



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 February 26, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California and via Zoom.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Patricia Matthews, Joe Neves, Alvaro Preciado, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Jim Perrault

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Lou Martinez, Jeanette Zamora-Bragg

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

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Cynthia Baruch

A. Remote Participation Due to Emergency Circumstances

None.

B. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

C. Declare Vacancy and Conduct Election of Vice Chair

Commissioner Neves declared the office of Vice Chair vacant and opened the nominations for the Vice Chair.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to nominated Commissioner Matthews as Vice-Chair and to close the nominations for the Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon
Absent: Martinez, Zamora-Bragg

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to elect Commissioner Matthews as Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon
Absent: Martinez, Zamora-Bragg

D. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

E. Minutes

1. Minutes of January 22, 2025

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Matthews) to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2025, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon
Absent: Martinez, Zamora-Bragg

II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2025-26 Transportation Development Act Estimates

Teresa Nickell stated that KCAG received the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds estimates for FY 2025-26. The State Transit Assistance (STA) funds estimate is \$1,613,210, and the Local Transportation Funds (LTF) estimate is \$6,200,000. The claims and other required documentation from the claimants must be returned to KCAG by April 1st of each year. Each claimant is required to hold a public hearing and have both an adopted resolution, stating their findings on unmet transit needs before funds can be allocated for street and road purposes. Approval of the TDA apportionments and allocation instructions, to the County Auditor, will be made by Resolution during the June TPC meeting.

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

Terri King presented the Draft FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget which each Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to prepare and submit to Caltrans by March 1, each year. KCAG's FY 2025-26 apportionments of Federal planning funds is \$790,120 and of Federal Transit Act funds is \$59,224. Other funding sources include toll credits, SB1 Formula Grant funds, Local Transportation Funds, Planning Programming and Monitoring funds, Abandoned Vehicle Abatement funds, Regional Early Action Planning funds, and City and County general funds. The total cost of next year's activities will be approximately \$2,069,530, and includes salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and consulting services. Also included is the cost of new office furniture for the new KCAG offices. A summary of the work program was provided.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Matthews) to approve for the release of the Draft FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program for review and comment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon
Absent: Martinez, Zamora-Bragg

B. Caltrans Report

Jim Perrault reported that District 6 Director Diana Gomez has retired and that the new District 6 Director Michael Navarro was appointed on February 3, 2025. Caltrans

received four Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants from the County of Kings region. Caltrans District 6 received 31 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 12 awards for a total of \$35 million and the Kings County region received 7 HSIP awards. However, the roundabout project in Hanford was not awarded.

Regarding projects it was reported that the City of Avenal enhancements Clean California project along SR 269 and SR 33 is anticipated to start in March 2025; the SR 41 Kettleman City roundabout is in the right-of-way acquisition phase; the CAPM project on SR 41, from Nevada Avenue to SR 198, started in June 2024 with completion anticipated in 2025; the permit for the temporary roundabouts at Bush Street is anticipated to be released in May of 2025; the design for the SR 41 segment of unfinished two lane project in Fresno County is scheduled to be completed in May 2025, with construction in fall of 2025; the SR 198 and 9th Avenue interchange is in the draft project report phase; the Reef City CAPM project is anticipated to start in March 2025; Hanford and SR 198 CAPM project is in the environmental phase with construction anticipated in 2027; and the SR 269 Avenal Cutoff project will improve lighting and add beacons.

Commissioner Preciado requested clarification regarding the SR 269 Avenal Cutoff lighting and beacons and expressed the need for a larger scope of improvement due to the number of collisions at the intersections. The response was that Caltrans will review the comments and concerns for this project.

Commissioner Neves stated that the SR 41 off-ramp onto Bush Street continues to be heavily congested with traffic backing up on SR 41 and suggested a two-lane off-ramp. The response was that Caltrans will review the comments and concerns for this project.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Staff Comments

None.

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

B. General Commissioner Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on February 26, 2025

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on January 22, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Matthews, Neves, Preciado, Verboon
Absent: Martinez, Zamora-Bragg

2. FY 2024-25 Second Quarter Financial Report

Jennifer Morales presented the Second Quarter Financial Report for the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, which was submitted to Caltrans. The total federal funds reimbursement for eligible activities is \$375,580.15. Total expenditure reported for the second quarter was \$263,063.28 and total revenues received were \$220,008.27.

3. 2025 Valley Voice Sacramento

Terri King stated that the Valley Voice trip to Sacramento will start with a reception for state legislators on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Meetings with elected officials will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. The proposed agenda and a summary of the legislative and regulatory priority advocacy items were provided.

C. C. Adjourn to Closed Session (3:55pm)

1. Closed Session for the Discussion of the Following:

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiator(s): [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]
KCAG Negotiator: Terri King, Executive Director
Unrepresented Employees and Management

D. Adjourn Closed Session / Reconvene Open Session (4:30pm)

There was no reporting out.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Terri King stated that next month's agenda will include the FY 2025-26 Transportation Development Act fund summary, possibly a Valley Voice Sacramento summary, and Areawide Clearinghouse items, as well as an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority meeting. The CalCOG Conference will be in Sacramento on March 6-7, 2025. REAP 2.0 Contracts between KCAG and the local agencies will be released next week.

Joel Gandarilla will be requesting 700 Forms from all KCAG Commissioners.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Preciado said that Avenal will have their meet your new City Council member event at the Avenal Theater.

Commissioner Matthews announced that the new DD's Discount store is having a grand opening on March 1, 2025; and Coffee with the City Manager and staff is every

first Wednesday of the month at the Lemoore Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for March 26, 2025

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director