

**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
JANUARY 6, 2010
10:00 A.M.**

Chairperson Garrett called the meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Speer	Ridgecrest
Teresa Statler	City of Taft
Bob Wren	Wasco
Greg Garrett	Tehachapi
Randy Treece	Caltrans
Patricia Ebel	Kern County
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Ed Galero	Delano
Scott Hurlbert	Shafter
Bob Wilburn	McFarland
Bob Wilburn	Maricopa
Brad Underwood	Bakersfield

STAFF:

Peter Smith	Kern COG
Robert Ball	Kern COG
Bob Snoddy	Kern COG
Joe Stramaglia	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG

OTHERS:

Jeremy Bowman	Helt Engineering
Paul Pineda	Caltrans, Bakersfield
Bob Decker	HBA
Karen Kirk	AECOM
Kim Domingo	AECOM
Marvin Dean	KMCA
Craig Jones	Taft
Ben Munoz	Bakersfield

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 November 4, 2009. Mr. Hurlbert stated per a conversation that he had with Mr. Ball that he would like a line from the November 4, 2009 Meeting modified. In item XII (**DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICIES**). Starting at the line “the 2011 RTP, SB375 **requires** the use of the Blueprint” was changed to “the 2011 RTP, SB375 **anticipates** the use of the Blueprint.” There was a motion by Ms. Ebel to recommend approval of the discussion summary and modified item. Mr. Wren seconded the motion.

IV. FY 2009-10 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS – CITY OF RIDGECREST, CITY OF DELANO AND THE CITY OF ARVIN (Snoddy)

Mr. Snoddy said that according to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purposes of supporting public transit systems. The City of Ridgecrest has submitted claims for fiscal year 2009/10 which totals \$264,135. The City of Delano has submitted claims for fiscal year 2009/10, which total \$1,404,643. The City of Arvin has submitted claims for fiscal year 2009/10, which totals \$326,683. He said that Staff has received and reviewed the TDA claims.

The Action requested is for the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) to review the TDA for 2009/10 Public Transit Claims for the cities of Ridgecrest, Delano and Arvin and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC). Ms. Ebel made a motion to recommend approval of the 2009/10 TDA Public Transit Claims for the TPPC and Mr. Hurlbert seconded the motion.

V. FY 2009-10 TDA STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS – CITIES OF TEHACHAPI, ARVIN, CALIFORNIA CITY AND THE COUNTY OF KERN (Snoddy)

Mr. Snoddy said that according to California Public Utilities Code Section 99400 and Kern COG Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purposes of supporting streets and roads systems. The City of Tehachapi has submitted a streets and roads claim for fiscal year 2009/10 for \$84,445. The City of Arvin has submitted a streets and roads claim for fiscal year 2009/10 for \$142,472. The City of California City has submitted a streets and roads claim for fiscal year 2009/10 for \$380,161. The County of Kern has submitted a streets and roads claim for fiscal year 2009/10 for \$1,397,571.

The Action requested is for the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) to review the TDA claims for 2009/10 for the Cities of Tehachapi, Arvin, California City and the County of Kern for fiscal year 2009/10 and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC). Ms. Ebel made a motion to recommend approval of the 2009/2010 TDA Public Transit Claims for the TPPC and Mr. Wilburn seconded the motion.

VI. FY 2009/2010 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT (Snoddy)

Mr. Snoddy said that pursuant to Section 8879.55 (a) (2) of the Government Code, Kern Council of Governments shall determine and advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Account (PTMISEA) upon the appropriation of the Legislature. Attached is a schedule that provides the amount available from the 2009/10 fiscal year appropriation in the Budget Act of 2009. He said that the projects the funding may be used for include: Rehabilitation safety or modernization improvements, Capital service enhancements or expansion, New capital projects, Bus rapid transit improvements and Rolling stock procurement, rehabilitation and expansion or replacement. Mr. Snoddy said that he presented this information to allow all Transit Operators with small staffs the opportunity to go through their departments and look at possible projects that may benefit from the funding. Mr. Snoddy said that the Call for Funding will be from Caltrans and is scheduled for March 2010. Mr. Garrett commented that there is \$3.8 million available to the County. Chairperson Garrett asked if the City of Tehachapi was unable to use their \$58,000, would they be allowed to give it to Arvin. Mr. Snoddy said that it would be up to Kern COG's discretion, through the TTAC or through the TPPC to decide how to allocate it. Mr. Snoddy said that if there was money left over county wide, by Legislature the money will be redistributed back into Kern County for other operators to use.

This item was for information and discussion only and no action was taken.

VII. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Stramaglia)

Mr. Stramaglia stated that 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. Mr. Stramaglia stated that he had given a report at the November meeting regarding projects that are at risk of being delayed to 2013, 2014 or 2015. The options were shared in a report at that time. He also stated that staff had prepared a final strategy to go forward to Commissioners for their review and consideration. Mr. Stramaglia explained that the goal was to prevent all of the projects from being moved out to the 2014/15 state fiscal year. Ms. Ebel asked if all of the eight COGS have done the same re-distribution exercise that we have. Mr. Stramaglia said that they have all participated in it. Chairperson Garrett commented that it was important to emphasize to the Commission that these projects are ready to go. There was further discussion on the Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Ebel expressed the need to add wording to the final RTIP document that very clearly states project readiness for all construction phased projects. Mr. Stramaglia responded that wording will be added and that he agreed it is very important that the wording be very clearly communicated to Commission staff.

