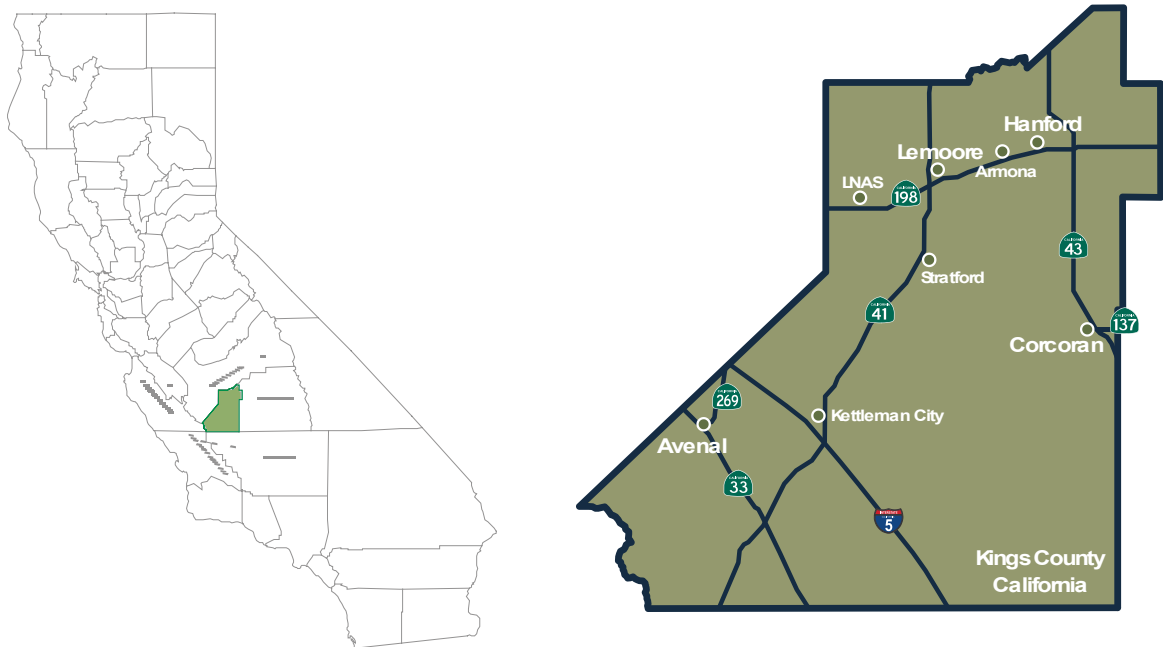


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A. Overview and Schedule

Section 1. Executive Summary

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Kings County region. Every two years, KCAG prepares a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in cooperation with its member agencies and Caltrans according to the adopted State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) guidelines, programming policies, instructions, criteria, and the 2026 STIP Fund Estimate adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

The 2026 RTIP is to be adopted by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee and submitted to the CTC prior to December 15, 2026. The 2026 STIP Fund Estimate (FE) and Guidelines were prepared and adopted by the CTC on August 14, 2025. The statewide capacity for the 2026 STIP Fund Estimate identifies net new capacity in the two years added to the STIP, 2029-30 and 2030-31. It also identifies a small amount of new capacity in two of the first three years of the 2026 STIP (2026-27 and 2028-29). The maximum capacity of the estimated shares through 2031-32 will be sufficient to meet programming commitments and cover some cost increases. The estimate incorporates the FY 2025-26 Budget Act and other 2025 legislation enacted prior to the Fund Estimate adoption. Programming in the 2026 STIP will be constrained by fiscal year, with most new programming in the two years added to the STIP, 2029-30 and 2030-31.

The projects considered in the 2026 RTIP are to be consistent with the adopted 2022 Kings County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a comprehensive 20-year plan for developing transportation facilities in Kings County. The RTP includes a prioritized list of state highway projects and the highest priority projects are normally considered for inclusion in the RTIP as funding permits.

Development of the 2026 RTIP includes the programming of funds for Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds to be used for project planning, including the development of project study reports or major investment studies; program development, including the preparation of RTIPs and studies supporting them; and monitoring the implementation of STIP projects.

