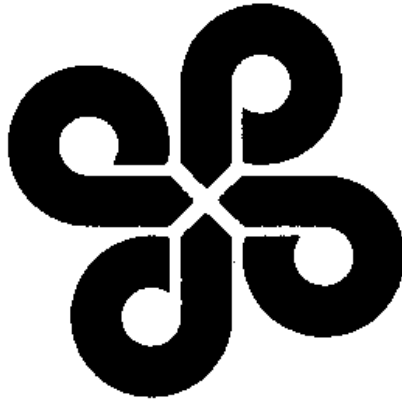


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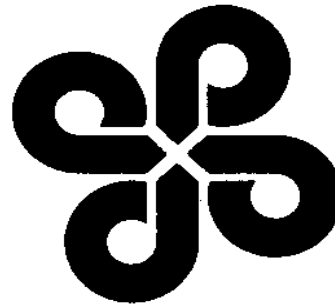


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I. Introduction

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a regional planning agency committed to engaging the general public in its transportation related planning activities. KCAG encourages the public's input in the planning process to ensure that community transportation needs are considered.

The "Public Participation Policy and Objectives" outlined in the Policy Element of the 2011 Kings County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) states: "Transportation facilities and services should meet the needs of all segments of the population. KCAG employs an environmental justice approach to its public participation policy and procedures and welcomes community comment and guidance in its transportation planning and decision making process." According to the following stated objectives, KCAG will:

1. *Continue building an active citizen participation forum;*
2. *Seek representation from the entire community, including the elderly, economically disadvantaged, persons with disabilities, and the census-identified environmental justice areas of Kings County;*
3. *Hold citizen meetings at convenient times and places;*
4. *Seek citizen comments early in the planning process, preferably in the problem-identification stage of project preparation;*
5. *Work to create an atmosphere that encourages the expression of all viewpoints, allowing both obvious and latent issues to be brought into the open;*
6. *Explore alternative methods of obtaining the public's views. Use surveys, make presentations to special interest groups, etc;*
7. *Keep local media informed of transportation issues and encourage their attendance at public meetings held by KCAG.*

KCAG has developed this Public Participation Plan (PPP) document in order to address all aspects of public involvement, from the transportation planning to dissemination of information. Public participation is a dynamic process that requires effective strategies to be tailored to fit both the subject matter and the audience. Effective public involvement requires building relationships with members and organizations in the community. While it is sometimes challenging to engage the public in regional transportation, this plan seeks to identify strategies to inform and encourage community participation. KCAG will strive to involve traditionally underserved persons such as low-income and minority households, the elderly, those addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Native American tribal governments, and others in the transportation planning processes.

The 45 day public review and comment period on the Draft PPP began on October 24, 2011 and concluded on December 7, 2011, where the Final Plan was approved by the KCAG Commission.

This PPP outlines KCAG's purpose, responsibilities, and commitments to the public involvement process. This document is intended to provide KCAG's staff, advisory committee members, and policy officials guidelines for providing public involvement opportunities and interagency consultation in the regional planning process. The PPP outlines policies, guidelines, and procedures that KCAG will use to encourage and engage greater public involvement in the various transportation and regional planning decision-making process.

2011 Technical Update

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Public Participation Plan (PPP) was first developed in 2007 and adopted on January 23, 2008 by the KCAG Commission. As part of the plan's development, KCAG staff engaged and encouraged community involvement through meetings, a survey, and a public hearing held prior to the adoption of the document. Documentation for these public outreach efforts are provided in the appendices.

The purpose of this 2011 PPP update is to bring the document up to date to reflect a minor technical change. Earlier this year, changes were made in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification procedures. In order to expedite the approval process of Administrative Modifications, changes will now be addressed at the state level through the Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) rather than at the MPO level through the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This updated language is reflected in section V, subsection C titled, Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

In addition to the updated language to address the revised Administrative Modification process, staff took the opportunity to update demographic information and other minor changes. For example, the ADA now recommends the terminology "Persons with disabilities". The PPP has been updated to reflect this new terminology and other changes of this nature.

As this 2011 technical update to the PPP is not significantly changing the document, KCAG staff did not replicate the public outreach to the extent in which the 2008 plan was developed. When the PPP is significantly updated in the future, a specific public outreach effort will be undertaken and documented by KCAG staff.

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A. Kings County Association of Governments

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a Council of Governments (COG) responsible for addressing problems of an inter-jurisdictional nature, with transportation as a major area of concentration. KCAG is a voluntary organization whose member agencies include the County of Kings and the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore.

KCAG serves as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) recognized by the State's Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency. KCAG is also a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) recognized by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration and receives federal funding to conduct several activities required of MPOs. The primary functions of an MPO and RTPA include developing and updating a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), preparing a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), preparing a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and administering the Transportation Development Act (TDA).

All RTPA activities are governed by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), which is the final approving authority for KCAG's transportation planning process. The TPC is a committee of the KCAG Commission and is comprised of members from each of the cities and county, and Caltrans District 6 representing the Director of the California Department of Transportation.

B. Physical Setting

Kings County is a rural county located in the south-central San Joaquin Valley, bordered by Fresno, Kern, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare Counties. Kings County includes 1,391 square miles with approximately 90.2 percent of all land devoted to agricultural uses. Elevations range from 175 feet in the Tulare Lake Basin to 3,473 feet at Table Mountain in the extreme southwestern portion of the county. Kings County enjoys a predominantly agricultural economy and is one of the leading producers of dairy and cotton products in California. Two-thirds (613,373 acres) of the county's land area is level, irrigated farmland.

C. Demographic Profile

Kings County is one of the smaller counties in California with a population of 153,365 residents as noted in the 2011 California Department of Finance estimates. The average annual population growth rate is 2%. There are four incorporated cities in Kings County: Avenal, Corcoran, Lemoore, and Hanford. Hanford is the largest city in Kings County with an estimated 54,950 residents and is designated as the county seat. Lemoore has 24,835 residents, whereas Corcoran and Avenal have 24,154 and 15,094 residents respectfully. There are four unincorporated communities that include Armona, Home Garden, Kettleman City, and Stratford. A majority of the county's population resides in the northern one-third of the County.

There are two primary sources from which KCAG derives its demographic information. The California Department of Finance provides historical and annual data, with the U.S. Census Bureau providing information on both a decennial and ongoing basis with the American Community Survey.

According to the 2010 U. S. Census, Kings County has a demographic ethnic profile shown as follows:

White	35.2%
Hispanic	50.9%
Black	6.7%
Asian	3.5%
Native American	0.8%
Others	2.9%

The 2010 American Community Survey found the median income of households in Kings County to be \$44,609, with 22% of the people considered below the poverty level. Of the total 40,818 households, 26.2% earned less than \$24,999, 28.2% earned between \$25,000 and \$49,999, and 45.5% earned more than \$50,000. The median age in Kings County is 30.7 with 27.8% of the population under the age of 18 as compared to 7.6% of the population 65 years and older.

The educational attainment of Kings County varies from residents who did not finish ninth grade to those who have earned a graduate or professional degree. The 2010 American Community Survey identified that 69.1% of the population twenty-five years and over at a minimum, graduated from high school (including equivalency) with 10.9% earning a bachelor's degree or higher.

II. Legal Requirements

A. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the largest surface transportation investment in our Nation's history was signed into law on August 10, 2005. SAFETEA-LU builds on the foundation of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). SAFETEA-LU guarantees \$244.1 billion for highways, highway safety, and public transportation.

In addition to reauthorizing the funding levels for the various federal transportation programs, SAFETEA-LU also established new transportation planning and programming requirements that emphasizes the importance of public involvement early and throughout the planning process. Specifically, SAFETEA-LU requires that KCAG provides citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on transportation plans and programs. Interested parties may include citizens, affected public agencies, representatives or public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, and representatives of the disabled. In addition, public meetings must be held at convenient and accessible locations/ times, visualization techniques must be used to describe plans, and public information must be easily accessible on the World Wide Web.

B. Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued Regulations [23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450.316 (a) (1) (i-x) to guide the development of public involvement procedures to be used in the implementation of SAFETEA-LU. These regulations require that:

(a) The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

(1) The participation plan shall be developed by the MPO in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:

(i) Providing adequate public notice of public participation activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including but not limited to a reasonable opportunity to comment on the RTP and the TIP;

(ii) Providing timely notice and reasonable access to information about transportation issues and processes;

(iii) Employing visualization techniques to describe the RTP and TIP;

(iv) Making public information (technical information and meeting notices) available in electronically accessible formats and means, such as the World Wide Web;

(v) Holding any public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;

(vi) Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the development of the RTP and the TIP;

(vii) Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services;

(viii) Provide additional opportunities for public comment, if the final RTP or TIP differs significantly from the versions that was made available for public comment by the MPO or raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts;

(ix) Coordinate with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation under subpart B of the part; and

(x) Periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and open participation process.

C. Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires the involvement of the community, in particular persons with disabilities in the development and improvement of services. Meetings and hearings must be held in ADA compliant buildings and facilities. In addition, special accommodations must be made to assist persons with disabilities to participate in meetings, planning, and programming activities.

KCAG is in compliance with the ADA by having accessible formats and public hearings. Moreover, it consults with the disabled community and conducts outreach by maintaining extensive mailing and email lists, developing contacts, and other means of notification to encourage participation in the planning process.

D. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that transportation planning and programming be non-discriminatory on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability. The federal statute was further clarified and supplemented by the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and a series of federal statutes enacted in the 1990s relating to the concept of environmental justice. Environmental justice is a term used to help ensure equal protection under the country's laws. KCAG's goal is to ensure that all people, regardless of race, color, national origin or income are protected from disproportionate negative or adverse impacts due to transportation projects. There are three principles that are fundamentally known as the core of environmental justice:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." KCAG, a designated metropolitan planning organization receiving Federal funding, is responsible for implementing Title VI and conforming to federal environmental justice principles.

E. Executive Orders

Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low- Income Population

An Executive Order was issued on February 11, 1994 by President William Clinton, which responded to the concerns of the public by organizing and explaining in detail the Federal government's commitment to promote environmental justice. It is entitled Executive Order 12898: *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*. This order requires that disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations be identified and addressed in order to achieve environmental justice. The Executive Order states that:

“Each Federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations.”

A series of executive orders were established by the federal executive branch in order to further magnify the importance of environmental justice concurrently with Title VI, therefore providing a more detailed and productive policy that complies with environmental justice. The following executive orders include the Department of Transportation's Order 5610.2 in 1997; FHWA's DOT Order 6640.23 in 1998; and FHWA's memorandum on October 7, 1999, *Implementing Title VI Requirements in Metropolitan and Statewide Planning*.

Additional laws, regulations, and policies that embody environmental justice in order to ensure nondiscrimination are as follows:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA);
- Section 109(h) of Title 23;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA);
- The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21);
- Other U.S. DOT statutes and regulations.

Kings County’s transportation decision making includes an inclusive approach to consider the human environment and the adverse impacts transportation projects may have. It also looks at safety and mobility issues, which are key elements in achieving environmental justice. KCAG approaches and resolves transportation decision making by:

- Meeting the needs of all people.
- Planning transportation facilities that fit into communities.
- Increasing the involvement with the public.
- Analyzing potential impacts on minority and low-income populations by accessing, monitoring, and improving data collections.
- Connecting with other public and private programs to achieve common vision for communities.
- Preventing high and adverse impacts on minorities and low-income populations.
- Identifying and mitigate concerns that the public might have which benefit or affect communities and/or neighborhoods.

Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Executive Order 13166 states that people who speak limited English should have meaningful access to federally conducted and federally funded programs and activities. It requires that all federal agencies identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency and develop and implement a system to provide those services so all persons can have meaningful access to services.

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) will provide translation services for persons when requested at least seventy-two hours in advance. As both our KCAG Technical Advisory Committee and KCAG Commission meet on a Wednesday, the KCAG office should be contacted by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the meeting. This information, including the contact phone number, is included on all KCAG meeting agendas.

F. The Brown Act

The Ralph M. Brown Act, also known as the “Open Meeting Law”, governs the meetings and actions of governing board members of local public agencies and their created bodies. In essence, the Brown Act ensures that local government bodies are open to the public. The Act also extends to any committee or other subsidiary body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision-making or advisory, which is created by such a governing board. The Brown Act sets minimum standards for open meetings relative to access to public, location of meetings, notice posting, agenda distribution, and public input. The public agency may adopt reasonable regulation ensuring the public’s right to address the agency, including regulation to limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony. KCAG and its committees all adhere to these requirements involving proper noticing, access and ability to address the Board and committees.

Due to time constraints, unscheduled comments by the public may be limited to five minutes in length. KCAG encourages interested citizens to provide written copies of presentations to the Board/ Committees, particularly if the statement is too long to be presented in its entirety. Citizens unable to attend the meeting may submit their concerns and ideas in writing to staff, who will then present the comments to the respective Board/ Committee in either a written or oral format.

G. Public Utilities Code § 99238.5

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) also known as the "Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act" was established by the State Legislature in 1971. The TDA provides one of the major funding sources for public transportation in California. Section 99238.5 addresses the role of public participation in the unmet transit needs finding process. It also requires a public hearing.

- (a). The transportation planning agency shall ensure the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process appropriate for each county, or counties if operating under a joint powers agreement, utilizing the social services transportation advisory council as a mechanism to solicit the input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, handicapped, and persons of limited means. The process shall include provisions for at least one public hearing in the jurisdiction represented by the social services transportation advisory council. Hearings shall be scheduled to ensure broad community participation and, if possible, the location of the hearings shall be rotated among the various communities within the advisory council's jurisdiction. Notice of the hearing, including the date, place, and specific purpose of the hearing shall be given at least 30 days in advance through publication in a newspaper of general circulation. The transportation planning agency shall also send written notification to those persons and organizations which have indicated, through its citizen participation or any other source of information, an interest in the subject of the hearing.
- (b). In addition to public hearings, the transportation planning agency shall consider other methods of obtaining public feedback on public transportation needs. Those methods may include, but are not limited to, teleconferencing, questionnaires, tele-canvassing, and electronic mail.

III. Development of the Public Participation Plan

KCAG staff began consulting with a range of interested parties as required by the SAFETEA-LU legislation prior to drafting its Public Participation Plan in 2007. KCAG staff met with the Technical Advisory Committee, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, Transportation Policy Committee, referenced SAFETEA-LU guidelines, and met with representatives from the Federal Highway Administration. The Santa Rosa Tachi-Yokut tribe was also consulted during the development of the RTP, as members of the Technical Advisory Committee. Throughout the five month Public Participation Process, KCAG staff summarized current activities and asked for suggestions on improvements that could be made.

In addition, to the various meetings, KCAG developed and distributed the 2007 Public Participation Survey to a vast array of interested parties to determine the best methods to improve public engagement and strategies to solicit comments. To inform the greater public of the survey and to encourage a higher response rate, a newspaper article appeared in the Hanford Sentinel and a news release was printed in the Lemoore Advance.

The survey consisted of ten questions which was both mailed out and available on the KCAG website for thirty-eight days. Questions ranged from having interested parties select the preferred method of notification about upcoming meetings to identifying the most convenient time to attend meetings. There were a total of fifty four completed surveys collected. Survey questions and answers can be found in Appendix C. KCAG staff was available to meet with interested parties throughout the entire Public Participation Plan process.

A. What We Heard From the Public

Throughout the development of the Public Participation Plan, KCAG used four key questions to prompt a discussion on the best ways to engage the public in KCAG's decision making process. These question and answer summaries are immediately following. In addition, KCAG has provided information on how these insights from the public will be applied to public outreach strategies.

1. *What is the most effective method of informing the public about opportunities in transportation and regional planning decisions?*

The public distinguished that newspaper articles are the best strategy to inform the public about opportunities in transportation and regional planning decisions. KCAG will continue to work with and build relationships with the local journalists so that newspaper articles will continue to be a primary source of information for the public. In addition, the surveys also identified public meetings, public notices in newspapers, newsletters, and the KCAG website. KCAG is currently committed to these strategies and will continue to improve where appropriate. Furthermore, the following strategies of which KCAG is currently not utilizing were noted, including radio, posters on transit buses, and television. When appropriate in the future, these strategies may be employed.

2. *What is your preferred method of notification about upcoming meetings?*

The public noted that the preferred method of notification about upcoming meetings is email, followed by mailing including either a letter or flyer. KCAG will continue to utilize these strategies to notify the public.

3. *When is it most convenient for you to attend meetings during the work week?*

Overwhelmingly, the public told us that the most convenient time of day during the work week for them to attend meetings was between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The second substantial option was between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Very few individuals noted that the lunch hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or after 6 p.m. in the evenings was a good time to attend meetings. KCAG will make every effort to schedule meetings between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. or as otherwise suggested by the individual committee members.

4. *How would you like KCAG to share detailed or complicated information with you?*

The majority of the surveys indicated that email would be the best method to share detailed or complicated information with the public. Mailings, newsletters, presentations by KCAG staff, and the website were also identified to a much lesser extent. KCAG will continue to make significant use of email in addition the other options noted as strategies for public participation.

IV. Public Outreach Techniques

KCAG utilizes a variety of public participation strategies to communicate and encourage interaction with the public. At a minimum, the public is notified of monthly Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee meetings. The general public is invited to attend these meetings. Meeting announcements are posted at the KCAG office, at the meeting location, local newspapers, and the KCAG website.

A. KCAG Website

The Internet has become one of the most widely available and used forms of communication. KCAG has embraced this and has established its own presence on the internet. In July of 2011, KCAG unveiled its new website located at www.kingscog.org. The redesigned website takes advantage of a more user friendly streamlined format. KCAG's planning and programming documents are easily accessible and a new climate change web page has been added. The website also includes a variety of pictures and factual information that may improve the website users' experience and familiarity with Kings County. The KCAG website continues to be a concentrated source of transportation planning information and will be updated with monthly agendas and project information.

The KCAG website provides a wealth of information from meeting agendas and minutes; planning and programming documents; and other accessible documents. Some of the documents that the public can access include the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP), Transit Development Plan (TDP), Regional Bicycle Plan, and the Regional Housing Needs Plan. In addition, the website is also a handy reference for statistical information such as the Regional Directory, local 2010 Census data, traffic counts, abandoned vehicle abatement (AVA) program, commonly used acronym descriptions, rideshare information, air quality conformity status, and links to an assortment of Federal, State and local government agencies.

B. The Interchange Newsletter

Another effective means of public outreach is KCAG's newsletter, *The Interchange*. This quarterly publication contains articles and features of current issues and projects that KCAG is involved with. Moreover, it serves as a valuable informational tool to present transportation planning to the general public. The newsletter is circulated by mailing and email lists and is also accessible to the public over the KCAG website. Copies are also available at KCAG's offices.

C. Public Notices and Press Releases

The Brown Act requires the announcement of any public meeting where a decision could be made or that may be attended by more than one elected official. KCAG regularly posts the agendas of upcoming Transportation Policy Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, and Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee meetings at least 72 hours in advance. Public notices and press releases are regularly issued to local newspapers including the Hanford Sentinel, the Avenal Progress, and the Corcoran Journal.

KCAG normally publishes public hearing notices in local print media for Federal Transit Act (FTA) program of projects, RTP, FTIP, and RTIP adoption and amendments, in addition to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) unmet transit needs process. Concerning the TDA process specifically, public notices are published in both the English and Spanish languages in the Corcoran Journal. As Federal funding programs are developed, notifications are sent out to eligible agencies and the public, informing them of the appropriate manner in which projects may be submitted for consideration.

In addition to legal notifications, KCAG has an enhanced participation process whereby citizen groups and individuals can seek membership on appropriate committees. An extensive agenda mailing list contains many interested parties who then can review the agenda and determine for themselves if there are any issues upon which they wish to interact with the agency. In addition to these, there are public notices and the required public hearings prior to the adoption of the FTIP.

When vacancies occur on citizen advisory committees, such as the SSTAC, a press release will generally go out to various local media (newspaper, radio and television) to generate public interest. Flyers and posters are also used to invite public participation, such as with the unmet transit needs process. In addition, press releases are sent to local media to announce upcoming meetings, activities and to provide information on specific issues being considered by KCAG and its committees.

D. Public Meetings/ Workshops

When appropriate, KCAG will schedule public meetings or workshops to share information or gather comments from the public. Meeting locations and times will be scheduled in an effort to be the most convenient for the participants in that respective community. KCAG is eager to co-hosting workshops with community groups or other governmental agencies as opportunities become available. KCAG will also utilize existing regularly scheduled events, such as City Council or Planning Commission meetings in our member agencies jurisdictions. Special events such as the Kings County Fair and other community activities may also provide opportunities for KCAG to connect and encourage communication with the public. In 2011, KCAG staff participated in the Kings County Healthy Kids Day event held at the Hanford YMCA.

To engage the public, a variety of public meeting techniques will be explored. Formats may include an informal open house, speaker presentations with questions and answer periods, or break out sessions. KCAG makes use of a variety of visualization techniques including maps, charts, photographs, table top displays, and other illustrated formats.

To inform the public of upcoming meetings and workshops flyers, emails, news releases, newspaper articles, word of mouth, and direct mailings will be utilized. Future advertising opportunities as suggested by the public may include television, radio, posters on transit buses, and “stuffers” in utility bills and or local newspapers. KCAG will take advantage of any of the aforementioned opportunities to include the public in the various programs and projects.

V. Plans with Specific Public Participation Requirements

KCAG develops and updates a number of planning and programming documents that are made available for public review and comment. Specific documents, such as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) must satisfy federal statutory requirements. Specifically, the RTP and the FTIP are required to be available for early and continued opportunities for public participation throughout the development of the plans.

All planning and programming documents produced by KCAG are provided for review by local, state, and federal technical staff, local citizens, local government bodies, and Caltrans in accordance with the most current administrative modification and amendment procedures adopted by Caltrans. KCAG encourages public participation and comments from the public, interested parties, and resources agencies in the development of their plans. Once these documents are reviewed and approved, copies are made available by KCAG and are posted on the KCAG website. Some of the key publications that KCAG produces include:

A. Regional Transportation Plan

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the principal long-range planning and programming document developed by KCAG that prioritizes and guides the transportation development in Kings County for (at least) the next twenty years. The RTP is the comprehensive plan for transportation investments (transit, highway, local roads, bicycle, and pedestrian projects) and establishes the financial foundation for how the region will invest in its surface transportation system. The Plan identifies how much money is available to address critical transportation needs and determines the policies on how projected revenues are to be spent. Therefore, the RTP establishes the region's goals, policies, and objectives for meeting current and future transportation mobility needs.

The RTP is developed in coordination with each city in Kings County, the County of Kings, Caltrans, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, transit operators, and citizen groups. The RTP is made available for participation and comment to other federal, state, regional and local agencies through the Inter-Agency Consultation (IAC) Process. RTPs through the 2010 update contained three basic elements: Policy Element, Action Element, and Financial Element. Subsequent RTPs, as a result of the enactment of Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) will add a fourth element, the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), to describe how the Kings County Region will address reducing Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in our area.