The action requested is for the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) to consider recommending to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) the approval of the 2010 Regional Transportation Program and to authorize Staff to negotiate with Commission to advance projects as offered by Commission. With the condition that Kern COG staff include additional wording to the final submittal regarding Project readiness, Ms. Ebel made a motion to recommend approval of the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) Mr. Hurlbert seconded the motion.

VIII.3RD ANNUAL PUBLIC CONTRACTING EXPO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL CONFERENCE (Stramaglia)

Mr. Stramaglia stated that the event was an additional way to continue providing support for project delivery in Kern County and surrounding areas. Mr. Stramaglia introduced Mr. Marvin Dean. Mr. Dean is from the Kern Minority Contractors Association. The Association is hosting the 3rd Annual Public Contracting Expo San Joaquin Valley Regional Conference. Mr. Dean detailed the Conference and what it can provide for the different agencies. Expo handouts were provided to Committee attendees. This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

IX. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) AND REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) (Pacheco)

Ms. Pacheco stated that Kern Council of Governments staff implemented the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Call for Projects. This report is a preliminary project summary. Ms. Pacheco stated that the Kern COG staff is now evaluating applications submitted. She further stated that for the Regional Surface Transportation Program there is about \$11.7 million available and \$19 million in applications. For the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program there is about \$8.3 million dollars available and \$23 million dollars in applications. Ms. Pacheco stated that the disclaimer is that these are preliminary figures because there are still questions to be asked to clarify items in the applications such as eligibility and cost sharing. Ms. Pacheco stated that the Draft Program of Projects will be presented at the February TTAC meeting.

This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

X. LOCAL PROJECT COMMENTARY (RSTP, CMAQ, TE, TRANSIT) (Pacheco)

Ms. Pacheco stated that this was the routine report on the monthly project status meeting, held to discuss project implementation issues and to develop solutions. Ms. Pacheco outlined the highlights for the November and December meetings.

This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

XI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) UPDATE (Ball)

Mr. Ball stated that this item had been before the TTAC two times prior. He recapped the discussion that took place at the last meeting. Mr. Ball stated that the item went back to the Modeling Sub-Committee. Mr. Ball noted the Modeling Sub-Committee made one change to the text of the document related to exempting segments with recently completed capacity enhancements like 7th Standard Road at 99. The Modeling Sub-Committee again is recommending approval of this item.

Ms. Ebel expressed concern as to why are they approving a methodology that has not been approved by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) as of yet. Ms. Ebel suggested that they wait until after the TRB. She went on to suggest we may be getting ahead of the experts. Mr. Ball responded that in October of 2008, the COG Board established the Climate Change Taskforce. They developed a plan with a consultant that was approved by the Kern COG board in March 2009. The plan sets up a proactive approach on climate change issues by getting out in front of the regulations, actively participating and commenting on proposed guidance, and developing solutions that work for our region, rather than waiting for mandates to be handed down. Mr. Ball stated that SB 97, AB 1358 and the new RTP guidelines all require the changes being considered by the TRB. The consensus of the Climate Change Taskforce was to deal with these changes now rather than waiting.

Ms. Ebel asked if we have to make an approval at this time. Mr. Ball stated that it is not required as part of the process for adoption of the CMP which is an element of the RTP.

The Action requested on this item is to recommend approval by the Kern Council of Governments Board Congestion management Agency at their January 21, 2010 meeting subject to final adoption as part of the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan scheduled for July 2010. Ms. Ebel made a motion to approve the Congestion Management Program (CMP) Update. There was no second motion made. Chairperson Garrett stated that the motion had died for lack of a second. Mr. Ball stated that this requested action for a preliminary approval, was not required at this time. The item will come back to the TTAC as part of the full RTP public review process in April where additional comments and changes could be addressed.

XII. CLIMATE CHANGE TARGET SETTING TIMELINE FOR CARS AND LIGHT DUTY TRUCKS-SB375 (Ball)

Mr. Ball explained that the Climate Change Taskforce has been developing this issue. Mr. Ball sited that all recent meeting notes were attached with the next item. He made a correction to the timeline. The date on the timeline stated that he next meeting for the next TTAC is February 6th. Mr. Ball stated the correct date is February 3rd.

This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

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

Mr. Ball stated that there was a joint meeting of the Modeling Committee and the Kern Climate Change Taskforce. Mr. Ball stated that the meeting notes as well as the presentations are included in the attachments. Mr. Ball stated that the meeting notes were also available on the Kern COG website.

This item was for information and discussion and no action was taken.

XIV. MEMBER ITEMS

Chairperson Garrett asked if any Member had an item.

Ms. Ebel stated that the County was contacted by the Local Government Commission about a Grant they have received to offer a Design Streets for Pedestrian Safety Conference. Ms. Ebel gave a brief description of what the conference would offer. Ms. Ebel asked if any members would be interested in having their Engineers attend the conference. Several members expressed interest in the conference. Ms. Ebel stated that she would follow up with Mr. Smith about the possibility of holding it at the Kern COG location.

Mr. Treece stated there is an opportunity for California Transportation Planning Grants for the 2010/11 Grant Cycle. Mr. Treece noted that he had handouts detailing the Grants.

Mr. Smith introduced Tami Popek as a new member of the Kern COG staff and that she will be recording the TTAC meetings.

The next Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) meeting will convene on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Kern COG Board Room.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:09a.m.