



# Kings County Association of Governments

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Chair – Joe Neves ❖ Vice Chair – Ray Lerma

## MINUTES

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 4:35 p.m., on January 28, 2009 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Barba, Dan Chin, Mary Hornsby, Joe Neves, Sharri Bender Ehlert

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sid Craighead, Ray Lerma

STAFF PRESENT: Seth Eberhard, Victoria Hall, Chris Lehn, David Hamilton, County Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: John Plourde

### UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

### MINUTES –

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2008. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Hornsby abstaining.

### KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

#### A. General Transportation Items

##### 1. Final 2009 Transit Development Plan

Mr. Eberhard reported the purpose of the 2009 Transit Development Plan is to update the existing 2003 plan. The Intent of the plan is to identify the current operations in Kings County. The review will be used to determine future transit service needs and to make the county transit more efficient and accessible. The new plan will provide for improvements through 2013. All the comments received have been incorporated into the plan.

It was moved and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the 2008 Kings County Transit Development Plan with the adoption of Resolution No. 09-01. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Social Service Transportation Advisor Council Reappointments

Mr. Eberhard stated the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) represents the disabled, low income and people over the age of 60 who use public transit. For 2009 there are four members whose terms have expired and are up for reappointment. Also, Jeanice Cardens, a resident of Hanford has expressed interest in becoming a member and would need to be appointed.

A motion was made and seconded (Chin / Barba) to reappoint Jon-Michael Hice, Billy Hyatt, Lee Shoals, and Bessie Miller and to appoint Jeanice Cardens to serve three year terms on the SSTAC. Motion carried unanimously.

3. FY 2007-08 TDA Financial Audits

Ms. Lehn stated as required, every agency that receives Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds must submit an annual financial compliance audit report to the State Controller. Brown Armstrong was retained to prepare the audit reports for each of the agencies that receive TDA funds. The audits found no problems or unauthorized use of the funds for the FY 2007-08. Details for each agency are available in the individual reports that were included as attachments in your meeting agenda materials.

A motion was made and seconded (Chin / Hornsby) to accept the final FY 2007-08 TDA audits for submittal to Caltrans and the State Controller. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 2 and Conformity Analysis

Ms. Lehn stated last year in July this Committee adopted the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The FTIP document includes a list of priority projects to be delivered through 2011-12 or through a four year period. The FTIP also includes a financial plan that must be fiscally constraint for both annual capital and operational costs. Because EPA had not yet approved the 2007 PM-10 Maintenance Plan nor did we have the 8-hour ozone budges for the valley, we had to adopt an interim plan that did not include all of our projects. This Amendment No. 2 adds in the rail spur, construction phases for SR 198 projects and small project changes as requested by the project sponsors. Also for approval today is the new conformity analysis that was prepared to include the additional projects. Attached to the agenda is an overview and each of the projects financial information is further broken down.

It was moved and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve Amendment No. 2 to the 2009 Interim FITP and Conformity Analysis with the adoption of Resolution No. 09-02. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Federal Economic Stimulus Plan

Ms. Lehn reported the MPOs have been working closely with Caltrans and other agencies to best prepare for the Federal Economic Stimulus Package. While everything is still in flux, we have included the most recent guidelines that are available in your agenda packet. We do anticipate receiving two pots of money, one for transit and the other for transportation projects. It is not clear how much of the funds will go directly to the COGs and the State and through what distribution process, but we are closely following the progress. As soon as the President signs the Stimulus Package Bill, our next step will be a third amendment to the FTIP. This next amendment will program a lump sum of federal stimulus funds. We are working closely with our member jurisdictions so that they are ready to go with their “shovel ready” projects.

Ms. Bender-Ehlert added the amount now for the stimulus from the house is \$85 billion for all transportation, \$30 billion for transportation infrastructure. About 50% of the funds would have to be awarded within 90 days of the passage of the bill and the other 50% would have to be awarded within 180 days. These are going to be used for projects that are ready to go and will need to go to bid when we get the numbers. Allocations would be based on a formula share, right now the number we are looking at for California would be \$2.8 billion for roadways or about 10% of what the nation gets. There is not going to be any federal regulatory relief in regards to this money. The primary objective is to create jobs. We learned last Friday that they are saying we are not going to be able to use this money to supplant other funding.

**B. Caltrans Reports**

Ms. Bender-Ehlert stated she wanted to highlight the impact on transportation due to the state budget crisis. The primary concern for Caltrans is the bond projects and in December there was talk about shutting down the bond projects. In January the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) board met and decided to release \$170 million to Caltrans which would continue the State’s bond projects through February. There are 59 projects that are bond funded which we are trying to keep going and the CTC only voted bond funding for safety projects. The SR 198 project is expected to be delayed.

**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 January 28, 2009

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on January 28, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

2. California Partnership for the SJV Nominations

Ms. Lehn reported KCAG was asked by the Executive Committee of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to submit three names for consideration as a replacement for Marcy Buford who has retired and is no longer the Kings County representative. Last month when we brought this to you for consideration the Commission only approved the submittal of Sid Craighead as a single nominee. However, this does not meet the criteria of the Partnership's Executive Committee and they have asked that we come before you again with two additional names. We have David Ayers, City of Hanford and Richard Valle to be added for submittal.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to submit Sid Craighead, David Ayers and Richard Valle as nominees for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley without ranking them. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Regional Blueprint Summit Update

Ms. Lehn reported on Monday several Kings County elected officials and planners attended the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Summit in Fresno. There were an estimated 600 participants from throughout the eight county area and Sacramento. KCAG appreciates everyone who took a day out of the office to participate and we were pleased to have most of our member agencies represented. The purpose of the Summit was to determine the public's preferred future Blueprint vision. It was the decision of the participants to endorse Scenario C. This was the scenario that UC Davis created and it did not consider any of the input by each of the eight counties. However, this is just one part of it and in March we are going to have a San Joaquin Policy Council meeting where they will be presented with a summary of all the regional blueprint outreach. This will include the recommendation of the professional planners and the BRAC. The policy council is expected to make a final decision of which scenario will be the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Vision. Their decision will then go before each of the eight COG boards and then to each of the cities and counties local boards. We are encouraging the jurisdictions to formally submit comments on the regional blueprint scenarios and staff is available to help with materials and or presentations.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### A. Correspondence

1. Home Builders Association

Ms. Lehn stated this editorial letter relates to another perspective of the Regional Blueprint process.

**B. Staff Comments**

None

**C. Commissioner Comments**

None

**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