

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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AASHTO - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials: A transportation industry group which provides research and lobbying.

AB - Assembly Bill: A legislative bill originating in the State Assembly. Preceded by a bill number and author, such as AB 2766 (Sher). KCAG reviews legislation which may impact member agencies.

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: Federal law that provides a comprehensive framework and approach for ending discrimination against persons with disabilities, assuring that persons with disabilities have equal opportunity, a chance to fully participate in society, are able to live independently, and can be economically self-sufficient. Several Titles within the law address employment, public services, public accommodations and services operated by private entities, and telecommunications access. Regulations pertaining to transit include requiring that public entities operating fixed route transportation service for the general public also provide complimentary paratransit service to persons unable to use the fixed route system. A transit operator providing fixed route service must prepare and submit an ADA Paratransit Plan indicating how and when complimentary paratransit service requirements will be met. KCAG determines if a transit operator has prepared an ADA Plan in its review of unmet transit needs.

ADT - Average Daily Traffic: The average number of vehicles passing a specified point during a 24-hour period. Used when evaluating transportation improvement projects.

ALUC - Airport Land Use Commission: A commission required in each county containing one or more public-use airports to provide for the orderly development of public-use airports and to ensure compatible land uses in the vicinity of airports. The State Aeronautics Act was revised in 1993 to make ALUCs optional, rather than mandatory, for local jurisdictions. The Kings County ALUC, established in 1991, was disbanded and now issues of airport land use compatibility review are the responsibility of the local jurisdiction.

AMTRAK - National Railroad Passenger Corporation: A corporation formed by the 1970 Congressional Rail Passenger Service Act to operate a system of intercity passenger trains with federal financial support. The "San Joaquins" is intercity service within the San Joaquin Valley operated by AMTRAK and supported with state funds. KCAG supports the continuation of AMTRAK services within the San Joaquin Valley.

APCD - Air Pollution Control District: An agency which regulates emissions from industry and employers to improve air quality. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is the APCD for the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.

AQAP - Air Quality Attainment Plan: A plan to demonstrate how an air basin will reduce pollution through the use of control measures to meet state and federal ambient air quality standards. KCAG works in cooperation with the SJVAPCD and Valley RTPAs in developing the AQAP for the San Joaquin Valley. Also known as an Attainment Demonstration Plan. The AQAP includes emission budgets which transportation plans, programs, and projects prepared by KCAG must conform to.

ARB - Air Resources Board: The State board responsible for preparing the state's air quality planning activities and approving area attainment plans as part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality standards. KCAG cooperates with the ARB in determining conformity of transportation plans, programs and projects.

ATP – Active Transportation Program: This program consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs into a single program to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking. Ten percent of available funds must be distributed to small urban and rural areas with populations of 200,000 or less, with projects competitively awarded by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to projects in those regions. Fifty percent must be distributed to projects competitively awarded by the CTC on a statewide basis, and a minimum of 25% of the funds in the statewide competitive program must benefit disadvantaged communities.

AVA - Abandoned Vehicle Abatement: A program and plan prepared and adopted for the purpose of planning and funding for the removal of abandoned vehicles in Kings County. Each jurisdiction is a member of the AVA Service Authority which is funded by a \$1 surcharge on registered vehicles. KCAG is the AVA Service Authority Board of Directors.

B

BAC - Bicycle Advisory Committee: A citizens committee established to advise KCAG on bicycle planning activities. The BAC is used to develop the "Kings County Regional Bicycle Plan".

C

CAAP - California Aid to Airports Program: Provides discretionary grant funds for airport projects included in the Aeronautics Program adopted by the California Transportation Commission. Funds are derived from the 18 cent fuel tax and 2 cent jet fuel tax on general aviation aircraft, producing about \$4 million per year for grants. Each public entity owning and operating a public-use airport is eligible to receive funds for specified capital improvements on an airport for aviation purposes. Projects must be included in the Capital Improvement Program adopted by KCAG to be eligible for CAAP funds.

CAC - California Administrative Code: Codes established for the administration of the State of California. This is now called the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

CALCOG - California Association of Councils of Governments: An association of councils of governments throughout the state which reviews and comments on policy issues. KCAG is a member of CALCOG and regularly attends their meetings.

