



# MINUTES

## KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

### 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, October 8, 2025, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Javier Andrade, City of Avenal, Community Development  
Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore, Community Development  
Heather Corder, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency  
Lisa Dock, City of Hanford, Public Works  
Alex Hernandez, County of Kings, Community Development  
Orfil Muniz, City of Corcoran, City Engineer  
Sandra Scherr, Caltrans District 6  
Cristal Schisler, City of Lemoore, Public Works

**STAFF PRESENT:** Terri King, Joel Gandarilla, Julio Gonzalez, Teresa Nickell

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Mark Pedriero Kings County Area Public Transit Agency, Jimmy Macias, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency; David Deel, Caltrans District 6

**A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

**B. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Corder) to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION

**A. Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

Terri King stated that staff have developed the draft 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP), which is a program of highway, local road, transit, and active transportation projects that a region plans to fund with State and Federal revenue programmed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Kings County has a balance of (\$4,129,000) in advanced regional shares from prior STIP periods and a formula distribution of \$2,737,000 in new STIP capacity through FY 2030-31. This leaves a balance of (\$1,392,000) in net shares. Due to the completion schedule of the PA&E phase and lack of regional share funds, the

next phase of the SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange was not programmed. The 2026 RTIP consists of programming new Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds in the amount of \$150,000 in FY 2026-27 to be used for project planning, including the development of studies; program development, including the preparation of RTIPs and studies supporting them; and monitoring the implementation of STIP projects. The Draft is available for review and comments and a public hearing will be held this month, with adoption of a final document anticipated in December 2025.

There was an inquiry regarding the actual funds available for this year. The response was that there are no funds available due to the advance in regional shares. However, KCAG is allowed to program PPM funds. Priority projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will determine the programming of future regional share funds. It was clarified how STIP Regional Share funds are managed by KCAG and the collective jurisdictions and not by Caltrans.

**B. Draft 2025 KCAG Title VI Program**

Teresa Nickell stated that the Draft 2025 KCAG Title VI Program has been prepared by KCAG staff in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and amends the adopted 2022 KCAG Title VI Program. The Title VI Program includes a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan to provide language assistance to limited English-speaking persons and low literacy persons. Title VI grievance procedures, notices, and forms are published in both English and Spanish and are available online on the KCAG website.

It was asked how many languages will be available. The response was that for Kings County, Spanish is predominate. However, other language translation services are made available upon request. A second question was if the KCAG website will have translation capabilities. The response was KCAG will review options for that capability.

It was moved and seconded (Dock / Muniz) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 25-11 to approve the 2025 KCAG Title VI Program with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program – Amendment No. 1**

Jennifer Morales reported that Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-2026 Overall Work Program (OWP) is needed to make changes in carryover funds and other changes requested by Caltrans since the OWP was first adopted. A total of \$1,400,774 in available federal planning funds apportioned to KCAG and \$210,000 in SB 1 Formula Grant funds was originally programmed in the FY 2025-26 OWP. A summary of the increases and decreases of affected work elements was provided.

It was moved and seconded (Hernandez / Dock) to recommend that Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-2026 Overall Work Program be approved by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee with the adoption of Resolution No. 25-12. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

None.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King reported that the Caltrans quarterly meeting will be on October 27, 2025; there will be two 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy workshops in Avenal on October 28th and in Hanford on October 29th and Staff will send out workshop flyers.

Teresa Nickell stated that the applications for FTA Section 5310 grant funds are being reviewed; all agencies were encouraged to fill out and return the Areawide Clearinghouse Review questionnaire and asked to confirm that agencies have received the questionnaire.

Julio Gonzalez requested comments or planned events by agencies regarding public outreach to see if combined efforts could be found as it relates to the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. It was stated that Hanford is planning a public outreach for Housing and Transportation at the end of October, and the Kings County Fire Department is holding an event in Kettleman City on October 23, 2025.

Jennifer Morales said that a request for REAP 2.0 information was emailed to the agencies and requested a response to that inquiry.

Joel Gandarilla reminded agencies that 2026 Statements of Economic Interests Form 700 for 2026 will be emailed in January and should be filled out and returned by the specified date.

Mark Pedriero reported that the new Transit Center is reaching completion; the frontage street sidewalk should be completed by the Christmas Parade date; the Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025; and routes will be adjusted in accordance with the new location, with a new route on Lacey Blvd. to the Costco store.

Alex Hernandez said that applications for the General Plan Advisory Committee are still being accepted, and their next meeting is October 15, 2025, with other related events to be announced.

Cristal Schisler stated that ADA curb ramp improvements are pending; the Fox Steet and 19th Ave. roadway report project is out to bid; other awarded road maintenance projects will start with warmer weather; and the sidewalk project by the sports complex and other crosswalk projects are ongoing.

Javier Andrade said that the micro surfacing projects are ongoing; the Community Center is scheduled to open to the public in January 2026; and the fiscal department is working on the audits.

Orfil Muniz stated that Active Transportation Plan funds are being used on pedestrian sidewalks and Safe Route to School projects; Corcoran is working on a pedestrian trail to connect the Transit Center to the Gateway Park; and the Clean California Project at the east entrance to the city is moving forward.

Lisa Dock said that the 12th and Hume traffic signal construction work is scheduled to start in November 2025; there will be two public outreach events for the East Lacey Blvd project; the SR 198 and 9th Ave. interchange project was presented to City Council; there is a planning grant seeking development concepts for the area between 9th Ave and Grangeville Blvd. toward SR 43; the Federal Railroad grant for the project development phase has been delayed; the REAP 2.0 project for Arc GIS is moving forward; and the city-wide communication conduit planning grant has been submitted.

Terri King reported on the Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC and noted that Congressman Vince Fong is asking U.S. Transportation Secretary Duffy to visit our region to see priority projects.

David Deel reported that the FY 2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) program grants and application guide has been released by Caltrans, with applications due November 21, 2025; agencies who wish to apply for the Active Transportation Cycle 8 are encouraged to attend the related webinars; and the online 6th annual Research to Practice Transit symposium event will be October 28-30, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director