



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

**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, January 8, 2025, in the Conference Room, 339 West “D” Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works  
Angie Dow, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Alex Hernandez, County of Kings, Community Development  
Gelacio Rodriguez, City of Corcoran, City of Avenal  
Sandra Scherr, 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:** Caleb Brock, Caltrans District 6; Lorena Mendibles, Caltrans District 6; Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency; Samantha McCarty, CMS, Santa Rosa Rancheria

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Rodriguez) to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**A. FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program Activities**

Terri King stated that KCAG is required to develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) for its transportation activities. Funding sources include the federal planning funds available to KCAG as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is estimated to be \$790,120 in new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and \$59,244 in new Federal Transit Administration (FTA), \$164,572 in SB 1 formula apportionments, and carryover balance of unused prior year FHWA and FTA apportionments. Other funding sources include Transportation Development Act funds, Abandoned Vehicle Abatement funds, Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, SB 125 Transit Funds and Local funds. A summary of the OWP work elements was provided.

Lisa Dock asked when the traffic model was last updated. The reply was that the consultant is currently in the process of gathering additional information to update the traffic model and will be meeting with local agencies regarding land use and road network changes.

Gelacio Rodriguez inquired if there is still time to request traffic count locations. The response was that there is still time to make additional requests.

Samantha McCarty asked if the current traffic counting locations include roads around the Tachi Rancheria. The reply was affirmative regarding major and arterial routes. There is still time to make additional requests.

**B. FFY 2023024 Annual Federal Funds Obligations Report**

Kayley Clay reported that Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) make available to the public an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the proceeding federal fiscal year. KCAG has prepared the annual report of obligated projects for the Federal Fiscal Year FFY 2023-24, which is available on the KCAG website and at the KCAG office. KCAG Member Agencies and state agencies on behalf of the region obligated approximately \$44 million (and \$166,736 de-obligated) for streets, roads, and highway projects and approximately \$13.4 for transit projects within Kings County.

Lisa Dock asked for status of project delivery. The response was that federal obligations were below 50% and that some unobligated funds are at risk of being lost if not expended by October 31, 2025.

**C. Social Service Transportation Advisory Council Appointments**

Teresa Nickell stated that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is an advisory body to the regional transportation planning agency regarding the unmet transit needs and that there are eight members of the SSTAC whose terms are expiring in January 2025. KCAG has the responsibility to appoint members to the SSTAC from a broad representation. KCAG staff confirmed each member's desire to continue participation with the SSTAC for a three-year term, with the exceptions five members. The recruitment of new members resulted in three new membership applications related to specific areas of expertise and eligibility for the TPC to consider. Included in the agenda packet is the roster that identifies the 2025 members of the SSTAC along with their categories of representation and terms of service. The SSTAC is scheduled to meet in January 2025 for new member orientation.

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Dock) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the reappointment of three members and the appointment of three new members to serve three-year terms on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

**A. 2025 KCAG Meeting Calendar**

Terri King introduced the 2025 KCAG Meeting Calendar with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting dates.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King stated that an email regarding the free REAP webinars for January 28, 2025, was sent and that the topic is residential design standards. She noted that the Governor's Proposed FY 25-26 Budget will be available Friday.

Kayley Clay sent out an email regarding the project update meeting being postponed. An updated project spreadsheet will be distributed. The local assistance meeting date was announced and will be forwarded.

Julio Gonzalez stated the traffic counts for Lemoore are completed and staff will forward count information to the City of Lemoore.

Teresa Nickell said that the FY 25-26 Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance estimates will be provided to KCAG in February and that claimant forms will be sent out in March. Staff are waiting on State of Good Repair estimates.

Alex Hernandez said that the State's Housing Elements comments were received.

Angie Dow stated that the new transit center is progressing with an anticipated completion in December 2025; the electric bus infrastructure design build request will be released soon; new electric buses will be ordered once the infrastructure contract is filled; and there is a potential competitive grant joint application opportunity with the Kings Area Regional Transit Agency and the cities to fund transit-related projects.

Cristal Schisler said that there are several projects waiting for warmer weather; the construction project on D Street is ongoing; the new pedestrian crosswalk on Bush Street had its ribbon cutting ceremony; Councilmember Patricia Matthew has been appointed as the primary representative on the KCAG Commission; and Diego Lopez serves as the Assistant Public Work's Director and is temporarily filling in for Frank Rivera, who is retiring.

Gelacio Rodriguez, who was representing both the City of Corcoran and the City of Avenal, said that an obligated CMAQ project in Corcoran is waiting for the railroad to avoid any special conditions since the project does not encroach in their right of way; the Whitley Ave. beautification project will start later this year; the EV Charging infrastructure plan will be submitted to Corcoran City Council for review and approval; Corcoran received funding for Safe Streets for All projects; and Corcoran will be submitting an STP application for a technical study for a path project from the Train Depot to Gateway Park. Regarding the City of Avenal, it was reported that the South 7th Avenue project is completed; the bike and pedestrian improvements along 7th Avenue should be programmed this year; Avenal also received funding for Safe Streets for All projects; and Avenal will be submitting an STP application for a community wide street safety study.

Lisa Dock stated that Hanford received \$1.6 million for the project development of a Railroad underpass on Grangeville Blvd.; Hanford will be submitting a Safe Street for All grant application; the East Lacey project is being scaled down to single lanes and median instead of four lanes; the high speed rail station may impact the final East Lacey design; the traffic signal at 12th and Hume has construction authorization but is underfunded. There was some discussion regarding a \$15.3 million RAISE Fast Track that has been awarded to interconnect downtown to high speed rail.

Samantha McCarty introduced herself and expressed willingness to build good working relationships with KCAG member agencies.

Sandra Scherr congratulated the City of Hanford on their awarded funds; Caltrans is willing to offer any assistance; Headquarters statewide and district transit plans are being developed, with upcoming workshops; a Sustainable Community Planning Grant was awarded to Avenal; and there will be a multi-modal planning meeting on January 16, 2025.

Lorena Mendibles has scheduled a Cross Valley Corridor meeting with Tulare County and offered to include KCAG, which was welcomed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director