CALTRANS - California Department of Transportation: The state department that provides policy, financial and technical assistance in the areas of aviation, highways and mass transportation. Caltrans is separated into 12 districts. Kings County is located in District 6 which includes Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare Counties and a portion of Kern County. Caltrans is a member of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee.

CASP - California Aviation System Plan: A plan to guide state input into aviation systems planning and development. The CASP includes several elements consisting of an inventory, forecast, functional classification, system requirements, capital improvement program, integrated airport system, financial plan and action plan. The CASP is required by PUC Section 21701 (Chapter 1149, Statutes of 1989).

CCAA - California Clean Air Act: An act established by Chapter 1568, Statutes of 1988 (AB 2595, Sher) to develop and implement a program to attain air quality standards by the earliest practicable date by mandating the development of attainment plans by APCDs. As part of the non-attainment area, KCAG must meet CCAA requirements.

CCASP - Central California Aviation System Plan: A regional plan for aviation planning similar to the statewide CASP. The region encompasses the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Sacramento, and Placer. CCASP regional elements consist of those in the statewide CASP. KCAG developed the CCASP for Kings County which includes the public use airports of Hanford Municipal Airport and Corcoran Airport.

CCR - California Code of Regulations: Formerly known as the California Administrative Code (CAC).

CEQA - California Environmental Quality Act: A 1970 act which requires that state agencies regulate activities with major consideration for environmental protection. Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. CEQA Guidelines are found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

CIP - Capital Improvement Program: A list of capital improvement projects for any particular transportation mode. Aviation projects must be included in the CIP to be eligible for state and federal aviation funds. KCAG biennially prepares a CIP for aviation projects for public-use airports, including Hanford Municipal Airport and Corcoran Airport. The CIP is required by PUC Sections 21702 through 21706.

CLUP - Comprehensive Land Use Plan: PUC Section 21675 requires the preparation of a CLUP for all public use airports to establish procedures and criteria by which a local entity can ensure compatible land uses around public-use airports. The "Kings County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan" was prepared for Kings County and the cities of Corcoran and Hanford in 1994. Without an ALUC, each entity may either adopt the Plan as a stand-alone document, as an element of the general plan, or incorporate it into existing elements of the general plan.

CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality: A pot of federal money established through ISTEA for projects and activities that reduce congestion and improve air quality in regions not yet attaining federal air quality standards. Funds are apportioned to non-attainment areas based on population and pollution severity. KCAG programs the use of CMAQ funds for projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

CMP - Congestion Management Program: A program required of every county with an urbanized area of at least 50,000 people to reduce traffic congestion. Developed and updated biennially by Congestion Management Agencies, the CMP sets performance standards for roads and public transit and shows how local jurisdictions will attempt to meet those standards. A CMP is not required in Kings County.

COG - Council of Government: A voluntary association of officials of local governments formed to cooperate on common planning and to solve common development problems of their area. KCAG is a council of governments established under California Government Code Sections 65101 through 65103.

CTC - California Transportation Commission: A commission established in 1977 by AB 402 to advise and assist the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for transportation programs. KCAG submits transportation plans and programs to the CTC and attends their monthly meetings as necessary.

CTSA - Consolidate Transportation Service Agency: An agency designated by the regional transportation planning agency to improve the coordination of specialized transportation services. A CTSA may file claims under Article 4.5 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to fund transportation services. There is no CTSA designated for Kings County since it has been determined in the Transit Development Plan that one would not necessarily provide any administrative or operational benefit.

D

DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, nondiscrimination provisions apply to all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors, regardless of tier (49 CFR, Parts 21 and 26). The DBE Program is intended to ensure a level playing field and foster equal opportunity in federal-aid contracts. As a regional agency that uses federal transportation funds, KCAG is required to annually report to Caltrans its DBE Goals at the beginning of the FY and its DBE utilization at the end of the year.

DOT - Department of Transportation: The federal department that provides policy, financial, and technical assistance in the areas of aviation, highways and mass transportation.

DSMP - District System Management Plan: A systems planning document prepared by each Caltrans District for management of its transportation system. Route Concept Reports for each state highway are developed from the DSMP. KCAG participated in the development of the DSMP for District 6.

