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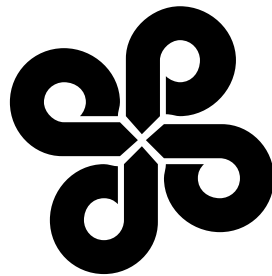
SUBJECT: Federal Funds Obligated During FY 2007-08

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Kings County region, is required to make available an obligational authority report for the 2007-08 Federal fiscal year. This report titled, "Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2008", contains a listing of projects within Kings County that have received an obligation of funds by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The public may review this document at the Kings County Association of Governments and also on the web at www.countyofkings.com/kcag under "Plans and Programs". Should there be any questions, please contact Terri King at:

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Purpose

The new transportation bill passed in 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) outlines the requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to publish an annual listing of projects for which funds have been obligated in the preceding year including a listing of pedestrian and bicycle projects. From SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 134(j)(7)(B), 23 U.S.C. 135(g)(4)(B), 49 U.S.C. 5303(j)(7)(B), and 49 U.S.C. 5304(g)(4)(B):

An Annual Listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year, shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. This listing shall be consistent with the funding categories identified in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP).

This report is published in response to the above requirement by listing all federally funded transportation projects in the Kings County region that were obligated during the federal fiscal year 2008. Obligation refers to the federal government's commitment to pay or reimburse the lead agency for the federal share of a project's cost. Obligation does not indicate expenditure or project completion; only that the project has been approved for federal reimbursement. Programmed project costs can be found in the corresponding Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan.

Background

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a council of governments responsible for addressing problems of an inter-jurisdictional nature. KCAG is a voluntary organization whose members are Kings County and the cities of Hanford, Lemoore, Corcoran, and Avenal.

Transportation is a major area of concentration. KCAG is a state-designated regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) recognized by the State's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and a federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). As an MPO/RTPA, KCAG prepares and maintains the Regional Transportation Plan, prepares a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), reviews the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other state transportation programs, monitors local public transit operations, oversees federal transportation grant proposals, and administers the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) fund.

The Kings County Association of Governments fosters intergovernmental communication and coordination, undertakes comprehensive regional planning with an emphasis on transportation, provides for citizen involvement in the planning process and supplies technical services to its member governments.

In all these areas the Kings County Association of Governments serves as a consensus builder to develop an acceptable approach on how to handle problems that do not respect political boundaries.

Who are the members, their representatives, and how do they vote?

KCAG's member agencies are represented on the KCAG Commission. The KCAG Commission consists of one member from the city council of each of the four cities and two members from the Kings County Board of Supervisors. All RTPA activities of the KCAG Commission are governed by a Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). The TPC is a committee of the KCAG Commission and composed of members of the regular KCAG Commission, plus the Director of the Caltrans District 6 representing the Director of Caltrans Headquarters.

Members

Joe Neves, Chairman
Raymond Lerma, Vice Chairman
Sid Craighead
Ed Martin
Tony Barba
Dan Chin
Malcolm Dougherty

Area Representation

Kings County
City of Corcoran
City of Avenal
City of Lemoore
Kings County
City of Hanford
Caltrans District 6

(Effective July 1, 2008)

The Commission is advised by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) whose members include KCAG staff, county and city public works and planning directors, city managers, county administrative officer, Caltrans District 6 staff, a Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) representative, a Lemoore NAS representative, a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District representative, and a Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe representative. The primary responsibility of the TAC is to review all issues that KCAG will consider and to provide technical input to advise the Commissioners in making their decisions.

The Regional Transportation Plan

The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range (minimum 20-year) plan that provides a blueprint for future transportation improvements and investments based on specific transportation goals, objectives, policies and strategies. The RTP is based on federal transportation law requiring comprehensive, cooperative, and continuous transportation planning. The Kings County Association of Governments meets these requirements by developing comprehensive transportation plans that include all surface transportation modes (multi-modal planning), to ensure efficient people and goods movements throughout the region.

The purpose of the RTP is to provide strategic direction for transportation capital investments by assessing regional growth and economic trends. Thus, the RTP helps planners link transportation investments to provide a cohesive, balanced and multimodal transportation system that will help relieve traffic congestion.

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program

As the designated metropolitan planning organization for the region, the Kings County Association of Governments prepares and maintains the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The program includes a listing of all transportation-related projects requiring federal funding or other approval by the federal transportation agencies. The FTIP also lists non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality modeling purposes.

