

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of February 16, 2017

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY 16, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Wood at approximately 6:30 p.m. .

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Gurrola, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Mock, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner, Miller, Parra, Kiernan

**Members Absent:** Mower

**Alternates:** Martin

**Others:** 6

**Staff:** Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Phipps, Pacheco, and VanWyk

**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 factual information or request staff to report back to the Committee at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES, WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR CONDUCTING THE MEETING. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Lt. Ian Silva with the Kern County Sheriff's Dept. gave an update on litter removal per their contract.

**IV. 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 Committee 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 Committee concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2017

B. Response to Public Comments (None)

C. Contract for Legal Services and Review of the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

**\*\*\* END CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\***

MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH, second by Director Prout, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, with Directors Wood and Mock abstaining. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

**V. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP, AND TRANSIT**

Ms. Pacheco stated that as part of Kern COG's Project Delivery Policies and Procedures, agencies with projects in the current year are to submit for funding authorization by the end of January. If an agency does not, they are required to send a revised submittal schedule. In total, 23 projects have not yet been submitted representing \$14.5 million in federal programming. At the February TTAC meeting, members were asked to give project status reports. In addition, agencies were encouraged to advance projects from future years. Ms. Pacheco reported example project advancements for the Cities of Bakersfield, California City, Shafter, and Wasco. This item is for information only.

Director Cantu arrived at 6:40 p.m.

**VI. COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN ARE DUE BY 4 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Mr. Ball gave a brief presentation on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan mini-grant outreach program. The new program is designed to achieve better turnout at public workshops by partnering with local service groups. Grants applications are due February 21, 2017.

**VII. BOARD MEMBERS MEETING REPORTS (None)**

**VIII. CALTRANS' REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)**

Ms. Miller reported on projects: The Lost Hills Lane replacement on I-5 between Lerdo overcrossing and I-5/46 separation. This is a SHOPP project and currently all the work has been completed the only thing left is some punch list items so for the most part this job is completed. The Bakersfield Bridge preventative maintenance is on the bridge on 204 Golden State Avenue off SR 99. The bridge paint work is ongoing and the scaffolding is ongoing and that will continue for another month or so. The polyester expansion dam work will be ongoing until early March weather permitting. We have MGS and in treatment striping and dike work are scheduled for next month weather permitting. There's also some existing scour damage at various piers on the bridge that will have to be addressed and will need permits from regulatory agencies. The work is at 85% completed and hoping to get the permits and for an April completion date. The Cherry Ave. truck climbing lanes on Hwy 119 near Taft from Elk Hills Road to Tubin Road is at 90% complete with anticipated completion date of April 28<sup>th</sup>. Waiting for approval of environment permits. The Beltway Operation which is a City of Bakersfield oversight program for Caltrans which is the operation improvements on SR 58 and 58/99 separation to Cottonwood Road. Construction is ongoing and progress is being made, it's at 55% and hoping to complete in spring of 2018. The Shafter/Wasco ADA ramp project on SR 43 construction contract was awarded to Dream Builder Construction they're not starting until the weather is better. The Rosedale ramp southbound on SR 99, they're targeting the end of construction for next month. Vermoso and 46/99 bridge replacement is being advertised and bid opening will occur this spring. Construction will probably start early fall. The Delano roundabout intersection improvements at SR 155, bid opening occurred last month and awarded the contract to Granite Construction. A question was asked about the status of the roundabouts and Mr. Hakimi gave an update on them.

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

Mr. Hakimi stated that the California Transportation Commission's next meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. Both Arvin and Bakersfield have ATP projects on the agenda. Bakersfield's 24<sup>th</sup> Street project received the green light from the California Supreme Court. The 24<sup>th</sup> Street demolition is in progress. 180 houses have been removed as part of the Centennial Corridor. Three public meetings were held over two weeks for the Centennial Corridor. The Regional Traffic Count Program is now doing bicycle and pedestrian counts in your community. He met today with Caltrans District 9 staff in Mojave.

**X. MEMBER STATEMENTS:** On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Mayor Cantu had a question and Mr. Hakimi explained it.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Jennifer A. Wood, Chair

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