E

EIR - Environmental Impact Report: A detailed statement setting forth the environmental effects and considerations pertaining to a project as specified in CEQA. A document that assesses the environmental effects relating to planning, construction and operation of a project and indicates ways to reduce or avoid possible environmental damage. To identify the significant effects on the environment of a project, to identify alternatives to the project, and to indicate the manner in which those significant effects can be mitigated or avoided.

EIS - Environmental Impact Statement: An environmental impact document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The federal equivalent to an EIR.

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency: Federal agency responsible for protecting the environment. KCAG cooperates with the EPA in preparing its conformity findings for transportation plans, programs and projects. The EPA determines the final approval of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality standards.

F

FAA - Federal Aviation Administration: Federal agency responsible for the civilian aviation program including air safety, airport planning and financing.

FAST Act - Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act: The latest federal transportation reauthorization enacted on December 4, 2015 following the expiration of MAP-21. The FAST Act authorizes the allocation of \$305 billion over five fiscal years from 2016 to 2020.

FCAAA - Federal Clean Air Act Amendments: Landmark legislation passed by Congress that renews the Federal Clean Air Act and makes significant program changes. Significant changes include a definition of conformity and the requirement for the formulation by EPA and DOT of regulations regarding conformity and requirements for the use and development of clean fuels and vehicles. KCAG must meet the requirements of the FCAAA as part of a non-attainment area for ozone and PM-10.

FCOG - Fresno Council of Governments: The council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Fresno County. One of the eight COGs/RTPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. The Executive Director of Fresno COG is Tony Boren.

FHWA - Federal Highway Administration: Agency within the USDOT which assists states in constructing highways and roads and provides financial aid. KCAG cooperates with the FHWA in preparing its conformity findings for transportation plans, programs and projects.

FRA - Federal Railroad Administration: Federal agency responsible for the nation's railroad system.

FTA - Federal Transit Administration: Agency within the USDOT to administer the federal transit program under the Federal Transit Act. KCAG cooperates with the FTA in preparing its conformity findings for transportation plans, programs and projects.

FTA Section 5307 - Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act: Urbanized area formula grant program. Authorizations totaling \$18.02 billion for the 6-year period are provided for the Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program (Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307). Under this program, 91.23 percent of the funding is made available to all urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more. For urbanized areas with populations less than 200,000, funding may be used for either capital or operating costs at local option and without limitation.

FTA Section 5310 - Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act: Capital funds apportioned to states by the federal government through FTA to provide capital assistance to public and private non-profit entities providing transportation services for the elderly and disabled. 5310 funds are programmed on a statewide competitive basis. KCAG administers the Section 5310 program by establishing a Local Review Committee to review and score Section 5310 applications from Kings County area applicants, and submits its findings to Caltrans.

FTA Section 5311 - Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act: Transit funds apportioned to states by the federal government through FTA by formula to rural areas for capital and operating expenses. KCAG administers the Section 5311 program by developing a "Program of Projects" allocating funds to transit agencies for eligible projects. Section 5311 funds are allocated by KCAG on a population basis to the Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) and Corcoran Transit systems for operating assistance.

FTA Section 5316 - Section 5316 of the Federal Transit Act - Job Access and Reverse Commute: Transit funds apportioned to states by the federal government through FTA by formula to urban and rural areas for transportation services to and from rural and urban area for employment for qualified welfare and low-income recipients.

FTA Section 5317 - Section 5317 of the Federal Transit Act - New Freedom: Transit funds apportioned to states by the federal government through FTA by formula to urban and rural areas for public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by ADA.

FTA Section 5339 - Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act – Bus and Bus Facilities: Transit funds apportioned to states by the federal government through FTA by formula to small urban areas for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and bus-related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. KCAG administers the Section 5339 program by developing a "Program of Projects" allocating funds to transit agencies for eligible projects.

FTA / TPA - Federal Transit Act - Technical Planning Assistance: funds for the Technical Planning Assistance Program administered through Caltrans which funds projects focusing on public transportation planning in non-urbanized areas. KCAG applies for FTA Technical Planning Assistance funds to conduct transit planning studies such as Transit Development Plans, transit marketing plans, action plans for coordinated social service transportation, on-board transit user surveys and transit facility site selection studies.