Because Kings County is in an air quality non-attainment area, the RTP is updated at least once every four years to reflect affirmed or new planning priorities and changing projections of growth and travel demand, based on a reasonable forecast of future revenue available to the region.

- **RTP Update**

This is a complete update of the existing long-range regional transportation plan as prepared pursuant to state and federal requirements. RTP updates include extensive public consultation and participation over many months. Because the RTP is required to be consistent with all other planning documents and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is considered to represent the first four years of the project and funding components of the RTP, RTP updates also generally require an amendment to the FTIP and a new Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

- **RTP Amendment**

An amendment is a major revision to the RTP and entails adding or deleting a project(s), major changes in project costs, design concept, or scope (e.g., changing project locations). Changes to projects that are included in the financially unconstrained portion of the RTP do not require an amendment. An amendment requires public review and comment, demonstration that the project can be completed based on expected funding, and a finding that the change conforms to air quality requirements. Amendments that require an update to the air quality conformity analysis will be subject to interagency consultation procedures.

- **RTP Administrative Modification**

This is a minor revision to the RTP for minor changes to project/ project phase costs, funding sources, and /or initiation dates. An administrative modification is a revision that does not require public review and comment, demonstration that the project can be completed based on expected funding, nor a finding that the change is consistent with federal transportation conformity requirements.

B. Regional Transportation Plan Update

2007 Regional Transportation Plan Update

KCAG began the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update in an effort to be SAFETEA-LU compliant by July 1, 2007. KCAG made an extended effort to increase consultation and cooperation with Federal, State, and local resource agencies and tribal governments as documented in the 2007 RTP.

Consultation occurred with various Federal, State, and local resource agencies. Although SAFETEA-LU was signed into law in 2005, it wasn't until the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published in the Federal Register in June of 2006, that large scale efforts to understand the planning implications were initiated. KCAG staff participated in many of the federally-sponsored webcasts and panel questions that occurred in June through August of 2006. KCAG staff also participated in the San Joaquin Valley 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Workshop in August 2006. Meeting agendas to these and other local meetings can be found in Appendix D.

Consultation with various public and local agencies took place through regularly scheduled meetings of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee. The Santa Rosa Tachi-Yokut tribe is a member of this committee and was included in the public participation process. The Committee's responsibilities were to provide direction on various issues related to the development of the 2007 RTP. The group was essential in identifying and prioritizing RTP improvement projects and reviewing and commenting on the various plan elements. The general public is encouraged to attend the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Meeting announcements are posted at the office, in local newspapers, and the KCAG website.

On February 7, 2007 a public meeting was held at the Kings County Government Center where RTP maps were on display for review and comment. Specifically, the maps identified short range and long range highway capacity projects in addition to State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) candidate Projects. Comment cards, writing utensils, and a comment card box were provided directly next to the maps. KCAG staff was on hand to answer any questions. There were no RTP comments submitted.

KCAG sent out a news release to all area news media announcing the availability of the draft RTP for review and comment. Copies of the draft plan were also available at all branch libraries within Kings County. The draft 2007 RTP was also accessible on the KCAG website.

As federally stipulated, public hearings were noticed and held before the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee that considered, reviewed, and devoted a portion of the meeting to receiving public comments on the 2007 RTP. The general public is encouraged to attend the regularly scheduled Transportation Policy Committee meetings. Meeting announcements are posted at the KCAG office, the meeting location, local newspapers, and the KCAG website. Copies of all notices, person/ agency comments, and the KCAG responses are on file at KCAG.

2011 Regional Transportation Plan Update

KCAG developed the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in compliance with SAFETEA-LU and all other federal and state requirements. KCAG made an extended effort to increase consultation and cooperation with Federal, State, and local resource agencies and tribal governments as documented in the 2011 RTP.

Consultation occurred with various Federal, State, and local resource agencies. As the Kings County region is part of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and is tied the other seven regions through our air quality conformity requirements, the KCAG RTP is developed in close coordination with the other seven MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley, and the SJVAPCD. KCAG staff participated in the San Joaquin Valley 2011 Regional Transportation Plan Workshops and in the CTC committees to develop the 2011 RTP Guidelines.

Consultation with various public and local agencies representatives as members of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was also undertaken. The Santa Rosa Tachi-Yokut tribe has a representative member on this committee and was included in the public participation process. The Committee's responsibilities were to provide direction on various issues related to the development of the 2011 RTP. The group was essential in identifying and prioritizing RTP improvement projects and reviewing and commenting on the various plan elements. The general public is invited to attend the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Meeting announcements are posted at the office, in local newspapers, and the KCAG website.

On October 5, 2009 a public scoping meeting for the RTP and the environmental document for the RTP was held at the Kings County Government Center. Project maps were on display for review and comment. Specifically, the maps identified short range and long range highway capacity projects in addition to State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) candidate projects. Comment cards, writing utensils, and a comment card box were provided directly next to the maps. KCAG and environmental consultant staff were on hand to answer any questions. There were no RTP comments submitted at this public scoping meeting.

KCAG sent out a news release to all area news media announcing the availability of the draft RTP for review and comment. Copies of the draft plan were also available at all branch libraries within Kings County. The draft 2011 RTP was accessible on the KCAG website throughout its development.

As federally stipulated, public hearings were noticed and held before the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee regarding review of the 2011 RTP, the EIR, the air quality conformity document, and the FTIP. The general public is invited to attend the Transportation Policy Committee meetings. Meeting announcements are posted at the KCAG office, the County Administration Center, local newspapers, and the KCAG website. Copies of all notices, person/ agency comments, and the KCAG responses are on file at KCAG.

C. Federal Transportation Improvement Program

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) implements the policy and investment priorities expressed by the public and adopted by KCAG in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In this respect, public comments made as part of the RTP are thereby reflected in the FTIP. Under SAFETEA-LU, the FTIP covers a four-year timeframe and all projects included in the FTIP must be consistent with the RTP. The FTIP is a comprehensive listing of Kings County surface transportation projects- including transit, highway, local roadway, bicycle and pedestrian investments- that:

- receive federal funds, or are
- subject to federally required action, or are
- regionally significant, for federal air quality conformity purposes.

The FTIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates that there are sufficient revenues to ensure that the funds committed (or “programmed”) to the projects are available to implement the project or project phases. Adoption of the FTIP also requires a finding of conformity with federal transportation air quality conformity mandates.

The FTIP is updated based on the schedule adopted by Caltrans within the requirements of the current transportation legislation, with amendments and administrative modifications occurring as needed. Administrative Modifications are the minor changes to the FTIP with amendment types 2-5 representing more significant changes. FTIP updates are generally considered similar to the Type 5 amendment as described below.

The Expedited Project Selection Procedures (EPSP) policy allows eligible projects to be moved between FTIP fiscal years within the (four year) active FTIP timeframe as long as the project cost and scope do not change.

Federal rules allow MPOs to group or combine projects that are exempt from air quality conformity determinations (based on listings provided in statute) as “Grouped Project Listings.” Such projects are grouped in accordance with currently adopted procedures. The grouped projects are listed as an individual project in the FTIP under an approved category. The MPO is required to maintain a detailed list of the projects contained in each group, but the list is not considered part of the FTIP.

MPOs are also required to publish an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year. KCAG prepares the annual report and informs the public when the document is available for public review, generally at the KCAG office and located on the KCAG website. KCAG also provides this information to local agency partners through our standing committees. Notification is then sent to FHWA confirming that KCAG has fulfilled the annual listing of federal obligations requirement.

Administrative Modifications (also referred to as a Type 1 Amendment)

Administrative modifications include minor changes to project cost, schedule, or funding sources, which do not require a public review. Administrative modifications are processed and approved in accordance with the currently adopted Caltrans procedures. Financial changes made by administrative modifications are reflected in the next FTIP amendment.

Type 2 Formal Amendment - Funding Changes

Type 2 amendments primarily include adding funds to the FTIP or making project cost changes that are great than those allowed through administrative modifications. These amendments require approval by KCAG, Caltrans, and FHWA/FTA. Publicly accessible notification of a Type 2 formal amendment is posted on KCAG's website prior to action and distributed to local agency partners through KCAG's standing committee. KCAG will consider public comments on the amendment prior to approval action. In accordance with the Transportation Policy Committee Resolution No. 10-02, the KCAG Executive Director has been delegated the authority to approve Type 2 Formal Amendments.

Type 3 Formal Amendment - Exempt Projects

Type 3 amendments primarily include adding, deleting, or changing projects that are exempt from regional air quality emissions analyses. These amendments require approval by KCAG, Caltrans, and FHWA/FTA. Public notification of a Type 3 formal amendment is posted on the KCAG website, is distributed through the IAC process, and shared with our local agency partners through KCAG's standing committees. KCAG will consider public comments on the amendment prior to the approval action. In accordance with the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee Resolution No. 10-02, the KCAG Executive Director has been delegated the authority to approve Type 3 Formal Amendments.

Type 4 Formal Amendment - Conformity Determination that Relies on a Previous Regional Emissions Analysis

Type 4 amendments primarily include adding, changing, or deleting projects that have already been appropriately modeled for air quality purposes as part of the RTP. In this case, the federal approving agencies can use a previous analysis of the project's impact on air quality for approval purposes. Type 4 amendments may be accompanied by an RTP amendment to maintain consistency. The FTIP amendment and RTP amendment follow the same public process. Type 4 amendments require approval by KCAG, Caltrans, and FHWA/FTA. Public notification of a Type 4 formal amendment includes:

- Legally noticed 30 day public comment period;
- Legally noticed public hearing;
- Posting of amendment information on KCAG's website during the public comment period;
- Publishing amendment information as part of the following publicly available KCAG agendas: Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee;
- Consideration and response to public comments received during the comment period.

Type 5 Formal Amendment - Conformity Determination and New Regional Emissions Analysis

Type 5 amendments are the highest level amendment and primarily involve adding or deleting a project that must be modeled for its air quality impacts, or significantly changing the design concept, scope, or schedule of an existing project such that it will be necessary to reassess its air quality impacts. These amendments are accompanied by a new Air Quality Conformity Document that demonstrates conformity with applicable air quality requirements, and if applicable, an RTP amendment to maintain consistency. The FTIP amendment, Air Quality Conformity documents, and RTP Amendment (if applicable) follow the same public process. Type 5 amendments require approval by KCAG, Caltrans, and FHWA/FTA. Public notification of a Type 5 formal amendment includes:

- Legally noticed 30 day public comment period;
- Legally noticed public meeting;
- Posting of amendment information on KCAG's website during the public comment period;
- Publishing amendment information as part of the following publicly available KCAG agendas: Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee;
- Consideration and response to public comments received during the comment period.

D. Public Participation Plan

The Public Participation Plan outlines the strategies that KCAG will use to engage the public in our transportation related planning activities and regional planning decisions. The PPP outlines the policies, guidelines, and procedures that will be utilized. KCAG will periodically review this plan to evaluate its effectiveness in promoting public participation.

As detailed in the Code of Federal Regulations section 450.316, (a) the MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers for freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

When changes are made to the PPP, a revised document will be available a minimum of 45 calendar days before adoption by the KCAG Commission. Public notification will include a press release stating the beginning and closing dates of the public comment and review period and identification of where the document will be available. KCAG will provide a staff report to both the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee and the KCAG Commission with an overview of the document and provide a summary of all the comments that have been received to date during the review period. The public is encouraged to participate in these standing KCAG committee meetings and can be added to the notification distribution lists by request.

In addition, the PPP will go through the Inter Agency Consultation (IAC) process. The IAC will provide an opportunity for state and federal agencies to provide comments. The IAC consists of representatives from the San Joaquin Valley MPOs, Caltrans, Federal Highways, Federal Transit, Environmental Protection Agency, and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

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Appendix A

Agency and Organizational Contacts

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<p>Armona Community Services District California Air Resources Board California Environmental Protection Agency California Highway Patrol California Office of Historic Preservation California Regional Water Quality Control Board California State Lands Commission Caltrans District 6 Central Valley Regional Center City of Avenal City of Corcoran City of Hanford City of Lemoore College of Sequoias- Hanford Federal Bureau of Land Management Federal Bureau of Reclamation Fresno Bee Fresno Council of Governments Hanford Community Development Hanford Sentinel Home Garden Community Services District Kern Council of Governments KFSN- TV Kings Area Rural Transit Kings County Area Public Transit Agency Kings County Bicyclists Kings County Board of Supervisors Kings County Children and Families Commission Kings County Commission on Aging Kings County Farm Bureau Kings County Job Training Office Kings County Planning Kings County Public Health Kings County Public Works Kings County Water District Kings Partnership for Children Kings Rehabilitation Center Kings View Mental Health Kings Waste and Recycling Authority Lemoore Advance Lemoore Naval Air Station Madera County of Transportation Commission Merced County Association of Governments MV Transportation Native American Heritage Commission Proteus San Joaquin Council of Governments San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Santa Rosa Rancheria</p>	<p>Stanislaus Council of Governments Stratford Public Utilities District Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners Tulare County Association of Governments U. S. Army Corps of Engineers West Hills College - Lemoore</p> <p>Local Businesses:</p> <p>Agusa Inc. Baker Commodities, Inc. Beco Dairy Automation Inc. Blair Air & Ground Britz Fertilizers Inc. Bud's County Monument Buttonwillow Warehouse Company California Bio-Productex, Inc. Camfil Farr Company Cemex Central Valley Meat Co. Inc. Champi Fencing Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Con Agra Foods Del Monte Food Di Prima Excavation Excelsior Farming Exopack Fegundes Agri Business Genesis Foods Gibson Gates Golden Valley Harvesting Hansen Ranches/ Hansen Equipment Helena Chemical Co. International Paper Iron Industries Inc. J. G. Boswell Company Keenan Farms Kings Waste and Recycling Authority Lacey Milling Co. Lakeland Dusters- Aviation, Inc. Leprino (East and West Facilities) Marquez Brothers International, Inc. Morgan & Slates Netto Ag. Inc. Penney-Newman Milling Co. S.K. Foods Valley Pump & Dairy Systems Verdegall Brothers Inc. Veterinary Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Viking Ready Mix Co. Inc. Virtus Nutrition Warmerdam Packing Western Farm Service</p>
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Appendix B

KCAG Committees

1. Transportation Policy Committee

The KCAG Commission governs all RTPA/ MPO activities. The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) is a committee of the KCAG Commission. The KCAG Commission consists of one member from Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore and two from the County. The TPC is comprised of the regular KCAG Commission plus the director of Caltrans, District 6. TPC and Commission meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. The KCAG Commission reaffirms all actions taken by the TPC.

2. Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) primary responsibility is to review all issues which the KCAG Commission will consider and to provide technical input for the decision making process. Members of the TAC are comprised of county and city public works and planning directors; city managers; county administrative officers; and Caltrans District 6 staff. In addition representatives of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; Lemoore NAS; the Santa Rosa Rancheria of the Tachi Yokut Tribe; California Highway Patrol; Kings County Department of Environmental Health; and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency serve as ex-officio members of the TAC. TAC meetings are regularly scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

3. Planner's Blueprint Roundtable

The Planner's Blueprint Roundtable serves in an advisory capacity during the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process. This group is made up of planners from each of the member jurisdictions. The Planner's Blueprint Roundtable provides technical expertise as related to Blueprint matters.

4. Blueprint Roundtable

The Blueprint Roundtable serves in an advisory capacity during the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process. Specifically, this group represents the local perspective of Kings County Blueprint Activities. The group includes representation from KCAG member jurisdictions, education, agriculture, public health, economic development, and other members from the community.

5. Social Service Transportation Advisory Council

The KCAG Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was created in 1988 when amendments to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) required each regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) to form SSTACs. Members of the SSTAC are appointed by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee. According to Section 99238 of the California Code of Regulations, the SSTAC must consist of the following members:

- One representative of potential transit users who are 60 years of age or older;
- One representative of potential transit users who are handicapped;
- Two representative of the local social service providers for seniors, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists (i.e.: K/T AAA, KCAPTA);
- Two representatives of local social service providers for the handicapped, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists;
- One representative of local social service provider for persons of limited means;
- Two representatives from the local consolidated transportation service agency, if one exists, including one representative from an operator;
- Additional members may be appointed by the transportation planning agency.

The main purpose of the SSTAC is to serve as an advisory body to the KCAG TPC regarding the transit needs of the elderly, handicapped, and low-income citizens. One of the key responsibilities that SSTAC members have is to participate annually in identifying transit needs, review, and recommend action to the KCAG TPC on transit needs and advise the RTPA on any other major transit issues including the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services. Identification of transit needs is accomplished by reviewing the testimony given at a public hearing to be held by the TPC or to solicit input from the group each member represents.

6. Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) was established to organize and promote bicycle use and safety as it relates to the Kings County Regional Bicycle Plan. This group serves in an advisory capacity to KCAG staff during updates of the Regional Bicycle Plan. The BAC membership is comprised of planning and public works staff, bicycle facility users, schools, law enforcement officials, and other interested citizens.

7. Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority

KCAG is also the Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (KCAVASA). In 1996, the KCAG Commission directed staff to develop an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program and Plan for Kings County. The County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all four incorporated cities (Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore) adopted the required resolutions approving the AVA Program Plan, and Procedures and authorized a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to establish KCAVASA. The resulting Kings County AVA Plan was submitted to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and approved by the CHP later that year. A one dollar vehicle registration fee is collected and distributed to member agencies based on a formula, which includes the number of vehicles abated and each agency's population and geographic area.

The KCAG Commission also serves as the Board of Directors of KCAVASA with one voting member for each jurisdiction. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to manage the financial affairs of the Authority, review and approve quarterly claims for reimbursement, submit annual reports to the California State Controller's Office, and disburse funds to claimants. The KCAVASA Board meets quarterly.

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Appendix C

**Public Participation Plan Invitation
Letter and Survey Results**

September 4, 2007

Dear Kings County Stakeholder:

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is requesting your assistance in the development of a Public Participation Plan. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kings County, KCAG is responsible for complying with federal transportation legislation. In August of 2005 the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act- A Legacy for Users or SAFETEA-LU was signed into law. SAFETEA-LU mandates additional public consultation requirements that will encourage public involvement in the early phases of the transportation planning process.

KCAG is developing a Public Participation Plan with the involvement and contribution of Kings County stakeholders. This Plan will detail the guidelines that KCAG will follow to notify and engage the public throughout various transportation and regional planning decisions.

Please take just a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey. While this survey is brief, the information will be most valuable to KCAG. For your convenience, a prepaid and addressed envelope has been included to return the survey to KCAG. If you would like to schedule a face to face meeting with KCAG, please mark question #6 on the survey and include your contact information on #9.

KCAG staff will follow up with organizations that have not submitted their survey by Friday, September 28, 2007. Please contact Chris Lehn for additional information by email clehn@co.kings.ca.us or phone at 559.582.3211 extension 2677. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director

enclosures

KCAG Public Participation Survey 2007

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to complete the survey below. The information collected will be incorporated into the 2007 KCAG Public Participation Plan. Unless otherwise indicated, select only one option per question. Please contact Chris Lehn if you have any questions at clehn@co.kings.ca.us.

1. Please select the category that best describes your organization?

- 4 public transportation/ transit service
- 1 freight transport service provider
- 1 senior citizen care/ advocacy
- 2 disabled citizen care/ advocacy
- 6 business community
- 1 education
- 1 bicycle/ pedestrian advocacy
- 0 environmental
- 19 local government agency
- 5 state government agency
- 4 federal government agency
- 10 other (please specify) Newspaper, Agriculture, Construction, and Recycle Center

2. What is the most effective method of informing the public about opportunities for involvement in transportation and regional planning decisions? (Select all that apply)

- 16 radio
- 23 public notices in newspapers
- 21 public meetings
- 16 KCAG website/ Internet
- 37 newspaper articles
- 13 other (please specify) Direct Mailings, Newsletter, Posters on Buses, TV, Local Elected Officials, mailers

3. What is your preferred method of notification about upcoming meetings?

- 20 mail (letter or flyer)
- 33 email
- 2 KCAG website/ Internet
- 5 phone call
- 7 ad in newspaper
- 0 other (please specify)

4. When is it most convenient for you to attend meetings during the work week?

- 16 8-11 a.m.
- 8 11-1 p.m. (with lunch)
- 29 1-5 p.m.
- 6 6 p.m. or later
- 1 weekends
- 1 other (please specify) September 3, 2007

5. How would you like KCAG to share detailed or complicated information with you?

- 30 email
- 16 mail
- 6 newsletter
- 5 KCAG website/ Internet
- 8 presentations by staff
- 1 other (please specify) Meetings with staff

6. What is your preference for providing comments to KCAG?

- 40 email
- 8 mail
- 12 face to face meeting
- 3 fax
- 2 other (please specify) Phone meeting

7. Would you like to comment on the draft 2007 Public Participation Plan when it becomes available?

- 28 Yes, I would like to comment.
- 26 No, I would not like to comment.

8. Would you like to receive the results of the 2007 Public Participation Survey?

- 41 Yes, please let me know when the results are available.
- 12 No, I am not interested.

9. Please fill in the following information if you would like to be added to any of KCAG's mailing lists or if you would like to schedule a meeting as checked on question #6.

Name/Title: _____
 Email/Phone: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

10. Please include any additional comments below.

Thank you for your participation. Please mail your survey to KCAG by Friday, September 28, 2007.

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Appendix D

Public Participation Process Documentation

News Release

“Kings County Association of Governments Requests Comments for New Public Participation Plan”

Public Participation Surveys Available to the Public

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HANFORD – Terri King, Executive Director of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG), announced today that in preparation for drafting a Public Participation Plan, KCAG is inviting the public to fill out a brief survey questionnaire. The purpose of the one page survey is to determine the most effective ways that KCAG can distribute information and gather comments from the general public when they prepare various transportation and regional planning documents. The survey results will provide the foundation for the Public Participation Plan to be drafted and adopted in the next five months by the KCAG Commission. This new Plan will detail the guidelines that KCAG will follow to notify the public of upcoming meetings and how to solicit comments on various products prepared throughout the transportation and regional planning decision making process.

The survey can be found online at <http://www.countyofkings/kcag.whatsnew.htm> or mailed to you for your convenience by calling 582-3211 extension 2654. Surveys are also available at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore in the Lemoore Advance Building. Surveys are requested to be returned to KCAG by Friday, September 28th.

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September 21, 2007

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Public input sought by road improvement agency

By Eiji Yamashita
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LEMOORE — Kings County's regional planning agency wants to tune into people's needs and wants when setting its priorities for local highway improvements.

As a first step, the agency is encouraging local residents to speak up by filling out a survey.

The public is likely familiar with its work — exemplified by the center divider on Highway 198 and the planning for the 12th Avenue-Highway 198 interchange as well as the Highway 198 expressway project.

But here's the honest truth: Who actually leads the

effort is hardly known by the general public.

The Kings County Association of Governments, a cooperative body of all municipalities in Kings County, wants to change that.

"It's important for (the residents) to provide their input for our projects and let us know what's really important for them," said Terri King, KCAG executive director.

Hoping to increase transparency and getting itself known while meeting federal regulations, KCAG is currently asking the public to fill out a questionnaire as part of its new public outreach.