Section 2. General Information

- **Regional Agency Name**
Kings County Association of Governments
- **Agency website links for Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). (insert links below)**

Regional Agency Website Link: <http://www.kingscog.org>

RTIP document link: <http://www.kingscog.org/RTIP>

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Section 3. Background of Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

A. What is the Regional Transportation Improvement Program?

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) 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 in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The RTIP is developed biennially by the regions and is due to the Commission by December 15 of every odd numbered year. The program of projects in the RTIP is a subset of projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a federally mandated master transportation plan which guides a region's transportation investments over a 20-to-25-year period. The RTP is based on all reasonably anticipated funding, including federal, state and local sources. Updated every 4 to 5 years, the RTP is developed through an extensive public participation process in the region and reflects the unique mobility, sustainability, and air quality needs of each region.

B. Regional Agency’s Historical and Current Approach to developing the RTIP

In developing past and current RTIPs, KCAG has focused on improvements to the State Route (SR) 198 Corridor. SR 198 is an interregional corridor that serves the San Joaquin Valley, connecting the Central Coast to the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Interstate 5 to SR 99. This is a high emphasis focus route on the Interregional Road System. SR 198 is a designated large truck route between Interstate 5 and SR 99. SR 198 is part of the National Highway System serving the cities of Lemoore, Hanford, and Visalia. It is a primary commuter route between the previously mentioned cities and the Lemoore Naval Air Station (NAS), a critical strategic military installation and a major employer in the region. SR 198 is a route of National Security with the addition of the F-35 Strike Fighter Squadrons to NAS Lemoore. A Corridor Systems Management Plan (CSMP) was developed for the SR 198 corridor as a result of Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Program. The SR 198 CSMP addresses the needs and benefits of the corridor from the Monterey/Fresno County line to the Sequoia National Park.

KCAG prepared a Regional Corridor Needs Study for the Hanford-Lemoore urbanized areas to identify and prioritize future state highway improvement needs. The focus was on the SR 41, SR 43, and SR 198 corridors that are experiencing recent growth in development. Projects identified in the study might be proposed for inclusion in future RTIPs. KCAG received an allocation of \$298,000 in Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds as programmed in the 2018 STIP, and \$75,000 in the 2022 STIP. The funds were utilized to prepare a Project Study Report for the construction of an interchange on SR 198 and 9th Avenue in the City of Hanford to eliminate the at-grade crossing and upgrade the segment of expressway to freeway. The Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of this project was programmed in the 2024 STIP.

Section 4. Completion of Prior RTIP Projects (Required per Section 78)

No projects have been completed since the adoption of the 2024 RTIP. The PA&ED phase of the SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange project is currently being conducted and is expected to be completed by July 31, 2027.

Project Name	Fund Type	Funds Programmed*	Funds Allocated	Funds Expended
-	-	-	-	-

*For projects with a total cost of \$50 million or greater or a total STIP programmed amount (in right-of-way and/or construction) of \$15 million or greater, the reports shall also include a discussion of the project benefits that were anticipated before construction, compared to an estimate of the actual benefits achieved.

Section 5. RTIP Outreach and Participation

A. RTIP Development and Approval Schedule

Action	Date
CTC adopts Fund Estimate and Guidelines	August 14-15, 2025
Caltrans identifies State Highway Needs	September 15, 2025
Caltrans submits draft ITIP	October 15, 2025
CTC ITIP Hearing, South	October 30, 2025
CTC ITIP Hearing, North	November 7, 2025
Regional Agency adopts 2026 RTIP	December 10, 2025
Regions submit RTIP to CTC	December 15, 2025
Caltrans submits ITIP to CTC	December 15, 2025
CTC STIP Hearing, North	January 28, 2026
CTC STIP Hearing, South	February 5, 2026
CTC publishes staff recommendations	February 27, 2026
CTC Adopts 2026 STIP	March 19-20, 2026

B. Community Engagement

The projects considered in the RTIP are to be consistent with the adopted Kings County RTP. The RTP includes a prioritized list of state highway projects and the highest priority projects are normally considered for inclusion in the RTIP as funding permits. The original selection of prioritized transportation projects is made through the use of performance measures included in the RTP.

Development of the 2026 RTIP consists of programming the Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds and does not propose any new projects. The draft 2026 RTIP was prepared by KCAG staff and presented to the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee and KCAG Transportation Policy Committee in October of 2025.

KCAG staff reviewed any comments submitted, responded as appropriate, and prepared the Final 2026 RTIP. The Final 2026 RTIP was brought back to the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee and KCAG Transportation Policy Committee in November and December of 2025.