FTIP - Federal Transportation Improvement Program: A financially constrained document prepared by metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in cooperation with state and federal agencies which includes a list of projects using federal funding over a four year period. KCAG prepares an FTIP to program federal funds for transportation projects within Kings County. The FTIP must conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality.

FY - Fiscal Year: The accounting period for local and state agencies beginning July 1 and ending June 30. For federal budget and accounting purposes the FY begins October 1 and ends September 30.

G

GHG – Greenhouse Gas: Any of various gaseous compounds (such as carbon dioxide or methane) that absorb infrared radiation, trap heat in the atmosphere, and contribute to the greenhouse effect.

GIS - Geographic Information System: A computer based system of geographical data. Kings County is included in the Valleywide GIS system and Kings County is developing a countywide GIS system. KCAG staff prepares GIS maps.

H

HOV - High Occupancy Vehicle: Multi-occupant highway vehicles such as buses, vans and carpools. HOV lanes are preferential and exclusive lanes on the highway system for HOVs and considered a transportation control measure for the more populated urban area freeway systems. HOV lanes are not considered feasible on Kings County highways.

HPMS - Highway Performance Monitoring System: Federally mandated planning study on the condition of the states roads. Vehicle miles of travel estimates produced by travel demand forecasting models must be calibrated against the HPMS. Local agencies in Kings County provide road data information to KCAG for submittal to Caltrans for the HPMS.

I

IIJA Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), also referred to as BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law), is a federal bill that addresses provisions related to federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation. President Biden signed IIJA into law on November 15, 2021.

IIP - Interregional Improvement Program: State funding program using 25% of the total new funding available for the STIP. Projects funded through this program are nominated by Caltrans in the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) for the STIP.

IRRS - Interregional Road System: A series of interregional state highway routes, outside the urbanized areas, that provides access to, and links between, the states economic centers, major recreational areas and urban and rural regions. Street and Highways Codes 164.10 through 164.20 list the roads included in the IRRS Plan. For Kings County, these include Interstate 5, State Highways 41 and 198.

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991: The federal transportation bill enacted by Congress in 1991 to provide funding for highways, highway safety and mass transportation for the next 6 years to improve air quality and congestion. The Act was designed to allow state and local officials the flexibility to integrate transportation projects, enhance metropolitan and statewide planning requirements and create new transportation funding programs. ISTEA expired on September 30, 1997 and has been replaced with TEA-21.

ITIP - Interregional Transportation Improvement Program: A program developed by Caltrans for projects funded with Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds and submitted to the CTC for inclusion in the STIP. Projects for the ITIP are to serve interregional movement of people and goods. Projects considered for the ITIP are generally taken from the Interregional Improvement Strategic Plan consisting of focus routes, high emphasis routes and gateways. For Kings County, these include Interstate 5, State Highways 41 and 198.

ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems: Systems that utilize modern detection technology to collect data on transportation systems operation and performance. Elements include changeable message signs, closed circuit television, in-pavement traffic monitoring stations, and highway advisory radios.

J

JPA - Joint Powers Agency: A voluntary association of government entities formed into an agency to deal with common problems. KCAG and KCAPTA are Joint Powers Agencies.

K

KART - Kings Area Rural Transit: The largest single provider of public transportation within Kings County operated by the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA). Services include fixed route and demand response service within the county and the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore. Ron Hughes is the Transit Manger. KCAG annually allocates local, state and federal transit funds to KART and reviews their transit system.

KCAG - Kings County Association of Governments: The council of governments for Kings County which addresses inter-jurisdictional public policy matters. Its member agencies are the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore and the County of Kings. The KCAG Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. The Executive Director of KCAG is Terri King. Renamed KCAG in 1994 from the previous "KCRPA" to more accurately describe the function and activities that a council of government assumes.

KCAPTA - Kings County Area Public Transit Agency: A joint powers agency established to operate the Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) system. Its member agencies are the Cities of Avenal, Hanford and Lemoore and the County of Kings. KCAG reviews the transit services operated by KCAPTA before it allocates local, state and federal transit funds to it. Angie Dow is the Executive Director of KCAPTA.

KCRPA - Kings County Regional Planning Agency: The former name of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG). Formed in 1967 through a cooperative agreement between the three cities and the county. Later amended to include the newly incorporated city of Avenal in 1980.