The survey is available online at www.countyofkings/kcag/whatsnew.htm. Copies also may be

picked up at the KCAG office, 339 W. D St., Suite B, Lemoore.

Based on the survey, KCAG will decide the most effective ways to distribute information and gather comments from the public, as it sets long-term and short-term goals and prepares various transportation and regional planning documents in the future, King said.

The so-called "Public Participation Plan" is scheduled to be adopted in January.

After years of planning and efforts, KCAG has recently secured enough funding for two upcoming major projects.

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Working with Tulare County and the state, KCAG will be able to get a four-lane expressway — a \$124 million project — built on Highway 198 between Highway 43 and Highway 99 by 2012.

Another project under way is the 12th Avenue-Highway 198 interchange overhaul, which includes wider ramps, an expanded overpass and a new loop ramp on the southwest quadrant.

If everything goes well, construction for the project will begin in 2012.

KCAG is currently trying to find money for the 19th Avenue-Highway 198 interchange.

For more information, call KCAG at 582-0471, ext. 2678.

The reporter can be reached at 582-0471, ext. 3059.

KCAG survey

Terri King, executive director of the Kings County Association of Governments, announced the availability of a public survey questionnaire. The public is invited to fill out a brief one-page survey to determine the most effective ways KCAG can distribute information and gather comments from the general public concerning various transportation and regional planning documents.

The survey will provide the foundation with information for the Public Participation Plan to be drafted and adopted in the next five months by the KCAG Commission. The survey can be found online at www.countyofkings/kcag.whatsnew.htm or mailed to individuals by calling 582-3211, ext. 2654. Surveys are also available at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D St., Suite B, Lemoore. Surveys should be returned by Friday, Sept. 28.

News Release

“Kings County Association of Governments Requests Comments on Draft Public Participation Plan”

Draft Public Participation Plan Available to the Public

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HANFORD – Terri King, Executive Director of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG), announced today that a Draft Public Participation Plan is available for the first round of public review and comment. The Draft Plan is based on the contribution and input of the public, stakeholders, and all other interested parties. The Draft Public Participation Plan outlines the procedures that will be used to notify and engage the public throughout various transportation and regional planning decisions. This first round of public comment allows the public an additional opportunity to comment on the public participation strategies utilized by KCAG prior to the release of a draft document for an official 45-day public review and comment period that will begin early next month.

KCAG looks forward to scheduling meetings with organizations or individuals who would like to discuss the Plan. The Draft Public Participation Plan can be found online at <http://www.countyofkings/kcag.whatsnew.htm> or mailed to you for your convenience by calling 582-3211 extension 2654. A Plan is also available at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore in the Lemoore Advance Building. Comments are requested by Wednesday, December 5th for consideration in this first round of public review.

Draft public participation plan

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The Draft Plan is based on the contribution and input of the public, stakeholders and all other interested parties.

The plan outlines procedures that will be used to notify and engage the public throughout various transportation and regional planning decisions.

The first round of public comment allows the public an additional opportunity to comment on the public participation strategies utilized by KCAG prior to the release of a draft document for an official 45-day public review and comment period that will be given next month.

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for the Draft Public Participation Plan or have it mailed by calling 582-3211, Ext. 2654.

A plan is also available at the KCAG office, located at 339 W. D St., Suite, B, Lemoore.

Comments are requested by Dec. 5 for consideration in this first round of public review.

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THIS DAY 14 of January, 2008

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE
KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Commission will hold a public hearing to consider adopting the "Public Participation Plan" for Kings County.
The hearing will be held Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Kings County Board of Supervisor's Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, California.
The Public Participation Plan has been prepared by KCAG in cooperation with the cities, Kings County, and community stakeholders. The Public Participation Plan identifies the strategies that will be used to notify and engage the public throughout the various transportation and regional planning decisions. This includes but is not limited to low-income households, minorities, persons with disabilities, representatives from community and service organizations, tribal councils, and other public agencies.
Anyone interested in the "Public Participation Plan" is invited to appear and make statements of fact, present evidence, or submit their comments concerning this matter. Written comments may be accepted by KCAG at their offices located at 339 W. "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California, 93245 up to the day and time of the hearing. Oral comments will be accepted only at the public hearing. Draft copies of the Public Participation Plan are available upon request from KCAG or can be viewed on the KCAG website at www.countyofkings.com/kcag/whatsnews.htm

For more information, contact Terri King at (559)582-3211, extension 2678
KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
/s/Terri King
Terri King
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November 20, 2007

Dear Kings County Stakeholder:

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) would like to thank you for your participation two months ago when we asked you to complete a brief survey. The information you provided has assisted us in our process of writing a Draft Public Participation Plan. KCAG once again seeks your assistance and would like to invite you to comment on the Draft Plan prior to the start of the official 45-day public comment period.

The Draft Public Participation Plan consists of five sections which focus on a specific topic. The first two sections of the Draft Plan provide a introduction, background, and local profile of Kings County. Section three begins a detailed discussion of the federal laws, executive orders, and other regulations that KCAG must follow in its transportation and regional planning decision making processes. The fourth section highlights the public outreach techniques that KCAG uses to communicate with the public. Section five discusses the specific plans and required public participation strategies that must be undertaken according to federal planning guidelines. The contents of the Appendixes have not been included at this time, but will be included in the document for the 45-day public comment review period. While comments are welcome throughout the document, KCAG is particularly interested in how we can improve our public participation strategies as discussed in section four.

KCAG staff is available to meet with groups or individuals to discuss the Draft Public Participation Plan. The enclosed comment sheet has been provided for your remarks. Any comments submitted by Wednesday, December 5th, may be incorporated into the Draft Public Participation Plan for the official 45-day public review period beginning on December 10, 2007, concluding with a public hearing and adoption on January 23, 2008.

If you should have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact the KCAG office at (559) 582-3211, extension 2654, or email at clehn@co.kings.ca.us. Thank you in advance for your continuous participation.

Sincerely,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director

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These pages are provided for your comments on the Draft Public Participation Plan. Please list all comments including page numbers, sections, or chapters. Comments are requested by December 5, 2007.

Please contact KCAG at 559-582-3211 ext. 2654 for any further information.

Please check here if you would like to schedule a meeting with KCAG Staff

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Comments:

News Release

“Kings County Association of Governments Requests Comments on Draft Public Participation Plan”

Draft Public Participation Plan Available to the Public

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HANFORD – Terri King, Executive Director of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG), announced today that the 45-day public review and comment period on the Draft Public Participation Plan has begun. The Draft Public Participation Plan informs and strives to involve residents in KCAG’s various programs, projects, and work activities. The Plan identifies the strategies that will be used to notify and engage the public throughout the various transportation and regional planning decisions. This includes but is not limited to low-income households, minorities, persons with disabilities, representatives from community and service organizations, tribal councils, and other public agencies.

The public review and comment period will conclude on January 23, 2008 with a public hearing held in the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd in Hanford. Comments will be taken up to and including the date of the public hearing. The Draft Public Participation Plan can be found at any Kings County library, online at <http://www.countyofkings/kcag.whatsnew.htm> or mailed to you for your convenience by calling 582-3211 extension 2654. A Plan is also available for review at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore in the Lemoore Advance Building. KCAG looks forward to scheduling meetings with organizations or individuals who would like to discuss the Plan or provide comments.



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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Terri King, KCAG Executive Director
DATE: December 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Draft KCAG Public Participation Plan Comment Period

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) has prepared the enclosed document for review and comment. The official 45-day public comment and review period for the Draft KCAG Public Participation Plan begins today, December 10, 2007 and will conclude with a public hearing on January 23, 2008. Comments on the Draft Public Participation Plan will be accepted up to and including the date of the public hearing. A comment sheet is enclosed for your convenience. Copies of the document are also available on the KCAG website at www.countyofkings.com/kcag.whatsnew.htm.

The purpose of the Draft Public Participation Plan is to inform and involve residents in KCAG's various programs, projects, and work activities. This includes, but is not limited to low-income households, minorities, persons with disabilities, representatives from community and service organizations, tribal councils, and other public agencies. Citizen participation objectives include involving interested citizens, stakeholders, and representatives of community organizations in workshops, public hearings, and ongoing broad citizen/ organization involvement in the transportation planning and decision processes.

The KCAG Commission will conduct a public hearing on January 23, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Chambers, Kings County Government Center located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. in Hanford. KCAG staff is available to meet with individuals or groups to discuss the Plan. If you should have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact the KCAG office at (559) 582-3211, extension 2654, or email at clehn@co.kings.ca.us. Thank you in advance for your comments.



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This page has been provided for your comments on the Draft KCAG Public Participation Plan. Please list all comments including page numbers, sections, or chapters. Comments will be accepted up to and including the date of the public hearing on January 23, 2008.

Please contact KCAG at 559-582-3211 ext. 2654 for any further information.

Please check here if you would like to schedule a meeting with KCAG Staff

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact the KCAG Office at (559) 582-3211, ext. 2685 by 4:00 on the Friday prior to this meeting.

MEETING

Place: Kings County Association of Governments
339 W. "D" Street, Suite B
Lemoore, CA

Time: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Agency: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A. Unscheduled Appearances

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

B. Minutes of July 11, 2007	1-4	Approve
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II. TRANSPORTATION:

None

III. REGIONAL PLANNING:

A. Public Participation Plan	5-7	Information
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B. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Regional Performance Measures	8-9	Approve
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IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2007



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MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 12, 2007

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, Executive Director, at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lou Camara, City of Hanford
Greg Gatzka, County of Kings
Steve Kroeker, City of Corcoran
Paul Marquez, Caltrans
Angie Offenburger, KCAPTA
Steve Sopp, City of Avenal
Harry Verheul, County of Kings
David Wlaschin, City of Lemoore

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Hall, KCAG Staff
Chris Lehn, KCAG Staff
Terri King, KCAG Staff

VISITORS PRESENT:

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Camara / Verheul) to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2007. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION

None

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. Public Participation Plan

Ms. King reported KCAG received a letter from Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) informing us that the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was not SAFETEA-LU compliant due to the public participation component. KCAG responded to the letter and included a five month work plan to develop and adopt a Public Participation Plan (PPP) for submittal to FHWA.

Ms. Lehn discussed the work plan which details the tasks by month and has provided a schedule with an illustrated timeline of the general tasks. The PPP will be based on the involvement and contribution of the general public, stakeholders, and all other interested parties. KCAG has recently sent out a public participation survey to community stakeholders and resource agencies. The surveys will provide KCAG with detailed information about the most effective methods of engaging and sharing information with the public.

Mr. Marquez stated that Caltrans can provide a database of resource agencies, environmental justice, other governmental agencies, and businesses for KCAG to use for distribution of the survey and draft PPP. Several other suggestions were provided for additional contacts.

B. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Regional Performance Measures

Ms. Lehn explained that developing performance measures or indicators is a common practice for evaluating the progress and continued success of any significant project or government plan. Performance measures are based on measurable data sources that can identify progress toward the specific goals of a project or plan. The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Regional Performance Measures will compare all traffic models for the eight valley counties based solely on what can be measured in addition to what is specific to Kings Counties land use from the current general plan to meet the counties objectives. Examples of the valley performance measures for transportation, mass transit/choice, air quality, economy and housing/job balance, agricultural land preservation, and environmental conservation is attached to the agenda.

Mr. Marquez asked if a professional review panel has been utilized to implement at the local planning level, or if this is set in stone. Ms. Lehn stated at this time it has not.

Mr. Verheul asked about adding stationary source factors like off-road vehicles and non-transportation related items to the objectives listed for air quality. Ms. Lehn stated staff is to submit the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Regional Performance Measures to the Great Valley Center (GVC) for consideration by the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committed.

It was moved and seconded (Kroeker / Verheul) to approve the list of regional performance measures, with the comment to include stationary and off-road objectives, for submittal to the GVC. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. King reported that Caltrans had requested staff to prioritize a list of SHOPP projects. Caltrans then submitted a combined list to the Caltrans Headquarters that had shifted a few projects higher in priority. It was assumed that it was because their highest priorities were projects that had already advanced in the planning stages.

Ms. Lehn discussed several meetings coming up, Linking Land Used and Water in the San Joaquin Valley on September 19th in Visalia. Blueprint Learning Network, Futures Connected September 25 -26, 2007 in Fresno, 2007 San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Symposium October 3 -4, 2007 in Visalia and the First Annual Summit of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley will be held October 4, 2007 in Visalia as well.

Ms. Lehn also discussed the Blueprint base case land use map and wanted to thank Greg for all of his work putting it together for us. It has been sent to Merced County as they are putting all the information into the UPlan base case which will be taken to the next BRAC meeting. Mr. Gatzka pointed out that he used the cities' and county's current general plans to code for the UPlan and there are different definitions for different land use areas throughout the county and cities.

Mr. Verheul reported they are working on improving Jersey Ave. The Federal Highways Administration is involved and they are working on the cultural, environmental and noise studies. Jersey Ave. is being paved between Highway 41 and 18th Ave.

Mr. Gatzka discussed the County general plan update and stated the four community plans are lined out. Some focus will be made on revitalizing and renewal of downtown cores, mixed uses, and the circulation element. Consultants have been hired for a portion of the work. He also talked about FEMA and updating the flood zones maps to be digital and more accurate. Certifying levees for flood zone boundaries will be important since a new 200-year flood zone category will be added. The impact of the decertification of the levees standards will have an effect on flood insurance. He also stated that LAFCO is working on updating each of the spheres of influence for each city for the newer urbanized areas; and conducting the municipal services review to evaluate municipal resources provided to entities.

Ms. King reported the FTIP Amendment No. 5 has been approved and FTIP Amendment No. 6 is in the process of being approved and should have confirmation shortly. The legislative bill AB 468 regarding clarification for the AVA activities has been sent to the Governor for signature. She also reported that Caltrans will be having the trees on the north side of SR 198 removed next month so to not interfere with the nesting season of the Swainson's Hawk during construction of the expressway project.

Mr. Kroeker said the City of Corcoran is still working on the new City Hall.

Mr. Camara reported the completion of the widening of Douty Street and the installation of the signals at Douty Street and Fargo Ave. The KART bus terminal is almost complete as is the Amtrak terminal and there will be a grand opening for both at the same time. He reported on the progress of environmental studies on 12th Ave from Fargo to Flint, the Live Oak housing project, and the ethanol plant at 10th Ave. and Iona.

Mr. Wlaschin discussed the traffic counters and expressed his concerns in getting accurate results from the reports. Ms. King stated she would look in getting answers and setting up the counters for the City.

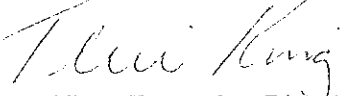
Mr. Marquez talked about available grant funds for local assistance for the cities and counties for Safe Routes to Schools. There is a separate State program and Federal program which have different criteria and eligibility requirements. At the Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) meetings to discuss parallel routes during the construction on Highway 198, the routes suggested included Grangeville Blvd. and Houston/Caldwell Ave. They are reviewing the suggestions and expect only one parallel road will be needed.

Ms. Offenburger stated they are in pre-construction meetings for the expansion of the KCAPTA building which is expected to start construction in December. The new buses purchased with CMAQ have been ordered and are low floor that will not need wheelchair lifts. She also stated that KCAPTA will be reviewing routes to determine cost and fare adjustments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,


Terri King, Executive Director



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Vice Chair – Joe Neves

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MEETING

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Agenda: KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman
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A. Unscheduled Appearances

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B. Minutes of August 22, 2007	1-4	Approve
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II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. KART Farebox Ratio	5-7	Approve
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B. Caltrans Reports

C. Correspondence

D. Staff Comments

E. Commissioner Comments

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III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on September 26, 2007 | | Reaffirm |
| 2. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-07
FY 07-08 Federal Planning Funds | 8-9 | Ratify
Comments |
| 3. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-08
FY 07-08 Federal Transit Planning and Research Funds | 10-11 | Ratify
Comments |
| 4. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-09
FY 07-08 State Planning & Research Funds | 12-13 | Ratify
Comments |
| 5. Valley wide Regional Blueprint Performance Measures | 14-15 | Information |
| 6. Public Participation Plan | 16-18 | Information |

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

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| 1. ARB Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program | 19-20 | Information |
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B. Staff Comments

C. Commissioner Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting date scheduled for October 24, 2007.



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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Ed Martin, Chairperson, at 4:40 p.m., on September 26, 2007 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ed Martin, Dan Chin, Joe Neves, Tony Barba, Sid Craighead, Sharri Bender Ehlert

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ray Lerma

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Hall, Terri King; Kyle Sand, County Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: Ron Hughes, Elaine Azevedo, Angie Offenburger

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – August 1, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Barba) to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. KART Farebox Ratio

Ms. King stated that the Triennial Performance Audit for KCAPTA noted the compliance with the farebox ratio for a newly urbanized area, according to the TDA guidelines, were required to make a 20% farebox return overall. A newly urbanized area has a five year time frame to meet that 20% and there are deductions of some costs that can be made in the calculation. Some of those deductions, such as your ADA cost, are no longer allowable. With the increased cost of fuel and other expenses, KCAPTA was not able to meet the 20% that is required in 06-07. They have made attempts to reduce costs and increase fare revenues, but were only able to make 16%.

However, the TDA regulations also allow the RTPA to set its own rate for the system, as long as it is no lower than 15%. Based on KCAPTA's past and proposed actions to increase the farebox return, there seems to be justification for setting a new rate at 15% system wide for KCAPTA to meet.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to adopt Resolution No. 07-12 to set the ratio of fare revenues to operating cost for the Kings Area Rural Transit system at fifteen percent (15%) retroactively starting FY 2006-07. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Caltrans Reports

Ms. Elhert reported there is a call for projects out for Cycle 7 of the Safe Routes to School program, which was announced on August 30th. Those applications are due on November 16th. These grant funds are only eligible for infrastructure projects for which cities and counties may apply. The target beneficiaries are children K-12, and there is a total of \$52 million available for the 06-07 and 07-08 cycles. There is a maximum reimbursable amount for an individual project of \$100,000 with a 10% local match. This will likely be the last cycle of the State's Safe Routes to School program unless it gets extended by legislature. There is a second Safe Routes to School program that is a federal program. That is Cycle 2 coming out in October, the Save Routes to School was authorized by SAFETEA-LU and this is both for infrastructure and non-infrastructure educational project. Applicants in this case include state, local, regional, cities, and counties, non profit organizations, schools and school districts and Native American tribes. Target beneficiaries however are children from K-8. There is a total of \$46 million available for the Cycle which is the 08-09 – 09-10 years and these projects are 100% reimbursable with no local match.

Another grant program that is on-going is the Caltrans FY 07-08 Transportation Planning Grants. We are expecting the announcement in a few days; they are actually finalizing that as we speak. The applicants as well as the district are very anxious to receive word on this. I know that Kings County had one proposal within the Transportation Planning Grant Cycle, and that was for a partnership planning grant. Which would reduce truck congestion and pollution along the San Joaquin Valley south corridors. The next application for the Transportation Planning Grant is going to start in October and run through January. They are going to be announcing this cycle and turn around and pick applications for the following cycle, starting in the next month.

Of specific interest to the region, we have several projects in construction, Sunflower II project, to construct standard shoulders on a new alignment along SR 41 that runs through Kings, Kern, and San Luis Obispo counties, is progressing on schedule. That project is about 50% complete and looking at a completion date of summer 2008. The full road closures have stopped on SR 41, but continuing to coordinate efforts with the Sunflower III effort, which is down in San Luis Obispo County. There is a new project just getting started for a chip seal along SR 198 in Hanford from 11th Ave. to the Tulare County line. The contractor is getting started very soon and there may be lane closures on the two lane highway during the evening hours on the weekdays. There may be closures during the weekends which will be during the day. The contractor is anxious to complete the project and will be working on the weekends and the estimated date for completion is the end of November 2007.

The traffic signal at SR 43 and Flint Ave. is operational; it was energized on the 19th and they are doing some minor clean up work.

On the Prop 1B project, Hanford Expressway to convert to 4 lanes, California Fish and Game is concerned about some potential nesting sites of the Swainson's Hawk, since we plan to remove the trees anyway on the north side. The Fish and game has asked us to remove the trees on the north side now to prevent the hawks from nesting there in their next nesting cycle. Caltrans will award a service contract to remove the trees on the north side sometime in October or November. The right of way is progressing and continuing the completion of all the appraisals by the end of October. Acquisition of parcels is continuing and 3 parcels have been acquired to date. Acquisition of all parcels is expected to be complete by October 2008 and the project is scheduled to be advertised late spring of 2009; with construction beginning late summer of 2009.

Commissioner Barba asked if there were any questions on the frontage road which is supposed to be built in front of the dairy's located on the east side near 6th Ave. Ms. Ehlert stated Caltrans will be working with the property owners along there. Ms. King stated she spoke with Supervisor Alene Taylor and Neil Bretz, the project manager, and he said he would be glad to meet with the property owners and to discuss any issues they have and that contact may have already taken place.

C. Correspondence

In the handouts provided were announcements of Caltrans' funding programs. The Bicycle Transportation Account application period has begun. We encourage local agencies to submit applications for this. The second handout is in regards to three Prop. 1B funding programs. The first is an announcement of the local streets and roads account for cities and counties. The first page is a summary of how local agencies get these funds and what is required of them, as well as the funding shares, which is for FY 07-08 only. It was negotiated in the state budget, so it may not be the same for the following years and will have to be re-negotiated. The second is the announcement of the Air Resources Board Clean Air Project with \$1 billion available to implement that program. The first \$250 million is to be decided next spring. Ms. King asked that if you are aware of anyone who could utilize these funds, please let them know.

The third is a letter from Business, Transportation and Housing (BT&H) regarding an expedited process for the Trade Corridor program. The Valley and the County have been working together to prepare a Regional Goods Movement Action Plan, so that we are on the radar. Because in dealing with working groups regarding the eligibility for this funding source the ports have taken advantage of their position and may be opposed to us getting some of the money. So we wanted to be in position to state who we are, where we are, what our needs are, and justification for receiving funds. The draft Valley Wide Goods Movement Action Plan will be available next month for comments. The BT&H requested a list of projects now that they can put in next year's State budget. The Valley RTPAs are working on coming up with a "hot list" of projects from the regional plan. On the hot list we are trying to get a project that would meet their criteria that would actually get funded on a regional basis. There are two specific criteria to meet with one being that there is a 50% local match available and the other that the timing of the project is ready to go. There are two projects the Valley wanted to get behind and those are the Techachapi double tracking, which does have an identified local match from BNSF, and the other is an Altamont Pass project, which does not have a dedicated match.

There is a proposed project that Lemoore would like to be considered for this funding. It is refrigerated unit car facility project proposed by RailEx USA to be located next to the SJRR tracks. They could get products from Salinas Valley and other areas via short haul trucks to Lemoore to the facility which would be located near the Leprino plant on a one mile siding. There would be a refrigerated building where the unit car train would be located, load up with the product and have a guaranteed 5 day shipping time to the East Coast. It is a non-stop unit train with fully refrigerated cars at a constant temperature. They are looking for a location around here and are working with the city and Economic Development Corporation to see what they can do.

