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## **KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WELCOMES COMMENTS ON SHORT-, LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANS**

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Organization: Kern Council of Governments

What: Public workshop and comment period for: Amendment No. 2 to the Regional Transportation Plan; Amendment No. 8 to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis

When: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009; comments due by 5 p.m. Aug. 21

Where: 1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Bakersfield, Calif. 93301

You're invited to help shape your community's future! The public is encouraged to comment on the latest amendments to Kern's short-and long-range transportation plans, and their corresponding air quality analysis.

The document amendments include several projects in the metropolitan Bakersfield area that now demonstrate full funding through the city's recently passed development impact fee increase, along with a variety of new projects being included in the plan for the first time.

Highlighted projects over the next 20 years include:

### **Route 178**

- ✓ New interchange/widen to six lanes from Vineland Road to Miramonte Drive
- ✓ Interchange at State Route 204
- ✓ Widen SR 178 to four lanes from Miramonte Drive to Rancheria Road

### **Route 204**

- ✓ Widen to six lanes from Airport Drive to Route 178
- ✓ Construct interchange at F Street

Revisions to transportation improvements in other parts of Kern County are also included in the amendments to the long-range plan and short-range programming.

A public workshop on the documents' amendments will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5 in Kern COG's Board room, 1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 in Bakersfield. Public comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. Kern COG's Board of Directors will consider the amendments at its next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Copies of all three documents are available at Kern COG's office, in all county libraries and online at: [www.kerncog.org](http://www.kerncog.org)