



**III. REGIONAL PLANNING:**

None

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS:**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for August 14, 2024.**



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 12, 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, June 12, 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  
Alex Hernandez, County of Kings, Community Development  
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer  
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6  
Gelacio Rodriguez, City of Avenal  
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works  
Dominic Tyburski, County of Kings, Public Works

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Mitch Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works; Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

Terri King introduced the newest addition to KCAG staff, Julio Gonzalez, Regional Planner.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Dow) to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION

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

Teresa Nickell stated that the City of Corcoran, the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and KCAG have held separate public hearings regarding unmet transit needs as required by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is to present its recommendation to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) concerning potential unmet transit needs in Kings County. A summary of the seven requests received by KCAPTA was provided. The finding by the SSTAC regarding FY 2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs was that there are no unmet

transit needs within the jurisdictions of Corcoran and Avenal and that there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in the jurisdictions of Hanford, Lemoore and the County of Kings.

It was moved and seconded (Dow / Rodriguez) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 24-06 regarding the unmet transit needs determination; Resolution No. 24-07 to approve the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2024-25 Local Transportation Fund; and Resolution No. 24-08 to approve the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2024-25 State Transit Assistance fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Final Zero Emission Bus Implementation Plan**

Kayley Clay reported that KCAG has helped develop a Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Implementation Plan for both Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) and Corcoran Area Transit (CAT) with consultants at Stantec Inc. in accordance with California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation. Both ICT plans for KCAPTA and CAT were deemed sufficient and accepted by the agencies as well as CARB in 2023. Stantec sent data request sheets to both KCAPTA and CAT to collect the required data for an existing condition report for both agencies. Once all data was collected, Stantec utilized their modeling tool called ZEVDecide to predict and understand how ZEBs would perform under the current operating conditions for KCAPTA and CAT. In collaboration with Stantec, and other varying factors, KCAPTA and CAT decided battery electric buses (BEBs) were the best option for their agencies to phase their fleets into. The Final Zero Emission Bus Implementation Plan will guide agencies to an entirely zero-emission fleet by the year 2040.

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Dow) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee accept the Final ZEB Implementation Plans for KCAPTA and CAT. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

Terri King stated that REAP 2.0 is waiting for the State Budget to be approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Terri King said that traffic counts will be conducted at numerous locations for the purpose of updating the travel demand forecasting model; there will be a workshop on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, for federal obligation projects; the quarterly Caltrans meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2024; Staff are working on the Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Conformity documents to be released on June 24 and adopted in August 2024; and the latest GIS files are needed from the County for the travel demand forecasting model update.

Teresa Nickell said that a Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) public outreach event in Avenal was conducted and that staff are working on additional outreach events. The Kings Partnership will hold a Healthy Eating zoom meeting today to include an item for the RATP and the consultant team will meet with High-Speed Rail consultant regarding the Cross Valley Corridor connections.

Kayley Clay stated that if someone needs an invite link for the upcoming workshop with Caltrans on Agency Project Implementation and Invoicing, please let her know; and noted that the next project update meeting will be next Thursday at 3 p.m.

Gelacio Rodriguez said that Corcoran is working on ATP Cycle 4 project.

Angie Dow reported that the new Transit Center construction is moving forward; a competitive grant request has been submitted to assist with the electric bus charging station infrastructure; transit service to Lemoore NAS will begin on July 1, 2024; ridership is up to around 40K per month, with a goal of over 50K per month; KCAPTA is reviewing how to implement new technologies into the transit system; the “little bus” is being used for on-demand service but it will be tested in the fixed route service, including downtown service routes; and KCAPTA has a grant to purchase eight more small buses as soon as the electric bus charging infrastructure is in place.

Mitch Cabrera stated that the County started the HSIP flashing beacon project and that other larger projects are waiting on the right of way process.

Lisa Dock said that Hanford is reviewing the scope of the E. Lacey Blvd. project and that financial information for the FTIP has been requested from the finance department; and the 12th Ave. / Hume Ave. signal project is waiting on the right of way certification.

Orfil Muniz stated that the street striping project is underway; the CMAQ project is moving forward; the Clean California grant project is in the design phase; and Corcoran is working on a future ATP Cycle 7 grant application.

Alex Hernandez said that the County is working on the Housing Element with their consultant.

Cristal Schisler reported on several pending projects in Lemoore, including the mid-street crosswalk on Bush Street, D Street rehab, and apartments on Oleander.

David Padilla provided an update on ATP Cycle 7; Sustainable Planning grants will be awarded in June; and Cycle 12 grant applications are due September 9, 2024.

Cynthia Baruch expressed gratitude for the new Lemoore NAS KART service route and is looking forward to more services in the future.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director



TO: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee  
FROM: Terri King, Executive Director  
DATE: July 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Introduction

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Kings County region and is required to biennially adopt a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as part of the formal process in applying for federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Projects requiring federal funding, a federal action, or projects that are considered regionally significant must be included in the FTIP.

The FTIP must also be found to conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the attainment of air quality standards and the FTIP must be financially constrained. KCAG must prepare and adopt updated conformity documents to reflect the FTIP.

Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

The 2025 FTIP includes the ongoing projects from the prior federally approved 2023 FTIP, as amended. The FTIP provides a priority list of projects to be delivered during this quadrennial period. Prior and later years are included for information purposes and projects listed may be moved into the quadrennial element by subsequent FTIP amendments as funding allows. The FTIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates financial constraint for both the capital and operational costs on an annual basis.

Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Kings County is part of the San Joaquin Valley, which is a non-attainment area for several pollutants. Failure to meet air quality requirements could result in a lapse of federal funding for non-exempt projects. Therefore, prior to adopting the 2025 FTIP, KCAG must make a finding that the FTIP projects do not cumulatively result in an increase of vehicle emissions of non-attainment pollutants or their precursors. The air quality conformity analysis assures that the draft 2025 FTIP projects meet the air quality emission budgets established by the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Public Comment Period

KCAG staff released the draft 2025 FTIP and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the required 30-day public review and comment period beginning on June 24, 2024 through July 24, 2024. A public hearing will be held before the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on July 24, 2024, to hear and consider comments. The final documents are scheduled to be adopted on August 28, 2024. A copy of the draft 2025 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis are attached and can be found on the KCAG website at [https://www.kingscog.org/2025\\_ftip](https://www.kingscog.org/2025_ftip) and <https://www.kingscog.org/airq>.

Recommendation

KCAG staff recommends that the Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Analysis be reviewed, and comments provided prior to July 24, 2024.