KernCOG - Kern Council of Governments: The council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Kern County. One of the eight COGs/RTPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. The Executive Director of KernCOG is Ahron R. Hakimi.

L

LOS - Level of Service: Six levels, A through F, denoting a road's efficiency in handling its average and peak hour demands. LOS "A" means free flow speeds and LOS "F" means zero or low operating speeds.

LRC - Local Review Committee: A KCAG committee established to review and score applications from Kings County agencies for FTA Section 5310 funds. The LRC is made up of members from the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) and other social service and transit oriented agency representatives.

LTC - Local Transportation Commission: A commission created under California Government Code Section 29535 within a county which is not within the jurisdiction of a statutorily created regional transportation planning agency or a council of governments, established to deal with inter-jurisdictional transportation issues. Madera County has an LTC and not a Council of Governments (COG).

LTF - Local Transportation Fund: Created in each county by the Transportation Development Act (TDA), California Government Code Section 29530 et. seq., for the transportation purposes specified in the Act. Revenues are derived from ¼ cent of the state retail sales tax collected statewide and apportioned back to the counties according to the amount of tax collected in that county. About \$4 million is available annually for apportionment to Kings County jurisdictions and is distributed based on a population formula. Funds can be claimed through the regional transportation planning agency (KCAG) by cities and counties for transportation planning, transit, and street and road purposes. Funds can be allocated for street and road purposes only after all unmet transit needs are funded. About 77% of the LTF annual apportionment is allocated for transit purposes. LTF is the major source of funding for the Kings Area Rural Transit and Corcoran Area Transit. LTF also provides a portion of KCAG's planning revenues. KCAG administers the Local Transportation Fund for Kings County, determining apportionments, conducting the unmet transit needs process and adopting resolutions for allocating funds for transportation purposes.

M

MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century: The latest federal transportation reauthorization enacted July 6, 2012, as Public Law 112-141 following the expiration of SAFETEA-LU. MAP-21 authorizes the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Expired in 2015 and replaced with the FAST Act.

MCAG - Merced County Association of Governments: The council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Merced County. One of the eight COGs/RTPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. The Executive Director of MCAG is Stacey Guzman.

MCTC - Madera County Transportation Commission: The local transportation commission for Madera County. One of the eight RTPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. MCTC is the other non-urban county within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. The Executive Director of MCTC is Patricia Taylor.

MOU - Memorandum of Understanding: Formal structure for interagency cooperation. KCAG has entered into MOUs with other RTPAs within the San Joaquin Valley, Caltrans, and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to coordinate air quality and transportation planning efforts and to meet ISTEA and Clean Air Act requirements.

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization: Designated for each urbanized area of more than 50,000 population by agreement among the Governor and units of general purpose local government as a forum for cooperative decision making. KCAG will be designated an MPO following the Census 2000. Previous to becoming an MPO, KCAG entered into an MOU with COFCG to act as the neighboring MPO to meet federal requirements for Kings County.

N

NEPA – National Environmental Protection Act: Establishes national policies and goals for the protection of the environment. NEPA directs all federal agencies to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of the decision making and to prepare detailed environmental impact statements on recommendations or reports on proposals for legislation and other major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment.

NHS - National Highway System: An approximately 155,000 mile network called for in ISTEA to provide an interconnected system of principle arterial routes to serve major travel destinations and population centers, international border crossings, as well as ports, airports, public transportation facilities, and other intermodal transportation facilities. Interstate 5 and State Highways 41 and 198 are Kings County routes on the National Highway System to be approved by Congress. KCAG assisted in the designation of NHS routes within Kings County.

NPIAS - National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems: A national plan for the development of public-use airports published in accordance with the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 and reauthorized in the Airport and Airway Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987. The State Capital Improvement Program for airport projects is made a part of the NPIAS. KCAG prepares the CIP for aviation projects for Hanford Municipal Airport and Corcoran Airport which is ultimately made a part of the NPIAS.

O

OA – Obligational Authority: The federal limitation on the amount of funds that an agency can obligate for transportation projects within a given fiscal year.