D. Staff Comments

None

E. Commissioner Comments

None

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on September 26, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on September 26, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-07, FY 07-08 Federal Planning Funds

Ms. King reported Caltrans is applying for a complete grant for FY 07-08 Federal Planning Funds of \$39,522,228, the Division of Transportation Planning will be providing \$5,120,523. The City of Hanford, City of Hanford Community Development Department, and the Kings County Health Department commented this does not duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made (Neves / Chin) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 07-07, FY 07-08 Federal Planning Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-08, FY 07-08 Federal Transit Planning and Research Funds.

Ms. King stated this Caltrans application to the Federal Planning Funds for Transit Planning and Research Funds is requesting \$14,567,868 with a \$1,887,422 local match. These Section 5303 Planning funds will be for transit type activities and also for transit planning and research grant applications. The same agencies commented that it doesn't duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made (Neves / Chin) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 07-08, FY 07-08 Federal Transit Planning and Research Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-09, FY 07-08 State Planning and Research Funds

Ms. King reported another Caltrans application for Federal Funds of \$6,059,625 with a \$1,514,906 local match for FY 07-08 State Planning and Research Studies. This is for Regional Blueprint Planning state wide with \$5 million and a Partnership Planning Grant Program match of \$1 million. The same agencies commented that it does not duplicate or conflict with their programs.

A motion was made (Craighead / Chin) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 07-10, FY 07-08 State Planning and Research Studies. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Valley wide Regional Blueprint Performance Measures

Ms. King commented we are still busy on the Regional Blueprint process and are at the position where we need to develop Valley wide performance measures. This is so we can evaluate the Blueprint base case against the future scenarios. We have identified certain elements pertaining to Transportation, Mass Transit / Choice, Air Quality, Economic & Housing / Job Balance; Agricultural Land Preservation; and Environmental Conservation. Included are identified goals, objectives, measures, tools to evaluate those measures and a methodology for how we are going to do these. These are available tools we have such as the traffic model and were developed by our modeling consultant. These are valley wide measures for review and comment. At the TAC meeting a comment was made regarding the air quality goal that it looked like it was heavy on mobile sources. They would like to see something pertaining to stationary source objectives.

Commissioner Barba commented that the air district has already placed available controls on stationary sources and are working so hard on them that some of the companies are leaving us because they can't afford to meet the rules. They need additional mobile source measures, but they are controlled by Federal EPA. About 65% to 70% of your smog is created by mobile sources, so that is what we need to work on.

Ms. King stated these are valley wide measures that we are commenting on at this time and we will be coming back soon for approval to send on to the Great Valley Center to present to the BRAC.

6. Public Participation Plan

Ms. King reported we adopted a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) earlier this year in order to be in compliance with SAFETEA-LU by July 1 of 2007. The valley agencies adopted their RTPs and then waited for Federal Highways Agency to comment and provide us with notification if the RTP was SAFETEA-LU compliant or not. In our letter from Federal Highways they said we were not SAFETEA-LU compliant, however, the only item we need to work on was the Public Participation Plan. We submitted a response to that letter providing a timeline and work plan to adopt a Public Participation Plan, which is to include a summary of the efforts made when preparing the RTP. Once that is completed and submitted, they could determine that the 2007 RTP is SAFETEA-LU compliant and won't have to do another RTP until 2010.

Included in the agenda materials is a survey we are starting out with. We did a mass mailing to stakeholders, and a second wave to some of the largest employers in the county so we can get a broad cross section of goods movement, businesses, farming, and other types of agencies. There was a news release prepared which produced an article in the front page of the Hanford Sentinel.

Ms. King stated that one of the issues about SAFTEA-LU compliance is that public participation must start from the ground up by asking the public and stake holders how they want us to contact them, and how they would like to be notified, among other things. We will use this information so we can continue to receive their comments during the process of developing anything we do such as the RTP, FTIP, RTIP, etc. We should have a draft ready for a 45-day review in December, public comment via a public hearing will be in late January, with adoption in January and submitted to FHWA.

Ms. King provided a summary of the responses received to date. She stated that we are taking advantage of being next door to the Lemoore Advance by having a standing appointment with them following our TPC meeting; using news releases to inform the public of the actions we have taken, announcing things we have accomplished, and getting the word out as to who we and what we do since we are responsible for programming millions of dollars in the Kings County region. We have had about a 50% return rate on the surveys.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None

B. Staff Comments

None

C. Commissioner Comments

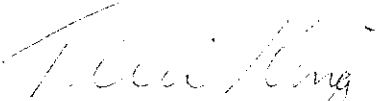
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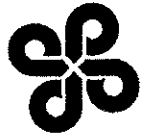
There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



Terri King, Executive Director



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MEETING

Place: Kings County Association of Governments
339 W. "D" Street, Suite B
Lemoore, CA

Time: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Agency: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
Any person may address the Committee on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Committee at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Committee on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Committee. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.		
B. Minutes of October 10, 2007	1-3	Approve
II. TRANSPORTATION:		
A. FY 2007-08 FTA Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects	4-12	Approve
B. Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program	13-14 Attachment	Review
C. Final Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan	15-16 Attachment	Approve
III. REGIONAL PLANNING:		
A. Draft Public Participation Plan	17 Handout	Review
B. 2008 KCAG Meeting Schedule	18	Information
IV. MISCELLANEOUS:		
V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2007		



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SPECIAL MEETING

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Agenda: KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
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B. Minutes of October 24, 2007	1-7	Approve
II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE		
A. General Transportation Items		
1. FY 2007-08 FTA Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects (Resolution No. 07-14)	8-16	Public Hearing Approve
2. Draft 2008 State Highway Operation and Protection Plan	17-18	Information
3. Final Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (Resolution No. 07-15)	19-20 Attachment	Approve
4. Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program	21-22 Attachment	Review
5. Caltrans Planning Grant Submittal Authorization (Resolution No. 07-16)	23-26	Approve
6. San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan	27 Attachment	Accept

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II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE - Continued

- B. Caltrans Reports
- C. Correspondence
- D. Staff Comments
- E. Commissioner Comments

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on December 5, 2007 | | Reaffirm |
| 2. Draft Public Participation Plan | 28
Attachment | Review |
| 3. San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust Board Representative | 29-30 | Appoint |
| 4. FY 2008-09 OWP Activities | 31-33 | Information |
| 5. KCAG Salary Increase | 34 | Approve |
| 6. 2008 KCAG Meeting Schedule | 35 | Information |

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

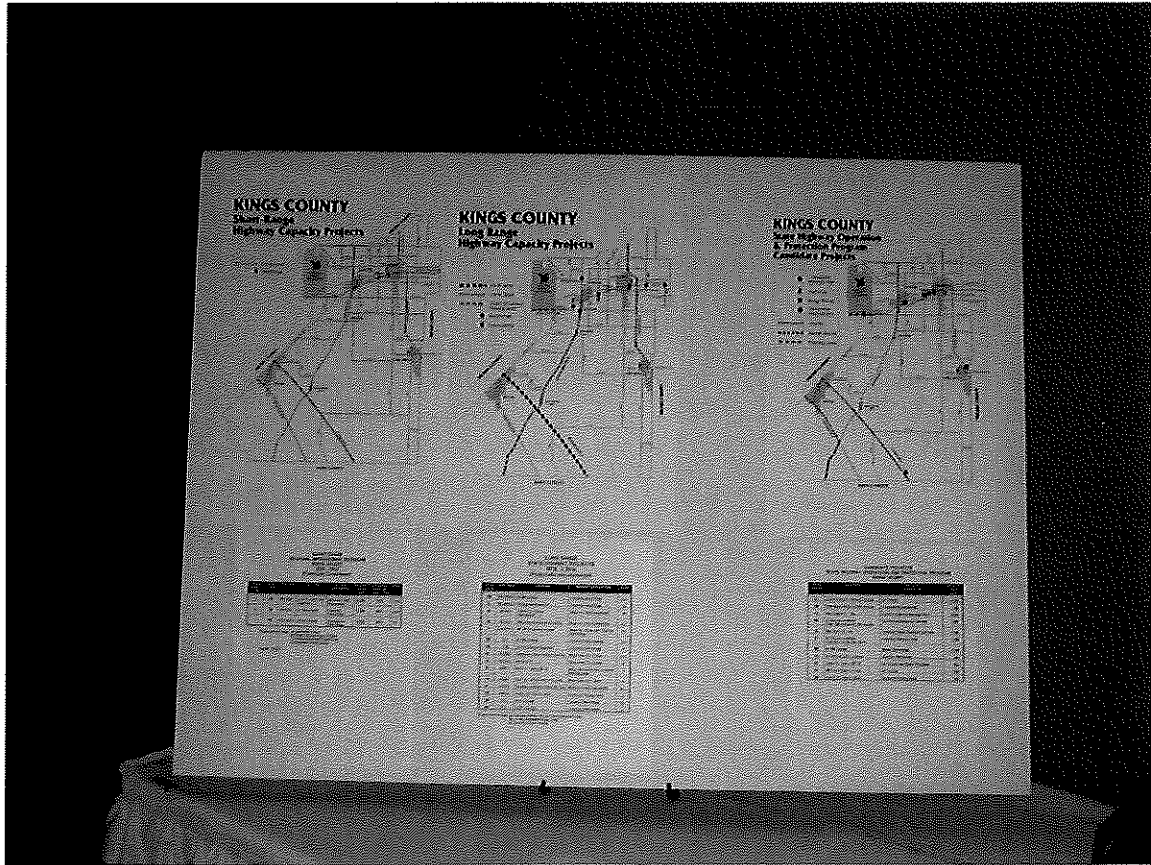
A. Correspondence

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| 1. San Joaquin Valley Housing Symposium | 36 | Information |
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B. Staff Comments

C. Commissioner Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting date scheduled for January 23, 2008.



2007 Regional Transportation Plan Update display as shown on February 5, 2007 at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Kings County Government Center in Hanford, California. Comment cards, pencils, and a collection box were provided in addition to the visual as shown above.

**San Joaquin Valley
Regional Transportation Plan
Resource Agency Consultation
March 2, 2007**

SAFETEA-LU Expanded Consultation Requirements

SAFETEA-LU requires expanded consultation with resource agencies on the development of Regional Transportation Plans. We would like your input on the most effective ways to engage you or the appropriate person at your agency in discussions about the development of the regional transportation plan and the discussion of environmental mitigation activities contained therein.

Please complete and return the survey before you leave the workshop today.

Please rank the following strategies based on the effectiveness to achieve a response and/or initiate consultation (1 = best way to make contact)

Initial Contact to Request Consultation

- Mass U.S. Mail Letter Personal phone call
 Mass email Personal email
 Others (please specify) _____

Consultation Format (best way for your agency to provide comments back to us)

- Face-to-face meeting Phone call discussion
 Email
 Use of a comment template that you can fax/mail/email back to us)
 Others (please specify) _____

Please attach a copy of your business card, or fill in the following information:

Name/Title _____

Address: _____

Email/Telephone: _____

THANK YOU !

If you would like to have further discussion, please contact: Douglas Ito, (209) 468-3913, dito@sjcog.org
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San Joaquin Valley Public Participation Survey March 2, 2007

Public Participation Plans

Public Participation Plans provide the framework for how COGs throughout the Valley conduct public outreach on issues relating to the transportation planning process. We would like to ask you for your suggestions and insight on what you think are the best ways to engage the public as we improve our public participation process. We want your input to ensure that the full range of strategies are examined and included in our public participation plans.

Please complete and return the survey before you leave the workshop today.

We're seeking your input on the following questions. Please use the space provided below

- What outreach methods have you found effective in soliciting public comment?
- Do you have ideas on additional outreach techniques/strategies we should look at?

Please attach a copy of your business card, or fill in the following information:

Name/Title _____

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THANK YOU !

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San Joaquin Valley
2007 Regional Transportation Plan Workshop

FINAL AGENDA

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 30, 2006

San Joaquin Council of Governments Office
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| 10:00 | Introductions / Housekeeping |
| 10:05 | Overview Current RTP Schedules/Major Milestones |
| 10:20 | Identify Major Issues/Concerns with RTP Update |
| 10:30 | Consultation / Public Involvement |
| 11:30 | Travel Models and Conformity |
| 11:50 | Working Lunch – We will be taking orders and bringing it in. |
| 12:00 | Goals/Policies/Objectives/Performance Measures |
| 1:00 | Fiscal Constraint |
| 2:00 | Environmental Impact Reports |
| 2:15 | FTIP Amendment SAFETEA-LU Compliance Issues |
| 2:20 | Valleywide Chapter |
| 2:30 | ITS Architecture |
| 2:45 | Congestion Management Strategy |
| 2:55 | Workshop Recap and Next Steps |
| 3:00 | Adjourn |



MEETING: 2007 RTP Workshop
San Joaquin Council of Governments
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Date: August 30, 2006

SIGN IN SHEET

SIGNING THIS SHEET IS A VOLUNTARY ACTION

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2007 RTP Workshop Discussion Items Questions, Notes, and Followups

Follow-Up Items- As Soon As Possible

1. Garth Hopkins (Caltrans) will follow up on the list of resource agencies for the consultation process. He stated the Caltrans Environmental Division could help to develop it.
2. Doug Ito (SJCOG) will follow up on the Intergovernmental Review consultation requirement.
3. All COGs should discuss the delegated amendment authority issue and report back to Cari and/or Doug on their preferences.
4. Cari Anderson will coordinate with FHWA on the possibility of having a PM2.5 coordination requirement for the Public Participation Plans.
5. Cari Anderson will draft language for the public participation procedures for various FTIP amendment types. MPOs should explore policy issue internally. MPOs need to send Cari their 2007 Board schedules as soon as possible.
6. Kern will look into the Regional Transit Security Strategy item and report back to the group.
7. FHWA will follow up if MPOs can use the State and County expenditure reports for the Maintenance and Operations requirement.
8. FHWA will provide the link to the 10-page booklet on FHWA's website regarding asset management principles.
9. TCAG will follow up (with their EIR consultant) on the gap analysis issues between the requirements for the EIR and the CEQA requirements. Kern will also follow-up.
10. Valleywide Chapter Assignments:
 - General Planning Section (TCAG)
 - Demographics Section (Fresno)
 - Air quality activities (SJCOG)
 - Congestion Management Transportation Strategies, TDM (StanCOG)
 - Streets and Roads (Kern)
 - Rail/Aviation and Goods Movement (Kings)
 - Finance Element (Madera)—include 99 Finance plan
 - Safety (Merced)
11. Rob and Raquel (Kern) will take the lead on updating the language for the ITS Architecture section.
12. FHWA will follow up on the Congestion Management Strategy requirement in the NPRM relative to the RTP requirements.

Consultation / Public Participation – attachments included

- Public Participation Plan Schedules

Discussion – Ensure that everyone will adopt revised public participation plans prior to RTP adoptions (if needed).

Susan Filios (SJCOG) stated MPOs should avoid confusing the public with the long range plan and the ballot measures. How should MPOs approach the public with this? Kern will not be holding workshops prior to the elections.

Matt Fell (Merced) stated their last RTP was a major update, and the 2007 RTP update will be scaled back. Merced's public outreach efforts for the 2004 RTP included workshops on visioning, transportation goals, developing scenarios and a final open house. Merced organized an Advisory Committee to involve people who wouldn't normally participate in the development. Matt believes they are already meeting the NPRM visualization requirements with their current activities (i.e. maps and utilizing advanced technology). Matt expressed their concern with the opportunity for public comment with the 2007 RTP compressed schedule. Merced will not hold workshops prior to the elections to avoid confusing the public.

Garth Hopkins (Caltrans) noted that there is not much else that needs to be done to update the PPP. He stated the Valley MPOs are doing a good job involving the public. He stated MPOs would have to address the consultation requirement with the resource agencies.

Cari Anderson said all PPPs will have to be updated to be SAFETEA-LU compliant. She suggested having a Valleywide boilerplate to address the new PPP requirements and to include the Valleywide FTIP amendment language.

- SAFETEA-LU Compliance
 - Visualization

Question – Are all the COGs okay with the visualization requirement? Any questions about how you anticipate addressing it?

Mayela Sosa (FHWA) said the visualization requirements will vary for each county. The biggest concern is if the information is readily available to the public. The requirement is a good faith effort on the part of the MPO to use techniques to gather comments. Mayela stated the PPPs should include general language on the approaches and include techniques that work and other techniques you want to experiment with. These should be documented in the PPP prior to adoption. Mayela stated the techniques apply to both the TIPs and the Plans.

o Consultation

Discussion – Discussion of the definitions for “consideration,” “consultation,” “cooperation,” and “coordination,” and how each should be treated in addressing NPRM requirements.

StanCOG stated they will provide the opportunity for the agencies to comment, but cannot force any agency to comment. Garth Hopkins (Caltrans) commented that resource agencies did not receive additional funding to consult with the MPOs. He believes it should be your best consultation effort which may mean more than sending a letter and may mean face to face meetings. Sharon Scherzinger (Caltrans) stated MPOs should articulate the process in the PPP. FHWA stated the MPOs should document the consultation process in the PPP and document all responses.

Cari asked if there was a distinction with the consultation requirements in the NPRM and the conformity consultation. Mayela stated MPOs should not just be seeking comments but should be comparing plans, maps etc. MPOs should seek the resource agencies out. Keep the two processes separate.

Ted Smalley (Tulare) asked what type of participation the MPOs should look for with these agencies. Mayela stated it would be a work in progress and this would be the first steps in the full implementation of SAFETEA-LU. The requirement emphasizes more communication and consultation between agencies. The goal is to work with the agencies far enough in advance to avoid conflicts or issues with plans. Ted (Tulare) voiced concerns with the other agencies’ schedules and getting comments in a timely manner. Mayela stated a key part in the consultation is to identify the agencies and the process will expand as time goes on. FHWA is looking for MPOs and the planning community to be the leaders in this. Garth stated MPOs should look at the plans the agencies put together for the statewide development of the park system.

Clarification – The consultation and public participation components of the NPRM can both be addressed as part of the public participation plan update, if not already included.

Mayela stated these can be combined in the plan, but separated from conformity consultation requirement.

Clarification – The NPRM does not require a formal list of participates that address each of the listed groups (450.316(a)), so long as the public participation plan includes a process to ensure all groups are considered.

Garth stated the Caltrans Environmental division could help to develop the list. He will follow-up on this list. Caltrans held a meeting recently with the resource agencies to discuss the new SAFETEA-LU requirements. The attendees of that meeting could be a start for generating this list.

Can the MPOs use the CEQA review list for this requirement? Sharon stated the CEQA list alone would not be sufficient. She said direct letters and face to face meetings need to be documented. Mayela agreed with Sharon and also said there is no need for concurrence from the other agencies. She stated these agencies shouldn’t be able to hold

up the plan with late comments.

Discussion – What constitutes coordination to the maximum extent practicable (450.316(b))? This relates to comparing maps, documents, etc., and the number of times you try to coordinate but are unable to generate a response.

Caltrans stated getting maps from other resource agencies is a good starting point. MPOs should document the process in the PPP and have early involvement with these other agencies.

Jason Paukovits (Fresno) asked if this applied to other agencies as well like the tribal agencies. Steve Luxenburg (FHWA) stated the MPOs should document everything and give the agencies an adequate opportunity to comment. Mayela stated they are challenging MPOs to try different approaches to get input.

A discussion was held regarding the finite end dates for input/comment. MPOs should note if no response was received or if response was received past due date. FHWA stated MPOs should try harder next time or address next time.

Clarification – The consultation requirements should be considered separate from the interagency consultation procedures in the conformity regulations.

Yes.

Clarification – There are overlaps between existing public participation plans and CEQA requirements and the federal consultation/public participation and environmental mitigation requirements. To the extent existing practices cover the federal requirement, the only additional requirement would be how the current processes are documented.

FHWA requested getting background information on the CEQA process because they are not familiar with the process and if there were overlaps.

Question – How do the consultation requirements relate to the Intergovernmental Review process?

Sharon stated she wasn't familiar with the term intergovernmental review and what it was referring to. It could be the consultation between MPOs, it could be the consultation between the FHWA, Caltrans and the EPA.

Doug Ito (SJCOG) will follow up on this question.

Clarification – A response to comments that includes a “summary, analysis and report on the disposition of comments” is essentially what the Valley COGs already do (e.g. 2007 FTIP and air quality document) (450.316(a)(2)).

FHWA concurred.

Discussion – Any issues with some other requirements: RTP/TIP available for public viewing in advance of adoption; provide public meeting where public can enter commentary prior to approval; electronic RTP/TIPs; periodic review of public participation plans.

Okay.

- Delegation of Formal Amendments to Executive Directors

Question – Do the COGs want to pursue Board resolutions to delegate all amendments to the Executive Director? If so, under what timeframe? If not, what are the implications if some do, and others do not?

Doug Ito stated the delegated amendments will expedite the approval process of amendments. Cari suggested putting delegation amendment language in the PPP and make sure all 8 COGs have the same language. She said if all 8 COGs want to do this, it can be incorporated into the PPP boilerplate section. Doug Ito stated the Board action would be removed from the amendment process. Mayela stated she was uncomfortable with this idea and that the Board should be final authority on the amendments and not the Executive Director. Cari stated she and Steve talked earlier about types 1-3 only, but this may not take care of PM 2.5. The comment was raised to eliminate or shorten the public comment period on types 1-3. Bond funding will impact amendments in the next year. Cari stated there will be two opportunities for amendments to take place to incorporate sales tax measures and bond projects in the coming year. COGs should go back and discuss and report to Cari and/or Doug on this issue.

Does the PPP need to be adopted with the RTP or can it go prior?
Mayela stated the process should be documented and be incorporated in to the development of the plan. Early adoption of the PPP is preferred.

It was decided to have each MPO update their PPP in the November/December/January timeframe and have a board adoption by January. A 45 day public review is required.

- Valleywide Amendment Coordination

Question – Would it be beneficial for the public participation plans need to reflect the coordination requirements due to the PM2.5 standard?

Cari stated we may be able to add a requirement for PM2.5. She will coordinate with FHWA on this issue and the language needed.

Question – What are the next steps and timeframes for developing language to reflect the public participation procedures for the various amendment types?

Cari will draft. MPOs explore policy issue internally. Need 2007 Board schedules as soon as possible.

- Public Outreach Workshops/Meetings

Question – When is everyone holding their public outreach workshops/meetings? How are you dealing with the November Bond/Measure uncertainty? What are you intending to cover in those outreach meetings?

Will MPOs have outreach activities prior to the elections?

Tulare will combine the Blueprint and RTP outreach with visual aides prior to the election. Fresno will also combine the Blueprint and RTP outreach. Further discussion may be necessary with this issue in order to share ideas with other MPOs.

Discussion – Define “convenient time” for public hearings/workshops.

Depends on individual COG schedule.

- Consultation with State and Transit Agencies on Data used in RTP

Clarification – “Mechanism” in NPRM does not imply a written agreement. The RTP does, however, have to document what was done to consult with the State and transit agencies on any data used.

Question was not addressed.

Travel Models and Conformity – attachments included

- Project list strategies

Question – Does everyone have a plan for how to deal with the Bond/Measure uncertainty and the timing for developing your project lists?

