



MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 3:00 p.m., on August 28, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California and via Zoom.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Martin Devine, David Orth, Joe Neves, Sid Palmerin, Alvaro Preciado, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Navarro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Zach Bamba, District Representative for CA 22nd District Congressmen David G. Valadao; Zoom: Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station; Patricia Matthews, City of Lemoore Mayor

A. Remote Participation Due to Emergency Circumstances

None.

B. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

C. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

D. Minutes

1. Minutes of July 24, 2024

A motion was made and seconded (Preciado / Verboon) to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2024, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Devine, Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado, Verboon

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

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

Teresa Nickell stated that the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency's (KCAPTA) FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$240,158 and proposes to utilize the funds to rebuild eleven CNG engines. The City of Corcoran's FY 2024-25 State of Good Repair apportionment is \$39,620 and proposes to utilize the funds to purchase and install a new wheelchair lift in a 22-passenger ambulatory bus.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Preciado) to 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 for KCAPTA and the City of Corcoran. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Devine, Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado, Verboon

2. Final 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Kayley Clay stated that KCAG is a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 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. KCAG must prepare and adopt updated conformity documents to reflect the FTIP and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). 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. KCAG staff released the draft 2025 FTIP and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the required 30-day public review and comment period. All comments received have been responded to and necessary changes have been incorporated into the final documents.

A motion was made and seconded (Preciado / Orth) to approve the Final 2025 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis with the adoption of Resolution No. 24-10. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Devine, Navarro, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado, Verboon

B. Caltrans Report

Michael Navarro stated that application for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant opportunity for Cycle 12 are due September 9, 2024; Safe Streets and Roads for All applications are due August 29, 2024; the ribbon cutting ceremony for SR 41 Stratford Bridge replacement project was well attended; sections of SR 41 near Excelsior Ave. will be under construction until September 2024; the widening of SR 41 two lane section in Fresno County is still in the design phase, with construction anticipated for 2025; construction for Reef City pavement rehabilitation project on SR 41 from the Kern County line to the I-5 separation is anticipated to start in early 2025;

and the permit for the SR 41 and Bush roundabout should be ready by early winter 2024.

Commissioner Verboon expressed concern regarding work on SR 43 and Idaho Ave. Houston Ave. will be closed, which will increase traffic near alternate routes. Caltrans will review their traffic plan for the construction phase. There was some discussion regarding the freight traffic in that area, and possible temporary stop signs or beacons.

Commissioner Preciado shared concerns regarding traffic accidents along SR 269 and Avenal Cutoff Road. Drivers unfamiliar with the area are confused with the traffic pattern may benefit from better signage and lighting around the travel stop facility.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Staff Comments

Terri King reported that the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority meeting is September 20, 2024, in Martinez; the October agenda for the California Transportation Commission will include an allocation request for the Project Approval and Environment Document phase for the 9th Ave. and SR198 interchange.

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

B. General Commissioner Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on August 28, 2024

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on August 28, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Devine, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Preciado, Verboon

2. Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 Grant – Local Suballocation Grant Program Call for Projects

Julio Gonzalez stated that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) passed the REAP 2.0 program grant budget. KCAG's original maximum award was \$2,060,590 and KCAG submitted the REAP 2.0 applications for the initial advance allocation of \$206,059 and the remaining \$1,854,531 for suballocation purposes. KCAG's revised allocation is now \$1,939,379, and the remaining total for suballocation is \$1,733,320. For this purpose, KCAG developed a REAP 2.0 Local Suballocation Grant Program that includes suballocation formula targets, a project application, application scoring criteria and methodology, and application guidelines. The available funds are for housing, transportation, and

reducing vehicle miles traveled projects. The Call for Projects was released on August 26, 2024, with applications due on October 25, 2024. KCAG will conduct a workshop on September 18, 2024.

3. San Joaquin Valley Voice Trip Washington DC

Terri King stated that the Washington D.C. Valley Voice trip will take place September 8-12, 2024, with meetings on the 10th and 11th. Commissioners Verboon and Preciado, and the KCAG Executive Director, Terri King will be participating in the 2024 trip on behalf of KCAG. MPO staff, in consultation with Jen Covino of Covino, Smith & Simon, and other partners, have been compiling a list of legislative and regulatory priority advocacy items for consideration that will be included in a Valley Voice brochure to participants and attendees. A draft agenda of the 2024 Washington D.C. Valley Voice meetings and the brochure that includes the regional priorities and associated fact sheets for the key focus areas was handed out.

4. FY 2023-24 Fourth Quarter and Year End Financial Reports

Jennifer Morales reported on the financial report for the period of April 1, 2024, thru June 30, 2024. Total expenditures reported was \$462,053 and a total of \$351,597.88 in federal funds were received as reimbursement for Quarter 4. Total expenditures reported for the year was \$1,415,247 and total reported reimbursement of federal funds received for the year was \$864,728. KCAG also submitted the Certification of Expenditure's to Caltrans that identifies the FY 23-24 allocations, expenditures, and fund balance to be carried over to next fiscal year. KCAG invoices local member agencies a total of \$65,665 for their share of the local expenditures incurred in FY 23-24. The total expenditures for FY 23-24 were \$1,159,692 and total revenues received was \$1,047,149.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King asked that KCAG be notified of any pending federal applications so they can be included in the Valley Voice discussions; there will be a virtual CalCOG board meeting on September 30, 2024; and next month's KCAG Commission agenda will have three Areawide Clearing House items.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Palmerin stated that the Corcoran Pump Track gained national attention and may be used hold playoffs next year.

Commissioner Preciado stated that Avenal is seeking grants for no-cost internet service in the area and the Suicide Prevention Walk will be on September 7, 2024. It was suggested to investigate the "Flock system" as a license plate reader to address traffic issues along Skyline Blvd.

Commissioner Devine stated that the city website has information regarding the sales tax Measure H and the National Night Out event will be on October 1, 2024.

Commissioner Orth stated that there will be a welcome event for the new City Manager in Lemoore on December 5, 2024, at the Lemoore Civic Auditorium and the time capsule opening will be September 26, 2024 at the old City Hall building.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2024

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director