



**ITEM****PAGE****ACTION****I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman****A. Remote Participation Due to Emergency Circumstances**

Motion to Approve Member Requests to Participate Remotely due to Emergency Circumstances pursuant to Government Code 54953(f)(2)(A)(ii).

**B. Roll Call****C. Unscheduled Appearances**

Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to three minutes.

**D. Minutes**

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| 1. Minutes of October 22, 2025 | 1-6 | Action |
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**II. KTAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE****A. General Transportation Items**

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| 1. Final 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program<br>(Resolution No. 25-14)                                   | 7-10<br>Attachment | Action      |
| 2. FFY 2024-25 Annual Federal Funds Obligation Report   | 11-20              | Information |
| 3. FY 2024-25 Transportation Development Act Audits Extension   | 21                 | Action      |
| 4. Consultant Selection – FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26<br>Transportation Development Act Financial and Compliance Audits | 22-28              | Action      |
| 5. FFY 2024-26 Federal Transit Act Section 5310<br>Regional Priority List of Projects<br>(Resolution No. 25-15)       | 29-34              | Action      |
| 6. FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program Activities   | 35-38              | Information |

**B. Caltrans Reports****C. Correspondence****D. Staff Comments****E. Commissioner Comments****III. KTAG COMMISSION****A. Roll Call****B. General Commission Items**

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on December 10, 2025 | - | Action |
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# MINUTES

## I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 3:05 p.m., on October 22, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California and via Zoom.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nancy Howze, Patricia Matthews, Joe Neves, Alvaro Preciado, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: Jim Perrault

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jeanette Zamora-Bragg

STAFF PRESENT: Terri King, Joel Gandarilla, Jennifer Morales, Kayley Clay, Julio Gonzalez, Teresa Nickell

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Via Zoom: Cristal Schisler, Lemoore Public Works

### A. Remote Participation Due to Emergency Circumstances

None.

### B. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

### C. Unscheduled Appearances

None

### D. Minutes

#### 1. Minutes of September 25, 2025

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Howze) to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2025, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon  
Absent: Zamora-Bragg

## II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

### A. General Transportation Items

#### 1. Final 2025 KCAG Title VI Program

Teresa Nickell stated that The Final 2025 Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Title VI Program has been prepared by KCAG staff in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan uses a Four-Factor Analysis to determine which language assistance services are appropriate for KCAG and the LEP populations it serves. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) adopted a "Safe Harbor Provision" that outlines circumstances that can provide a "safe harbor" for KCAG regarding translation of written materials for LEP populations. The Spanish population is 37.74 percent and the only group that meets or exceeds the threshold in Kings County. KCAG's Title VI grievance procedures, notices, and forms are published in both English and Spanish and are available online on the KCAG website.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Matthew) to adopt Resolution No. 25-11 to approve the 2025 KCAG Title VI Program with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon  
Absent: Zamora-Bragg

#### 2. FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program – Amendment No. 1

Jennifer Morales stated that the FY 2025-2026 Overall Work Program (OWP) for transportation planning includes projects funded with a variety of federal, state, and local funding sources. Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 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 programmed in the FY 2025-26 OWP. The FY 2024-25 reconciliation letter provides a carryover balance of \$198,327.37 in total PL carryover funds, thereby requiring a total programmed decrease of \$353,102.63. The reconciliation letter also provided a carryover balance of \$20,479.36 in total FTA Section 5303 carryover funds, thereby requiring an increase of \$20,479.36 and a carryover balance of \$125,039.27 in total SB 1 Formula 1 Grant carryover funds, thereby requiring an increase of \$79,611.27. A summary of the changes to the work elements was provided. The changes do not affect the scope of work to these work elements.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Preciado) to approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-2026 Overall Work Program with the adoption of Resolution No. 25-12. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Matthews, Neves, Perrault, Preciado, Verboon  
Absent: Zamora-Bragg

#### 3. Final Supplemental Public Participation Plan for 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Kayley Clay stated that KCAG is required to develop a comprehensive long-range planning document or Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. The



reauthorization bill; the new administration entered a final rule regarding the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program requiring DBEs to recertify; the California Transportation Commission (CTC) will have a public hearing on the 2026 Draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) that will be available online; Caltrans will hold virtual office hours for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, with applications due November 21, 2025; and there will be a free training opportunity for local agency staff Local Assistance Day Quarterly webinar on November 4, 2025.

It was reported that the SR 99 draft Comprehensive Multi-Modal Plan draft review period has closed; the Avenal Clean California enhancements project will have an art unveiling on October 1, 2025; the SR 41 Kettleman City roundabout construction is anticipated to start in the summer of 2026; the CAPM project on SR 41, from Nevada Avenue to SR 198 has no updates; the temporary roundabouts at Bush Street has no updates; the SR 41 Excelsior Expressway segment of unfinished two lane project in Fresno County is scheduled to start construction in March 2026; the Reef City CAPM construction completion date is March 2026; and the Hanford SR 198 CAPM project construction is anticipated to start in 2028.