There was a discussion on the timeframe of project list development and travel model. Tulare will be developing two separate project lists, one including the measure and one without. Cari said there will be an opportunity to address bond projects in the first off cycle amendment schedule. FHWA is okay with going forward with expected bond in the RTP and revise if needed after the CTC vote on the discretionary bond programs.

StanCOG will proceed with a similar process to Tulare. They will be compiling two lists of projects, one with measure and one without. MPOs need to be careful when drafting EIR (address both lists); air quality analysis should be consistent with 2007 TIP conformity.

- Design, Concept and Scope

Clarification – The NPRM requirements for design, concept and scope do not change the project list reports the COGs already provide as part of the RTP/TIP.

Okay to continue with current project lists as is.

- Projection of People and Goods

Clarification – The NPRM requirement to project people and goods does not change the projections currently provided by COGs, which include truck travel. (i.e. the NPRM does not intend to require itemization of the goods flowing through a region.)

Okay; FHWA indicated no requirement for commodity flow modeling.

- Model updates, network years, latest planning assumptions

Cari Anderson gave an update on the MPO model updates; summary of model updates vs. latest planning assumptions should be available for the next PCG call. The key is to keep consultants on track. If any schedules slip, there will be problems with conformity.

The 2030 Horizon year was agreed upon for the RTP; conformity will use the same network/analysis years as the TIP. A handout was provided of potential upcoming changes to horizon/analysis years for future conformity determinations. It was suggested that networks for all horizon/analysis years be prepared with the updated transportation models in an effort to provide updated activity data for future conformity budget development. Cari cautioned that as MPOs move forward with the model updates and network development to be sure consultants have the correct analysis years. Cari reiterated how important it will be to stay on the timeframe for the conformity analysis so other MPOs will not be affected. If the timeframe is pushed back it will eliminate the opportunity for the off cycle amendment process after the RTP approval.

Goals, Policies, Objectives, Performance Measures

- Recent California Transportation Commission / Caltrans activity

Are any MPOs revising their Performance Measures?

Tulare will be reviewing the measures but may not be changing them. Tulare has a ranking system in place for projects that takes into effect cost effectiveness and safety.

- NPRM “should consider” items

Clarification – These items are encouraged to be included in the RTP effort, but not required.

- Federal Planning Factors

Should incorporate those factors into the goals of the RTP.

- Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Caltrans said this is a state document that MPOs are encouraged to incorporate into the RTP document. The implementation phase is now in progress. MPOs are encouraged to check the CT traffic operations website for more details.

Are SHSP projects separated by regions? Caltrans said they are in the process of developing the project list. Steve stated the projects funded under this plan are exempt from conformity; however there will be a threshold for exemption. Steve stated MPOs should address this issue in text in the RTP rather than a project list. Mayela stated the policy and strategy implications should be considered as part of the RTP.

Cari asked if there should be a Valleywide boilerplate section for this issue. She said it could be incorporated into the Valleywide chapter. Marilyn (Kern) expressed concern over having another boilerplate section in the RTP. Cari said the boilerplate section could list the requirement and each COG could make it specific to their agency.

- Regional Transit Security Strategy

Question – Does anyone know what this is, and if/how they plan to incorporate it into the RTP process?

Kern will look into this item and report back to the group.

- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan

Please provide a brief update on the activity on this requirement in your region.

SJCOG reported the San Joaquin Regional Transit District is taking the lead on this plan for the county. The plan's scheduled completion will not fit into the RTP timeframe. Fresno said they are looking into taking over the designated recipient status for 5307 funds and looking to take the lead on the plan as well. StanCOG said they are the designated recipient for 5307 and the plan is not developed yet. Tulare is the designated recipient and is getting ready to go out with an RFP to hire a consultant to complete the plan. They will reference the plan efforts in the RTP. Merced is the designated recipient however the plan will not be completed prior to the RTP. They will reference it in the RTP. Madera will reference their Social Services Action plan in the RTP and mention the efforts on the coordinated plan also. Kings will make a reference to the AB120 action plan into the RTP. Kern is the designated recipient of 5307 funds. They may hire a consultant to complete the coordinated plan. The Social Service Action plan will be referenced in the RTP also.

Fiscal Constraint – attachments included

- NPRM Maintenance and Operations Considerations

Discussion – The NPRM is generating a large amount of comment from across the country regarding whether Appendices A & B should become regulation or be removed and remain as guidance only.

Doug Ito stated comments were received across the country in support of excluding the appendices from the NPRM regulations. The concern is that the Appendices A & B will become regulation instead of guidance. Mayela stated the guidance is being implemented and it isn't much more than what we were doing already.

What will be different for the Maintenance and Operations requirement than what the MPOs are currently doing in the RTP? Mayela stated this requirement will improve the plan and the level of detail included. The concerns are with how the system is currently maintained and operated. MPOs should have a more robust method to deal with this issue. Garth Hopkins stated an example in Southern California where a large transit system was created and now cannot be maintained. These are the types of issues the NPRM is trying to address. The question is whether you are maintaining the system and if you can make a determination to this. The guidance brings this issue down to the local level. NPRM says "shall" include maintenance and operations.

Ted (Tulare) stated his concern is that they will not be fiscally constrained because the maintenance levels change over time. Mayela said she doesn't think they would lock down the plan over an Operations and Maintenance system issue. If the baseline changes then the information should be included in the next RTP update. She stated where we will have problems is on the major projects. The focus will not be on the financial constraint on the operations and maintenance.

Bruce (StanCOG) stated it was difficult to get projections based on the fluctuations of these costs. StanCOG conducts a pavement maintenance survey down to the local level every two years. They will probably find that they are under funded just to keep the level of service maintained—should this be put into the RTP? Mayela stated you should include the fact that there is more need out there that can be funded. Garth (Caltrans) stated the guidelines are there to see what the money is paying for and what the needs are.

Cari asked if the Valley should comment on the NPRM that “all sources” should be limited to “federal sources”? Jason (Fresno) stated the MTC's RTP addresses this in a four or five page section. Dana Cowell (SJCOG) stated MTC spent three years developing those pages. He asked if the federal agencies would make an indication if in reviewing the plan they would push back saying that you shouldn't have as many capital improvements. He asked if there is some type of statement that we need to indicate that we can't meet all the needs but we are adequately meeting them.

Mayela stated FHWA will not comment on funding decisions or that capital projects should not be built if operations/maintenance issues are not met. There is no need for a statement of adequacy in the RTP. FHWA stated that funding was a local decision.

Kings uses the State and County expenditures report information as a source of information for the maintenance and operation section. Reports are due Oct 1st. Reports show what the current costs are and determine the cost projections.

Mayela stated the concern was with the major projects in the RTP. On major projects, project cost estimates must be updated and considered in the planning projects and should be reasonable. FHWA will not sign environmental documents for project with significant cost changes. MPOs should focus on cost estimating.

Can the MPOs use the State and County expenditure reports for this requirement?
FHWA will follow-up on this piece.

Discussion – The NPRM [450.322(f)(10) and 450.322(h)] suggests that all financial resources (public and private) be identified to carry out the RTP, including the resources required to operate and maintain the existing facility. How are regions approaching this requirement, and what issues are you facing?

Addressed above.

Question – How should the financial plan reflect the operations and maintenance component of the NPRM? According to the NPRM: Financial plans must support the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes and assess the adequacy of all sources of capital and Operations and Maintenance investment necessary to ensure the preservation of the existing transportation system, including provisions for operational improvements, resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of existing and future major roadways, as well as operations, maintenance, modernization, and rehabilitation of existing and future transit facilities.

Addressed above.

Question – Since this part of the NPRM is so widely contested and does not require Valleywide coordination, do the COGs want to address these requirements in a coordinated fashion, or deal with this on a county-by-county basis?

The decision was for a county-by-county approach.

- CSAC/League of Cities “Needs Assessment”

Discussion – CSAC and the League of Cities are putting together a “Needs Assessment” through the Regional Transportation Planning Agency group to gather information on local street and road needs. The intent is to provide information for RTPs, however, the timing for its finalization will not work for the Valley’s RTP update schedule. This data will be useful, however, for future RTP updates. Are all the COGs aware of this effort and have thoughts?

Survey to address the issues with the local streets and roads. The timeframe of this will not match up with the timeframe of the RTP update. Will be included in future updates.

- Asset Management Principles

Question – This is noted as an “encouraged to apply” in the NPRM. Are any COGs incorporating asset management principles, and if so, what are some examples?

This question was posed to FHWA in the NPRM comments. FHWA stated some local governments do this and look at infrastructure as assets. Assets are used as basis to maintain value. Decisions should be based on maintaining the value. There is a 10 page booklet on FHWA’s website regarding asset management principles and they will send the link to everyone.

- Revenue Sources / Projections Methodologies

Clarification – Measure proceeds can only be incorporated if the Measure passes the November elections (i.e. you cannot depend on a future ballot measure).

Correct.

Question – Bond proceeds for discretionary programs won’t be voted by CTC until at earliest, March 2007, too late for the RTP updates. We will however, have an idea in the January-March timeframe. To what extent can bond funds be incorporated into the RTP prior to CTC action? What impact will a CTC action that changes our projections have on our RTPs?

MPOs can provide estimates and assumptions going into the RTP development. If the assumptions change the RTP could be amended at the next amendment process.

Question – Are there other changes to current financial plan methods that are impacted by SAFETEA-LU requirements?

If someone comes across additional changes/issues please notify Cari, Jason or Doug.

Tulare stated it is a challenge to show the public the escalated costs of projects. The project list is reflected in “current” dollars but financial plan shows how you are escalating dollars. Madera keeps the revenue and expenditures consistent. Inflation would be included on both sides. Mayela stated consistency is important whether you use current dollars or not.

- Options for Bonding Measure dollars

Clarification – Fiscal constraint requirements allow projections for bonding against approved Measures.

Fresno did this in the past, but probably wouldn’t have the time to do this in the accelerated RTP schedule.

TCAG will be assuming revenue early and showing surplus because of the bonding. Bonding against your measure so you can push more projects forward.

MCAG will be doing this. FHWA is ok with this. Time constraint with getting the information for the update.

Environmental Impact Reports – attachments included

- Environmental Mitigation Requirement

Clarification – CEQA requirements fulfill this federal requirement.

CEQA and NEPA are different. Accelerate the project delivery process by looking at this requirement early. A lot of the agencies are contracting out the EIR work. Kern’s EIR is already underway.

If CEQA does not satisfy the environmental mitigation requirements what are the gaps? Mayela stated MPOs should include discussion at the local level on environmental mitigation. SAFETEA-LU addresses environmental mitigation activities in the plan. Mayela stated you can use the EIR but would need to be separate, but can see that the EIR could provide some of that discussion.

Dana (SJCOG) said it is not advisable to coordinate environmental documents agency to agency. A gap analysis should be determined. FHWA suggested a review of the regs to highlight what would be needed.

Is this a Valleywide issue? The issue is the new requirements vs the current EIR requirements. TCAG will run the gap analysis issues by their EIR consultant for an answer. Kern will also follow-up.

Confirmed that the comment period is 45 days same as CEQA.

What happens to EIR after MPO adoption? Caltrans reviews them and they ride along with the RTP. CT reviews RTPs and CTC adopts RTPs.

- Consultation Requirements

Clarification – As noted under public participation, these requirements are primarily documentation requirements that may already be satisfied via existing or planned updates to public participation plans or CEQA EIR processes.

Some agencies discussed the possibility of using Blueprint as a resource for consultation and resource agency input.

- Pending EIR questions for Caltrans

Caltrans reviews RTPs. All three documents (RTP, EIR and Conformity Analysis) must be taken for adoption concurrently. Handout of EIR questions was reviewed. Caltrans indicated 45 day public comment period required. Cari indicated that we may need to revisit the MPO adoption date on the accelerated RTP schedule. Caltrans referred to p. 23 of RTP guidelines for criteria on when to update EIRs. Caltrans agreed that there were no changes to EIR guidance resulting from SAFETEA-LU since it is a state law issue only. EIR is adopted by MPO with RTP; Caltrans reviews; CTC acts; FHWA approves conformity determination.

FTIP Amendment SAFETEA-LU Compliance Issues

Question – Are there any other issues that are FTIP compliance issues that are not already covered?

Will this be an update to the TIP document itself or just addressing the issues in the plan? Everyone will have a TIP, RTP, EIR and Conformity document for adoption concurrently.

Valleywide Chapter

Discussion – We need to decide who will take the lead, what needs to be updated (if anything) form a subcommittee, and decide on a schedule for completion.

Jason Paukovits (Fresno) discussed the Valleywide chapter for inclusion into the RTPs. Currently it is 50 pages and would like to size it down. Each MPO was given a section to update for the chapter. Assignments below:
 General Planning Section (TCAG)
 Demographics Section (Fresno)
 Air quality activities (SanJoaquin COG)
 Congestion Management Transportation Strategies, TDM (StanCOG)
 Streets and Roads (Kern)
 Rail/Aviation and Goods Movement (Kings)
 Finance Element (Madera)—include 99 Finance plan
 Safety (Merced)
 Jason will coordinate the efforts for the chapter.

ITS Architecture

Discussion – We need to decide who will take the lead, what needs to be updated (if anything) form a subcommittee, and decide on a schedule for completion.

An ITS Architecture Plan has been completed and has met the federal requirements. This would be a matter of documenting the efforts in the RTP. Rob and Raquel (Kern) will take the lead on updating the language section. There is an existing committee who oversees the maintenance of the plan and meets on a regular basis.

Congestion Management Strategy

Most MPOs have a congestion management in place. FHWA requested to better document the process in the RTPs.

Fresno is going to do a more comprehensive section on this. TCAG monitors the program each year and will incorporate the information into the RTP. SJCOG is updating the CMP but will not meet the timeframe of the RTP update. RTP will address their updating process. STANCOG does not have plans to update the CMP at this time. Kings/Madera is exempt, includes appendices.

450.320 in the NPRM. FHWA will follow up on this NPRM requirement relative to the RTP requirements. Mayela commented she thought this applied to TMAs.

Workshop Recap / Next Steps

Kern COG noted that the CEQA process called for a public review period for the EIR is 30 days. The regional context for the Valley COGs will require 45 days.

Will the RTP checklist be updated? Caltrans is in the process of updating this. They will let the comment period for the NPRM close first because this may impact the list.

NPRM final regulations may come out prior to the RTP adoption and may effect the RTPs. FHWA stated this may be an issue but will continue forward in the development of the RTP.

FHWA stated the MPOs should add a fourth year of programming to the FTIP for SAFETEA-LU compliance. Every Valley MPO should have five total years of programming in the current FTIP. Steve Luxenburg said to be sure to have four years of financial information to the FTIP for fiscal constraint.



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MEETING

Place: Conference Room, Engineering Building
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Agency: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A. Unscheduled Appearances

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

B. Minutes of August 9, 2006	1-3	Approve
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II. TRANSPORTATION:

A. FY 2006-07 OWP Amendment No. 1 Southern SJV Rural Vanpool and Rideshare Assessment Grant	4-7	Approve
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B. Draft SR 43 Transportation Concept Report	8 Handout	Information
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C. Triennial Performance Audit Proposals	9	Review
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D. Draft 2007 RTP Project List	10-24	Information
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E. FY 2006-07 Bicycle Transportation Account	25-30	Information
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III. REGIONAL PLANNING:

A. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies MOU	31-35	Approve
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B. SJV Partnership Draft Strategic Action Proposal	36-41	Information
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IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for October 11, 2006



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MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 13, 2006

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, Executive Director, at 1:31 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in the Conference Room, Engineering Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Marquez, Caltrans
Kevin McAlister, County of Kings
JP Prichard, City of Lemoore
Sandy Roper, County of Kings
Steve Sopp, City of Avenal

STAFF PRESENT: Terri King, KCAG Staff
Victoria Hall, KCAG Staff

VISITORS PRESENT: John Cinatl, Caltrans

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (McAlister / Marquez) to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. FY 2006-07 OWP Amendment No. 1

Ms. King stated KCAPTA was awarded a Statewide Transit Planning Studies grant of \$177,000 to conduct the Southern San Joaquin Valley Rural Vanpool and Rideshare Assessment Study. The grant funds must be incorporated into the current FY 2006/07 Overall Work Program (OWP) for KCAPTA to be eligible to receive the funds. The Southern San Joaquin Valley Rural Vanpool and Rideshare Assessment Study will be included under Work Element No. 502.03 in the amended FY 2006-07 OWP.

It was moved and seconded (Sopp / McAlister) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 06-17 to approve the FY 2006-2007 OWP Amendment No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Draft SR 43 Transportation Concept Report

Ms King introduced John Cinatl of Caltrans District 6 who discussed the SR 43 Transportation Concept Report. Caltrans has prepared the draft Transportation Concept Report (TCR) for the SR 43 corridor and is requesting comments by the end of September.

KCAG staff recommended that the member agencies review the Draft TCR for SR 43 and provide any comments to John Cinati of Caltrans by September 29.

C. Triennial Performance Audit Proposals

Ms. King stated that every three years the regional transportation planning agency (KCAG) is required to conduct triennial performance audits of it and the public transit operators. This fiscal year, the triennial performance audits of KCAG, Corcoran Area Transit (CAT) and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) covering the fiscal years 2003-04 through 2005-06 are scheduled to be conducted by an independent consultant. KCAG staff developed and distributed a request for proposals (RFP) with a budget of \$30,000 to known and interested consulting firms. Five proposals with a cost range of \$24,700-\$29,800 were received. A proposal review committee made up of KCAG staff and staff of the transit operators will review the proposals and present a recommendation for consultant approval at the TPC meeting.

D. Draft 2007 RTP Project List

The Kings County Association of Governments, as the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every three years. KCAG staff will be preparing a 2007 RTP minor update on an accelerated schedule to be SAFETEA-LU compliant by July 2007.

KCAG staff recommends that the cities, county and transit operators review the project lists in the current 2004 RTP and provide staff with any changes and comments.

E. FY 2006-07 Bicycle Transportation Account

Ms. King stated that every year Caltrans notifies local agencies of the availability of Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funds and the application process. Caltrans has provided the notice of funding for the FY 2007-08 BTA program, providing \$5 million statewide for bicycle projects. The application deadline is December 1, 2006.

A list of the bicycle projects included in the Regional Transportation Plan was included in the agenda materials. Ms. King encouraged the member agencies to apply for the BTA funds for appropriate projects.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies MOU

Ms. King stated that the eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies (RPA) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in 1992 for the purpose of coordinating mutual interregional planning issues in the Valley. As a result of proposed legislation earlier this year, consensus was reached that the current MOU needed to be revised. The revised MOU includes the creation of a new Regional Policy Council that is scheduled to meet for the first time at the Policy Conference in Bakersfield next month. Two KCAG Commissioners and an alternate are to be nominated for the Policy Council. A draft MOU was circulated among the eight Valley RPAs for review and comment last month.

It was moved and seconded (Sopp / Prichard) to recommend that the KCAG Commission approve the MOU and appoint two members and an alternate to serve on the Valley RPA Regional Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously.

B. SJV Partnership Draft Strategic Action Proposal

Ms. King stated the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was established in 2005 under the Governor's Executive Order to improve the economic, social, and environmental quality of life in the Valley. The Partnership met in Bakersfield to formally initiate review of its Strategic Action Proposal. The draft Strategic Action Proposal summarizes the recommendation from the various work groups on transportation, housing, health, etc. The official document is on the web site.

KCAG staff recommends that the member agencies review the draft Strategic Action Proposal and provide comments.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Sopp discussed the truck stop under construction on Highway 269 and I-5 in Fresno County and the reconstruction of city streets funded by the STIP.

Mr. McAlister discussed the Jersey Ave. project that will start at the end of the month and expected to be completed mid January. He also stated that the road sealing project has run into difficulty with receiving timely Federal approval.

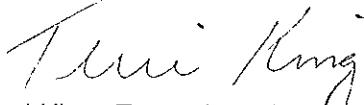
Mr. Marquez reminded everyone that the Transportation Planning Grant Applications were due to Caltrans by October 13, 2006.

There was a general discussion of the Quay Valley Ranch project proposed by developers located in the southwestern area of the county.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,


Terri King, Executive Director



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MEETING

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Agenda: KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
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B. Minutes of January 24, 2007	1-3	Approve
II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE		
A. General Transportation Items		
1. FY 2005-06 TDA Financial and Compliance Audits	4 Attachment	Approve
2. FY 2007-08 TDA Estimates	5-6	Information
3. 2006 RTIP Augmentation	7-8	Approve
4. Draft 2007 FTIP, RTP and Conformity Determination	9	Information
5. Draft FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program	10-12 Handout	Approve

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II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE - Continued

- B. Caltrans Reports
- C. Correspondence
- D. Staff Comments
- E. Commissioner Comments

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on February 28, 2007 | | Reaffirm |
| 2. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-01
Kettleman City CSD – Water and Waste Disposal Loan
and Grant | 13-14 | Ratify
Comments |
| 3. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-02
KCAO-Region IX Preschool and
Early Head Start Program Refunding | 15-16 | Ratify
Comments |
| 4. Kings County Regional Blueprint Wrap-Up Workshop | 17 | Information |

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence
- B. Staff Comments
- C. Commissioner Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting date scheduled for March 28, 2007.



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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Sid Craighead, Chairperson, at 4:35 p.m., on February 28, 2007 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sid Craighead, Tony Barba, Joe Neves, Dan Chin, Ray Lerma, Alan McCuen

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ed Martin

STAFF PRESENT: Seth Eberhard, Victoria Hall, Terri King, Christina Lehn

VISITORS PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Larry Spikes, Kyle Sand

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – January 24, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Neves) to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. 2006 RTIP Augmentation

Ms. King stated the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted a fund estimate for an augmentation of the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to use the Proposition 1A and 1B bond funds. KCAG is to develop a 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to show how the funds that are allocated to us will be spent based on the outcome of the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) project approvals.

KCAG submitted two CMIA project nominations. Caltrans, Kings and Tulare Counties, co-nominated the SR198 expressway project requesting \$89.5 million for construction. KCAG nominated the 19th Ave. interchange project requesting \$27 million for right-of-way and construction. The initial list of recommended projects submitted by CTC Staff on February 16th included funding of \$71.6 million for the SR198 expressway project and nothing for the 19th Ave. interchange project. After that list was released there were a lot of complaints from the urbanized areas stating that the money was supposed to be for congestion relief and they should get a larger share. Therefore, the CTC Staff went back and reviewed the list of projects and came out with a revised list. Fortunately, the SR198 project was still on the list and still being funded at \$71.6 million. The CTC was scheduled to adopt that list this morning which they did, with a few changes. The SR198 project remained on the list still funded at \$71.6 million.