A public hearing was held on October 22, 2025, and the 2026 RTIP was adopted by the KCAG Transportation Committee on December 10, 2025. The adopted 2026 RTIP was submitted to the CTC by December 15, 2025.

C. Consultation with Caltrans District (Required per Section 20)

Caltrans District: 6

KCAG staff meet with Caltrans District 6 staff on a quarterly basis to review the status of STIP projects and other program projects. The identification of project implementation issues is critical to keeping projects on their planned schedule for completion and to maintain costs.

During these meetings, staff also discuss funding opportunities for future projects included in the RTP that could be considered for future STIP programming.

KCAG utilized RIP funds to have Caltrans develop the PA&ED phase of the SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange Project located within the City of Hanford. Regular scoping meetings are held with Caltrans, KCAG, and local agencies.

B. 2026 STIP Regional Funding Request

Section 6. 2026 STIP Regional Share and Request for Programming

A. 2026 Regional Fund Share Per 2026 STIP Fund Estimate

According to the adopted 2026 STIP Fund Estimate, Kings County has a balance of (\$4,129,000) in advance shares from prior STIP periods and a formula distribution of \$2,737,000 in new STIP capacity through 2030-31. This leaves no balance of advanced shares against future capacity. The 5% limitation of regional shares for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) is \$239,000 for the 2028-29 through 2030-31 share period.

B. Summary of Requested Programming

Requested programming of Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds in the amount of \$150,000 for project planning, including the development of project study reports or major investment studies; program development, including studies supporting the preparation of RTIPs; and monitoring the implementation of STIP projects.

Project Name and Location	Project Description	Requested RIP Amount
PPM, Kings Region	Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM)	FY 2026-27: \$150,000

C. Advance Project Development Element (APDE)

There is no APDE capacity identified for the 2026 STIP.

Section 7. Overview of Other Funding Included with Delivery of Regional Improvement Program Projects

Proposed 2026 RTIP	Total RTIP	Other Funding					Total Project Cost
		ITIP	STBG/ CMAQ	Fund Source 1	Fund Source 2	Fund Source 3	
							-
							-
							-
							-
							-
							-
							-
							-
							-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

Section 8. Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) Funding and Needs

The purpose of the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) is to improve interregional mobility for people and goods in the State of California. As an interregional program, the ITIP is focused on increasing the throughput for highway and rail corridors of strategic importance outside the urbanized areas of the state. A sound transportation network between and connecting urbanized areas ports and borders is vital to the state's economic vitality. The ITIP is a five-year program managed by Caltrans and funded with 25% of new STIP revenues in each cycle. Developed in cooperation with regional transportation planning agencies to ensure an integrated transportation program, the ITIP promotes the goal of improving interregional mobility and connectivity across California.

ITIP funding is not being requested by KCAG.

Section 9. Projects Planned within Multi-Modal Corridors

KCAG is not proposing any new projects in this 2026 STIP cycle; however, PPM funds are being requested and will be used to continue to work with Caltrans and monitor the progress of the SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange Project. The SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange Project is currently in the PA&ED phase. Caltrans has signed an agreement with the CTC as the Project Manager for this phase of the project and is conducting environmental and engineering studies to analyze various project alternatives and their potential impacts. Caltrans is also beginning public outreach to gather input and feedback to inform future decisions regarding the project alternatives.

SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange

KCAG has previously developed a Regional Corridors Needs Study, and the section on SR 198 from SR 41 to SR 43 has been identified in the study as a priority corridor for safety with an 81.2 annual collision frequency. The SR 198 and 9th Avenue intersection provides local access to the region's commercial and job centers north and south of the intersection. The corridor itself is a vital commuter route for the Kings-Tulare region to the major cities and the Lemoore Naval Air Station (NAS) and for access to the Kings/Tulare High Speed Rail Station.

The City of Hanford has a programmed project to signalize 9th Avenue at Lavey Blvd., which is just north of SR 198, to improve safety and facilitate traffic from SR 198. This intersection has seen increased traffic given the new commercial center east of Hanford and the meat packing plant and planned major expansion. The City of Hanford is also currently in the process of constructing pedestrian facilities along Lacey Blvd., including the area around the 9th Avenue intersection. The interchange will provide a new bridge structure that will include Class II Bike Lanes and sidewalk facilities, which together with the City of Hanford's projects, will help support/encourage and improve safety of non-motorized modes of transportation.

Given that SR 198 is the most heavily used commuter corridor for the region, this project will assist in improving safety along the corridor by eliminating an at-grade intersection that is highly utilized.