Projects included in the FTIP are consistent with the Kings County Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan and are part of the area's overall strategy for providing mobility, congestion relief and reduction of transportation-related air pollution in support of efforts to attain federal air quality standards for the region.

Public Involvement

The Kings County Association of Governments aims to proactively engage the public in the regional transportation planning process and embrace federal requirements that MPOs provide the public with complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing the TIP, Regional Transportation Plan, and other products.

Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2008

Federal law requires the Kings County Association of Governments to publish for public review an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year, as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information and disclosure.

This report is divided into the funding types administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Projects are listed by *Lead Agency*, *FTIP Program*, *Federal ID* and *KCAG ID*. The *KCAG ID* number is a unique project identifier used in the FTIP; the category *Total Dollar Amount in FTIP* is included for reference of total project funding. Multiple *Federal IDs* can correspond with one *KCAG ID*. Note this list includes only federal funds obligated; no state or local funds are reported. The information contained in this report was provided by the California Department of Transportation.

This report indicates that approximately \$10,689,535 in federal funds were obligated for transportation project in the region between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008.

There was no federal funding obligated by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for bicycle/pedestrian facilities as no projects had bicycle/pedestrian components. A total of \$1,304,988 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds was obligated for transit projects and \$50,000 was transferred from FHWA to FTA for transit projects.

Lead Agency	FTIP Program	Funding Type	Federal ID	Agency ID	Location	Work Description	Date of Obligation	Federal Funds Obligated	Phase	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining	Bicycle/Pedestrian Related Projects
Caltrans	SHOPP	STP	0054(177)	SHOPP-CR	On I-5 in Kings County, south of Kettleman City	Construct median barrier	11/8/2007	-146,800	CON	-	-	0
Caltrans	SAFETY	STPL-SFTY	P043(032)		On State Route 43 near Hanford at Grangeville Blvd.	Install Signal and Left-Turn Phasing Card	9/18/2008	184,134	CON	-	-	0
Caltrans	SAFETY	STPL-SFTY	P043(032)		On State Route 43, near Hanford at Kansas Ave.	Install traffic Signal	8/14/2008	106,935	CON	-	-	0
Caltrans	SHOPP	HSIP	P198(049)	SHOPP-CR	In Kings County on State Route 198 near Lemoore	Construct median barrier	8/14/2008	168,150	CON	-	-	0
Caltrans	SHOPP	NHS	X031002-00	SHOPP-RP	On State Route 41, Avenal Creek Bridge to and on State Route 33	Realignment and AC Surfacing	9/18/2008	153,338	CON	-	-	0
Caltrans	STIP	NHS	P198(048)		On State Route 198 in Kings and Tulare Counties	2C to 4E North Side	9/23/2008	9,845,138	RW	-	-	0
Kings County	TE	RPSTPLE	5945(073)	TE-HAN	10th Ave. and Off the State Route 43 Entry to Hanford	Welcome Sign, Landscape & Irrigation	8/21/2008	8,853	PE	55,000	45,000	0
Hanford	CMAQ	CML	5091(032)	CML5945G	Hanford	Purchase PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper	6/25/2008	146,000	CON	205,000	35,000	0
Lemoore	CMAQ	CML	5115(008)	CML511508	Lemoore	Purchase Street Sweeper	4/25/2008	-25,772	CON	165,000	0	0
Lemoore	CMAQ	CML	5115(011)	CML511511	In Lemoore, Bush St. and 19th Ave. Intersection	Install Traffic Signal	6/20/2008	211,869	CON	250,000	0	0
Kings County	CMAQ	CML	5945(049)	CML594549	Kings County Corporation Yard	Purchase 31 CNG Vehicles	4/18/2008	-12,310	CON	576,000	0	0
KCAPTA	CMAQ	FTACML	6198(017)	CML6198A	CA-95-0003	Vanpool subsidy program	12/19/2007	50,000	CON	50,000	0	0

FTA 5307 Program

Agency ID	Work Description	Federal 07/08 FFY Monies	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining
KCAPTA031	Operating assistance (Grant Y621)	900,000	1,800,000	0
KCAPTA031	Operating assistance (Grant Y543)	324,058	648,116	0

FTA 5311 Program

Agency ID	Work Description	Federal 07/08 FFY Monies	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining
Corcoran	Operating assistance	80,930	581000	0