With the CMIA funding approved, the RTIP regional share augmentation funds can be programmed. The fund estimate for Kings County is approximately \$14 million. There are three projects shown in the current STIP, one for 12th Ave. which is fully funded through construction, 19th Ave. which is only funded through design, and the expressway project which now has an unfunded balance of \$18 million. Prior to knowing the outcome of the CMIA funding, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended funding the \$3 million cost of right-of-way for the 19th Ave. interchange and a \$2 million cost increase in construction for the 12th Ave. interchange project. The rest could be used for whatever is needed for the SR198 expressway project. Caltrans District 6 Director had suggested that maybe the \$18 million could be either funded by the State or split three ways. A RTIP needs to be prepared for adoption next month to be submitted to the CTC by April 2nd.

Ms. King reported that future projects need to be considered for upcoming STIP cycles once the three current projects are fully funded. Caltrans is in the process of determining which project study reports (PSR) to prepare. A PSR is needed to program a project in the STIP and provides the scope and cost of a project, and any alternatives which might arise in the scope of the project. The KCAG Technical Advisory Committee discussed and recommended a list of projects for Caltrans to prepare PSRs. The first priority would be to prepare a new PSR to upgrade the interchange on SR198 at 13th Ave. and Hanford Armona Road. Development is beginning to be proposed there and Caltrans is concerned about traffic. The second priority would be an update for the 9th Ave. interchange on SR198. There is an old PSR, but the costs need to be updated. The third priority would be a new PSR for an interchange on SR198 at the 21st Ave. alignment near Lemoore. With the development going on, the SR 41 and Bush Ave. interchange is the only outlet available and would be impacted. Another outlet is needed and Lemoore could work with the developers in helping to fund any improvements determined to be necessary. The fourth priority is a new PSR for widening SR 43 to know what kind of costs are involved there. We know it will be expensive and it isn't eligible for anything like CMIA bond money or any interregional share funds from Caltrans. The project would need to be funded ourselves with limited regional share funds. For the 2008 STIP cycle we could focus money on finishing the 19th Ave. Interchange and possibility funding the environmental phase for the 13th Ave. project.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to approve the project funding for the 2006 RTIP Augmentation as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

2. FY 2005-06 TDA Financial and Compliance Audits

Ms. King reported the final audits of the FY 2005-06 Transportation Development Act (TDA) have been completed by the auditing firm of Brown Armstrong for the county and each of the cities as well as the RTPA. They found no instances of incorrect use of the funds.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Lerma) to accept the FY 2005-2006 TDA audits for submittal to Caltrans and the State Controller. Motion Carried unanimously.

3. FY 2007-08 TDA Estimates

Mr. Eberhard stated one of the responsibilities of KCAG is to administer the Transportation Development Act (TDA) which is comprised of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. The State Controller has provided the preliminary estimate for the FY 07-08 STA funds in the amount of \$1,875,905. STA funds are allocated based on population and revenue of the local transit operators. The Kings County Auditor has provided an estimate of \$3.4 million for the FY 2007-08 LTF that is allocated based on population. The estimated shares of LTF are included in the staff report. The claimants must hold unmet transit needs hearings as well as return their claim forms and other required documents to KCAG no later than April 1st. The approval of the TDA apportionments and allocations will be made by resolution at the June TPC meeting.

4. Draft 2007 FTIP, RTP and Conformity Determination

Ms. King stated because of the Federal regulations, KCAG must have a SAFETEA-LU compliant Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) approved by July 1 of this year. KCAG has to prepare an update of these documents and the associated conformity determination. Staff is preparing these documents that need to go out for public review soon. Each of the eight valley counties is to release their documents at the same time for a 45 day review period. These documents will be brought back for revision and then adoption at a later date. We are adding language referring to SAFETEA-LU, improving the financial element that provides an explanation of the funding sources and assumptions for future revenues, and updating project lists. Public participation is a key part of the SAFETEA-LU compliance.

5. Draft FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program

Ms. King reported that the agenda materials included the budget which shows the total cost for the efforts included in the FY 07-08 Overall Work Program (OWP). She distributed a draft copy of the OWP and explained that it does not include the individual work element cost breakdowns at this time. The draft document is to go out to state and federal agencies for public review and comment once the costs are included and staff will bring back a final document in May for adoption.

Ms. King stated that during previous meetings the proposed work elements were discussed and KCAG will be continuing with what we are doing now as well as adding a few new projects. The Regional Blueprint was funded for a second year and KCAPTA's project for the Ride Share and Van Pool Assessment Needs study will be carried over. A new project we will be doing is an update to the Transit Development Plan, which will include the recommendations from the performance audits being conducted now. The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan will also need to be updated soon, which has been included as another work element. Based on the work level, staff is recommended an additional staff person be hired in this next fiscal year. The new position could be a regional planner who could help out with the land use information, Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan and the 2010 Census which is coming up soon. This new position is included in the proposed FY 2007-08 budget.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to approve the submittal of the draft FY 2007-2008 OWP for review and comment. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Caltrans Reports

Mr. McCuen stated he has nothing further to add, as this month Caltrans has been heavily involved in all the bond programs during this period of time. Commissioner Neves asked about the street lights at SR41 and Jersey Ave. They are up but not on, what is the competition date? Mr. McCuen stated they are imminent at this point.

C. Correspondence

None

D. Staff Comments

Ms. King reported Marci Buford has been re-named to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. She is continuing as a representative for Kings County.

E. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barba thanked staff for working hard in getting money for SR198 project approved. The other Commissioners added their support and thanks.

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on February 28, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on February 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-01
Kettleman City CSD – Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant

Mr. Eberhard reported the Kettleman City Community Services District is applying for a competitive grant in the amount of \$2,180,000. Kings County will provide a local match of \$2,700,000 and the Kings County Redevelopment Agency will be providing \$3,000,000. The grant application is for funding from the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration towards the proposed surface water treatment plant and proposed commercial tank facility.

The following agencies commented that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs: City of Hanford – Planning and Kings County Health Department – EHS.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 07-01. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-02
Region IX Preschool and Early Head Start Program's Refunding

Mr. Eberhard reported the Kings County Community Action Organization is applying for a competitive grant in the amount of \$4,522,111. The applicant will provide \$1,138,028 from program funding in addition to the requested grant.

The grant application is for funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services towards a Region IX Preschool and Early Head Start Program, 3rd year refunding application for FY 2007/2008.

The following agencies have commented that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs: City of Corcoran, City of Hanford, and Kings County Health Department.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Lerma) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 07-02. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Kings County Regional Blueprint Wrap-up Workshop

Ms. Lehn reported KCAG had the Wrap up workshop on February 7th. There were over 55 participants and we had the highest number of public officials in attendance out of the four county area, including Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings. She thanked those who participated. She reviewed the results of the draft polling workshop and stated that we have been able to show the answers from the workshop and break them down so you can see the results for all the participants in a single group. We are able to break down also by each category. Also provided is the breakdown of the survey results of which 296 were tabulated. The top three results are lower crime, increase affordable housing, and clean air.

Ms. Lehn provided an update on other recent activities that have gone on including the Blueprint Professional Technical Group of planners that met in Clovis. This is the first time many of these planners have been in one room together. The Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee meeting is going to be held in the City of Lemoore Civil Center, March 22nd from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. KCAG staff is very excited to sponsor and host this event and are very grateful to the City of Lemoore. She asked that if anyone would like to attend this event to contact any KCAG staff so we can provide a lunch. She invited everyone to attend and see what the BRAC is doing. Earlier today a local Blueprint Roundtable meeting was held where they discussed the results of the information from the Workshop and advised staff to proceed with a mission statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None

B. Staff Comments

None

C. Commissioner Comments

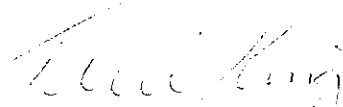
None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS


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MEETING

Place: Kings County Association of Governments
339 W. "D" Street, Suite B
Lemoore, CA

Time: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Agency: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
Any person may address the Committee on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Committee at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Committee on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Committee. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.		
B. Minutes of February 14, 2007	1-4	Approve
II. TRANSPORTATION:		
A. Final 2006 RTIP Augmentation	5-7 Attachment	Approve
B. Draft 2007 FTIP – Amendment No. 4	8 Attachment	Information
C. Draft 2007 RTP and FTIP Air Quality Conformity Determination	9 Attachment	Information
D. Federal Obligation Plan Submittal	10-12	Information
E. California Transportation Plan	13 Attachment	Information
III. REGIONAL PLANNING:		
A. Regional Blueprint Update	14-15	Information
B. 2010 Census - Local Update of Census Addresses	16-18	Information
IV. MISCELLANEOUS:		
V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2007		



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MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 14, 2007

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, Executive Director, at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Hughes, KCAPTA
Kevin McAlister, Public Works
Paul Marquez, Caltrans
Gary Misenhimer, City of Hanford
Steve Sopp, City of Avenal
David Wlaschin City of Lemoore
Bill Zumwalt, County of Kings

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Hall, KCAG Staff
Terri King, KCAG Staff
Christina Lehn, KCAG Staff

VISITORS PRESENT: Steve Curti, Caltrans
Angie Offenburger, KCAPTA

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Wlaschin / Misenhimer) to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. Final 2006 RTIP Augmentation

Ms. King reported on the final 2006 RTIP Augmentation. We were successful in receiving \$71.6 million of the \$89.5 million requested for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) for the SR 198 Expressway project. There is an \$18 million fund balance needed to complete the project. Caltrans District 6 has proposed to fund the full \$18 million as long as the regional share funds are used on projects on the state highway system. Regional share funds are proposed to fund the \$2 million construction cost increase for the 12th Ave. project. An additional \$3 million can be proposed to fund the ROW cost of the 19th Ave. project. The balance can be used with the 2008 STIP funds for programming the construction costs of the 19th Ave. project. The 19th Ave. project was unsuccessful in receiving funds from CMIA.

Mr. McAlister asked for clarification on money for local roads and streets. Ms. King answered by stating that the earliest funds could be available for that purpose would be the 2010 STIP cycle.

Mr. Sopp remarked on the complaining from urban counties regarding the CMIA and asked if there was any chance of losing the money. Ms. King replied the list of projects was adopted by the California Transportation Commission and can no longer be changed at this date. In addition Ms King stated they expect to begin construction on the SR 198 Expressway by 2009.

Mr. Wlaschin discussed the 19th Ave. project and Lemoore supplementing some of the \$3 million in ROW costs with local funds. Ms. King stated that it was her understanding that the city was using local funds to purchase homes within the ROW as they became available and requested those dollar figures be given to her as those figures will need to be included within the total estimated cost.

It was moved and seconded (Misenhimer / Wlaschin) to approve the 2006 RTIP Augmentation with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-01. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Draft 2007 FTIP – Amendment No. 4

Ms. King reported on the draft 2007 Kings County FTIP Amendment No. 4 covering FY 2006-2007 through 2009-2010. The FTIP includes a financial plan and must demonstrate constraint for both capital and operational costs on an annual basis. Copies of the proposed 2007 FTIP Amendment No. 4 and conformity documentation have been submitted for review and comment among local, state and federal agencies for the required 45-day review period. All comments received will be responded to in the final documents. There will be a public hearing before the KCAG TPC at its April 25 meeting. The FTIP is required to meet SAFETEA-LU requirements.

Ms. King stated that the change requested by Hanford to remove the Douty Street project and replace with a street sweeper was made to the FTIP.

Mr. McAlister asked when the next round of programming CMAQ projects would be. Ms. King stated that all of the funds in the 4-year element were programmed and the next round wouldn't be until the next apportionments were announced.

Mr. Wlaschin asked if a CMAQ project that was on hold, should it be removed. Ms. King stated it will be left where it is, due to the fact it is a current project and funds have already been allocated.

Mr. Misenhimer stated he was having difficulty getting air quality emission reduction benefit information for the street sweeper and would like the sample worksheet. Ms. King stated she would supply him with both.

C. **Draft 2007 RTP and FTIP Air Quality Conformity Determination**

Ms. King reported on the Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Air Quality conformity Determination which must be found to conform to the State Implementation Plan for the attainment of air quality standards. Results of the air quality emissions analysis demonstrates that all of our planned transportation projects contained in the draft 2007 RTP and 2007 FTIP Amendment No. 4 are consistent and conform to requirements. We are working to become SAFETEA-LU compliant by July 1, 2007. A public hearing will be held on April 25 before the KCAG TPC meeting. Comments from public hearings of all eight San Joaquin Valley counties must be included in each county's final document. Quay Valley was brought up, in regards to it being included in the RTP. Mr. Zumwalt said they are conceptually serious about the project.

D. **Federal Obligation Plan Submittal**

Ms. King stated the revised date for submitting obligation plans has been moved to April 2nd. The new plan is in a more flexible format.

Mr. McAlister requested a copy of the Federal Obligation Plan spreadsheet. Ms. King said she would provide it to him.

E. **California Transportation Plan**

Mr. Marquez reported that Caltrans is currently in the process of preparing an update to the California Transportation Plan (CTP) to comply with SAFETEA-LU. He provided a presentation on the update of the 2025 CTP where it is being extended to 2030. A consultation workshop will be held in three different areas of the State. In 2008 there will be a more comprehensive update to the CTP with workshops and outreach scheduled within the Caltrans District 6 area. He stated that the CTP representative from Caltrans District 6 is himself.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. Regional Blueprint Update

Ms. Lehn reported on the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) meeting which is going to be held on March 22, 2007 at the Lemoore Civic Auditorium. She stated the primary role of the BRAC is to synthesize the common values and themes from the individual county blueprint visions into one representative San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Vision. GVC is assisting the BRAC in this process and will provide administrative support. BRAC members from Kings County are Sid Craighead, David Ayers, Ron Hughes, John Lehn and Judy Horn. We are extending the invitation to all to come and see what BRAC is doing. There will be a presentation of U-Plan scenario mapping technology. There won't be another BRAC meeting in this area until sometime next year.

Ms. Lehn stated that the subsequent Kings County Blueprint Roundtable meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, in the multi purpose room at the Government Center.

B. 2010 Census – Local Update of Census Addresses

Ms. Lehn discussed the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) which is a census geographic partnership that will allow the Census Bureau to benefit from local knowledge in developing its master address file for the 2010 Census. The US Census is offering workshops for cities and counties to review and update the Census Bureau's address list and related maps. There will be two rounds of workshops. She stated the first round of workshops has not yet been scheduled for the southern region, but that staff will inform members when they are known. They are looking for local input to add local addresses.

Mr. Zumwalt mentioned discussing with Greg Gatzka the ability to assist in the efforts and make the actual addresses available from GIS data.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Marquez discussed the three interchanges proposed for the Quay Valley project. Mr. Misenhimer asked if this was going to impact Kings County. Mr. Marquez stated that it would.

Mr. Zumwalt reported that Quay Valley is moving ahead rapidly. It is a smart growth, clean air friendly alpha site. They plan to be testing new technologies. The revenue stream will involve 36 community service agencies, fire, police, county satellite offices including, HSA, Planning, Public Works, Health, schools, and a cemetery. To incorporate as a town there will be a proposed tax agreement. A community service board will need to be developed as well.

Mr. Zumwalt also reported there is a new ethanol plant being proposed that is expected to truck 60 million gallons of ethanol. There is a traffic study of 10th Ave. and 11th Ave at Kansas being conducted as part of the project review process.

Ms. King stated that Harry Verheul was organizing a request to get Federal funding for the SR 198 Expressway project.

Mr. Misenhimer discussed various signal projects and stated that the 12th Ave. and Hanford Armona Rd. project has started, the Hume Ave. and 11th Ave. project was completed this week, and that the Fargo and Douty signal is currently under design.

Mr. Hughes discussed the federal funding of \$5 million for the expansion of the AITS farm worker vanpool program into Kern County. They are assisting Madera and Santa Barbara Counties with their South Valley needs assessment study. He expects an 18-month timeframe to establish a San Joaquin Valley Transit Authority to operate the vanpool programs.

Mr. Hughes also discussed some proposed changes in the KART dial-a-ride program that would mostly affect seniors in order to improve the revenue ratio for the transit system. Changes will be made to reduce expenses rather than raise rates.

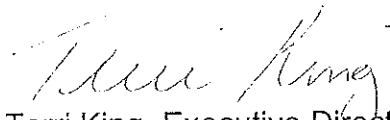
Ms. King stated that KCAPTA would be holding a public hearing regarding unmet transit needs on March 28, 2007. The final TDA audits are ready to be submitted to the State Controllers Office and Caltrans and distributed copies to the members present.

Ms. Lehn reported the polling results of the Blueprint Roundtable are available and distributed copies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEETING

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Agenda: KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
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B. Minutes of February 28, 2007	1-6	Approve
II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE		
A. General Transportation Items		
1. Final 2006 RTIP Augmentation (Resolution No. 07-01)	7-9 Attachment	Public Hearing Approve
2. Draft 2007 RTP, FTIP and Conformity Determination	10-11 Attachment	Information
3. California Transportation Plan	12-14 Attachment	Information
4. San Joaquin Valley 511 Traveler Information	15-21	Information

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II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE - Continued

- B. Caltrans Reports
- C. Correspondence
- D. Staff Comments
- E. Commissioner Comments

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on March 28, 2007 | | Reaffirm |
| 2. Regional Blueprint Advisory Committee | 22 | Information |
| 3. 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses | 23-27 | Information |

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence
- B. Staff Comments
- C. Commissioner Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting date scheduled for April 25, 2007.



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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Sid Craighead, Chairperson, at 4:30 p.m., on March 28, 2007 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sid Craighead, Ed Martin, Joe Neves, Dan Chin, Ray Lerma, Alan McCuen

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Tony Barba

STAFF PRESENT: Seth Eberhard, Victoria Hall, Terri King

VISITORS PRESENT: Kyle Sand

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – February 28, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Lerma / Chin) to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. Final 2006 RTIP Augmentation

Ms. King reported that Proposition 1A and 1B funds were approved by the voters which provided additional funding for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as well as the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA). The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is to program these additional funds through an Augmentation of the 2006 STIP.

Kings County is to program its regional share of the augmentation funds, estimated to be \$5.8 million, in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Kings County received the \$71.6 million for the SR 198 expressway, however no funding was received for the 19th Ave project from the CMIA. Therefore a plan was needed on how to program the augmentation funds. There was a discussion of the three projects currently programmed in the STIP. These included the expressway project, of which there is an \$18 million balance needed to fund the construction. Caltrans, Kings and Tulare Counties working together have come up with an agreement where Caltrans will apply for the \$18 million that is needed from State interregional money. Therefore regional share funds will not be used for that project. For our other two projects, the 12th Ave. project has a \$2.5 million increase in the construction cost and the estimated cost of right of way for the 19th Ave. project is \$3 million. The 2006 RTIP Augmentation proposes to program the regional share funds for these two projects as described.

Commissioner Craighead opened the public hearing for the 2006 RTIP Augmentation. There were no written comments and no one came forward, so Commissioner Craighead closed the public hearing. There were no commissioner comments.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to approve the 2006 RTIP Augmentation with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-01. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Draft 2007 RTP, FTIP and Conformity Determination

Ms. King stated that the draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), draft 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4 and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for both the FTIP Amendment No. 4 and the RTP were released for public review on March 12, 2007. Each of these documents can be down loaded from the KCAG web site. Because of both the federal planning and programming requirements of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, we must have SAFETEA-LU compliant RTP and FTIP by July 1, 2007. This is for all the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley. The comment period will close on April 27th following a public hearing before the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on April 26th. We will be responding to comments and schedule adoption of all three of these documents at the May meeting in time to get Federal approval by the July 1st dead line.

According to the SAFETEA-LU regulations the counties were all supposed to have started the update process way in advance, however Federal rules were not provided in time to meet those requirements, so a gap analysis has been developed to show what is in the RTP that needs to be done in the mean time to make it SAFETEA-LU compliant. For the FTIP Amendment No. 4 the SAFETEA-LU compliancy would be including a 4 year schedule of projects in the financial plan. We also included the CMIA funds as well as the proposed STIP augmentation funds in the FTIP.

3. California Transportation Plan

Ms. King stated included in the agenda there is a summary of Caltrans' process of making their California Transportation Plan SAFETEA-LU compliant.

Mr. McCuen stated California has had a statewide transportation plan since 1994 and that Caltrans has updated it twice since then. Caltrans is doing the same things KCAG has to do with its RTP to make it SAFETEA-LU compliant. Some of the requirements of SAFETEA-LU this time around strengthen some of the elements that were there before and adding things haven't been done before. The California Transportation Plan is essentially policy overview of the other documents. He highlighted some of the areas to be strengthened, including consultation and environmental mitigation.

4. San Joaquin Valley 511 Traveler Information

Mr. Eberhard reported the 511 program is a phone system that provides information along major routes and corridors in a given area. Some of the services it includes are: information on highways, public transportation, different types of car pooling, bicycling, Amtrak information, and national weather service. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has extended an offer to the counties of Central California in giving us an opportunity to join their already established 511 system. If we were to take their offer SACOG would be covering the operating expenses and what each county would be responsible for is a certain monthly charge to operate the switchers in the county and a .07 cent a minute charge for the users of the system. For Kings County there would be two switchers and that would result in a maximum charge of \$950 a month. Staff has prepared a letter of support for a planning grant application that would cover the majority of this cost every month.

Commissioner Neves commented he has never used the 511 system and asked if it was just an ongoing recorded message. Mr. Eberhard replied you dial 511 from a phone and you are switched to the department for which you are requesting information.

Mr. McCuen added they are looking at the project for the whole valley. One of the things that has caused this is everybody has been calling 911 and the 511 would relieve this and possibly provide more services in the future.

Commissioner Martin expressed concerns regarding funds to the feasibility project. Commissioner Neves discussed the cost if another jurisdiction does not want to participate and that the 911 system is behind schedule to direct calls to the area the cell phone is calling from. Mr. McCuen said the technology is there but the infrastructure to support the system isn't in place yet.

B. Caltrans Reports

Mr. McCuen discussed the start of the project on SR 41 down to the Kern County line. There will be night work and a detour until the project is completed, taking about 18 months. The detour will be from SR41 to SR33 south to SR46 then back to SR41.

The medium barrier on SR 198 is on schedule and should be completed mid summer. Commissioner Neves discussed the breaks in the barrier. Mr. McCuen replied there isn't enough room in the width of the median for vehicle breaks, but they have added pedestrian breaks. Commissioner Neves also commented the light at Jersey Ave. and SR41 the east side is working and the west side is not working.

C. Correspondence

None

D. Staff Comments

Ms. King distributed copies of the draft FY 07-08 OWP and stated that it is still out for public review.

E. Commissioner Comments

None

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on March 28, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on March 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Regional Blueprint Advisory Committee

Mr. Eberhard reported the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) is made up 5 representatives from each of the 8 San Joaquin Valley counties. One of their roles is to synthesize the individual values from each county into one San Joaquin Valley wide blueprint vision. KCAG hosted the BRAC meeting last Thursday in Lemoore. Their agenda included having the members begin to discuss the common values and the San Joaquin Valley vision statement. Sid Craighead was selected Vice Chair of the BRAC and Nathan Magsig was selected Chair. The summary that the BRAC came up with is going to be sent back to them for additional input and refinement and will be presented to this board next month for possible approval.

