



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Javier Andrade, City of Avenal, Community Development
Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore, Community Development
Bega Valarie, City of Corcoran, Transit Coordinator
Mitch Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works
Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works
Padilla David, Caltrans District 6
Mark Pedriero, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Gelacio Rodriguez, City of Corcoran
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Maria Ortiz, City of Avenal City Clerk; Joanna Castro, City of Corcoran Community Development; Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Andrade) to approve the Minutes of July10, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair Program Project List

Teresa Nickell stated that the State of Good Repair (SGR) Program is from Senate Bill (SB) 1 that provides about \$68,976,500 million in annual proceeds to transit operators in California. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency’s (KCAPTA) FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$240,158 and proposes to rebuild eleven (11) CNG engines using \$240,158 of SGR funds in addition to State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.

Corcoran’s FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$39,620 and proposes to purchase and install a new wheelchair lift in either a 22-passenger bus or a 16-ambulatory passenger bus with 2 wheelchairs.

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Rodriguez) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 24-09 approving the distribution of the FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair Program allocations for the transit projects included in the regional FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair Program Project List. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Final 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity

Terri King reported that KCAG staff released the draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the required 30-day public review and comment period. A public hearing was held before the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on July 24, 2024, to hear and consider comments. No comments were provided on the draft 2025 FTIP and three comments were received from Caltrans on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. All comments received have been responded to and necessary changes have been incorporated into the final documents.

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Dock) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the Final 2025 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis with the adoption of Resolution No. 24-10. The motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. REAP 2.0 Local Suballocation Grant Program Call for Projects

Terri King stated that KCAG has been waiting on the State budget issues to be resolved before proceeding with the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 grant program. With the FY 2024-25 State Budget cuts to the REAP 2.0 program, KCAG’s revised maximum allocation is now \$1,939,379. In June 2023, the KCAG Commission approved the suballocation formula and project scoring methodology. The REAP 2.0 Local Suballocation Grant Program application and guidelines can be found on the KCAG website. KCAG will conduct a workshop in September, following the call for projects, to review the application process with potential applicants, with applications due October 25, 2024. The goal is to have the recommendation awards presented to the KCAG Commission during the December 2024 meeting. It was noted that the grant does not require a local match amount, awarded funds must be spent by March 2026, and agencies may also apply for any left over funds.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King stated that the TAC meeting for September 2024 will likely be cancelled.

Kayley Clay said that the project update meeting is tomorrow.

Julio Gonzalez encouraged each agency to attend the upcoming REAP 2.0 workshop.

Mitch Cabrera stated that the Avenal Cutoff Road project will start next week; the proposed traffic light at 17th Ave. and Houston Ave. is in the right-of-way phase, with construction starting in 2025.

David Padilla said that applications for ATP cycle 7 were received with award announcement to be released by year's end. Applications for Cycle 12 are due September 9, 2024. David announced that this will be his last TAC meeting, as he will transition to a new position and that Sandra Scherr or Caleb Brock may be attending future meetings. Hanford was not awarded the grant they applied for and can request a debriefing meeting.

Mark Pedriero stated that the new Transit Center construction is progressing.

Javier Andrade said that Avenal is working with the County of Kings on the Avenal Cutoff Road project.

Lisa Dock stated that Congressman David Valadao was at the presentation media event for the Lacey Blvd. project; the right-of-way for the traffic signal light at 12th and Hume has been received; the roundabout at Reddington and 7th was not approved; and the grade separation application at Grangeville Blvd. and BNSF is in the project development phase.

Crystal Schisler stated that the City of Lemoore is working on several street projects, including a bike path on Bush, and sidewalks on 19th Ave.

Cynthia Baruch said that the Installation's Public Works Officer is tracking traffic patterns on the Avenal Cutoff Road.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director