



MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, at 1:33 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, in the Conference Room, 210 E. 7th Street, Suite 202, Hanford, California, and via Zoom Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Javier Andrade, City of Avenal, 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, Jennifer Morales, Julio Gonzalez, Teresa Nickell

VISITORS PRESENT: Cynthia Baruch, NAS Lemoore; Branden Duran, Caltrans District 6; Jimmy Macias, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None.

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Muniz / Hernandez) to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. Reappointment and Appointment of Members of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Teresa Nickell stated that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is an advisory body to the regional transportation planning agency to provide input in the identification of transit needs, with members required to represent persons who are 60 years of age or older, disabled, persons of limited means who use public transit, and local service providers who provide services to these transit-dependent groups. There are seven members of the SSTAC whose terms are expiring in January 2026. KCAG staff confirmed that four members desire to continue participation on the SSTAC for a three-year term.

KCAG staff recruited for new members in November 2025 and new membership applications were received from Leslie Corchado, Kings County Public Health, and Stacy Francis, Central Valley Regional Center.

It was moved and seconded (Hernandez / Corder) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the reappointment of four members and the appointment of two new members to serve three-year terms on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2026-27 Transportation Development Act Estimates

Teresa Nickell stated that the FY 2026-27 estimate of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds allocated to Kings County is \$1,455,715 and the estimate of FY 2026-27 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) is \$6,400,000. The claims and other required documentation from the claimants must be returned to KCAG by April 1st of each year. Each claimant is required to hold a public hearing and have both an adopted resolution, stating their findings on unmet transit needs before funds can be allocated for road purposes, and required environmental documents within their jurisdiction for streets and roads projects. The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) and the City of Corcoran must hold independent public hearings to gather input regarding unmet transit needs of their clients. KCAG will conduct public hearings in April and May.

Lisa Dock inquired about the city's requirement for public hearings. The reply was that hearings need to be held prior to submitting claims by April 1st.

C. Draft FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program and Budget

Terri King reported that the Overall Work Program (OWP) identifies work effort, funding sources and a work schedule of the activities to be accomplished during the coming year. The draft FY 2026-27 OWP is to be submitted by March 1 to Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review and comment. The estimates for next year's funding are \$846,301 in new FHWA, \$59,252 in new FTA, \$168,500 in SB1 formula apportionments. Activities not eligible for federal funding are covered by local funds. The total estimated cost is \$2,005,900, that includes salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and consulting services. With the KCAG office moving to new offices there are increased rent and utilities costs. A summary of the planned work elements was provided.

It was moved and seconded (Schisler / Corder) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee review and approve the release of the draft FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program for review and comment. The motion carried unanimously.

D. FFY 2024-25 Annual Funds Obligation Report

Terri King reported that Federal regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to either publish or make available to the public an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the proceeding federal fiscal year. The FFY 2024-25 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects report is attached and available on the KCAG website. The listing of federally funded projects that were obligated during FFY 2024-25 shows that KCAG Member Agencies and state agencies on behalf of the region obligated approximately \$38 million for streets, roads, and highway projects and approximately \$6.5 million for transit projects within Kings County.

REGIONAL PLANNING

Terri King reported that the KCAG staff has been working with Housing and Community Development (HCD) on REAP 2.0 and thanked jurisdictions for submitting their reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Terri King congratulated the city of Hanford for their \$2,000,000 in Federal earmark monies for the Grangeville Blvd./BNSF grade separation project. She reported that the 2026 Sacramento Valley Voice is scheduled for March 4, 2026; there will be a workshop for the V-TRANSFRM project on February 18, 2026; there is survey for the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy update; and KCAG Staff is working with California Air Resources Board (CARB) on approving the 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Joel Gandarilla reminded everyone that Statements of Economic Interests Forms 700 will be sent out in early March 2026 and due by April 1, 2026.

Jennifer Morales stated the staff is working on the Transportation Development Act audits.

Teresa Nickell said that the next SSTAC meeting will be February 26, 2026; the 2026 State of Good Repair estimates are available; the Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (KCAVASA) program sunsets in 2027, however all resolutions to extend the program must be submitted to the California Department of Motor Vehicles by July 1, 2026. The next KCAVASA meeting will be February 12, 2026.

Alex Hernandez stated that the County is working on Housing Element and General Plan updates.

Branden Duran introduced himself as the Office Chief for Transportation with Caltrans District 6 and stated that Lorena Mendibles is the acting Regional Planning Branch Chief, and Sandra Scherr will continue as the primary KCAG liaison; District 6 received ten Sustainable Transportation Planning grant applications that are with Headquarters for review and evaluation with award announcements are anticipated in May 2026; the Active Transportation Program, Cycle 8, will have a workshop on February 23, 2026, with CTC staff; the public engagement for the District Transit Plan to identify transit needs on state highways is anticipated to start in June 2026; and the free fifth annual Caltrans Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Small Business Summit will be March 4, 2026, in Fresno.

Christal Schisler said there are no new updates. However, projects continue to move forward; and the city will hold an event to coincide with the Air Show from March 20-22, 2026.

Cynthia Baruch stated that the Air Show event expects about 80,000 participants per day for the March 21-22, 2026, event.

Heather Corder said that there are no new updates other than acclimating to the new office space and that all buses are now operating out of the new Transit Center.

Javier Andrade said the Community Center construction is ongoing, and a new road maintenance project is scheduled for the summer.

Lisa Dock reported that Hanford is working with KCAPTA regarding a grant application; the HSR TOD study is completed; there is a GIS update regarding REAP 2.0; the communications planning grant was submitted; the SS4A grant was not awarded to the city; the 12th and Hume traffic signal is under construction; the city wishes to keep the Section 190 Construction Grant for Grangeville

and BNSF grade separation active; the Federal Railroad Administration grant application for the same project in ongoing; and the \$2,000,000 grant will be used for utilities and right-of-way purposes.

Orfil Muniz stated that the Clean California Project on the east side city entrance will be breaking ground next week.

| |
|--------------------|
| ADJOURNMENT |
|--------------------|

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri King, Executive Director