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Chair – Ray Lerma ❖ Vice Chair – Dan Chin

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson Pro Tem, at 4:30 p.m., on January 27, 2010 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. Chairperson conducted roll call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Barba, Sid Craighead, Dick Haile, Mary Hornsby, Joe Neves, Shari Bender-Ehlert

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dan Chin

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Abanathie, Victoria Hall, Terri King, Chris Lehn; Kyle Sands, County Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: John Murray, Roman Benitiz

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MINUTES – December 16, 2009

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2009. Motion carried unanimously, with Haile abstaining.

KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. General Transportation Items

Urgency Item -

Ms. King announced that a time sensitive item regarding the proposed federal transportation stimulus funding needs to be acted upon.

It was moved and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to place the item on the agenda as an urgency item. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Director Delegation for Type 2 and Type 3 Formal Amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Abanathie stated this item is brought before the Committee due to the need for KCAG to be able to act quickly to amend our Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to give us the best opportunity to access the Jobs for Main Street 2010 Act funds that are being addressed by the US Senate. Once the funds are apportioned we will have only 90 days to obligate and award the funds. If we have to go through the current process, we will not meet that deadline. The Director currently has the Director Delegation for type 1 amendments. This action will allow the Director to approve additional FTIP amendment types.

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Hornsby) to adopt Resolution 10-02 to approve FTIP Amendment procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Final 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Abanathie reported the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is our biennial programming of the state transportation money. KCAG has programmed the funds according to the California Transportation Commission's STIP programming Guidelines, moving 30% of our projects to the outer years of the RTIP. The 2010 RTIP was prepared in cooperation with the other seven San Joaquin Valley MPOs, while keeping our two priority projects, the 19th Avenue interchange and the 12th Avenue interchange reconstruction, as close to their delivery dates as possible. We have also programmed two years of Transportation Enhancement funds in reserve for projects to be identified later. The programming in this RTIP does not reflect the current proposal to acquire Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) cost savings for the 19th Ave interchange project.

Chairman Neves opened the public hearing and asked if there was any written testimony. Seeing no one come forward and there being no written testimony Chairman Neves closed the public hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to adopt Resolution 10-02 to approve the 2010 RTIP. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 – Stimulus II

Mr. Abanathie stated the House of Representatives has passed their Resolution 2847, which is known as the Jobs for Main Street Act and the Senate is taking up the act in their session at this time. We will not have any hard facts until after the Senate has acted. We have been instructed by FHWA and Caltrans to treat this funding as another American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), to use the same dollar amounts as the first round of ARRA and to develop the same type of projects.

The timeline on this program is much tighter for not just obligation, but for award of a construction contract. Project sponsors are being held to a 90 day award limit for the first 50% of the funds, and up to a year for the remaining funds. Staff has received project nominations from the local agencies and we are preparing a formal amendment to program the funds and projects into the FTIP.

4. SB 375 Target Setting Process and Methodology

Ms King indicated the Air Resources Board (ARB) is in the process of working with MPOs on developing percent per capita greenhouse gas emission reductions in accordance with SB 375. KCAG has the option of proposing a target to the ARB by March 2010, and targets will be finalized by the ARB in September 2010. KCAG staff has been working with member agencies to obtain more information regarding the future land use and transportation planning assumptions. This will be incorporated into the target proposed to the ARB as well as the locally preferred Blueprint scenario data and member agency input into our travel demand model. The script will also improve the model's ability to account for future growth strategies as well as reduction strategies.

Commission Neves asked who was inputting all the information into the spreadsheet tool. Ms. King indicated it will be the consultant along with the eight valley COG's modeling staff.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to approve the methodology being used by KCAG to propose a percent per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction target to the Air Resources Board. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Reappointments

Ms. King stated the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) which is the advisory body regarding the unmet transit needs of the elderly, handicapped and low income citizens of Kings County has members whose 3 years terms are up and have expressed interest in continuing to serve on the SSTAC. One additional name is replacing a member who is no longer with the same department.

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Hornsby) to reappoint Sharon DeMasters, Ron Hughes, Jim Christian, and David Rolfsema; and appoint Denise Copper to 3 year terms of the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CalVans Agency Agreement

This item was pulled from the agenda.

7. Kettleman City Safety and Community Study Update

Ms. Lehn reported TPG consulting has been retained to provide assistance for the Kettleman City Safety and Community Study. A meeting was held on December 16 with stakeholders and a walking tour of the area was conducted. A focus group meeting was held on January 20, 2010 and was well attended. A walking tour survey will be distributed to older students at the elementary school. A community workshop will be held on February 6, 2010 and public safety agencies will also be attendance.