3. 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses

Ms. King reported the 2010 Census is going to be starting soon. The first activity is the workshops for the local update of census addresses (LUCA). There are workshops scheduled where local jurisdictions are invited to attend to help out with the master addresses file for the census so it will be complete. There are two workshops scheduled in our area, Tulare on April 25th and in Fresno on April 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. Material relating to the LUCA program was attached to the agenda including a schedule of LUCA activities and a reply form if anyone would like to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None

B. Staff Comments

Ms. King discussed the 14th Annual CALCOG Regional Issues Forum scheduled for Thursday and Friday April 12th and 13th at the Monterey Plaza Hotel. KCAG will pay Commissioners expenses for those interested in attending.

Ms. King reported on the progress in the separation from the County, we did finally receive the PERS contract information. Based on the PERS timeline the separation date is July 2nd. We will have two resolutions, one is a resolution of intent that we are willing to enter into a PERS contract and the second resolution is for the contract for PERS KCAG is also to enter into an MOU with County for the services that they will continue to supply to KCAG.

C. Commissioner Comments

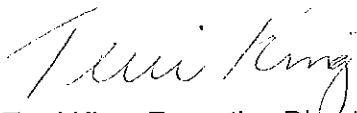
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEETING

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Agenda: KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
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II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE		
A. General Transportation Items		
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| 2. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-03
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Comments |
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| 4. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-05
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| 8. FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Financial Report | 59-76 | Information |

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence
- B. Staff Comments
- C. Commissioner Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting date scheduled for May 23, 2007.



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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Sid Craighead, Chairperson, at 4:32 p.m., on April 25, 2007 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sid Craighead, Ed Martin, Tony Barba, Joe Neves, Dan Chin

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ray Lerma, Alan McCuen

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Hall, Terri King, Christina Lehn

VISITORS PRESENT: David Hamilton, Ron Hughes, Elaine Azevdo

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – March 28, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Martin) to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act

Ms. King reported the estimates for the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) have been received. Claims forms have been sent out to local jurisdictions and transit operators and they have supplied those claims back to KCAG staff. She gave an overview of the LTF and STA, our responsibility for administering those funds, and a summary of how those funds are distributed for planning, transit and roads.

Ms. King reported that staff also reviews the two transit operators to see how they are meeting their goals relating to ridership, fare revenues and cost as established in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Included in the agenda materials is a summary of the services each of the operators provide, some of the changes taken place over the past year, a summary of the how the transit operators reached their goals, and a report of the on-board surveys taken by staff. She noted that it seems everything is operating very smoothly with no major problems to report beyond items such as requests for more route signs and shelters.

Ms. King stated that a public hearing is scheduled for this evening and continues on until next month to hear comments from the public regarding any unmet transit needs that may or may not be reasonable to meet. She reported that KCAG received a letter from Rose Taylor, a Lemoore resident and asked that it be recorded as written testimony. Chairman Craighead opened the public hearing to hear testimony on unmet transit needs. No one came forward and the public hearing was continued until next month.

Ms. King stated that KCAG staff also held a Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting where representatives of the elderly, disabled and low income have provided a few comments. They will meet again following the public hearing comments and come back to commission with a recommendation about unmet needs findings.

2. Draft 2007 RTP, FTIP and Conformity Determination

Ms. King reported on March 12th the draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP, Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4, and the associated Air Quality Conformity Determination were released for public review and comment for a 45 day period. There is a public hearing scheduled for this evening and the comment period ends tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. These documents were provided to various agencies and individuals for their comments and they are also included on our website for downloading and viewing.

Commissioner Craighead opened the public hearing on the Draft 2007 RTP, 2007 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination. Ms. King reported that comments have been received from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Caltrans and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. KCAG staff will respond to all those comments in the final document that will be before the TPC in May for adoption. After no other comments Commissioner Craighead closed the public hearing.

B. Caltrans Reports

None

C. Correspondence

None

D. Staff Comments

Ms. King stated the median barrier on SR 198 near Lemoore has been completed. There is another median barrier project scheduled on SR 198 from Douty St. to 10th Ave. We submitted the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation before April 2nd and Caltrans submitted their ITIP. Caltrans honored their statement that they would request the full \$18 million in the funding gap for the construction of the SR 198 Expressway project.

E. Commissioner Comments

None

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on April 25, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on April 25, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-03
Armona CSD – Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Upgrade

Ms. Lehn reported that the Armona Community Services District is applying for a grant of \$6,545,805 from the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration for a wastewater treatment and upgrade. There were two comments from the City of Corcoran and submitted late from the Kings Partnership for Children stating that there is no conflict or duplication with existing programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 07-03. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-04
Armona CSD – Well #2 Water Treatment Plant

Ms. Lehn reported that the Armona Community Services District is applying for a grant of \$1,780,000 from United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration for a water treatment project at Well #2. There was one comment from the City of Corcoran that there is no conflict or duplication with existing programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Neves) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 07-04. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Areawide Planning Review No. 07-05
Armona CSD – Well #3 Pilot and Production Well, Development and Treatment

Ms. Lehn reported that the Armona Community Services District is applying for a grant of \$1,450,000 from United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration for a Pilot Production Well Development and Treatment Project. There was one comment from the City of Corcoran that there is no conflict or duplication with existing programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Chin / Barba) to ratify comments of staff and other reviewers regarding Areawide Planning Review No. 07-05. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Kings County Blueprint Values

Ms. Lehn reported the Blueprint visioning effort is what we hope to be a bottoms-up process first and foremost and are striving throughout the process to capture what the Kings County average resident expresses to be what they value. Furthermore what do they want their community to look like in the future, specifically the year 2050. KCAG staff with the assistance of the VRPA consulting team had an extensive public outreach effort where we went out into the community and spoke to people and gathered a lot of information.

In the meetings the same topics were repeated over and over again and those items we heard repeated are listed as the Kings County Blueprint Values. There are 12 values listed and they are all considered important and that one is not more important than another. The first talks about clean air and the second about having a range of well designed housing choices, not just low income in one area, but that we need a mix of all of them in every community. The residences told us that they wanted safe and well designed communities, a vibrant diverse economy, to preserve agricultural lands, and want safe reliable sources of water. They want to preserve open and green space, continue to enhance our educational opportunities, and promote entertainment and cultural activities, specifically for the youth. These Blueprint Values went to the Kings County Blueprint Roundtable where they were given 2 to 3 months to make changes and that this is the final product being brought before the KCAG Commission as Kings County Blueprint Values.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to approve the list of Kings County Blueprint Values as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. AB 997 – Capital Outlay and Infill Planning Incentives

Ms. Lehn reported with the Governor's commitment to the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint there is a lot of focus in the San Joaquin Valley and with that we have a lot of legislation activity going on that KCAG staff has recently been following. AB 997 introduced by Assemblyman Juan Arambula is a bill that would provide guidance on how Proposition 1C bonds funds would be distributed, specifically to support infill development projects that would therefore reduce urban sprawl and protect prime agriculture. She provided a summary of the bill and noted that this item is just for information purposes and that KCAG staff will be following this bill.

7. AB 1129 – Rural Regional Affordable Housing Trusts

Ms. Lehn stated that AB 1129 introduced by Assemblyman Juan Arambula is a bill that would create rural regional affordable housing trusts. This is a regional collaborative for planning and funding of affordable housing. A housing trust would supply the capacity and expertise to go after these federal and state grants and to administer them locally. Bill 1129 would also create a San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust, which would enable communities which don't have the staffing or resources to really tackle affordable housing to take advantage of that housing trust. This bill has also been held over until next year. Assembly Member Arambula is also seeking comments on this bill, if you feel there is something you feel could strengthen it. If you have comments you may provide them to KCAG staff, we will be more than happy to pass those along for you.

8. FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Financial Report

Ms. King reported the 2nd quarter financial report with expenditure and revenues through December 31, 2006 has been sent to Caltrans. Over the last two quarters we have spend a total of \$265,500. We are requesting Federal reimbursement of \$112,049, however, a \$23,611 portion of that total amount is reimbursement for KCAPTA's planning grant for the Southern San Joaquin Valley Rideshare Study which will be forwarded on to them. The report also includes a narrative summary of activities undertaken within each work element and how much is expended by each funding source by each work element. We have received revenues of \$406,000 which included reimbursements from the prior year expenditures as well.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None

B. Staff Comments

Ms. King mentioned we have the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council meeting on Monday at 9:30 in Fresno with Commissioners Craighead and Neves attending.

Ms. King stated that there is a lot of legislation that we are trying to follow and are developing a format so we can report on the some of the bills that might be of interest. She noted that part of the Proposition 1B for transportation funding is for the State and Local Partnership Program. Regional agencies and legislators are trying to develop the criteria as to who will be receiving those funds. It is a one for one match and a lot of the groups are saying it is supposed to be self help sales tax measure counties only which would leave out 38 counties, including Kings. Some legislative members are opposed to the criteria in the bills, but most are for it. Various bills are going through the legislative process and we are trying to get it amended where impact fees could also be an eligible funding match source.

C. Commissioner Comments

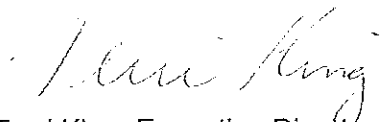
Commissioner Craighead asked Ms. Lehn about if the Kings County Blueprint Values were going to be brought up at the meeting he was going to attend on Friday May 4, 2007. Ms. Lehn responded the Kings County Values that were approved will be submitted to the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEETING

Place: Kings County Association of Governments
339 W. "D" Street, Suite B
Lemoore, CA

Time: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Agency: KCAG Technical Advisory Committee

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
Any person may address the Committee on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Committee at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Committee on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Committee. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.		
B. Minutes of March 14, 2007	1-5	Approve
C. Minutes of April 11, 2007	6-8	Approve
II. TRANSPORTATION:		
A. Revised FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act	9-11	Information
B. Final FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program	12-14	Approve
C. Revised Expedited Project Selection Procedures	15-17	Approve
D. Local Cost Effectiveness CMAQ Policy	18-24	Approve
E. Final 2007 RTP, FTIP, Conformity Analysis	25-50	Approve
III. REGIONAL PLANNING:		
A. 2007 DOF Population Estimates	51-53	Information
IV. MISCELLANEOUS:		
V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2007		



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MINUTES

KCAG TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2007

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Terri King, Executive Director, at 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Conference Room, 339 West "D" Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Marquez, Caltrans
Gary Misenhimer, City of Hanford
JP Prichard, City of Lemoore
Bill Zumwalt, County of Kings

STAFF PRESENT: Seth Eberhard, KCAG Staff
Victoria Hall, KCAG Staff
Terri King, KCAG Staff

VISITORS PRESENT: None

A. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

B. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Misenhimer / Zumwalt) to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded (Misenhimer / Zumwalt) to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION

A. Revised FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act

Mr. Eberhard reported that based on the new 2007 Department of Finance population estimates released on May 1, 2007 and the revised budgets for the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) and KCAG, the shares of Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for various purposes have been revised.

Ms. King stated that with Hanford's larger population increase, its KCAPTA formula share could have exceeded its apportionment of available funds. However a change in service hours allowed Hanford's formula funding share to remain within its apportionment. Mr. Misenhimer asked if the city would be responsible for the remainder the LTF share if the KCAPTA amount had been more than the balance. Ms. King replied KCAPTA would have to make up the difference from another funding source.

Ms. King noted a draft of the triennial performance audit for KCAPTA, Corcoran and KCAG will be available for review at the June meeting.

B. Final FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program

Ms. King reported the proposed final FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program was available at a handout. A change from the draft OWP is the addition of consulting services for EIR for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan update being prepared for SAFETEA-LU compliance. The total cost of the OWP is estimated to be \$971,000. The final OWP is funded with a combination of Federal planning funds, Local Transportation Funds, Abandoned Vehicle Abatement funds, State planning programming and monitoring funds, Blueprint Grant funds, and local funds.

Mr. Zumwalt suggested an additional column be added to Table 1 and Table 2 in the OWP showing "Local Funds" and moving the match for the regional planning activity work elements to that column from the "LTF" column.

Mr. Marquez asked if the Public Participation Plan was included in the OWP since federal agencies are taking a closer look at having the public being a part of developing the OWP. Ms. King noted that those activities were included and that a consultant will be retained to help conduct public participation activities throughout the year.

Ms. King noted that the modeling consultant is preparing the land use data for the update of the travel model, expected to be completed within four months. A subcommittee will be needed to review the city and county land use data for accuracy.

Ms. King noted that the auditing consultants who conducted the TDA audits have offered to conduct the AVA audits for both FY 2005-06 and 2006-07 at a reduced rate of \$14,000.

A motion was made and seconded (Misenhimer / Zumwalt) to recommend that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee approve the final FY 2007-08 OWP with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-04. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Revised Expedited Project Selection Procedures

Ms. King reported the programming of projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is subject to Federal Financial Constraint guidelines which require that KCAG limit programming to the apportionment level of each year in the four year quadrennial element. Projects can only be obligated from the current year of the quadrennial element; however projects can be advanced by administrative amendment provided that financial constraint is maintained. For an agency to submit an early allocation request the region must have adopted Expedited Project Selection Procedures (EPSP). KCAG adopted procedures in 2005, but they need to be updated in regards to SAFETEA-LU changes. The most recent version of the EPSP for the FTIP was adopted when the federal planning regulations included a three year triennial period. SAFETEA-LU now allows for a four-year quadrennial element of programming.

A motion was made and seconded (Misenhimer / Zumwalt) to recommend approving and authorizing the Executive Director to sign the attached revised EPSP. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Local Cost Effectiveness CMAQ Policy

Ms. King stated as part of the development of local air quality measures for the 8-hour Ozone plan, the San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) proposed to develop a process across the Valley for distributing 20% of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to projects that meet a minimum cost-effectiveness threshold beginning in FY 2011. All the CMAQ funding must go to transportation-related projects that demonstrate an air quality benefit and KCAG currently has criteria that include cost effectiveness. The San Joaquin Valley MPOs propose to adopt the local cost-effectiveness CMAQ policy through the attached Resolution which would program 20% of CMAQ funds for project that meet a minimum cost effectiveness threshold. The policy is scheduled to be implemented in FY 2011 since the current federally approved 2007 FTIPs have committed CMAQ funds through 2010. The MPOs will revisit the minimum cost-effectiveness threshold periodically.

A motion was made and seconded (Zumwalt / Misenhimer) to recommend approving CMAQ cost-effectiveness criteria as described in Exhibit A with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-02.

E. Final 2007 RTP, FTIP, Conformity Analysis

Ms. King reported KCAG staff has prepared the draft 2007 RTP, draft 2007 Kings County FTIP Amendment No. 4, and the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The documents were released for a 45-day review period and a public hearing was held April 25th. The comments from local, state, and federal agencies as well as the public have been included in the agenda materials and have been responded to within each document.

The KCAG Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled to adopt these documents and approve the RTP Initial Study/Negative Declaration at its May 23, 2007 meeting.

REGIONAL PLANNING

A. 2007 DOF Population Estimates

Ms. King stated The California Department of Finance released the 2007 population estimates for Kings County and the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore. These estimates will be used to determine budget shards for KCAG. The total population for Kings County increased to 151,381.

Mr. Zumwalt discussed the population count break down of the prisons and LNAS.

Mr. Prichard asked about the accuracy of the number of mobile homes identified within the City of Lemoore. Ms. King stated she would look into the prior year's numbers and get back to him.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Marquez reported that Caltrans is preparing the Corridor Management Plans for the CIMA project on SR 198 with the scope extending from LNAS to Highway 99 through Kings and Tulare County jurisdictions. They will use the existing Transportation Concept Report and work with local agencies regarding land use, road issues, parallel roads and project sequencing. They will be meeting every two weeks with headquarters during the 18 month project.

Mr. Marquez stated that Alan McCuen has retired and Sharri Bender-Ehlert will be filling that position.

Mr. Misenhimer reported two signals have been installed on Hume Ave at 12th and 12th at Hanford/Armona Road. Work by Caltrans has started on the signal at Highway 43 and Flint. A contract has been signed to finish 11th Ave. from 3rd to Davis. From Davis to Hume there has been a median island installed and at Hanford/Armona Road a curb and widening project.

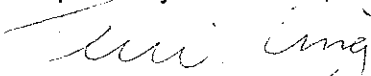
Mr. Zumwalt had questions for Caltrans regarding Highway 41 re-alignment, raising the grade above the flood zone and widening the shoulders.

Ms. King mentioned the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program has been extended to 2017. She also stated that KCAG will be looking at the PERS contract next month as part of the continuing process to separate from the County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,


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MEETING

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Kings County Government Center,
1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

Time: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Agenda: KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman		
A. Unscheduled Appearances		
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B. Minutes of April 25, 2007	1-6	Approve
II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE		
A. General Transportation Items		
1. FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act a. Public Hearing – Unmet Transit Needs	7-9	Information Continue Hearing
2. Final FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program (Resolution No. 07-02)	10-12	Approve
3. Revised Expedited Project Selection Procedures	13-15	Approve
4. CMAQ Local Cost Effectiveness Policy (Resolution No. 07-03)	16-22	Approve
5. Final 2007 RTP, FTIP and Conformity Determination (Resolution No. 07-04)	23-51 Attachments	Approve

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II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE - Continued

- B. Caltrans Reports
- C. Correspondence
- D. Staff Comments
- E. Commissioner Comments

III. KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on May 23, 2007 | | Reaffirm |
| 2. DOF 2007 Population Estimates | 52-54 | Information |
| 3. FY 2006-07 3rd Quarter Report | 55-69 | Information |
| 4. Resolution of Intent for PERS Membership | 70-74 | Approve |

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence
- B. Staff Comments
- C. Commissioner Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting date scheduled for June 27, 2007.



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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Sid Craighead, Chairperson, at 4:48 p.m., on May 23, 2007 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sid Craighead, Tony Barba, Joe Neves, Dan Chin, Paul Marquez
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ray Lerma, Ed Martin
STAFF PRESENT: Seth Eberhard, Terri King, Christina Lehn
VISITORS PRESENT: Elaine Azevdo, Angie Offenburger, William Sloan

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – April 25, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Neves) to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY ITEM

Ms. King stated that an item came before us in which Caltrans needs action before our next months scheduled meeting. It was moved and seconded (Neves / Barba) to place an item on the agenda as an urgency item to discuss the FY 2005-06 RSTP Exchange agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

1. FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act

Chairman Craighead continued the public hearing regarding unmet transit needs. Ms. King stated we have received no additional written testimony. With no persons coming forward, Chairman Craighead closed the public hearing.

Mr. Eberhard stated the TDA allocations have been revised to include the 2007 Department of Finance population estimates released on May 1st. The attached chart shows what the new allocations will be. Staff will be asking for final approval of the apportionments at next month's TPC meeting. Ms. King stated a Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for May 6th to go over comments received and will write a letter regarding their recommendations for the unmet transit needs determination.

2. Final FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program

Ms. King reported included in the agenda material is the proposed final FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program (OWP). The draft was submitted for review and comment to various agencies. Comments have been received from Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration and those comments were included in the final OWP where appropriate. The total cost of the OWP, including KCAPTA pass through grant funds, is \$1,033,400 and is being funded with Federal Planning Funds, LTF, AVA funds, State Planning Funds, Blueprint and Air District grants funds, and local funds.

Ms. King also stated that she provided a handout of the FY 2007-08 budget. The first page is a worksheet of budget items and the calculation of the indirect cost rate we submit to Caltrans. The second page is the budget that would be listed in the County system where we keep track of revenues and expenses. The second page does not include pass-through funds for the KCAPTA grant.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-02. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Revised Expedited Project Selection Procedures

Ms. King stated KCAG adopted Expedited Project Selection Procedures for our previous Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This allows us to advance projects in the FTIP from anywhere within the three year triennial period and to spend down funds so that additional projects could be programmed to use that year's apportionment. Because of SAFETEA-LU, the FTIP has been revised to include a fourth year of project programming. We are proposing to revise the expedited projection selection procedures to add the fourth year.

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to authorize the Executive Director to sign the revised Expedited Project Selection Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CMAQ Local Cost Effectiveness Policy

Ms. King reported each year Kings County receives an apportionment of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds that are programmed in the FTIP for eligible projects. Our process for programming projects is for the county, cities and eligible applicants to submit proposals for those funds. KCAG ranks all proposals based on a cost effectiveness basis for emission reductions. Other MPOs program funds in a variety of methods.

New SAFETEA-LU guidelines request that MPOs give priority to cost effective congestion mitigation projects that provide air quality benefits. The eight valley MPOs are proposing a local cost effectiveness policy, where we try to program 20% of our CMAQ funds for cost effectiveness that meets a certain minimum threshold. The eight counties will identify what that threshold is each year. Exhibit A is the policy the eight counties would propose to follow, but would not be utilized until programming projects beginning in 2011 since funds have already been programmed up till then in the current FTIP. The proposed policy shouldn't impact us negatively because we already program all CMAQ funds based on a cost effectiveness basis. The threshold will be set whereby it will be easy to attain by each MPO.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the CMAQ Local Cost Effectiveness Policy with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-03. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Final 2007 RTP, FTIP Amendment No. 4 and Conformity Determination

Ms. King stated the draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4 and associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis documents were out for public review for a 45 day period starting March 12, 2007. The comments we received that needed to be responded to in these final documents start on page 28 of the agenda materials and include comments from Caltrans, Federal Highways Administration, Federal Transit Administration, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, as well as various local agencies. Those comments have been incorporated where appropriate in each document which are provided as handouts. Also included in the RTP is the environmental document that needs to be approved as well. The documents need to be adopted in time for submittal to Caltrans and FHWA by June 1, 2007, to have them approved by the July 1, 2007 for SAFETEA-LU compliance. All the Valley MPOs, Federal and State Agencies, local governments, and the public have coordinated throughout this process to prepare the final product.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the Final 2007 RTP, 2007 FTIP Amendment No. 4 and Conformity Determination with the adoption of Resolution No. 07-04. Motion carried unanimously.

6. FY 06-07 Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange

Ms. King reported that each year Kings County receives a federal apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds, which are then exchanged for State funds through two separate agreements with Caltrans. One exchange agreement is with the RTPA and the other is a direct allocation to the county. The RTPA allocation for FY 2006-07 RSTP funds is \$1,216,628 and the County's allocation is \$288,086. The exchanged funds are then distributed to each of the cities and the county based on an agreed upon formula.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to adopt Resolution No. 07-05, authorizing the Executive Director to sign Agreement No. X07-6408(003) for FY 06-07 RSTP Exchange Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Caltrans Reports

Mr. Marquez stated with the recent retirement of Alan McCuen from full-time employment, who is still working part-time, Sharri Bender-Ehlert has been appointed the new Deputy District Director of Planning.

Mr. Marquez reported on a number of highway improvement projects under construction. He stated that if there are other projects of interest to please let me know and he will get the information to the Commissioners.

Mr. Marquez also noted that Caltrans is working on preparing a Corridor System Management Plan as a requirement for receiving CMIA funding for the SR 198 Expressway project. The Plan will focus on the SR 198 corridor between SR 99 and SR 43. The CTC expects Caltrans and the regional agencies to preserve the mobility in these capacity increasing projects by implementing this plan. This plan would include performance measures, such as mobility, safety and reliability, through continued modification beyond the construction of the project. Caltrans will be the lead in procuring this plan, but the plan would be developed through coordination with the regional agencies. The plan will also need to be adopted by the regional agencies and be agreed upon by October 2008. Caltrans plans to make periodic presentations or updates to the TPC on projects throughout the year.