Commissioner Howze inquired about the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The response was there was an effort to level the playing field for women and minority owned business to provide them with sub-contractor work opportunities. Now, those businesses will need to be recertified as DBE. Commissioner Howze also asked about the “Excelsior Expressway”. The reply was that there is segment of unfinished two-lane road along SR 41 that is to be completed as a safety project.

Commissioner Preciado expresses appreciation for a productive meeting with Caltrans regarding safety along SR 33 and SR 269 near Avenal.

**C. Correspondence**

Terri King stated that a letter was received from the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency that they have taken a position against a suggested pilot fixed route between the cities of Corcoran and Tulare.

**D. Staff Comments**

Terri King reported that there will be a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) workshop next week in Avenal and Hanford. Leftover earmark funds from the SR 198 widening project were repurposed for the Houston Avenue Bridge project. The Regional Policy Council Executive Committee will meet this Friday with important updates and the regular Regional Council Meeting will be November 21, 2025. The CalCOG Board meeting is November 7, 2025 and the Caltrans quarterly meeting is October 27, 2025.

**E. Commissioner Comments**

None.

**III. KCAG COMMISSION**

**A. Roll Call**

Joel Gandarilla conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

### **C. General Commissioner Items**

#### **1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on October 22, 2025**

A motion was made and seconded (Matthews / Verboon) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on October 22, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Matthews, Neves, Preciado, Verboon  
Absent: Zamora-Bragg

#### **2. Areawide Planning Review No. 25-10**

Teresa Nickell stated that the Lily of the Valley Church is applying for a grant in the amount of \$650,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention's FFY 2025 Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Use Program. The Lily of the Valley Church proposes a Peerlink Mentoring Program to reduce the risks and harms of opioid and other substance use to youth by delivering prevention, intervention, and supportive mentoring services to underserved, Medi-Cal-eligible, and low-income youth and their families within Kings and Tulare Counties and rural Fresno County. The comment period ended October 20, 2025, and staff received written comments that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs from Kings County Fire Marshal, Kings County District Attorney's Office, Kings County Community Development, City of Hanford Public Works, and City of Lemoore Planning Department. Comments received from the City of Lemoore Planning Department included concerns about how the proposal could be improved and several discrepancies in the information provided.

Commissioner Howze inquired as to the Areawide Clearinghouse process. The response was that KCAG sends out the forms and receives comments on the grant application, then presents those comments to the Board. The Board in turn motions to ratify or not ratify the process as outlined.

A motion was made and seconded (Preciado / Howze) to recommend that the KCAG Commission's comments include and ratify those of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 25-10. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Neves, Preciado  
Noes: Verboon  
Absent: Zamora-Bragg  
Abstain: Matthews

Commissioner Matthews left the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

#### **3. KCAG Finance Director Job Specification and Salary**

Terri King stated that the Commission authorized the creation of a new position for a Finance Director and work with the County of Kings Human Resources Department for a Job Specification and Salary Range to be presented to the Commission. KCAG staff worked with HR staff to prepare the draft Job Specification for a KCAG Finance Director included in the agenda packet. However, the Human Resources Director would not approve it. KCAG staff recommended a title change to Fiscal Manager with a salary range of 252.5.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Neves) to approve the Fiscal Manager Job Specification with a salary range of 252.5. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Neves, Preciado, Verboon

Absent: Matthews, Zamora-Bragg

4. Reschedule November / December KCAG Meeting Dates

Commissioner Neves recommended rescheduling the meeting to either December 3 or 10, 2025, morning or afternoon. KCAG and KCAPTA should coordinate meeting dates and times.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Howze) to cancel the November 26th and December 24th meetings and to schedule a Special Meeting for either December 3 or 10, 2025, based on Commissioners' availability. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Howze, Neves, Preciado, Verboon

Absent: Matthews, Zamora-Bragg

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

None.

**B. Staff Comments**

Terri King said that the next agenda will include the FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program activities, FY 2024-45 TDA Audit extensions, FY 2024-25 Annual Federal Obligations report, FY 2025-26 Quarter 1 financial report, Final 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and 2026 Meeting Calendar.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Verboon stated that the rebranding event to establish the Amtrak San Joaquins service to the "Gold Runner" will be in Stockton.

Commissioner Howze said that the City of Hanford will have two meetings regarding the East Lacey Blvd. project for public outreach.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for December 10, 2025**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director

















































































# Kings County Association of Governments 2026 Meeting Calendar

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- Technical Advisory Committee meets every second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at 210 E. Seventh St., Hanford, CA.
- KCAG Commission, Transportation Policy Committee and Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority meet every fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers, 210 E. Seventh St. Hanford, CA.
- Holiday/KCAG office is closed.