

**DISCUSSION SUMMARY
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Transit Operators Committee Meeting**

**KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD CA 93301**

**WEDNESDAY
April 14, 2011
11:00 A.M.**

Mr. Snoddy called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

1. SELF INTRODUCTIONS:

SSTAC:

Linda Wilbanks	Kern Regional Transit
Marvin Williams	City of Arvin (phone)
Joe West	CTSA-NOR
Phil Newhouse	City of Delano
Sylvia Granillo	City of Shafter
Betty Dennison	Kern Regional Transit
Jo Barrick	City of Shafter
Sandra Scherr	Caltrans (phone)
Phil Newhouse	City of Delano (phone)

2. Unmet Transit Needs – Public Hearing Schedule

Mr. Snoddy stated that Taft and Wasco were the only cities that had outstanding Unmet Needs hearings. Mr. Snoddy stated that he would ensure that Taft and Wasco completed those so that they could bring all of the documents tot the May meeting to review.

3. FY 2010-11 Transit System Safety, Security & Disaster Response Account – Discussion (TSSDRA)

Mr. Snoddy stated that they had recently brought this to the attention of the TTAC. The projects are funded only when bond sales occur. Projects submitted by Kern County Transit Operators have only been funded partially and at an erratic schedule which makes management of the project difficult. He explained that because of these difficulties, projects remain idle for months at time due to lack of funding. The lack of total project funding may overlap fiscal years therefore creating a back log of project delivery. He went on to explain they came up with a Kern COG policy that allows operators to submit applications on a first come, first serve basis and then they are prioritized with the TTAC members to see which project will go first. Generally speaking the lower cost projects will go first because they are the first to get a 100% funding.

Mr. Snoddy stated that he will be brining a draft policy to the TTAC members next month; they will have 60 days to review it and make their comments.

A short discussion ensued amongst the committee.

Mr. Snoddy stated that once they approve it and make their recommendation, he stated he will bring it back to the Transit Operators so that everyone is clear how the program works.

This Item was for discussion only.

4. **Metro-Bakersfield Long-Range Plan**

Mr. Snoddy gave a detailed presentation on the Long Range Plan. A brief discussion ensued.

This item was for information only.

5. **Transit Development Plans – California City, Delano and Tehachapi**

Mr. Snoddy stated that there had been no change with California City, Delano and Tehachapi. He explained that he should be hearing by July based on the California State Budget, which grants were successful. They will be issuing an RFP in July or August and begin the actual project in September or early October and concluding in late January or early February.

This item was for information only.

6. **High-Speed Rail KTF Forum, May 16, 2011 – Information**

Mr. Snoddy showed a brief animation on the High-Speed Rail. He stated that Kern COG has invited Mr. Van Ark who is the CEO for the High Speed Rail to come to Bakersfield and be the keynote speaker at the Kern Transportation Foundation Summit on High Speed Rail on May 16th. The cost is \$30.00 to attend the luncheon.

This item was for information only.

7. **Transit Operators Forum**

General Items of interest for Transit Operators

Ms. Barrick stated that they were working on ensuring that all of their drivers are certified.

- **Items from Caltrans**

Ms. Scherr stated that DBE forms are due by April 15th.

- **Items for Future Agendas**

TSSDRA Draft Policy

8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Transit Operators is scheduled for July 13, 2011. With no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:01.