OWP - Overall Work Program: A document prepared by each regional transportation planning agency which identifies resources, staffing responsibility, authority and operating procedures for carrying out the transportation planning process. KCAG annually prepares an Overall Work Program for its transportation planning activities in order to receive state planning assistance funds from Caltrans. The RTPA Budget is prepared based on the OWP.

P

PIC - Productivity Improvement Committee: A committee formed by the regional transportation planning agency for the purpose of providing advice on productivity improvements to transit systems. Membership is to consist of representatives from the management and employees of the transit operators, and users of the transit operators services. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) acts as the PIC for KCAG.

PL Funds - Federal Planning funds: Federal funds set aside and allocated to metropolitan planning organizations by formula to support the planning of transportation programs, public transportation systems and other activities to enhance ground transportation planning activities. KCAG will begin receiving PL funds in Federal FY 02-03 as a newly designated MPO.

PM - Particulate matter (less than 2.5 and 10 microns in diameter): A pollutant for which state and federal ambient air quality standards have been set and the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin has not yet attained. Particulate matter consists of finely divided solids or liquids such as dust, soot, aerosols, fumes and mists which can be inhaled deeply into the lungs and create acute and chronic health effects. KCAG program transportation projects which reduce PM emissions.

PRC - Public Resources Code: Laws relating to natural resources, the conservation, utilization, and supervision thereof, and matters incidental thereto.

PSR - Project Study Report: A report, generally prepared by project sponsors, providing preprogramming project information describing the project, its scope and limits, costs and delivery schedule. A project must have a completed PSR before it can be programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

PSTIP - Proposed State Transportation Improvement Program: A document formerly prepared by Caltrans and submitted to the CTC and RTPAs every two years listing priority candidate projects for the STIP. SB 45 deleted the provision for this program and has been replaced by the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

PTA - Public Transportation Account: Previously known as the Transportation Planning and Development Account and renamed in SB 45, is a trust fund intended for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes. Revenues are derived from sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuels. Fifty percent of the PTA funds are appropriated to the State Controller for allocation to RTPAs for suballocation to transit operators and fifty percent is appropriated to Caltrans for transportation planning and various mass transportation purposes.

PUC - Public Utilities Code/Commission: Laws enacted for the purpose of governing public utilities.

R

REMOVE - Remove Motor Vehicle Emissions: A program of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District that funds projects which either reduce emissions from motor vehicles, implement transportation control measures, assist in attaining the transportation mandates of the California Clean Air Act, or for public education programs that support, but do not duplicate the existing programs of the Air District.

RFP - Request for Proposals: The description of criteria to be used by consultants in developing proposals for work.

RIP - Regional Improvement Program: Regional funding program using 75% of the total new funding available for the STIP, which is then available to each county by a "county share" formula. Projects funded through this program are nominated by each RTPA in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for the STIP.

ROG - Reactive Organic Gases: Emissions which react in sunlight as a precursor to form ozone. The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin is a nonattainment area for federal and state ozone standards. Also known as volatile organic compounds (VOC).

ROP - Rate of Progress Plan: A plan prepared by the APCD to demonstrate the progress made in attaining state and federal clean air standards for various pollutants, showing how the District will achieve a 15% reduction in volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions between a certain period. The ROP is to be incorporated into the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SJVAPCD submitted the "Revised 1993 ROP Plan" and "Post 1996 ROP Plan" in November 1994. KCAG cooperated in the development of the ROP Plans.

RSTP - Regional Surface Transportation Program: Regional apportionment of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds created by ISTEA, and continued in the FAST Act, for mass transit and highway projects. Kings County and KCAG exchange these funds for non-federal dollars to avoid administrative costs. KCAG administers the allocation of RSTP funds to projects submitted by member agencies.

RTIP - Regional Transportation Improvement Program: A document prepared and submitted every other year by the regional transportation planning agency, as required by PUC Section 65082, providing a list of proposed transportation projects funded from county shares of the 75% regional share of total new funds for the STIP. KCAG prepares and adopts the RTIP for submittal to the CTC and Caltrans.

RTP - Regional Transportation Plan: A plan prepared by the regional transportation planning agency every four years as required by California Government Code Section 65080, et. seq. to guide the region's transportation development for a twenty-year period. Required elements include a Policy, Action and Financial element. Projects in the RTIP must be consistent with the RTP.

