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MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 9, 2009

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Apone, City of Lemoore
Susan Atkins, City of Corcoran
Lou Camara, City of Hanford
Melody Haigh, City of Hanford
Jeremy Kinney, County of Kings
Steve Kroeker, City of Corcoran
Paul Marquez, Caltrans
Angie Offenburger, KCAPTA
Unchong Parry, County of Kings
Steve Sopp, City of Avenal

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Abanathie, KCAG Staff
Rachel Audino, KCAG Staff
Seth Eberhard, KCAG Staff
Victoria Hall, KCAG Staff
Terri King, KCAG Staff
Chris Lehn, KCAG Staff

VISITORS PRESENT:

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Kroeker / Camara) to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION:

A. 2009 Air Quality Conformity Redetermination

Ms. Audio stated that Kern Council of Governments has revised their portion of the PM2.5 conformity analysis for an amendment to their current Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Consequently, the other seven MPOs must also redetermine conformity. Since at this time no other transportation planning changes that affect air quality conformity are being made by the other seven MPOs, their individual conformity analyses remain unchanged. There was a 30 day public review period and no comments were received.

A motion was made and seconded (Sopp / Camara) to recommend approval of the redetermination of conformity for the Federally Approved 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment No. 2 and 2007 Regional Transportation Plan with the adoption of Resolution No. 09-11. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Triennial Performance Audit – Consultant Selection

Mr. Eberhard reported that Triennial Performance Audits must be prepared for KCAG and the two transit operators this year. Staff prepared a request for proposals and received four bids to prepare the audits from Moore & Associates, Majic Consulting Group, PMC and J Kaplan at a cost range was \$31,000 to \$34,846. J Kaplan conducted the prior audit. He stated that the selection committee will review and score the proposals and recommend an auditor to be selected by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on September 23.

C. 2009 FTIP Amendment No. 6

Mr. Abanathie reported that staff has prepared formal Amendment No. 6 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This amendment includes exempt projects and/or project phases to be added, deleted and/or amended in the 2009 FTIP. The 2009 FTIP as amended meets all applicable federal transportation planning requirements and conforms to the applicable air quality attainment plans and does not interfere with the timely implementation of approved Transportation Control Measures.

A motion was made and seconded (Camara / Kroeker) to recommend approval of 2009 FTIP Amendment No. 6 with the adoption of Resolution No. 09-12. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

A. Regional Blueprint MOU

Ms. Lehn stated as the eight Valley COGs are working together on the Blueprint effort and the leadership has been taken over by Fresno COG it is time for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The focus for the 4th year of Blueprint is in the implementation of the goals which were developed in the past three years.

A motion was made and seconded (Sopp / Kroeker) to authorize the KCAG Executive Director to sign the MOU entering Kings County Association of Governments into a regional commitment to continue efforts on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Program. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Legislative Review – September

Ms. Lehn indicated the State Senate and Assembly have until September 11, 2009 to pass their respective bills. KCAG staff has been following SB 716 and SB 406 closely. We are expecting amendments to SB 716 before the final vote. SB 406 is expected to pass without any further amendments. Staff will keep the Committee apprised of the final resolution of these and all the bills that we have been following.

C. San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference

Ms. King reminded everyone of the San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference in Fresno October 1st and 2nd. Registration forms are attached to the agendas. On October 2nd winning programs will be presented at the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program Luncheon. Two programs were submitted by the Kings County Community Development Department; and KCAG has submitted the Van Pool program as a best practices success story.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. King mentioned David Ayers has been appointed to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Board, which also includes County Supervisor Tony Barba. The California High Speed Rail Authority is submitting an application for High Speed Rail ARRA funds in October to include the Merced to Bakersfield segments. They are also releasing information regarding the location for a heavy rail maintenance station in the Valley.

Ms. Lehn stated the county submitted two projects for the Blueprint award program and there was a Census 2010 workshop last week for Kings and Tulare Counties that provided some useful information for Complete Count Committees.

Ms. Audio indicated she is working on statewide modeling issue and looking forward to attending the Caltrans Planning Academy.

Ms. Offenburger announced the findings of the NTD reports the paratransit riders' average trip length was 3 miles with a total of 155,000 miles; the fixed route trip average was 4 miles with 3 million rider miles and the vanpool average was 41 miles for a total of 22 million rider miles. They are going forward with creating a new entity, having meetings with stakeholders and expecting the effective date to be July 1, 2010. They have installed reporting equipment to test in two vehicles.

Mr. Marquez reported the California Transportation Plan 2035 workshops have been postponed to February or March 2010. Caltrans is working on an Interregional Blueprint for December 2015, they have \$14 million in funding and the modeling will be done by UC Davis.

Mr. Kroeker indicated they have a contractor for a new subdivision using bond money and waiting for the ARRA agreement for the new bus.

Ms. Atkins asked if there was interest in the coordination of efforts regarding the new air quality planning requirements in the general plans.

Mr. Camara reported the bid for the overlay on Hanford Armona Road to Greenbrier Ave. came in under bid. They are taking the Live Oak development and the Courtner and Douty storm drain projects to the City Council on Tuesday. The 13th Ave. widening is mostly completed and they are working on the intermodal parking lot behind the Amtrak station.

Mr. Sopp stated there are two new bus stops in Avenal and the SR 269 widening project is complete.

Ms. Haigh indicated they are working on general plan updates regarding the Live Oak project and looking at two new fire stations on 12th Ave. one on the north side and one on the south side. The 12th Ave. Taco Bell is being demolished and rebuilt on the same site.

Ms. Apone reported the Lemoore Ave. overlay is complete. There has been a protest from the 3rd lowest bidder regarding the Bush St. and 19th Ave. signalization project. They are using ARRA funding on Hanford Armona Road to overlay from SR 41 to 19th Ave. and Fox St. to Liberty St.

Ms. Parry stated they are working on the ARRA projects and there is a meeting with Hanford regarding the 13th Ave. and Lacey Blvd. project.

Mr. Kinney reported that they are working on the possible surface mining permit process for the SR198 expressway project and Home Gardens has received a Safe Routes to School grant. There will be public hearings on the Chem Waste expansion project that are expected to last 2 days.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director