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Kern COG meetings are broadcast at 7 p.m. each Monday on Kern Government Television.

At its January 19, 2017 meeting, Kern Council of Governments' Board of Directors was briefed or took action on the following items:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 1
The Board held a public hearing on FTIP Amendment No. 1, which includes revisions to the State Highway Operations and Protection Program, the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program, Transit Program and the Non-Motorized Program. Kern COG's Executive Director will consider the amendment's approval on January 23. State and federal approval is required.

Greenhouse gas emission reductions
Planning Director Rob Ball provided an update on target-setting efforts to reduce air pollution as mandated by Senate Bill 375. Kern COG is proposing new reduction targets of 9-12 percent by 2020 and 13-14 percent by 2035 for its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Board members will review the final recommendation on Feb. 16.



Caltrans' report

Paul Marquez reported on a number of ongoing projects throughout Kern County, including

- ⇒ New drainage systems along the south side of State Route (SR) 119 are expected to be complete by the end of March, provided the environmental permit is approved.
- ⇒ The Bakersfield Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project on SR 204 between I-99 and SR-178 has gotten deck treatment and coal plane and paving. The expected completion date is March 2017.
- ⇒ The Cherry Avenue truck climbing lanes on SR 119 near Taft from Elk Hills Road to Tubin Road has had extensive is 90 percent complete.
- ⇒ Americans With Disability Act-compliant curb ramps, signal modifications and lighting on SR 43 is under way. Estimated completion is July 2017.



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Executive Director's report

Executive Director Ahron Hakimi briefed the Board on the following items:

- ⇒ The annual meeting with Federal Transit and Federal Highways staff to go over Kern COG's Overall Work Program is Feb. 9th.
- ⇒ The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council – Valley Voice Sacramento trip will be held March 1st.
- ⇒ RSVPs for the March 2 Regional Awards ceremony are needed .
- ⇒ The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference in Fresno is March 9-10.
- ⇒ A volunteer is needed to fill Harold Hanson's seat for the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Their next meeting is March 17 in Madera.