Mr. Marquez reported on a new ongoing grant program through the State Treasury Department's California Pollution Control Financing Authority. Applications for the grant program would assist cities and counties to develop and implement some of their policies and projects. The application deadline is July 16th of this year.

Mr. Marquez reported on the Agriculture Workers Transportation Program effective January of this year. The intent of this program is to provide safe, efficient, reliable and affordable transportation services to agricultural workers to and from work sites. Caltrans is now in the second programming cycle with applications due in November of 2007. He noted that Ron Hughes and KCAPTA took advantage of the program and received \$5 million to expand their AITS program to a four county area.

C. Correspondence

None

D. Staff Comments

Ms. King reported that there are some future highway improvement projects that some of the local jurisdictions may want to be involved in if they want some amenities added in to the project. They would need to work with Caltrans as soon as possible to get any proposals into the design, but additional local funding would be needed.

Commissioner Barba asked if the local agency funded the decorative work, who maintains it? Ms. King responded that on state highways it would depend on the type of work and if it was within Caltrans' right of way.

E. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Neves requested that Caltrans identify the bridge on SR 41 at Lansing Ave., the main entrance to Stratford for possible maintenance.

Commissioner Craighead stated the truck stop on I-5 near Avenal is opening. He also discussed the turn lanes on SR 41 for the Waste Management facility connections and working together to widen the shoulders.

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on May 23, 2007

A motion was made and seconded (Neves / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on May 23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

2. DOF 2007 Population Estimates

Ms. King reported that the Department of Finance released the new 2007 population estimates and showed a total of 151,381 for Kings County. It shows the housing units as well as population information. At the KCAG Technical Advisory Committee meeting there was a question from Lemoore wondering why their number of mobile homes was so high. Apparently the number has been the same since 2000.

3. FY 2006-07 3rd Quarter Report

Ms. King reported that the attached 3rd quarter report was submitted to Caltrans. The expenditure and revenue report covered the period of January 1st through March 31st. A reimbursement request of \$88,964 in Federal Planning funds and a reimbursement request for Regional Blueprint grant funds of \$71,103 was submitted with the report. Total expenditures for the fiscal year through March 31, 2007 was \$459,083, with revenues of \$417,670.

4. Resolution of Intent for PERS Membership

Ms. King reported that entering into a contract as a PERS member is one of the major steps we have been in the process of taking for our separation from the County for the employees of KCAG. We have received our actuarial report from PERS and the next step is the resolution of intent to enter into a PERS contract for membership. The Resolution of Intent is included in the package and includes an attached proposed contract that could be acted upon at a later date. She distributed a copy of a portion of the actuarial report that identified the costs involved. The actuarial report showed that the total employer contribution for the PERS is 8.396% and would be in effect from the date of the contract through June 30, 2009. If the resolution of intent is adopted, an employee election will be conducted where each employee will vote to choose if they want to join PERS and the results must be certified. Following that, the next step is the adoption of the PERS contract. The effective date of the contract would be the first day of a payday period following the final resolution, which is estimated to be July 2nd.

Commissioner Barba asked if the PERS contract included the 2% @ 55. Ms. King stated that it did, and that it also has everything the County and the employees currently have.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the resolution of intention for PERS membership and authorize the KCAG Chairman to sign said resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None

B. Staff Comments

None

C. Commissioner Comments

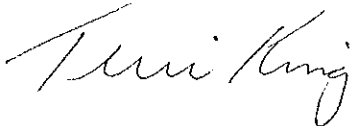
None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



Terri King, Executive Director

Master List of Resource Agencies

UPDATED 11-17-06

ACRONYM	REGION NAME	STREET	CITY_ZIP	PHONE
Federal Bureau of Reclamation				
	Klamath Basin Area Office	660 Washburn Way	Klamath Falls, OR 97603	541-883-6935 www.usbr.gov/mp/kbao/
	Northern California Area Office	16349 Shasta Dam Blvd. 705 N. Plaza Street, Room 320	Shasta Lake, CA 96019	530-2751554 www.usbr.gov/mp/ncao/
	Lahontan Basin Area Office	7794 Folsom Dam Rd	Carson City, NV 89701	775-882-3436 www.usbr.gov/mp/lbao/
	Central California Area Office		Folsom, CA 95630	559-487-5116 www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/
	South-Central California Area Office	1243 N. Street 27708 Jefferson Ave., Suite 202	Fresno, CA 93721- 1813	559-487-5116 www.usbr.gov/mp/sccao/
	Southern Calif. Area Office		Temecula, CA 92590	951-695-5310 www.usbr.gov/lc/socal/
Federal Bureau of Land Management				
	California State Office	2800 Cottage Way	Sacramento, CA 95825	916-978-4630 www.blm.gov/ca/
	Alturas Field Office	708 W. 12th Street	Alturas, CA 96101	530-233-4666 www.blm.gov/ca/alturas/
	Arcata Field Office	1695 Heindon Road	Arcata, CA 95521-4573	707-825-2300 www.blm.gov/ca/arcata/
	Bakersfield District Office	3801 Pegasus Drive	Bakersfield, CA 93308- 6837	661-391-6000 www.blm.gov/ca/bakersfield/
	Barstow Field Office	2601 Barstow Road	Barstow, CA 92311	760-251-4800 www.blm.gov/ca/barstow/
	Bishop Field Office	351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100	Bishop, CA 93514	760-872-5050 www.blm.gov/ca/bishop/
	California Desert District Office	6221 Box Springs Blvd.	Riverside, CA 92507	909-697-5200 www.blm.gov/ca/cdd/
	Eagle Lake Resources Area	2950 Riverside Drive	Susanville, CA 96130	530-257-0456 www.blm.gov/ca/eaglelake/
	El Centro Field Office	1661 South Fourth Street	El Centro, CA 92243	760-337-4400 www.blm.gov/ca/elcentro/
	Folsom Field Office	63 Natoma Street	Folsom, CA 95630	916-985-4474 www.blm.gov/ca/folsom/
	Hollister Field Office	20 Hamilton Court	Hollister, CA 95023	831-630-5000 www.blm.gov/ca/hollister/
	Needles Field Office	101 W. Spikes Road	Needles, CA 92363	760-326-7000 www.blm.gov/ca/needles/
	Palm Springs South Coast Field Office		North Palm Springs, CA 92258	760-251-4800 www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings/
	Redding Field Office	690 W. Garnet Ave. 355 Hemsted Drive	Redding, CA 96002	530-224-2100 www.blm.gov/ca/redding/

Ridgecrest Field Office	300 S. Richmond Road	Ridgecrest, CA 93555	760-384-5400	www.blm.gov/ca/ridgecrest/
Surprise Field Office	602 Cressler Street	Cedarville, CA 96104	530-279-6101	www.blm.gov/ca/surprise/
Ukiah Field Office	2550 North State Street	Ukiah, CA 95482	707-468-4000	www.blm.gov/ca/ukiah/
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service				
Klamath Fish and Wildlife Office	6610 Washburn Way	Klamath Falls, ORE 97603	541-885-8481	http://www.fws.gov/klamathfallsfwo
Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office	2493 Portola Road, Suite B	Ventura, CA 93003-7726	805-644-1766	www.fws.gov/ventura/
Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office	2730 Loker Avenue West	Carlsbad, CA 92008-6603	760-431-9440	www.fws.gov/carlsbad/
Aracta Fish and Wildlife Office	1655 Heindon Road	Aracta, CA 95521-5585	707-822-7201	www.fws.gov/arcata/
Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office	2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605	Sacramento, CA 95825-1846	916-414-6600	www.fws.gov/sacramento/
Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office	10950 Tyler Road	Red Bluff, CA 96080	530-527-3043	www.fws.gov/redbluff/
Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office	1829 South Oregon Street	Yreka, CA 96097	530-842-5763	www.fws.gov/yreka/
Stockton Fish and Wildlife Office	4001 N. Wilson Way	Stockton, CA 95205	209-946-6400	www.delta.dfg.ca.gov/usfws/
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers				
Los Angeles District	911 Wilshire Blvd.	Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325	213-452-3425	www.spl.usace.army.mil/
Sacramento District	1325 J Street	Sacramento, CA 95814-2922	916-557-5100	www.spk.usace.army.mil/
San Francisco District	333 Market Street	San Francisco, CA 94105	415-977-4862	www.spn.usace.army.mil/
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service				
Southwest Regional	501 West Ocean Blvd.	Long Beach, CA 90802-4213	562-980-4000	http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/
Santa Rosa Arcata	777 Sonoma Ave, Room 325 1655 Heindon Road	Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Arcata, CA 95521	707-575-6050 707-825-5163	http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/sroprd.htm

Sacramento	650 Capitol Mall, Suite 6070	4706	Sacramento, CA 95814-	916-930-3600	http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/sac/index.htm
National Parks					
Redwood National Park	1111 Second Street		Crecent City 95531	707-464-6101	http://www.nps.gov/redw
Lava Beds National Monument	1 Indian Wells HQTRS		Tulelake 96134	530-667-8100	http://www.nps.gov/labe
Lassen National Park	PO Box 100		Mineral 96063	530-595-4444	http://www.nps.gov/lavo
Point Reyes National Seashore	1 Bear Valley Road		Point Reyes Station	415-464-5100	http://www.nps.gov/pore
Yosemite National Park	PO Box 577		Yosemite 95389	209-372-0200	http://www.nps.gov/yose
Muir Wood National Monument	Muir Woods National Monument		Mill Valley 94941	415-388-2596	http://www.nps.gov/jomu/
Devils Postpile National Monument	PO Box 3999		Mammoth Lakes 93546	760-934-2289	http://www.nps.gov/depo
Death Valley National Park	PO Box 579		Death Valley 92328	760-7863200	http://www.nps.gov/deva
Kings Canyon - Sequoia National Parks	47050 Generals Highway		Three Rivers 93271	559-565-3341	http://www.nps.gov/seki
Pinnacles National Monument	5000 Highway 146		Paicines 95043	831-389-4485	http://www.nps.gov/pinn
East Mojave National Park	2701 Barstow Road		Barstow 92311	760-252-6100	http://www.nps.gov/moja
Joshua Tree National Park	74485 National Park Drive		Twentynine Palms	760-367-5502	http://www.nps.gov/jotr
Channel Islands National Park	1901 Spinnaker Drive		Ventura 93001	805-658-5730	http://www.nps.gov/chis
Cabrillo National Monument	1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive		San Diego 92106	619-557-5450	http://www.nps.gov/cabr
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	50 California Street, Suite 2600		San Francisco, CA 94111	415-532-3600	http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/
California Air Resources Board	1001 I Street		Sacramento, CA 95812	916-322-2990	http://www.arb.ca.gov/homepage.htm
California Coastal Commission	710 E Street, Suite 200		Eureka, CA 95501	707-445-7833	http://www.coastal.ca.gov/web/index.html
North Coast District Office	45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000		San Francisco, CA 94105	415-904-5260	

Central Coast District Office	725 Front Street, Suite 300	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	831-427-4863
South Central Coast District Office	89 South California Street, Suite 200	Ventura, CA 93001	805-585-1800
South Coast District Office	200 OceanGate, 10th Floor	Long Beach, CA 90802	562-590-5071
San Diego Coast District Office	7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 103	San Diego, CA 92108	619-767-2370
California State Lands Commission	100 Howe Ave., Suite 100 South	Sacramento, CA 95825	916-574-1900 http://www.slc.ca.gov/
Native American Heritage Commission	915 Capitol Mall, Room 364	Sacramento, CA 95814	916-653-4082 http://www.ceres.ca.gov/nahc/
California Office of Historic Preservation	P.O. Box 942896, Room 1442-7	Sacramento, CA 95814	916-653-6624 http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/
California Environmental Protection Agency	1001 I Street	Sacramento, CA 95812	916-323-2514 http://www.calepa.ca.gov/
State Water Resources Control Board			
North Coast Region	5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A	Santa Rosa, CA 95403	707-576-2220 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast
Central Valley -Redding Office	415 Knollcrest Drive	Redding, CA 96002	530-224-4845 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/
Central Valley-Sacramento Office	11020 Sun Center Drive #200	Rancho Cordova, CA 95670	916-464-3291 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley
Central Valley-Fresno Office	1685 E Street	Fresno, CA 93706	559-445-5116 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/
Lahontan	2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.	South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	530-224-4845 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan
Lahontan Region-Victorville Office	14440 Civic Drive, Suite 200	Victorville, CA 92392	760-241-6583 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/
San Francisco Bay	1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400	Oakland, CA 94612	510-622-2300 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscob

Central Coast Region	895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101	San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	805-549-3147	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast
Colorado River Region	73-720 Fred Warming Drive, Suite 100	Palm Desert, CA 922260	760-346-7491	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver
Los Angeles Region	320 West 4th Street, Suite 200	Los Angeles, CA 90013	213-576-6600	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles
Santa Ana Region	3737 Main Street, Suite 500	Riverside, CA 92501-3348	909-782-4130	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana
San Diego Region	9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100	San Diego, CA 92123	858-467-2952	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego
Tribal Governments				
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	650 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite D	Palm Springs, CA 92262	760-883-1368	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Big Pine Tribe Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley	P.O. Box 700	Big Pine, CA 93513	760-938-2003	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Bishop Paiute Tribe	50 Tu Su Lane	Bishop, CA 93514	760-873-3665	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Blue Lake Rancheria	P.O. Box 428	Blue Lake, CA 95525	707-668-5101	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Smith River Rancheria	140 Rowdy Creek Road	Smith River, CA 95567	707-487-9255	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Stewart's Point Rancheria Kasha Band of Pomo Indians	3535 Industrial Drive, Suite B-3	Santa Rosa, CA 95403	707-591-0580	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Table Bluff Reservation - Wiyot Tribe	1000 Wiyot Drive	Loleta, CA 95551	707-733-5055	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	P.O. Box 206	Death Valley, CA 92328	760-786-2374	
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	919 Highway 395 South	Gardnerville, NV 89410	775-888-0936	

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Yurok Tribe	15900 Highway 101 N	Klamath, CA 95548	707-482-1822
Air Quality Management Districts			
North Coast Unified	2300 Myrtle Ave	Eureka 95501	707-443-3093
Siskiyou	525 So. Foothill Dr.	Yreka 96097	530-841-4029
Modoc	202 West 4th Street	Alturas 96101	530-233-6419
Shasta	1855 Placer Street, Ste 101	Redding 96001	530-225-5789
Lassen	175 Russel Ave	Susanville 96130	530-251-8110
Tehama	1750 Walnut Street	Red Bluff 96080	530-527-3717
Northern Sierra	200 Litton Drive, Ste 320	Grass Valley 95945	530-274-9360
Butte	2525 Dominic Drive, Ste J	Chico 95928	530-891-2882
Mendocino	306 E Gobbi Street	Ukiah 95482	707-463-4354
Glenn	720 North Colusa Street	Willows 95988	530-934-6500
Feather River	938 14 Street	Marysville 95901	530-634-7659
Lake	885 Lakeport Blvd.	Lakeport 95453	707-263-7000
Colusa	100 Sunrise Blvd. #7	Colusa 95932	530-458-0590
Placer	3091 County Center Drive, Ste 240	Auburn 95603	530-745-2330
El Dorado	2850 Fairlane Ct., Bldg C	Placerville 95667	530-621-6662
Yolo-Solano	1947 Galileo Ct., Ste 103	Davis 95616	530-757-3650
Great Basin Unified	157 Short Street, Ste. 6	Bishop 93514	760-872-8211
Northern Sonoma	150 Matheson Street	Healdsburg 95448	707-433-5911
Bay Area	939 Ellis Street	San Francisco Street 94109	415-749-5000
Sacramento Metro	777 12th Street, 3rd Floor	Sacramento 95814	916-874-4800
Amador	665 New York Ranch Road, #4	Jackson 95642	209-257-0112
Calaveras	891 Mountain Ranch Road	San Andreas 95249	209-754-6504
Tuolumne	22365 Airport	Columbia 95310	209-533-5693
San Joaquin Valley	1990 E Gettysburg	Fresno 93726	559-230-6000
Mariposa	P.O. Box 5	Mariposa 95338	209-966-2220

Monterey Bay Unified	24580 Silver Cloud Ct.	Monterey 93940	831-647-9411	www.mbuapcd.org
Mojave Desert	14306 Park Ave	Victorville 92392	760-245-1661	www.mdagmd.ca.gov
Kern	2700 M Street, Ste. 302	Bakersfield 93301	661-862-5250	www.kernair.org
San Luis Obispo	3433 Roberto Court	San Luis Obispo 93401	805-781-4805	www.slolcleanair.org
Santa Barbara	260 North San Antonio Road, Ste. A	Santa Barbara 93110	805-961-8800	http://www.sbcapcd.org
Ventura	669 County Square Drive, 2nd Floor	Ventura 93003	805-645-1400	www.vcapcd.org
Antelope Valley	43301 Division Street, Ste. 206	Lancaster 93535	661-723-8070	www.avagmd.ca.gov
South Coast	21865 E Copley Drive	Diamond Bar 91765	909-396-2000	www.aqmd.gov
Imperial	150 South 9th Street	El Centro 92243	760-482-4606	www.imperialcounty.net
San Diego	10124 Old Grove Road	San Diego 92131	858-586-2600	www.sdapcd.org
Metropolitan Planning Organizations				
MCTC	Madera County Transportation Commission	Madera 93637	559-675-0721	http://www.maderactc.org/
KCAG	Kings County Association of Governments	Hanford 93230	559-584-8989	http://www.countyofkings.com/kcag/
SCRTPA	Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency	Redding 96001	530-225-5654	http://www.scripa.org/
BCAG	Butte County Association of Governments	2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace Chico 95928	530-879-2468	http://www.bcag.org/
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	1415 L Street	916-321-9000	http://www.sacog.org/
TMPO	Tahoe Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization	128 Market Street	775-588-4547	www.trpa.org
MTC	Metropolitan Transportation Commission	101 8th Street	510-464-7700	http://www.mtc.ca.gov/
SJCOG	San Joaquin Council of Governments	555 E Weber Ave.	209-468-3913	http://www.sjicog.org
STANCOG	Stanislaus Council of Governments	900 H Street	209-558-7830	http://www.stancog.org/

MCAG	Merced County Association of Governments	369 West 18th Street	Merced_95340	209-723-3153	http://www.mcag.cog.ca.us/
COFCG	Council of Fresno County Governments	2035 Tulare Street	Fresno 93721	559-233-4148	http://www.fresnocog.org/
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments	445 Reservation Road	Marina 93933	831-883-3750	http://www.ambag.org/
TCAG	Tulare County Association of Governments	5961 Mooney Blvd.	Visalia 93277	559-733-6291	http://www.tularecog.org/
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments	818 W. Seventh Street	Los Angeles 90017	213-236-1800	http://www.scag.ca.gov/
KCOG	Kern Council of Governments	1401 19th Street	Bakersfield 93301	805-861-2191	http://www.kerncog.org/
SLOCOG	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	1150 Osos Street	San Luis Obispo 93401	805-781-4219	http://www.slocog.org/ecm/Home.html
SBCAG	Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	222 E. Anapamu Street	Santa Barbara 93101	805-568-2546	http://www.sbcag.org/default.htm
SANDAG	San Diego Association of Governments	401 B Street	San Diego 92101	619-595-5300	http://www.sandag.cog.ca.us/
Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (that prepare RTPs)					
DNCTC	Del Norte County Transportation Commission	879 J Street	Crescent City 95531	707-465-3878	http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us
SCTC	Siskiyou County Transportation Commission	305 Butte Street	Yreka 96097	530-842-8250	http://www.bcag.org
MCTC	Modoc County Transportation Commission	111 W. North Street	Alturas 96101	530-233-3132	http://www.modocounty.us
TCTC	Trinity County Transportation Commission	190 Glen Road	Weaverville 96093	530-623-1351	http://www.shastanet.org/trintrans
LCTC	Lassen County Transportation Commission	707 Nevada Street	Susanville 96310	530-251-8288	http://www.co.lassen.ca.us
TCTC	Tehama County Transportation Commission	9380 San Benito Ave	Gerber 96035	530-385-1462	http://www.tehamacounty.com
PCTC	Plumas County Transportation Commission	1834 E. Main Street	Quincy 95971	530-283-6492	http://www.countyofplumas.com
MCC	Mendocino Council of Governments	367 N. State Street	Ukiah 95482	707-463-1859	http://www.mendocinocog.org

GCTC	Glenn County Transportation Commission	125 S. Murdock Ave	Willows 95988	530-934-6540	http://www.countyofglenn.net/default.asp?www
SCTC	Sierra County Transportation Commission	101 Courthouse Sq.	Downieville 95936	530-289-2848	http://www.sierracounty.ws
LCCAPC	Lake County/City Area Planning Council	367 N. State Street	Ukiah 95482	707-263-7799	http://www.co.lake.ca.us
NCTC	Nevada County Transportation Commission	101 Providence Mine Road	Nevada City 95959	530-823-4030	http://www.mynevadacounty.com/Home/Index
CCTC	Colusa County Transportation Commission	1215 Marke Street	Colusa 95932	530-458-0466	http://www.colusacountyclerk.com
PCTPA	Placer County Transportation Planning Agency	299 Nevada Street	Auburn 95603	530-823-4030	http://www.pctpa.org/index.htm
EDCTC	El Dorado County Transportation Commission	2828 Easy Street	Placerville 95667	530-642-5260	www.edctc.org
ACTC	Alpine County Transportation Commission	50 Diamond Valley Road	Markleeville 96120	530-694-2140	http://www.alpinecountyca.gov
MCTC	Mono County Transportation Commission	437 Old Mammoth Road	Mammoth Lakes 93546	760-924-1800	http://www.monocounty.ca.gov
ACTC	Amador County Transportation Commission	11400 American Legion Dr	Jackson 95642	209-267-2282	http://www.co.amador.ca.us
CCCG	Calaveras County Council of Governments	692 Marshall	San Andreas 95249	209-754-2094	http://www.co.calaveras.ca.us
TCCAPC	Tuolumne County/Cities Area Planning Council	2 South Green Street	Sonora 95370	209-533-5601	http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov
MCTC	Mariposa County Transportation Commission	4639 Ben Hur Road	Mariposa 95338	209-966-5151	http://www.mariposacounty.org
ICTC	Inyo County Transportation Commission	PO Box Drawer Q	Independence 93526	760-878-0201	http://www.countyofinyo.org
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission	1523 Pacific Ave	Santa Cruz 95060	831-460-3200	www.sccrtc.org
CSBCG	Council of San Benito County Governments	3216 Southside Road	Hollister 95023	831-637-7665	www.sanbenitocog.org
TAMC	Transportation Agency For Monterey County	55-B Plaza Circle	Salinas 93901	831-775-0903	www.tamcmonterey.org