Section 10. Highways to Boulevards Conversion Pilot Program

KCAG is currently not aware of any candidate projects for the Highways-to-Boulevards Conversion Pilot Program.

Section 11. Complete Streets Consideration (per Section 26)

Although KCAG is not requesting additional STIP funding for this project in the 2026 RTIP, the SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange Project is consistent with Caltrans' Complete Street Action Plan. This project will facilitate improved connectivity between the north and south sides of the City of Hanford while also supporting and encouraging improved safety of non-motorized modes of transportation through the new bridge structure that will include Class II Bike Lanes and sidewalk facilities. This interchange project will also serve the residents in the smaller communities in Kings County by providing them with easier and safer access to the service and commercial centers in the area next to the SR 198 and 9th Avenue intersection. Overall, this project will increase safety, shorten travel time, and enhance reliability of the transportation system.

D. Relationship of RTIP to RTP/SCS and Benefits of RTIP

Section 12. Regional Level Performance Evaluation (per Section 22A of the guidelines)

KCAG's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) policy overall goal states:

"To develop a transportation system that encourages and promotes the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, accessible pedestrian walkways, and bicycle transportation facilities) and foster economic growth and development, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution."

KCAG's 2026 RTIP furthers the RTP/SCS goals by improving safety and efficiency in the region's transportation system.

As mentioned in prior sections, SR 198 is the most utilized commuter corridor for the region. Communities rely on this corridor to access service and commercial centers as well as job centers. While SR 198 has been improved into a 4-lane expressway east of SR 43, there are still at-grade intersections that impact the safety and operations of the corridor, specifically at intersections that provide direct access to commercial and job centers. The SR 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange will improve direct access to a commercial center just north of the intersection as well as a meat packing company and other agriculturally based industries to the south. With the at-grade intersection, 9th Avenue only allows right turn movements onto SR 198 with no way to cross SR 198 denying north/south access. The project includes a new bridge structure to better serve residents and regional commuters by providing a route to cross SR 198. Class II bike lanes and sidewalk facilities will also be provided to support non-motorized transportation modes and help

connect the city's future bicycle network, which will encourage active transportation. In addition to safety, this will help reduce congestion and shorten trips that would otherwise reroute to cross or enter SR 198 and support the region in reducing emissions from freight and passenger vehicles. Overall, the project will support KCAG's policies by increasing safety, shortening travel time, and enhancing reliability of the transportation system. In addition, the project will also improve air quality and help facilitate active transportation in the area around the intersection.

A. Regional Level Performance Indicators and Measures (per Appendix B of the STIP Guidelines).

This section is not applicable since KCAG is not proposing any new projects in this 2026 STIP cycle.

Section 13. Regional and Statewide Benefits of RTIP

A. State Route 198 and 9th Avenue Interchange

Within the Kings region, the residents in the smaller cities travel to Hanford and Lemoore to access the service and commercial centers that are not available in their city. At an interregional level, the Kings-Tulare commuters heavily rely on SR 198 as the main corridor between the two counties. This results in increased congestion and safety issues at main access intersection during peak periods, such as SR 198 and 9th Avenue. The interchange will help alleviate congestion and prevent traffic from backing up onto SR 198 directly and becoming a safety hazard for the 4-lane expressway. This is especially apparent during the region's tule fog season where visibility becomes extremely limited for commuters traveling at high speeds on the expressway.

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) is experiencing the demands of the modern global logistics system across a range of goods from raw agricultural materials to consumer products. For this project specifically, a meat packing firm is directly south of this intersection including other agriculturally based producers and industries further south. SR 198 is crucial for local and statewide goods movement and provides the only reliable route to SR 99 to the east and Interstate 5 to the west. Improving the free flow of SR 198 will not only mitigate congestion and improve safety but also allow the region's transportation system to better support economic development.

D. Performance and Effectiveness of RTIP

Section 14. Evaluation of Cost Effectiveness of RTIP (Required per Section 22B)

This section is not applicable since KCAG is not proposing any new projects in this 2026 STIP cycle.

Section 15. Project Specific Evaluation (Required per Section 22C and 22D)

This section is not applicable since KCAG is not proposing any new projects in this 2026 STIP cycle.

E. Detailed Project Information

Section 16. Overview of Projects Programmed with RTIP Funding

According to the STIP Guidelines, a region may program up to 5 percent of its regional share funds for project Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) by the transportation planning agency.