8. High Speed Rail Update

Ms. King handed out information regarding upcoming meetings as related to High Speed Rail (HSR). Local agency representatives from Kings and Tulare Counties will meet on February 1st at the Government Center regarding station location and status update. The HSR Authority will meet on February 4th in San Diego. The HSRA also provided an update regarding the call for heavy maintenance facility sites and a legislative report which is available on their web site.

B. Caltrans Reports

Ms. Ehlert stated with the 1st round of ARRA funds there has been \$1.6 billion awarded to the state and all but \$130 million has been obligated. Last week Caltrans obligated funds for 647 projects, with 373 advertised and awarded. However, only \$31 million has been reimbursed. She reported that on the SR 198 widening project they are doing a lot of earth work, some structure work on the canal crossings and over cross creek, and shortly starting the overcrossing over Road 68 soon. The State Route 43 and Whitley Ave. intersection improvement has been partially funded with \$462,000 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Caltrans has altered the signal timing on the 12th Ave. and SR 198 interchange, which appears to have helped the situation.

C. Correspondence

Ms. King handed out a flyer for a Technical Training Session being held at West Hills College on February 11th from 3:30 to 5:30 and asked people to attend. Topics scheduled include AB 32 and SB 375 regarding greenhouse gas emissions. Commission Neves stated it was important to promote this type of activity in our community and asked Commission Hornsby to let us know if more participants are needed to fill up the session. Staff also received an email from Representative Costa's office regarding FY 2011 Appropriations request. KACG supported a request from the City of Hanford for the 12th Ave. project for the sum of \$5 million and one from the City of Lemoore for the 19th Ave. project for the sum of \$3 million from the High Priority Project (HPP) program. This is a different request than the ones previously submitted and requests are due by March 1st.

D. Staff Comments

Ms. King stated there was a value analysis process done for the 19th Ave. interchange project last week but there have been no results from that meeting.

E. Commissioner Comments

None

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on January 27, 2010

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Hornsby) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on January 27, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Joint Land Use Study – Joint Powers Agreement

Ms. Lehn reported a draft Joint Powers Agreement as been drawn up which details the collaborative Joint Land Use Study planning efforts with the City of Lemoore, County of Kings and County of Fresno. Once the JPA has been approved by all the jurisdictions the JLUS Policy Committee will be officially formed and a meeting scheduled. The final JPA is expected to come before the Commission by March.

2. JLUS Consultant Selection

Ms. Lehn indicated last year KCAG was awarded Department of Defense planning funds to conduct the Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). A request for proposals (RFP) was sent out and seven firms responded. A panel consisting of representatives from Kings County, Fresno County, City of Lemoore, LNAS and KCAG was formed to review and score the proposals. After extensive review of all the proposals and interviews with the top three firms, the panel has recommended Tetra Tech as the preferred consulting firm to conduct the JLUS.

Mayor John Murray addressed the Commission on comments as to why he supports the selection of Tetra Tech. Mr. Benitez also addressed the Commission with his reason for supporting Tetra Tech as well. Mr. Benitez also mentioned the AICUZ study has been completed and sent to San Diego for review before being sent to Washington.

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Barba) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with preferred consultant Tetra Tech to provide technical assistance for the NAS Lemoore Joint Land Use Study. Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2010 San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform

Ms. Lehn reported the San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform reflects the Regional Policy Council's priorities in state and federal matters and provides legislative guidance to the Transportation Planning Agencies. Included in the agenda package is the current legislative platform. This also provides the platform for the Valley Voice trips to Sacramento and Washington DC. Ms King stated Commissioner's Craighead and Hornsby and herself, will be attending the Valley Voice trip next week to Sacramento. There are several meetings schedule throughout Wednesday and Thursday. There will be a conference call Friday 9:30 regarding preplanning for the trip.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to accept the San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CalCOG Capitol Day

Ms. King indicated there is a CalCOG Capitol Day scheduled for February 17th in Sacramento. City of Lemoore has planned a lobbying trip the same day.

5. Areawide Planning Review No. 10 – 01 Hardwick Water Company – USDA: Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Ms. King reported the Hardwick Water Company is applying for a competitive grant in the amount of \$296,955. This grant is for funding from the United States Department of Agricultural (USDA), Rural Development towards water system improvement projects. The City of Hanford and Kings County Public Works commented that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Hornsby) to include and ratify Commission's comments and those of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 10-01. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence

None

B. Staff Comments

There will be a luncheon and screening February 4th at the KVPT studios for the launch of Great Valley series on television. They have developed a local production to raise awareness and promote solutions to the economic, social and environmental challenges facing the Central Valley.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Craighead stated he attended the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley meeting and discussed topics from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director