

**AGENDA  
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
1401 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET, THIRD FLOOR  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 15, 2017  
6:30 P.M.**

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Gurrola, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Wilke, Cantu, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Miller, Parra

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- A. **Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2017**
- B. **Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**
- C. **Response to Public Comments (None)**
- D. **Local Clearinghouse (None)**

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

- IV. **KERN COG:**

- A. **2017 Community Survey Final Report (Napier)**

Comment: Godbe Research was commissioned by Kern Council of Governments (COG) to conduct the 2017 Community Survey. Bryan Godbe will make a presentation of the findings of the survey at the June Board Meeting.

Action: Accept the 2017 Community Survey Final Report. VOICE VOTE

- V. **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)**
- VI. **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

**VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

**VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

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

A. Warrant Register

B. Timeline

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**XI. CLOSED SESSION: None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – JULY 20, 2017**

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting of May 18, 2017

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THURSDAY  
MAY 18, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Wegman at approximately 6:55 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** B. Smith, Pascual, Mower, Prout, Krier, Wegman

**Members Absent:** Gurrola, Wood, Mock, Cantu, P. Smith, Couch, Scrivner

**Alternates:** Ortiz, McFarland

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Miller, Parra, Kiernan

**Others:** 5

**Staff:** Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Phipps, Snoddy, Pacheco, Smith and Blenner

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**III. 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 Council 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 Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2017

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments (None)

D. Local Clearinghouse (None)

E. 2017-18 Final Overall Work Program (OWP)

F. KAMA Contract Extension with CASE Systems, Inc. for Call Box Maintenance

G. Employment Contract Renewal: Executive Director

H. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

I. Kern COG Overall Public Outreach Plan

Mr. Hakimi said that there are people here that would like Item I. pulled.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR MOWER second by Director Smith, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, without Item I. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

**I. Kern COG Overall Public Outreach Plan**

Mr. Phipps stated that in March this Board authorized staff to do a request for proposals to both private and non-profit contractors for a sustained public education campaign regarding regional transportation issues. This is different than the workshops we are currently doing for RTP which are cyclical. This one is an on-going potentially recurring contract similar to work that the Kern Transportation Foundation (KTF) has done in the past. This RFP has a \$30,000 budget with an emphasis on face-to-face meeting with stakeholders' organizations throughout the region. There were three contractors who proposed by the deadline including KTF, Regional Government Services (RGS) and Bike Bakersfield. COG staff requested assistance from sister COGs to conduct the evaluation process. They came back with a recommendation for RGS and accordingly we are recommending contracting with RGS.

Four members of the KTF – Gary Blackburn, Troy Hightower, Howard Silver and John Spaulding spoke regarding the issues they have with the decision process and the company selected and asked that this item be delayed one month. Mr. Phipps and Mr. Hakimi spoke to their issues.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SMITH, second by Director Prout TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH RGS FOR \$29,720 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**IV. KERN COG:**

A. Final FY 2017-18 Kern Council of Governments (COG) Financial Plan (Budget) - Adoption

Mr. Phipps stated that before you is the 2017-18 Kern COG Financial Plan which you are seeing for the third time. It has a slight surplus, with almost \$4.6 million in estimated revenues and about \$4.5 million in operating capital expenditures.

Chair opened public hearing, no comments heard, Chair closed public hearing.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SMITH, second by Director McFarland, TO ADOPT THE FINAL KERN COG FY 2017-18 FINANCIAL PLAN. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)**

**VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

**VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

A. Final FY 2017-18 Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) Financial Plan (Budget) - Adoption

Mr. Phipps stated that tonight for the third time you are seeing the KMAA Financial Plan, the budget that pays for our call boxes, litter clean up and Kern 511. Revenue of about \$733,000 and operating expenses of a little over \$1 million resulting in an operating deficit of nearly \$300,000 that will be covered by cash reserves on hand.

Chair opened public hearing, no comments heard, Chair closed public hearing.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SMITH, second by Director Ortiz, TO ADOPT THE FINAL KMAA FY 2017-18 FINANCIAL PLAN. Motion carried with a voice vote.

B. Agreement for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways

Mr. Phipps stated that staff is asking for the board to consider renewing the Agreement with the Sheriff's Department for litter removal. The service seems to be appreciated by the communities. This Agreement covers one year in the amount of \$50,000 for county-wide service.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SMITH, second by Director Ortiz, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KERN COG, ACTING AS THE KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY, AND THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. Motion carried with a voice vote.

C. Status of the Kern Motorist Aid Authority's Call Box Program

Mr. Phipps stated that staff wanted to update the board on the status of the call box program as the board has requested in March that we consider a few options. Either eliminate the

entire call box network or only maintain the top 10-20 call boxes in terms of call volumes throughout the region. Staff has been working on this, we have not received all the information from the vendor, but they are open to working with us on a much smaller network. The travel time may be increased as they could be spread out around the county. The other option is to remove the network completely. The cost for removal when we did some in 2015 was \$237 per unit including box and pole, but didn't include removing the concrete pad. The staff report included a listing of all the remaining call boxes by routes. We went from a high of 574 boxes to 462 currently, a 20% reduction. Mr. Hakimi added in addition to negotiations with the vendor, we are also in negotiations with Caltrans and CHP who both have a say in this. We thought they may not be open to a smaller network, but they are open to it but have not completely agreed to it yet. We are in the process of getting more information and it may take a few more months. The six month extension with CASE for maintenance of them was approved tonight on the consent calendar while we get this all sorted out.

**VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hakimi stated that tomorrow is bike to work day.

KGET TV 17 ran four public service announcements for Commute Kern's new Bike/Pedestrian safety video.

Upcoming RTP workshops:

May 20 in Wasco

May 24 at 2424 Cottonwood Road in Bakersfield

May 30 in Tehachapi

May 31 in Mojave

We will be adding additional workshops for those of you that may interested in one in your community.

May 26 CARB Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Meeting teleconference in Shafter.

Remember we will be dark in August.

He then went over the items in the board folders.

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**XI. CLOSED SESSION: None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING: JUNE 15, 2017**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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Cheryl Wegman, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# IV. A. COG

June 15, 2017

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Ahron Hakimi  
Executive Director

BY: Rebecca Napier  
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: COG AGENDA NUMBER IV. ITEM A.  
2017 COMMUNITY SURVEY FINAL REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

Godbe Research was commissioned by Kern Council of Governments (COG) to conduct the 2017 Community Survey.

DISCUSSION:

The 2017 Survey is the eleventh telephone survey conducted for Kern COG in as many years. The Survey was designed to track the results of all of the previous telephone surveys.

Overall, 1,328 adult residents in Kern County completed the telephone survey, representing a total universe of 609,827 residents. Interviews were conducted in either Spanish or English depending on the preference of the resident surveyed. Interviews were conducted from January 28 through February 12, 2017. In order to allow segmentation of results by region, the areas of the county were sampled as follows: 218 in West Kern, 667 in the Central Valley, 225 in the Mountain regions, and 218 in East Kern.

To access the Final Report, please access the following link:

[http://www.kerncog.org/images/docs/community\\_survey/community\\_survey\\_2017.pdf](http://www.kerncog.org/images/docs/community_survey/community_survey_2017.pdf)

Bryan Godbe will make a presentation of the findings of the survey at the June Board Meeting.

ACTION:

Accept the 2017 Community Survey Final Report. VOICE VOTE