

**DISCUSSION SUMMARY
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
March 12, 2014
11:00 A.M.**

1. SELF INTRODUCTIONS:

SSTAC:

Bob Snoddy	Kern COG
Candra Cheers	GET
Linda Wilbanks	Kern Regional Transit
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1. Self-Introductions

2. FY 2014-15 TDA Apportionment schedule – discussion

Mr. Snoddy advised that every March they receive the TDA apportionment estimate from the County Auditor Controllers office. The first apportionment estimate they received is 17% less than the previous year.

Mr. Snoddy stated that the final numbers will not be available until May. He went on to state that he would advise the committee as soon as he receives the final apportionment schedule.

This item was for information only.

3. TDA rural farebox ratio – discussion

Mr. Snoddy stated that three transit agencies are not currently making the 10% required farebox ratio.

Mr. Snoddy stated that it is ok to delay the month end reporting if cities need to wait to receive final operation expense data from their Finance Director. Mr. Snoddy stated that it is important to have all of the information complete and accurate.

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4. FY 2014-15 Transportation Development Plan applications

Mr. Snoddy advised that Kern COG had a request from the City of McFarland to assist them with a Transportation Development Plan. Once the plan is completed it will assist McFarland with grant applications for other programs. Kern COG is also working on a Transportation Development Plan for the City of Taft.

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5. Unmet Transit Needs- discussion

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Mr. Snoddy reported that the majority of cities have completed or scheduled a public hearing for the month of March. Once all the unmet transit needs hearings have been completed in either March or April, Mr. Snoddy can present all the data to the SSTAC in May. The SSTAC will review all the information and make a recommendation to the Kern COG Board in June. As soon as that process is complete Mr. Snoddy can begin distributing funds for the new fiscal year.

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6. Federal FY 2014-15 Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding programs

Mr. Snoddy stated that if rural transit operators would like to participate in that program, they have to do so through the 5311 program.

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7. FY 2013-14 FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects

Mr. Snoddy advised that the application for the 5311 Program of Projects is available on the Caltrans website.

Mr. Snoddy advised that Caltrans is asking for certifications and assurances. Mr. Snoddy reminded the committee to ensure that those are current.

Caltrans will be holding Title 6 Plan Preparation Workshops for FTA Programs. There will be one held in Fresno on Wednesday, March 26th from 10:00 – 1:00 PM at the Fresno COG. Mr. Snoddy stated that he would be attending and that he would be happy to provide a ride for anyone that would like to attend.

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- a. General items of interest for Transit Operators
- b. Items for Caltrans
- c. Items for future agendas
- d. Next meeting for June 11, 2014

11. Adjournment

With no further business the Transit Operators Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Transit Operators will be June 11, 2014.

March 12, 2013

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Robert M. Snoddy,
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transit Operators Meeting – March 12, 2014

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
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11. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:27 a.m. The next meeting of the October 9, 2013.

July 9, 2014

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Robert M. Snoddy,
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transit Operators Meeting – July 9, 2014

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Place: Kern COG Board Room

This meeting is available via a telephone connection at: 1 (571) 317-3131 Access code: 605-770-141

1. Self-introductions
2. TDA rural farebox ratio - discussion
3. Unmet Transit Needs – discussion
4. Transit Development Plans – Kern River Valley, McFarland, and Taft
5. Cap and Trade Funding – STA and other opportunities
6. Proposed service to Tejon Ranch Outlet Center
7. Transit Operators Forum
 - a. General items of interest for Transit Operators
 - b. Items from Caltrans
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 - d. Next meeting for October 8, 2014**
8. Adjournment – 11:00 a.m.

October 8, 2014

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Robert M. Snoddy,
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transit Operators Meeting – October 8, 2014

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Place: Kern COG Board Room

This meeting is available via a telephone connection at: 1 (408) 650-3131 Access code: 221-101-661

1. Self-introductions
2. FTA Section 5311 - Update
3. Transit Development Plans – Kern River Valley, McFarland, and Taft - Update
4. Cap and Trade Funding – Strategic Growth Council and other opportunities
5. Federal Transit Administration Section 5322 - Information
6. Service to Tejon Ranch Outlet Center - Update
7. Transit Operators Forum
 - a. General items of interest for Transit Operators
 - b. Items from Caltrans
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 - d. **Next meeting for February 11, 2015**
8. Adjournment – 11:00 a.m.

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TOC: Bob Snoddy Kern COG
Hannah Chung City of Tehachapi
Eric Rubio K.C. Mental Health Dept.
Troy Hightower Kern COG

1. Self-Introductions

2. FY 2014-15 FTA Section 5311

Mr. Snoddy informed those present about the FY 2014-15 FTA 5311 grant application timeline. Caltrans will provide more specific dates near December 2014.

This item was for information only

3. Transit Development Plans

Mr. Snoddy reported on the two transportation development plan projects for FY 2014-15. The projects included McFarland/Taft and the Kern River Valley plans. More information will be provided as the projects develop.

4. Cap and Trade Funding

Mr. Snoddy recommended that all of Kern COG's member agency staff review the Strategic Growth Council's website to investigate if the Council has issued a funding program that may benefit their community. Some of the newest projects listed under these programs are being funded by existing and new cap and trade funding.

5. Federal Transit Administration Section 5322

Mr. Snoddy updated those present regarding his efforts to secure Section 5322 funds for Kern County transit operators.

6. Service to Tejon Ranch Outlet Center

Hesham Elshazly from Arvin transit updated those present about the City's public transit service to the Tejon Ranch Outlet shopping center. Troy Hightower invited everyone to a public outreach meeting for the downtown Bakersfield station Golden Empire Transit District plan. The meeting will take place at the Beale Library on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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