RTPA - Regional Transportation Planning Agency: A state-designated agency responsible for preparing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), administering state funds, and other tasks. KCAG is the RTPA for Kings County established under California Government Code Section 29532.

S

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users: The prior federal transportation reauthorization enacted August 10, 2005, as Public Law 109-59 following the expiration of TEA-21. SAFETEA-LU authorized the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the 5-year period 2005-2009. Extensions of this Act were made through 2012 and was replaced by MAP-21, which was then superseded by the FAST Act in 2015.

SB - Senate Bill: A legislative bill originating in the State Senate. Proceeded by a bill number and author, such as SB 45 (Kopp).

SCS – Sustainable Communities Strategy Plan: A requirement of SB 375 to reduce green house gas emissions from vehicles and VMT reductions through integrated land use and transportation planning.

SH - State Highway: A transportation route on the state system classified as a highway. State highways within Kings County include 33, 41, 43, 198 and 269.

SHOPP - State Highway Operation and Protection Plan: A program created by state legislation that includes capital improvements relative to maintenance, safety and rehabilitation projects of state highways and bridges which do not add a new traffic lane to the system. The SHOPP is a four year program prepared by Caltrans prior to April 1, as required by PUC Section 14526.5, and adopted by the California Transportation Commission separately from the STIP. KCAG reviews and provides comments on the SHOPP.

SIP - State Implementation Plan: A plan required by the Federal Clean Air Act of 1970 to attain and maintain national ambient air quality standards. The SJVAPCD prepared the Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan and Rate of Progress (ROP) Plans for submittal as part of the SIP for the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. KCAG participated in the development of the 1994 Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan, the 1993 and 1996 ROP Plans, and the PM10 Attainment Demonstration Plan.

SJCOG - San Joaquin Council of Governments: The council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for San Joaquin County. One of the eight COGs/RTPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. The Executive Director of SJCOG is Diane Nguyen.

SJVAPCD - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District: The Air District established for the eight county San Joaquin Valley Air Basin consisting of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties and a portion of Kern County. A Kings County Supervisor is a member of the SJVAPCD Governing Board. The SJVAPCD is a member of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee. Samir Sheikh is the Executive Director and Air Pollution Control Officer of the SJVAPCD.

SR - State Route: Same as State Highway, a transportation route on the state system classified as a highway.

SSTAC - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council: A committee established by KCAG to advise the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on unmet transit needs, coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services and any other major transit issues. The SSTAC is to consist of representatives of potential transit users over 60 years old and potential transit users who are handicapped, representatives of social service providers for seniors, the handicapped and persons of limited means, representatives of the CTSA and representative of the transit operator.

STA - State Transit Assistance: A program created in 1979 providing a second source of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. STA funds are derived from the statewide sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel and are allocated by formula to each regional transportation planning agency (KCAG), 50% based on population (PUC Section 99313) and 50% based on operator revenues (PUC Section 99314), for apportionment to transit operators within that county. These funds are allocated by KCAG annually to the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency and Corcoran Area Transit.

Stan COG - Stanislaus Council of Governments: The council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Stanislaus County. One of the eight COGs/RTPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. The Executive Director of StanCOG is Rosa Park.

STIP - State Transportation Improvement Program: Adopted by the California Transportation Commission every other year, as required by PUC Section 14529, the STIP is a county-by-county schedule over a four-year period for project delivery of all major projects to be funded from state transportation funds. Projects from Caltrans' ITIP and the region's RTIP are used to develop the STIP.

STP - Surface Transportation Program: A flexible funding program established by ISTE, and continued in TEA-21, for road projects functionally classified higher than a rural minor arterial, transit projects, transportation enhancement activities, and transportation control measures. STP funds are apportioned to each region (RSTP) and 10% are set aside statewide for funding transportation enhancement activities (TEA).

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TAC - Technical Advisory Committee: A committee to advise the KCAG Commission and Transportation Policy Committee on regional planning issues. Members include city and county public works directors, planning directors, city managers and county administrator, Caltrans, Lemoore Naval Air Station and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30.

TCAG - Tulare County Association of Governments: The council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Tulare County. One of the eight COGs in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin coordinating transportation and air quality planning as a party to the MOU. The Executive Director of TCAG is Ted Smalley.

