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MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 12, 2009

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:31 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Atkins, City of Corcoran
Lou Camara, City of Hanford
Ron Hughes, KCAPTA
Steve Kroecker, City of Corcoran
Paul Marquez, Caltrans
Steve Sopp, City of Avenal
Harry Verhuel, County of Kings
David Wlaschin, City of Lemoore

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Audino, KCAG Staff
Terri King, KCAG Staff
Chris Lehn, KCAG Staff

VISITORS PRESENT: Lucinda Johns, Home Garden
Rick Telegan

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Sopp / Wlaschin) to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION:

A. 2011 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Ms. King reported that KCAG staff is preparing the 2011 update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). KCAG staff is meeting with the local agencies to update the project list and priorities for the RTP update. KCAG will be compiling a list of capacity increasing projects so that we can conduct the conformity analysis by December. It is assumed that there will not be a new project to propose for the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add to the conformity analysis due to the lack of funding. A budget amendment to fund the hiring of a consultant to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the RTP was approved and staff has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to acquire the consultant services. Proposals were due August 10th and we received five proposals, which are being reviewed by staff.

B. FY 2009-10 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal

Ms. King stated that KCAG must adopt a goal for the FY 2009-10 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" (DBE) Program. Local agencies must also complete a DBE Race-Conscious Implementation Agreement. This agreement contains a policy statement expressing a commitment to the Caltrans DBE Program. The FY 2009-10 DBE participation level goal for KCAG has been set at 1.62%. The goal is developed by calculating a combination of the number of DBE firms available in the area compared to all firms.

A motion was made and seconded (Kroeker / Wlaschin) to authorize the Executive Director to sign the DBE Race-Conscious Implementation Agreement and approve the FFY 09-10 DBE goal of 1.62%. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

A. FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 1

Ms. King explained that the KCAG Commission approved a FY 2009-10 budget amendment to include funding for consulting services for two work products. An amendment to the FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program (OWP) is needed to include the tasks and associated funding.

Tasks were added to Work Element 50201 – Regional Transportation Plan to include the preparation of the Environment Impact Report (EIR) for the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The estimated cost of the EIR is \$100,000, with \$80,000 to be funded in federal planning funds and \$20,000 in Local Transportation Fund (LTF) funds. Tasks were added to Work Element 50401 – Transportation Development Act to prepare the triennial performance audits of the regional transportation planning agency and the two public transit operators, scheduled to be submitted in FY 09-10. Consulting cost is estimated to be approximately \$35,000 to be funded with LTF.

A motion was made and seconded (Verhuel / Camara) to recommend approval of the FY 09-10 OWP Amendment No. 1 to include tasks and funding for the Triennial Performance Audits and the RTP Environmental Impact Report. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Legislative Review - August

Ms. Lehn presented the state legislation which KCAG has been following. Since the State Senate and Assembly are adjourned until later in August, there is no recent activity to report at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

KCAG staff discussed the bids for the SR 198 Expressway project, Blue Print Awards program, KCAG website, and development of a GIS bike layer.

Mr. Sopp reported the Housing Element will be presented to the Avenal City Council this evening. They are discussing building an animal shelter and a new entrance to the landfill. The SR 269 project will be under construction September 5-6. King Street is being reconstructed with a streetscape design.

Mr. Wlaschin reported that the 18th Ave. overlay project has been completed; the city is working on Bush St. to West Hills College, and discussed issues related to the removal of a Bush St. stop sign near the college. They have received ARRA approval for Hanford Armona Road and another for arsenic removal from the Dept. of Health Services. The traffic signal at 19th Ave and Bush is out to bid, and they are working on authorization for the Fox St. and Hanford Armona Road project. City staff is also working with Caltrans on the intersection of SR 41 and Hanford Armona Road regarding development in the southeast corner.

Mr. Camara stated the Hanford Armona Rd. project is out to bid, the Douty St. widening project is completed, as well as the widening of 13th Ave. The Hanford Planning Commission approved the Live Oak development near 12th Ave. and Houston Ave. and an 80 acre development near Pioneer school in anticipation of the next growth spurt is in the planning phases. A railroad crossing of Campus Dr. has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission which will provide improved access to the new hospital.

Mr. Verhuel reported three county projects are on hold due to the State financial problems and the release of the gas tax money is on hold for six months. The Hanford Gateway project is scheduled to receive an allocation from the CTC in September.

Mr. Hughes stated KART has reduced service from to ½ hour to 1 hour wait times and the ridership is still consistent, they have received approval of a JARC project for van pools in Fresno, and he went to Washington DC to discuss federal funding for vanpool demo projects nationwide.

Mr. Marquez announced that Home Garden was awarded a Safe Routes to Schools grant for \$620,670.

Mr. Kroeker introduced Susan Aktins, the new Corcoran Planning Director and stated they are working on ARRA projects and a TE project, and offsite improvements near Sherman and Bainum. They received funding for cameras on buses, two new buses are being ordered, and new entry signs are to be installed at Santa Fe and Whitley Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director