



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 3:12 p.m., on October 23, 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, Sid Palmerin, Joe Neves, Alvaro Preciado, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Caleb Brock

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Zoom: Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station

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 September 25, 2024

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2024, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. Triennial Performance Audit – Consultant Selection

Terri King reported that this fiscal year, the triennial performance audits of KCAG, Corcoran Area Transit (CAT), and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), covering the fiscal years 2021/22 through 2023/24, are scheduled to be conducted by an independent consultant. The final triennial performance audit reports will be due by June 30, 2025. KCAG staff, utilizing standard procurement procedures, developed and distributed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to known and interested consulting firms in August 2024, with a budget of \$45,000. The three proposals received were scored by a Proposal Review Committee, which has recommended Moore & Associates as the preferred consulting firm.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to approve the selection of Moore & Associates to prepare the Triennial Performance Audits and authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract for their services at a cost of \$43,450. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program – Amendment No. 1

Jennifer Morales stated that the FY 2024-2025 Overall Work Program (OWP) for transportation planning includes projects funded with a variety of federal, state, and local funding sources. A total of \$1,256,754 in available federal planning funds and \$167,500 in SB 1 Formula Grant funds was programmed in the adopted FY 2024-25 OWP. Following the close of FY 2023-24, Caltrans has provided a reconciliation letter indicating the final carryover balance in total federal planning carryover funds that need to be included in an amendment to the FY 2024-25 OWP.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Preciado) to approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2024-2025 Overall Work Program with the adoption of Resolution No. 24-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Master Fund Transfer Agreement

Terri King stated that the federal planning funds from Caltrans programmed in the KCAG Overall Work Program (OWP) are provided on a reimbursement basis. A Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) between KCAG and Caltrans is required to stipulate the terms under which KCAG carries out the OWP activities and Caltrans supplies the reimbursement of funds. The current MFTA expires on December 31, 2024 and an updated agreement has been drafted by Caltrans for adoption that would take effect on January 1, 2025, and extend through December 31, 2034.

A motion was made and seconded (Orth / Devine) to approve the updated Master Fund Transfer Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to sign the

Agreement with the adoption of Resolution No. 24-12. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Caltrans Report

Caleb Brock stated that the next planning grant call for applications guide will be published this week and jurisdictions within District 6 will be invited to a workshop on November 6, 2024. The grant application deadline is January 22, 2025. There are two policy changes regarding funds transfer and transit agencies can now be listed as the applicant. Regarding projects it was reported that the Clean California project in Avenal has started; the SR 41 Kettleman City roundabout is in the right-off-way acquisition phase resulting in going to the condemnation process and delaying the project until 2026; due to cooler overnight weather the rubberized rehabilitation project on SR 41 is in winter suspension and expected to start in June 2025; SR 41 segment of unfinished two lane project in Fresno County is scheduled to start construction in spring of 2025; the Reef City CAPM project is anticipated to start in early 2025; and the Hanford SR 198 CAPM project is expected to start in 2027.

Commission Verboon suggested Caltrans present graphics of the Kettleman City roundabout project layout.

Commission Preciado asked for additional details regarding the Reef City CAPM project. The response was it is a pavement preservation project from Kern County Line to the SR 41 separation near I-5. Also, Commission Preciado commented on the poor road condition of SR 269 near Five Points. The response was that Caltrans will review the concern.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Staff Comments

Terri King stated that KCAG had a meeting with Caltrans regarding the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) and will forward the information sheet to the Committee. The Clean Energy Direct Pay program information sheet will also be provided to the Committee. Next month agenda will include the proposed activities for the FY 2025-26 OWP; FY 2023-24 federal obligation report; KCAG 2025 meeting calendar; fourth quarter financial report; and the REAP 2.0 grant awards. The CalCOG Regional Leadership Forum will be in Sacramento March 5-7, 2025.

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

C. General Commissioner Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on October 23, 2024

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on October 23, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Areawide Planning Review No. 24-17

Julio Gonzalez stated that the City of Lemoore Public Works Division is seeking a planning grant from the Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) in the amount of \$100,000 and will provide \$25,000 in local funds, for a total project cost of \$125,000 to develop a Local Roadway Safety Action Plan. The Roadway Safety Action Plan will inform improvements along corridors with safety issues, provide funding to implement “quick build” and other temporary strategies to test out safety features, such as separated bicycle lanes or curb extensions at intersections. KCAG staff received written comments from four agencies stating that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to recommend that the KCAG Commission’s comments include and ratify those of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 24-17. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Areawide Planning Review No. 24-18

Julio Gonzalez stated that the City of Corcoran Public Works Division is seeking a planning grant from the Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) in the amount of \$100,000 and will provide \$25,000 in local gas tax funds, for a total project cost of \$125,000 to develop a Local Roadway Safety Action Plan. The Roadway Safety Action Plan will inform improvements along corridors with safety issues, provide funding to implement “quick build” and other temporary strategies to test out safety features, such as separated bicycle lanes or curb extensions at intersections. KCAG staff received written comments from four agencies stating that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Orth) to recommend that the KCAG Commission’s comments include and ratify those of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 24-18. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Reschedule November / December KCAG Meeting Dates

Terri King stated that KCAG’s November and December regularly scheduled Commission meetings are close to the Holidays and are historically rescheduled and combined so that they do not conflict with the Holidays.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to approve the cancellation of the November 27, 2024, and December 25, 2024, regularly scheduled meetings

and that a Special Meeting be scheduled for December 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

None.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Palmerin said that Corcoran is having a park event on Friday, and a wine tasting event on November 2, 2024.

Commissioner Preciado stated that Avenal held a food event that provided meals for about 150 families, and that in November the Air District will hold an event in Visalia regarding wildfire mitigation.

Commissioner Verboon was presented with a \$70 million posted check to be used toward San Joaquin Rail efforts. An additional \$30 million was received for the Cross Valley Corridor efforts. There was further discussion regarding Valley Voice trips and funds received for the Central Valley.

Commissioner Devine expressed gratitude for the Valley Voice efforts and the results in Hanford. Hanford received an approximately \$1,000,000 grant from the US Forest Service for the first 600 trees for the Hanford Goes Green efforts. There will be a meet and greet event at the Old Hanford Court House.

Commissioner Orth said there will be a grand opening of the Valle Grullence and Baskin Robins; National Night Out will be at Heritage Park; Coffee in the Community will be at the Recreation Center in Lemoore; Veterans Car Show will be on November 9, and the Veterans Day parade will be on November 11, 2024.

Commissioner Neves stated that Hanford Library will have a book sale event.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for December 11, 2024

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director