Kings County is requesting new programming of PPM funds for FY 2026-27 in the amount of \$150,000 for project planning, including the development of project study reports or major investment studies; program development, including studies supporting the preparation of RTIPs; and monitoring the implementation of STIP projects.

F. Appendices

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Section 17. Projects Programming Request (PPR) Form

**Planning, Programming and Monitoring
Project Programming Request**

Amendment (Existing Project) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				Date	11/04/2025 11:11:44
Programs <input type="checkbox"/> LPP-C <input type="checkbox"/> LPP-F <input type="checkbox"/> SCCP <input type="checkbox"/> TCEP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STIP <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
District	EA	Project ID	PPNO	Nominating Agency	
06		0624000200		Kings County Association of Governments	
County	Route	PM Back	PM Ahead	Co-Nominating Agency	
Kings County					
				MPO	Element
				KCAG	Local Assistance
Project Manager/Contact			Phone	Email Address	
Terri King			559-852-2678	Terri.King@co.kings.ca.us	

Project Title

Planning, Programming and Monitoring

Location (Project Limits), Description (Scope of Work)

Planning, Programming and Monitoring.

Component	Implementing Agency
PA&ED	
PS&E	
Right of Way	
Construction	Kings County Association of Governments

Legislative Districts

Assembly:	30	Senate:	16	Congressional:	20
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Project Milestone	Existing	Proposed
Project Study Report Approved		
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase		
Circulate Draft Environmental Document Document Type		
Draft Project Report		
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)		
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase		
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)		
Begin Right of Way Phase		
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)		
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)	07/01/2023	07/01/2026
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)	06/30/2025	06/30/2028
Begin Closeout Phase	07/01/2025	07/01/2028
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)	12/30/2026	12/30/2029

Date 11/04/2025 11:11:44

Purpose and Need

Continuation of regional transportation planning, including the preparation of the RTP, RTIP, FTIP, air quality planning, and monitoring the implementation of FTIP projects.

NHS Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Roadway Class NA	Reversible Lane Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Inc. Sustainable Communities Strategy Goals <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

Project Outputs

Category	Outputs	Unit	Total

Additional Information

Performance Indicators and Measures						
Measure	Required For	Indicator/Measure	Unit	Build	Future No Build	Change

District	County	Route	EA	Project ID	PPNO
06	Kings County			0624000200	

Project Title
 Planning, Programming and Monitoring

Existing Total Project Cost (\$1,000s)									Implementing Agency
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									Kings County Association of Governm
R/W									
CON									Kings County Association of Governm
TOTAL									

Proposed Total Project Cost (\$1,000s)									Notes
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON	1,173	150						1,323	
TOTAL	1,173	150						1,323	

Fund #1:	RIP - State Cash (Committed)								Program Code
	Existing Funding (\$1,000s)								20.30.600.670
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									Kings County Association of Governm
PS&E									\$30 CON voted 07/16/98
R/W SUP (CT)									\$30 CON voted 07/28/99
CON SUP (CT)									\$30 CON voted 07/01/00
R/W									\$30 CON voted 06/14/01
CON									\$80 CON voted 09/26/02
									\$100 CON voted 02/26/04
									\$50 CON voted 09/29/05
TOTAL									\$75 CON voted 12/13/07

Proposed Funding (\$1,000s)									Notes
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON	1,173	150						1,323	
TOTAL	1,173	150						1,323	

APPENDICES

Section 18. Board Resolution and Documentation of Public Hearing

Board Adoption Resolution

**BEFORE THE KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE)
2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-14
RE: 2026 RTIP**

WHEREAS, the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is designated by the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the County of Kings; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a statement of intent by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and a schedule for project delivery for the allocation of funds during a five year period to major transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the CTC has adopted programming policies, standards, criteria, procedures, and instructions for the development, adoption, and management of the STIP process; and

WHEREAS, KCAG is required by the CTC to prepare, adopt and submit a five-year Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the "2026 Kings County Regional Transportation Improvement Program" (RTIP) has been prepared by KCAG in cooperation with its member agencies, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission in accordance with the STIP process; and

WHEREAS, the "2026 Kings County RTIP" includes programming proposals for funds from the Regional Share of the current STIP period; and

WHEREAS, the "2026 Kings County RTIP" has been reviewed for consistency with the adopted "2022 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy" and the CTC's adopted STIP Fund Estimate for Kings County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee does hereby adopt the "2026 Kings County Regional Transportation Improvement Program".