TCR - Transportation Concept Report: A systems planning document prepared by Caltrans which provides a service concept and rationale for each state highway. Transportation Concept Reports have been prepared for each state highway within Kings County.

TCI - Transit Capital Improvement: A former program funded through the Transportation Planning and Development Account for railroad rights-of-way acquisition, bus rehabilitation, exclusive public mass transit guideways and rolling stock, grade separations, intermodal transfer stations, and ferry vessels and terminals. These funds have been used by Kings County to construct the Hanford and Corcoran Intermodal Facilities, bus rehabilitation and the Cross-Valley Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. This program has been discontinued with the enactment of SB 45. Projects are now programmed in the STIP through the RTIP.

TCM - Transportation Control Measure: A strategy to reduce vehicle trips, vehicle miles traveled, vehicle idling, or traffic congestion for the purpose of reducing motor vehicle emissions. Examples include carpooling, vanpools, bicycle facilities and mass transit enhancements. KCAG uses federal, state, and local funds earmarked for air quality purposes to implement TCMs such as alternative fuels, transit services, traffic signals, and bicycle projects.

TDA - Transportation Development Act: State law enacted in 1971, also known as the "Mills-Alquist Deddah Act", providing funds to meet unmet transit needs. TDA funds are generated from State sales tax revenues and are available to transit operators in the form of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. TDA is codified in Sections 29530-29536 of the California Government Code and Sections 99200-99408 of the Public Utilities Code. As the RTPA, KCAG administers the TDA funds for Kings County.

TDM - Transportation Demand Management: A plan for using "demand-based" techniques for reducing traffic congestion, such as ridesharing programs, telecommuting and flexible work schedules enabling employees to commute to and from work outside the a.m. and p.m. peak hours of travel.

TDP - Transit Development Plan: A list of improvements recommended for a transit system to be implemented over a five-year period. The short-range plan should include an evaluation of the existing transit service conditions, anticipated improvements, schedule of priorities, estimates of cost and anticipated financing, implementation responsibility, maintenance of the Plan, coordination of transit systems, and transit management and operations improvements. KCAG prepared the "Kings County Transit Development Plan" in 2001.

TEA-21 - Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century: A previous six-year federal transportation reauthorization enacted in 1998 following the expiration of ISTEA. Continued the programs created by ISTEA, created new programs and increased funding levels for the period of FFY 1998 through 2003. TEA-21 expired and was replaced with SAFETEA-LU.

TE - Transportation Enhancement: A new program established by ISTEA, and continued in TEA-21, providing federal funds for transportation related projects that enhance quality-of-life, in or around transportation facilities. Projects must be over and above required mitigation and normal transportation projects, and the project must be directly related to the transportation system. Local projects are submitted to KCAG for evaluation, approval and programming. Project examples from Kings County include "Community Gateway Planting" on State Highway 198 for landscaping the entrances to Hanford, Armona and Lemoore. Projects were programmed for Hanford and Lemoore by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

TMA - Transportation Management Association: An association of employers and others in a community or activity center that develop and assist in implementing transportation control measures to reduce peak hour travel. TMAs are being developed in response to the SJVAPCD's Rule 9001 - Commute Based Trip Reduction.

TPA - Transportation Planning Agency: Same as RTPA. A state-designated agency responsible for preparing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), administering state funds, and other tasks. KCAG is the TPA for Kings County established by California Government Code Section 29532.

TPC - Transportation Policy Committee: A committee of KCAG established to govern all regional transportation planning agency activities. The TPC is composed of local elected officials of each member agency, one from each city and two from the county, and the Director of Caltrans, or his representative. The KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

TSM - Transportation Systems Management: A process, service, and operations oriented approach to solving transportation problems in which low cost, environmentally-responsive, efficient improvements are implemented on existing facilities to improve the flow of traffic.

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UMTA - Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964: Now known as the "Federal Transit Act" as amended by ISTEA. Intended to provide financial assistance to State and local governments to help implement national goals relating to mobility for elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged persons.

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VMT - Vehicle Miles of Travel: Amount of vehicle miles traveled on a particular road segment.

VOC - Volatile Organic Compounds: Emissions which are a major precursor to the formation of ozone. Also known as reactive organic gases (ROG).

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