



Kings County Association of Governments

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Member Agencies: Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore, County of Kings
Chair – Ed Martin ❖ Vice Chair – Joe Neves

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Ed Martin, Chairperson, at 4:30 p.m., on June 25, 2008 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. Elaine Azevedo conducted Roll Call.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Ron Hughes, Elaine Azevedo, Angie Offenburger

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – May 28, 2008

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2008-09 Transportation Development Act

Mr. Eberhard stated that KCAG and KCAPTA have concluded their public hearings for unmet transit needs and that a finding must be adopted before Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are allocated. Based on the testimony received and the findings of the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), staff recommends a finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Mr. Eberhard stated that there were minor revisions to the allocation amounts shown in the resolutions included in the agenda materials and that they have been corrected in the final resolutions.

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Neves) to adopt Resolution No. 08-06 approving the FY 2008-09 Unmet Transit Needs Determination that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Neves) to adopt Resolution No. 08-07 approving the apportionments and allocations of the FY 2008-09 Local Transportation Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Chin) to adopt Resolution No. 08-08 approving the allocations of FY 2008-09 State Transit Assistance. Motion carried unanimously.

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), the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis document, and an Interim 2009 FTIP which was released on May 23, 2008 for a 30-day review and comment period. Due to the recent exceedances in the PM-10 standard from the high wind events of May 21 and 22, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that a public review process is needed to review them and it can't meet the July deadline for approving the PM-10 Maintenance Plan and emissions budgets.

Ms. King reported that since there are no approved emissions budgets, KCAG and the other Valley COGs must adopt the Interim 2009 FTIP which does not include four non-exempt projects. Projects not included in the Interim FTIP are the CMAQ funded rail spur in the Hanford Industrial Park and the three SR 198 projects and the phases that have not yet been approved for an allocation. This includes all but the environmental 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. Once the EPA takes action, KCAG will amend the FTIP to include these projects and approve the conformity analysis.

Commissioner Barba stated that the Air District is trying to get the high wind exceedances classified as a "Natural Event" so that it does not count toward the Valley's attainment status.

Ms. King stated that a public hearing has been scheduled for tonight to receive comments on the documents and that adoption of the 2009 Interim FTIP is scheduled for July.

Commissioner Martin opened the public hearing. No comments were provided and Commissioner Martin closed the public hearing.

3. FY 2006-07 TDA Audit Reports

Ms. King reported that the FY 2006-07 Transportation Development Act (TDA) audit reports have been received after a long delay. Reports were provided for KCAG, Kings County and the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency had already conducted their own audit. The reports found no problems with the use of the funds.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Craighead) to accept the FY 2006-07 TDA Audit Reports for transmittal to Caltrans and the State Controller. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Caltrans Reports

Ms. Bender-Ehlert stated that she wanted to report on the impacts of the high gas prices. There has actually been a decrease in revenues due to less consumption. Revenues are assumed to be down from \$124 million to \$69 million and that the SHOPP program is dependent on these funds. However, these revenue losses have been offset somewhat from the competitive bids on projects, although these lower bids are not expected to be permanent.

She also noted the success of the pilot program for NEPA delegation where the review of environmental documents have gone from 6.1 months to only 1.9 months and that review of draft documents to final went from 2.4 months to 0.8 months. Caltrans has been asking for legislative support to make the program permanent.

Ms. Bender-Ehlert reported that Caltrans has a new staff person, Joanne Striebich, who will be working on the Corridor System Management Plans (CSMP). She will be giving a future presentation of the CSMP for SR 198. The draft document is currently being written and should be available for approval in the fall.

She reported on the status of various state highway projects. The SR 198 Expressway project is in right-of-way acquisition and the contract package is being prepared with an advertising date of April 2009 or a "ready to let" date of October 1, 2009. The "Sunflower II" project is ongoing and nearing completion at 94% by August with some limited daytime closures or delays still expected.

Commissioner Lerma asked about the status of a project on SR 43 and Fargo Ave. Ms. Bender-Ehlert stated that she would look into it for him.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Staff Comments

None.

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on June 25, 2008

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

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. King opened the nominations for Chair. It was moved and seconded (Barba / Chin) to nominate Joe Neves as Chair. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Craighead / Martin) to close nominations and elect Joe Neves as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. King opened the nominations for Vice Chair. It was moved and seconded (Craighead / Martin) to nominate Raymond Lerma as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Neves / Chin) to close nominations and elect Raymond Lerma as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Staff Comments

Ms. King stated that the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee has been looking into scheduling "One Voice" lobbying trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C. for next year. The tentative dates are January 20-21, 2009 for the Sacramento trip and February 25-26 for the Washington D.C. trip.

Ms. King stated that the Valley Policy Council approved the updated memorandum of understanding between the COGs and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and that the item would be on next month's agenda for approval.

Ms. King stated that the draft 2008 Kings County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan will be released for a 60-day public review and comment period beginning June 27 and ending August 27, when it is scheduled for adoption by the KCAG Commission.

C. Commissioner Comments

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director