



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:33 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 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
Mitch Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works
Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency;
Olson Eric, Caltrans Office Chief of Traffic Safety & Engineering/Safe System Lead

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Schisler) to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity

Terri King stated that the draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis were released for the required 30-day public review and comment period beginning on June 24, 2024, through July 24, 2024 and that the final documents are scheduled to be adopted on August 28, 2024. All member agencies were encouraged to review the draft 2025 FTIP to make sure their projects are up to date. Lisa Dock asked how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are incorporated into the FTIP. The response was ARPA funds are federal funds and may be included in the FTIP, however, for prior year transportation projects an amendment may be required. She

also asked was why a street sweeper project appears for a prior year. The response was it may have been for a closed-out project and can be deleted.

REGIONAL PLANNING

Terri King stated that the previous Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) fund apportionment was approximately \$1,854,531.00. However, due to State budget cuts, there was a 4.9% reduction resulting in a new apportionment amount of approximately \$1,745,113.00. A new agreement with a new funding amount and schedule will be issued by the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). It was asked what type of projects the funds can be used. The reply was they must meet specific criteria for housing, sustainability communities, and reducing vehicle miles traveled, among others. She noted that funds may be used to reimburse expenses from a qualifying project that was completed since June 30, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King reported that state notification was received regarding the approval of SB 125 transit projects; and that the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning grant for Avenal's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan was approved, but Corcoran's grant application was not approved.

Angie Dow reported that KCAPTA received \$1.6 million in Federal Transit Act Section 5339 competitive grant funding for upgrading the CNG facility, but the application for \$15,000,000 for bus infrastructure of electric buses was not received. KCAPTA will continue to apply for state funding. The KART Transit Center construction is moving forward and anticipate complete by July 2025.

Lisa Dock stated that the project at 12th Ave. and Hume traffic signal project is waiting on the right of way phase; the traffic signal light at 9th Ave. and E. Lacey Blvd. is in the process of issuing an eminent domain; the city is reviewing the scope of work for the E. Lacey Blvd. project; U.S. Congressman, David Valadao will be visiting the Hanford project in August.

Cristal Schisler reported on several pending projects in Lemoore, including the mid-street crosswalk on Bush Street, and roundabout at Bush Street and SR 41; the city is waiting on funding for some set aside projects.

Mitch Cabrera said that the 17th Ave. and Houston Ave. traffic signal project is in the right of way phase and the Avenal Cut off Road project is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors for contract award.

Cynthia Baruch said that the new bus route to LNAS started during a time when many are away or deployed and may require additional advertising as there is lower than expected ridership. She stated that LNAS Base security is coordinating with Caltrans for the road repaving project near NAS Lemoore. There are no additional traffic light issues at the Base entrance from SR 198.

David Padilla said that the Sustainable Planning grant awards are posted on the Caltrans website; a grant manager will be assigned to the Sustainable Planning grant awarded to Avenal; and Caltrans will have a grant writing course in July 2024.

Teresa Nickell stated that a Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) public outreach event in Avenal was conducted, and that staff are working on additional outreach events. The next project advisory committee meeting will be August 12, 2024. Staff will produce an RFP for the upcoming triennial performance audits.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director