



# Kings County Association of Governments

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Chair – Ed Martin ❖ Vice Chair – Joe Neves

## MINUTES

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Ed Martin, Chairperson, at 4:31 p.m., on May 28, 2008 at the Agricultural Extension Building, Multipurpose Room, 680 N. Campus Dr., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ed Martin, Tony Barba, Sid Craighead, Ray Lerma, Paul Marquez, Joe Neves

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dan Chin

STAFF PRESENT: Terri King, Seth Eberhard, Chris Lehn, Kyle Sand, County Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: Lou Camara, Ron Hughes, Elaine Azevedo, Angie Offenburger

### UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

### MINUTES – April 23, 2008

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2008. Motion carried with Commissioner Craighead abstaining.

### KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

#### A. General Transportation Items

##### 1. FY 2008-09 Transportation Development Act

Mr. Eberhard stated the TDA allocations have been revised to include the 2008 Department of Finance population estimates released on May 1st. The attached chart shows what the new allocations will be. Staff will be asking for final approval of the apportionments at next month's TPC meeting. Mr. Eberhard stated a Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for June 10 to go over comments received and will write a letter regarding their recommendations for the unmet transit needs determination.

Commissioner Martin opened the hearing public hearing. Mr. Eberhard stated that KCAG had received a petition from Yolanda Guerrero of Lemoore signed by 21 other citizens of Kings County requesting bus service from Lemoore to Hanford on Sundays.

2. Draft 2009 FTIP, Draft 2009 Interim FTIP, and Air Quality Conformity

Ms. King stated that staff has prepared the draft 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) which includes ongoing projects from the current FTIP and new projects funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and other federal-aid funds. The associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis document has also been prepared. Since the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not yet approved air quality plans and emissions budgets, staff has also prepared an Interim 2009 FTIP that includes projects that can proceed until new conformity budgets can be used. Projects not included in the Interim FTIP are the three SR 198 projects and the phases that have not yet been approved for an allocation. This includes all phases of the 12th Ave. interchange project, the right-of-way and construction phases of the 19th Ave. interchange project, and the construction phase of the Expressway project.

Ms. King stated that each of these three documents were released for a 30-day public review and comment period on May 23, 2008. A public hearing has been scheduled for June 25th and adoption is scheduled for July. Depending on the EPA approval status, it is not known at this time which FTIP document will be adopted, and that an August adoption may be needed.

3. Proposed 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. King reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is scheduled to adopt the 2008 STIP tomorrow and that CTC staff has recommended approval of our request for an advance of regional shares to fund the 19th Ave. interchange construction. However, due to State budget issues, the construction year has been delayed two years to FY 2012-12. The construction year of the 12th Ave. interchange project has also been recommended for a one-year delay to FY 2011-12. Any cost increases due to the delay will be dealt with during a future STIP cycle.

**B. Caltrans Reports**

Mr. Marquez reported on the status of various state highway projects. He stated that the median barrier on SR 198 between Douty and 10th Ave. has been completed and that the SR 41 "Sunflower II" project is ongoing and nearing completion at 92% with no delays foreseen. He also reported that the application cycle for the Federal Safe Routes to Schools program for FY 08-09 and FY 09-10 has begun with a July 18th deadline for submittals, with \$46 million available.

**C. Correspondence**

None.

**D. Staff Comments**

Ms. King stated that a signal synchronization project for Hanford for the 12th Ave. area has been recommended for funding through a State grant program.

## **E. Commissioner Comments**

None

### **KCAG COMMISSION**

## **A. General Commission Items**

### **1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on May 28, 2008**

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on May 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Final FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program**

Ms. King stated that staff has prepared the final FY 2008-09 OWP based on comments received on the draft document. The only change from the draft is the removal of the Kettleman City study that has not yet been approved for State grant funding. If funding for the application is approved, the project will be added as an amendment to the OWP.

The total cost of the FY 08-09 OWP is \$1,052,000. The KCAG FY 08-09 budget is based on the final proposed OWP.

A motion was made and seconded (Lerma / Craighead) to approve the FY 2008-09 OWP and Budget with the adoption of Resolution No. 08-03. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marquez stated that the Federal reviewing agencies wanted to commend KCAG staff for good work on the OWP and wanted to use the document as a model for small MPOs to use in the future.

### **3. Areawide Planning Review No. 08-02 Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning – FY 08-09 Federal Planning Funds**

Mr. Eberhard reported Caltrans is applying for a complete grant for FY 08-09 Federal Planning Funds of \$39,522,228, the Division of Transportation Planning will be providing \$5,120,523. The City of Hanford, City of Corcoran, and Kings County First 5 commented this does not duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 08-02. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Areawide Planning Review No. 08-03 Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning – FY 08-09 Federal Transit Planning and Research Funds**

Mr. Eberhard stated this Caltrans application to the Federal Planning Funds for Transit Planning and Research Funds is requesting \$14,567,868 with a \$1,887,422 local match. These Section 5303 Planning funds will be for transit type activities and also for transit planning and research grant applications. The same agencies commented that it doesn't duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 08-03. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Areawide Planning Review No. 08-04 Caltrans Div. of Transportation Planning – FY 08-09 State Planning & Research Funds

Mr. Eberhard reported another Caltrans application for Federal Funds of \$6,059,625 with a \$1,514,906 local match for FY 08-09 State Planning and Research Studies. This is for Regional Blueprint Planning state wide with \$5 million and a Partnership Planning Grant Program match of \$1 million. The same agencies commented that it does not duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 08-04. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Areawide Planning Review No. 08-05 City of Hanford USDA /community Development Block Grant Program

Mr. Eberhard reported that the City of Hanford was applying for a competitive grant in the amount of \$533, 249 with a local match of \$88,286 for FY 08-09 Community Development Block Grant. The Grant would be used to address local housing needs, upgrades to the physical environment, and provide for a viable community. The same agencies commented that it doesn't duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Lerma) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 08-05. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Kings County Blueprint Scenarios Update

Ms. Lehn summarized that KCAG staff recently hosted five workshops to present the Blueprint Scenarios and gather public input. She indicated that from the preliminary results available, the Economic Development/ Transportation Corridor and the Agricultural Preservation/ Critical Resource Protection were the two most favorable scenarios. Ms. Lehn briefly went over the results from interactive presentations before college classes at both West Hills and College of Sequoia. She then went on to thank Merced County Association of Governments for all of their technical assistance with the scenarios and supporting documents.

Ms. Lehn explained that a Kings County Blueprint recommendation would not be provided for the consideration of the KCAG Commission until the local governments have had an opportunity to formally comment on the Blueprint Scenarios. She indicated that efforts with the planners from each of the member jurisdictions will continue and that the Kings County Blueprint recommendation will be presented at the July KCAG Commission meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **A. Correspondence**

None.

### **B. Staff Comments**

Terri King stated that

### **C. Commissioner Comments**

Sid Craighead reported on the items discussed at the May 23 Policy Council meeting in Fresno.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director