AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM | **THURSDAY**
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR | **OCTOBER 15, 2009**
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA | **7:00 P.M.**
WEB SITE: www.kerncog.org

6:35 KERN COG WORKSHOP: KERN REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: Tarver, Scrivner, Lessenevitch, Ramirez, Mock, Rosson, Morgan, Prout, Linder, Smith, Wegman, McQuiston, Rubio, Warren, Perrault, Silver

III. 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 factual information or request staff to report back 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.

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. <u>Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2009</u>

B. <u>Response to Public Comments</u>

C. FY 2009-10 TDA Public Transit Claim – County of Kern (Palomo)

Comment: According to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems. The County of Kern has submitted a TDA transit claim for FY 2009/10, which totals $5,581,627.

Action: Approve TDA Public Transit Claim for the County of Kern for FY 2009/10 and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 09-33. ROLL CALL VOTE.

D. Transportation Enhancement Projects - Draft Timeline (Stramaglia)

Comment: 2011 Fund Estimates by the California Transportation Commission will direct regional programming targets for new Transportation Enhancement projects. A draft estimated amount of approximately $4,794,000 has been estimated for the next four outer years of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Action: Information.

E. 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Stramaglia)

Comment: The 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program cycle has been initiated and a 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program is due to the California Transportation Commission by February 12, 2010.

Action: Information.

F. Draft Congestion Management Program (CMP) Update (Ball)

Comment: Kern COG serves as the Congestion Management Agency for Kern County. Recent changes to Federal law and state guidelines now require consideration of other modes, such as transit, in the congestions analysis, also required are operational management techniques, such as freeway service patrols. A recommendation for amendments to the existing CMP is scheduled for consideration in November 2009.

Action: Information.

G. Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program of Projects for FY 2009-10 (Smith)

Comment: The Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Authority, administers funding for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 program (Article 3). Article 3 funds are used to pay for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs and bicycle and pedestrian travel facilities. Eligible Article 3 claimants are the eleven incorporated cities within Kern County and the political entity of the County of Kern.

Action: Approve the FY 2009/10 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program of Projects. VOICE VOTE.

H. Program Supplement Agreement – Safe Routes to Schools Education and Outreach (Schoolcraft)

Comment: According to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. On September 30, 2009, staff received from Caltrans Program Supplemental Agreement No. 018-N in the amount of $190,570 to implement a Safe Routes to Schools Education and Outreach Program.

Action: Approve Program Supplemental Agreement, and authorize Chair to sign Agreement and Resolution No. 09-34. ROLL CALL VOTE

I. Consultant Contract Agreement – Safe Routes to Schools Education and Outreach (Schoolcraft)

Comment: According to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve grant-funding Agreements. On October 15, 2009, staff awards Bike Bakersfield the Caltrans Program Consultant Agreement in the amount of $161,984 to implement a Safe Routes to Schools Education and Outreach Program.

Action: Approve selection of the agency Bike Bakersfield for the implementation of the Safe Routes to Schools Education and Outreach Program, and authorize Chair to sign the Contract. VOICE VOTE.

J. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) - Draft Fund Estimate (Pacheco)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments' staff has developed fair share estimates to implement the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Call for Projects.

Action: Approve the RSTP Fund Estimate. VOICE VOTE

K. Local Project Commentary (RSTP, CMAQ, TE, Transit) (Pacheco)

Comment: Routine report on the monthly project status meeting held to discuss project implementation issues and to develop solutions.

Action: Information.

L. Blueprint Visualization Contract Award (Hightower/Raymond)

Comment: Requests for Proposals were distributed to over forty consultants to create 2D and 3D Visualizations demonstrating the vision of Kern Regional Blueprint for communities throughout our region. The consultant selection committee evaluated 12 proposals and on September 21st selected the winning proposal submitted by Psomas. A piece rate contract was prepared with a piece rate cost of $2,500 per 2D visualization and $7,500 per 3D visualization, see Exhibit A. Kern COG has established a $50,000 budget for ordering visualizations at the piece rate, with the anticipation that member agencies may order additional visualizations at the same piece rate if desired.

Action: Approve the consultant selection committee's recommendation for Psomas to create the 2D and 3D Visualizations, and authorize Chair to sign the contract. VOICE VOTE.

M. Kern SB 375 Climate Change Travel Demand Model Enhancements: Contract Approval

(Hightower)

Comment: Requests for Proposals were distributed to consultants to submit proposals to evaluate and provide enhancements to Kern COG land use, traffic and growth models. The consultant's work will support Kern COG and its member agencies to meet the goals and objectives of Senate Bill No. 375 (SB 375). Proposals were reviewed by staff on September 17, 2009 and Fehr & Peers' proposal was selected for recommendation to the Board.

Action: Approve the staff's recommendation of selection Ferh & Peers as the lead consultant for the Kern SB 375 Climate Change "4D" Travel Demand Model Enhancements contract, and authorize Chair to sign the contract (Exhibit A). VOICE VOTE.

N. Draft Regional Growth Forecast Report – Response to Comments (Ball)

Comment: The regional growth forecast is reviewed and revised every three to five years. The Kern COG Board adopted the last forecast in July 2005. A 30-day public comment period closed September 17, 2009.

Action: Approve the draft findings and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 09-35 re-adopting the 2005 regional growth forecast Alternative 1B for 3-5 years when the 2010 Census is available.

O. Climate Change Task Force Meeting Minutes

Comment: The third Kern Climate Change Task Force meeting was held on September 29, 2009. The meeting updated participants on the progress of implementing the Kern Climate Change Work Program for meeting the requirements of SB 375 addressing greenhouse gas emission from the transportation sector. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2009. Meeting minutes and handouts are available at http://www.kerncog.org/climate.php.

Action: Information.

**** END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE*****

V. CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – DRAFT FUNDING TARGETS (Pacheco)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments' staff has developed funding targets to implement the Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for Projects.

Action: Approve CMAQ Funding Targets. VOICE VOTE.

VI. 2011 Regional Transportation Plan – Draft Projects of Regional Significance (Brummett)

Comment: The 2011 Regional Transportation Plan update has been initiated. The Capital Improvement Program for projects of regional significance is an integral element of this update.

Action: Information.

VII. DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICIES (Beardslee)

Comment: Kern COG is currently updating the Regional Transportation Plan, a required element of which is the Policy Element. Recommendations for amendments to the existing Element (Chapter 2 of the document) are scheduled for consideration at the Kern COG Board meeting in November.

Action: Information.

VIII. MEETING REPORTS:

IX. CALTRANS' REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

XI. MEMBER STATEMENTS: On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

XII. ADJOURNMENT