

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 4, 2008
10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Garrett called the meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. A "sign-in" sheet was distributed.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Dennis Speer	Ridgecrest
	Gerald Forde	McFarland
	Steve Woods	GET
	Bob Wren	Wasco
	Greg Garrett	Tehachapi
	Judy Ardray	CTSA
	Steve Walker	Bakersfield
	Carol McDonald	Caltrans, District 6
	Barry Nienke	Kern County
	Patty Poire	Shafter
Staff:	Peter Smith	Kern COG
	Greg Palomo	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
	Joe Stramaglia	Kern COG
Others:	Claud Seal	Rosamond CSD
	Jack Stewart	Rosamond
	Clay Lomax	Caltrans
	Barbara Minor	Nicole Parra Asst.
	Jerry Helt	Helt Engineering

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for information or request staff to report to the Committee at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Meeting of April 30, 2008. There was a motion by Mr. Woods to recommend approval of the discussion summary. Mr. Forde seconded the motion.

IV. FINAL FY 2008/09 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUND ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT FACTORS (Hildebrand)

Mr. Palomo discussed a revised TDA fund estimate and the revision has been presented because Kern Council of Governments' (Kern COG) staff is now incorporating the January 1, 2008 Department of Finance numbers. The total fund estimate does not change. He explained that the distribution among the claimants might change based on their population as of January 1, 2008. Kern COG staff asks the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) to recommend approval of the 2008/09 TDA Fund Estimate and Apportionment Factors to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC). There was a motion by Mr. Woods and a second by Mr. Wren to recommend approval.

V. FY 2007/08 REVISED TA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – DELANO (Palomo)

Mr. Palomo stated that the City of Delano submitted a revised transit claim for the 2007/08 fiscal year, which totaled \$1,759,719. Kern COG has reviewed this claim and ask that the TTAC to

recommend approval to the TPPC. There was a motion by Mr. Wren and a second by Mr. Woods to recommend approval.

VI. FY 2007/08 REVISED STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM – COUNTY OF KERN (Palomo)

Mr. Palomo stated that the County of Kern submitted a revised claim for the 2007/08 fiscal year in the amount of \$3,696,292. Kern COG staff has reviewed the claim and ask that the TTAC recommend approval to the TPPC. There was a motion by Mr. Woods and a second by Mr. Forde to recommend approval.

VII. FY 2008/09 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS – CITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND THE GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT (GET) (Palomo)

Mr. Palomo stated that GET and the City of Bakersfield have submitted TDA claims for the 2008/09 fiscal year. The City of Bakersfield submitted a claim for the maintenance of the Amtrak Station for \$172,247 and GET submitted a claim for \$19,674,314. Kern COG staff has reviewed these TDA claims and ask that the TTAC recommend approval to the TPPC. There was a motion by Mr. Walker and a second by Mr. Woods to recommend approval.

VIII. PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK EARMARK CANDIDATE LIST FOR RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATIONS (Ball)

Mr. Ball discussed a preliminary ranking list for Railroad Grade Separations within Kern County. He explained that the list was the result of a request from the San Joaquin Valley COG, who is on the behalf of the eight-valley COGs, putting together a request for an earmark in the next federal reauthorization after SAFETEA-LU in 2009. Mr. Ball indicated that the San Joaquin COG requested a list of candidate transportation and grade separation projects from Kern COG. The committee was given a list of the candidates, which Mr. Ball reviewed in detail. He gave an overview of the initial preliminary ranking of projects. He stated that the list was ranked in the four areas for 1) Deliverability, 2) Local Priority, 3) Increased Rail Traffic, and 4) Increased Vehicle Traffic. Mr. Ball explained that this was a preliminary listing in draft form, which could be amended. He stated that Kern COG is looking to budget a consulting project to rank all grade separation projects within the county in the Overall Work Program (OWP) next year. This list is only an initial listing for submittal and discussion in the federal reauthorization. He stated that the federal reauthorization would contain a short fall in the federal trust fund until they figure out how to increase taxes. There is not going to be enough funds in the way of earmarks in the legislation. Mr. Ball had a request from the City of Bakersfield to move their city ranking by moving their 3B project to 1B. This would move the Hageman/Santa Fe Way BNSF project up to the number one spot and the 7th Standard Road BNSF project to number two. Mr. Ball explained the scoring system based on how the projects are listed.