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a motion by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, at a special meeting held on December 10, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair

WITNESS, my hand this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Terri King, Executive Director

Public Hearing Documentation

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (KCAG)
DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Transportation Policy Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Kings County. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the County of Kings, Board of Supervisors Chambers at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford.

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) has been prepared by KCAG in cooperation with the cities, the County of Kings and Caltrans. The 2026 RTIP is a five-year program that proposes funding of projects for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to be adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The project includes:

- Planning, Programming and Monitoring: \$150,000, FY 2026-27

Individuals with disabilities may call KCAG staff at 559-852-2654 (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

A 30-day public review and comment period will commence on October 8, 2025, and conclude on November 7, 2025. The draft documents are available for review at the KCAG office, located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA and on KCAG's website at www.kingscog.org.

Public comments are welcomed at the meeting, or may be submitted in writing by November 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to Kayley Clay at the KCAG office. Members of the public who wish to participate via Zoom can do so by entering the Meeting ID: 599 973 9795 and Passcode: 93245 or can do so via telephone using the Call in Number 1-669-900-6833, noted on the meeting agenda.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee at a special meeting to be held on December 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The documents will then be submitted to the California Transportation Commission for programming consideration.

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, Terri King, Executive Director
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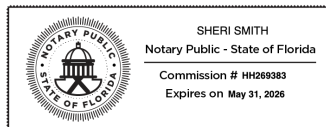
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS (KCAG)
DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Transportation Policy Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Kings County. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the County of Kings, Board of Supervisors Chambers at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford.

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) has been prepared by KCAG in cooperation with the cities, the County of Kings and Caltrans. The 2026 RTIP is a five-year program that proposes funding of projects for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to be adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The project includes:

Planning, Programming and Monitoring: \$150,000, FY 2026-27
Individuals with disabilities may call KCAG staff at 559-852-2654 (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

A 30-day public review and comment period will commence on October 8, 2025, and conclude on November 7, 2025. The draft documents are available for review at the KCAG office, located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA and on KCAG's website at www.kingscog.org.

Public comments are welcomed at the meeting, or may be submitted in writing by November 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to Kayley Clay at the KCAG office. Members of the public who wish to participate via Zoom can do so by entering the Meeting ID: 599 973 9795 and Passcode: 93245 or can do so via telephone using the Call in Number 1-669-900-6833, noted on the meeting agenda.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee at a special meeting to be held on December 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The documents will then be submitted to the California Transportation Commission for programming consideration.

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
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APPENDICES

Section 19. Fact Sheet



2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fact Sheet¹

Executive Summary

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Kings County region. Every two years, KCAG prepares a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in cooperation with its member agencies and Caltrans according to the adopted State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) guidelines, programming policies, instructions, criteria, and the 2026 STIP Fund Estimate (FE) adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The 2026 RTIP is to be adopted by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee and submitted to the CTC prior to December 15, 2025. The 2026 STIP FE and Guidelines were prepared and adopted by the CTC on August 14, 2025. The statewide capacity for the 2026 STIP FE identifies net new capacity, mostly in the two years added to the STIP, 2029-30 and 2030-31. It also identifies a small amount of new capacity in the first three years of the 2026 STIP. The capacity in 2026-27 through 2028-29 will be sufficient to meet programming commitments and cover some cost increases. The estimate incorporates the Budget Act of 2025 and other 2025 legislation enacted prior to the FE adoption. Programming in the 2026 STIP will be constrained by the fiscal year, with most new programming in the two years added to the STIP, 2029-30 and 2030-31. The projects considered in the 2026 RTIP are to be consistent with the adopted 2022 Kings County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a comprehensive 20-year plan for developing transportation facilities in Kings County. The RTP includes a prioritized list of state highway projects and the highest priority projects are normally considered for inclusion in the RTIP as funding permits. Development of the 2026 RTIP consists of programming Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds to be used for project planning, including the development of project study reports or major investment studies; program development, including the preparation of RTIPs and studies supporting them; and monitoring the implementation of STIP projects.

Benefits

This section is not applicable since KCAG is not proposing any new projects in this 2026 STIP cycle.

Goals and Objectives

This section is not applicable since KCAG is not proposing any new projects in this 2026 STIP cycle.

¹ The fact sheet (one- or two-page) will be posted on the Commission's website and must comply with state and federal web accessibility laws and standards.