



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 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
Cynthia Baruch, Lemoore Naval Air Station
Estevan Benavides, City of Lemoore Public Works
Mitch Cabrera, County of Kings, Public Works
Joanna Castro, City of Corcoran, Community Development
Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works
Henderson Jim, County of Kings, Public Works
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Community Development
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer
Sandra Scherr, Caltrans District 6

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

VISITORS PRESENT: David Deel, Caltrans District 6, Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore Public Works

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Castro) to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2025-26 Transportation Development Act Fund Estimates

Teresa Nickell stated that the State Controller released their estimate of \$1,613,210 for the FY 2025-26 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for Kings County, and the Kings County Auditor provided an estimate of \$6,200,000 for the FY 2025-26 Local Transportation Funds (LTF). The estimated shares of FY 2025-26 LTF for KCAG member agencies were

provided. The claims forms will be mailed and documentation from the claimants must be returned to KCAG by April 1, 2025. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) is holding public hearings to consider unmet transit needs in February and March 2025, the City of Corcoran is holding their public hearings in January and February 2025, and KCAG will conduct public hearings in April and May 2025. Approval of the TDA apportionments and allocation instructions to the County Auditor, will be made by Resolution during the June TPC meeting.

Lisa Dock asked if the City of Hanford is required to hold a public hearing for unmet transit needs and pass a resolution. The response was that KCAPTA will hold the public hearing on behalf of the cities and County and the City Council will pass a resolution approving the submittal of claims and other documentation.

B. Draft FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget

Terri King stated that KCAG has developed the Draft FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) for public review and comment, which must be submitted to Caltrans by March 1, 2025. 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). 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. The total cost of next year's activities will be approximately \$2,025,000, and includes salaries and benefits, service and supplies, and consulting services. This year, KCAG will prepare an RFP for the Transportation Development Act audits, rather than be included in the County's audit RFP.

Chuck Kinney inquired about local fund cost increases for the Areawide Clearing House and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) activities. The response was that Areawide Clearing House activity has increased and there is an increase in lobbying activities, for which federal funds nor LTF cannot be used.

It was moved and seconded (Andrade / Dock) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee review and approve the release of the draft FY 2025-26 OWP for review and comment. The motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King summarized some items on next month's agenda including the breakdown of the Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance funds.

Teresa Nickell said that consultant Mark Thomas is working on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and will schedule a virtual public workshop. The City of Lemoore requested a presentation to their City Council. Completion of the Plan is behind schedule due to delays in collecting correct project coordination, but the contract cost has not increased. A question came up regarding the coordination between the Consultant's and the City of Hanford's ATP activity. The response was that the Consultant might be in contact with the City of Hanford.

Jennifer Morales stated that the FY 2023-24 TDA audits are ongoing.

Joel Gandarilla said that Form 700 requests will be sent out soon.

Joanne Castro stated that a low-income housing project will start soon.

David Deel has been appointed Senior Regional Planner and will be attending meetings. The draft OWP's are due February 28, 2025. Caltrans is in the process of evaluating the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants submitted within District 6. Applications were received from the cities of Avenal, Hanford, Corcoran, and Lemoore. The Caltrans SR 99 Comprehensive Multi-Modal Corridor Plan (CMCP) has a website to host information at CentralValley99.com and all in attendance were encouraged to register and attend the Fresno and Madera Counties Engagement Meetings for CMCP. Caltrans is developing Statewide Transit Plans to identify areas of need, prioritize improvements, and identify strategies to implement capital improvements. There is a Federal Transit Administration 2025 public engagement disparity study for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Caltrans District 6 published the new Caltrans Engagement Portal to inform the public about upcoming meetings and events and allow project input/comments to be provided. Beginning in May 2025, Caltrans will provide all its project information on this platform.

Cynthia Baruch said that LNAS will be hosting an air show in March 2026.

Heather Corder stated that the completion of the KART Transit Center has been pushed back to October/November 2025.

Jim Henderson announced the upcoming Youth in Government Day on March 18, 2025. The Houston Bridge project is in the environmental phase.

Mitch Cabrera said the second phase of the Avenal Cutoff Road is in progress and the 16th Avenue bridge replacement is in progress.

Cristal Schisler introduced the new Public Works Director for the City of Lemoore, Estevan Benavides. She reported on several ongoing projects in the City of Lemoore.

Kristie Baley reported on the SR 198 and Vine pedestrian bridge and the Oleander Avenue extension project.

Chuck Kinney stated that the request to approve the bid award for the General Plan and Development Code update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Lisa Dock said that the Federal Railroad Administration project grant submittal for the Grangeville Blvd. and BNSF undercrossing is being reviewed for wording and the RAISE grant is on pause. She asked if the lobbyist has any information on the many paused programs. The response was KCAG will forward any updates as they are received. There was a question regarding the joint grant application between Lemoore, Hanford, and KART related to High-Speed Rail. The reply was KCAPTA is monitoring the application process.

Javier Andrade stated that Avenal has a few pending items for the audit. The indoor recreation center construction will be awarded soon.

Orfil Muniz reported on several Corcoran projects like CMAQ phase 1 and 2, the Clean California Project, and CDBG projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director