, Public Works
Waters Jason, City of Hanford Deputy City Manager

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; Mitch Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works; Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works; Alejandro Solorio, City of Hanford Public Works; Victor Chavarin, and Alicia Jacobo, Office of Senato Melissa Hurtado, CA District 16.

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Baley / Tyburski) to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2024, 2024. The motion carried with Chuck Kinney abstaining.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2024-25 Transportation Development Act Fund - Unmet Transit Needs

Teresa Nickell stated that one of the responsibilities of KCAG is to administer Transit Development Act (TDA) funds available to Kings County. The Social Services Transportation Council (SSTAC) will meet to assess all unmet transit needs received as

public testimony and will make a recommendation to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee by signed letter. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) held public hearings in February and March 2024 and the City of Corcoran held public hearings in March and April 2024. KCAG held one public hearing meeting in April to be continued until May 22, 2024. The City of Corcoran and KCAG did not receive any unmet transit need testimony, and KCAPTA received seven comments.

B. FY 2024 Federal Transit Act Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects

Teresa Nickell stated that Kings County receives an apportionment of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funds that are available to public and private non-profit transportation providers in rural areas. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) has submitted an application for \$412,387 and the City of Corcoran submitted an application for \$125,065 for operating assistance.

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Solorio) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee consider any public hearing testimony and approve the FFY 2024 FTA Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects with the adoption of Resolution No. 24-03. The motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. 2024 Department of Finance Population and Housing Estimate

Terri King reported that all jurisdictions had an increase in population. There was a total increase was about 1% from the prior year's estimate. Any updates to the estimates will be sent to each jurisdiction.

B. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Workshop

Terri King said that the next REAP 2.0 workshop is Tuesday May 28, 2024, regarding the sixth cycle housing element, lessons learned and compliance implications. REAP 2.0 is still on hold pending the Governor's budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King stated that next month's agenda will include the final apportionments for the TDA funds; jurisdictions are required to submit their apportionment use reports to KCAG for the Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds; Staff is working on the 2025 FTIP list of projects; Staff submitted an FTIP amendment to add several CMAQ projects and make project schedule changes; and traffic counts will take place next month for the travel demand forecasting model update.

Teresa Nickell said that the consultant is conducting Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) public outreach with a new RATP web page on KingsCOG.org; revised TDA claims forms, based on the new Department of Finance population estimates will be sent out this month; and the Social Services Transportation Advisory meeting will be this month.

Kayley Clay reminded everyone to contact her for the 2025 FTIP list of projects and current traffic count reports.

Jennifer Morales said that the Auditors are working with each jurisdiction to complete the FY 2022-23 TDA Audits.

Kristey Bailey stated that the City of Lemoore is preparing to conduct a hotel study as it relates to development, and there are plans to extend the water and sewer along 19th Ave. up to Lacey Blvd. to SR 41.

Crystal Schisler said they are waiting for construction to start on the Roundabout project at SR 41 and Bush St., with construction anticipated to be completed by the end of summer.

Chuck Kinney said that the County is waiting on one jurisdiction to complete the Housing Element for public review. Regarding the REAP funding, they anticipate the final invoices to be submitted by the end of June 2024.

Mitchell Cabrera stated that traffic projects are moving forward. Once the SR 41 Stratford bridge replacement project by Caltrans is completed, other county road projects can get started. The Dana Circle project is in the right of way process.

Lisa Dock said the current traffic projects are moving forward. The East Lacey Blvd. project design is being reviewed for possible road modifications that are more community friendly, but the design for this project is moving forward with pending proposal for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The 9th Ave. and Lacey Blvd. traffic signal project is in the right of way phase and the 12th Ave. and Hume Ave. traffic signal project is waiting for approval of right of way.

Heather Corder reported that KCAPTA is working on their budget and moving forward with the new transit center construction.

Victor Chavarin, Office of Senato Melissa Hurtado, CA District 16, introduced himself and stated the office is willing to assist where possible.

David Padilla said that he has not heard back regarding the two Sustainable Transportation planning grants submitted within Kings County to Caltrans Headquarters; the HSIP call for projects was announced this week with approximately \$300 million available; there will be a webinar on May 21, 2024 to assist agencies with any questions; the Caltrans worker memorial was today in Visalia; ATP Cycle 7 applications are due June 17, 2024; and during the Policy Conference, Caltrans received a Blueprint award for an Avenal project.

Eric Olson stated that his office is available for any traffic safety concerns. Regarding the Dana Circle project, the right of way certification is anticipated for September 2024; Caltrans has provided comments on the Bush St and SR 41 roundabout; repair to the damage to the SR 43 and Lacey Blvd. roundabout monument does not appear to be part of Caltrans' maintenance agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director