There were several inquiries about the projects being fully funded locally, such as the 7th Standard Road BNSF project. Mr. Ball offered to postpone the action on this item so he could rework the list. He would correspond with the committee via email to make sure they are comfortable with the new list before he presents a new report to the committee at the July TTAC meeting. There was more discussion and questions among the TTAC and Mr. Ball answered each question in detail.

Mr. Ball made a request that the committee postpone the action and allow Kern COG staff to rework the ranking list. Mr. Woods made a motion to suspend the action until they revisit the criteria and begin collaboration between the TTAC and Kern COG staff to revisit the exact criteria to present a final recommendation at the July TTAC meeting. There was a second by Ms. Poire.

IX. PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT PRESENTATION OF: 2007 DESTINATION 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT; 2009 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; 2009 FEDERAL AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Beardslee, Ball, Pacheco)

Mr. Ball stated that this presentation was really focused on air quality issues in the delivery of the transportation projects. He gave a brief overview of what has been taking place. He invited the TTAC to take a copy of the five funding hard-copy documents or on CD which was available at this meeting. Mr. Ball gave a 30-minute PowerPoint Presentation about what Air Quality Conformity

was and how it was tied to funding. He also discussed transportation related air quality conformity and the implications for near and long-term funding in Kern County. As part of the presentation Mr. Ball talked out the Carbon Monoxide in the San Joaquin Valley Portion of Kern County and the attainment maintenance. He also discussed the ozone health risks and the valley sources for mobile emissions. Last, he spoke about how the air quality issues mean to the community and if there is any hope. This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

Ms. Pacheco made corrections to this staff report. In the description portion, she clarified that the public review hearing would be held on June 19 instead of June 17, as listed. In the discussion portion, she clarified that the correction to the transportation programming years for the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) was FY 2008/09 through 2011/12 instead of 2006/07 through 2010/11, as listed. Her final clarification was to correct the date for Board approval on July 17 instead of July 15, as listed.

X. KERN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODELING SUBCOMMITTEE – MEETING NOTES (Flickinger)

Mr. Ball explained that the Kern Transportation Modeling Committee is a subcommittee of the TTAC that meets every other month. Meeting notes from the February 27 and April 23 were given to the TTAC and he encouraged them or an alternate from their agency to participate in the meeting in June. He said the option to attend the meeting by conference is available and he invited the committee to take advantage of this offer. This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

XI. STATE ROUTE 119 – SUPERVISOR WATSON MEMO (Stramaglia)

Mr. Stramaglia presented this staff report on the April agenda as a member item. He explained that Kern COG staff would like to point out that State Route 119 is a high-priority project under environmental review. The review has been delayed because of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) process has also been financially set back many years. Mr. Stramaglia pointed out that there have been several cycles of re-spreading existing projects and they are an estimated \$300 million of expected revenue over the last 8 years. He indicated that State Route 46 has advanced because it leveraged several other funding programs. Mr. Stramaglia stated that in Eastern Kern County they also leveraged other funding sources for State Route 14. State Route 119 is a local program verses a statewide problem and is not on Caltrans' high-priority state routes lists. He stated that State Route 119 is still in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment and the bypass segment was placed as the high priority to be completed in the next 20 years. Mr. Stramaglia pointed out that a technical request in the memo asks that State Route 119 be made the highest priority outside Bakersfield. He explained that it is up to the Kern COG Board to make the final recommendation as to what projects are advanced. This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

The next Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) meeting would convene on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Kern COG Board Room.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately at 11:15 a.m.