

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of March 16, 2017

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 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, Mower, Prout, Krier, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner, Miller, Kiernan

Members Absent: Cantu, P. Smith, Parra

Alternates: None

Others: 10

Staff: Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Phipps, Pacheco, Invina, Snoddy, Smith, Palomo, Stramaglia, Heimer and VanWyk

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Mr. Ray Scott talked about the Greater Bakersfield Green Expo as well as Keep Bakersfield Beautiful and their statewide competition.

Mr. Sal Moretti with City of Bakersfield Solid Waste Division wanted to thank Kern COG for the contract of putting the homeless to work picking up the litter on Kern County freeways.

Director Bob Smith asked how many people have gone on to other jobs. Mr. Moretti said that a few have.

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 – February 16, 2017
- B. Response to Public Comments (None)
- C. FY 2017-18 Transportation Development Act Apportionment Estimate
- D. TDA Public Transit and Streets and Roads Claims for the cities of Ridgecrest and Tehachapi Totaling \$1,376,023
- E. FY 2016-17 Kern Region Low Carbon Transit Operators Program Call for Projects for \$424,305
- F. Revised FY 2016-17 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program of Projects
- G. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
- H. Project Accountability Team Report
- I. Intelligent Transportation Systems Kern Update
- J. FTA Section 5310 Projects

*** END CONSENT CALENDAR***

MOTION BY DIRECTOR MOWER, second by Director Mock, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, Motion carried with a roll call vote.

V. 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 3

Ms. Invina stated that Amendment No. 3 includes changes to the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, Transit Program, and Non-Motorized Program (for Bike Projects). The public review period began March 3rd and ends March 17th. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the Amendment on March 20th, and State and Federal approval is required. She then asked that the Chair open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing. Chair opened the public hearing.

Mr. Marvin Dean with the Kern County Minority Contractors Association handed out a couple of flyers and stated this issue is important to his members. It's important that Kern COG notifies us when projects come out and that we're a part of all other notifications. We need to recapture this money so it stays in the county by educating and making sure that local firms do the work and are ready for the projects. More outreach will help this process.

Mr. Nick Hill, with the Black Chamber of Commerce and the Kern County Minority Contractors Association wanted to say that we need help, the situation that we're in is not good and Kern COG can help us to turn things around. He's asking for more outreach, education and bi-partisan programs for everyone.

Mr. Allen Rogers with Delta One Security also with the Kern County Minority Contractors Association also wanted his voice heard on this issue to please help us any way you can to get the word out. People need jobs and need to go to work, please help us do that. We need more outreach.
Chair closed public hearing.

VI. BOARD MEMBERS MEETING REPORTS (None)

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

Ms. Miller reported on projects: SR 204 Golden State Avenue bridge between SR 99 and 178 75% of the maintenance work is done and expecting to finish in May. The Cherry Avenue truck climbing lane on Hwy. 119 – they are constructing the truck climbing lanes and widening shoulders on 119, it's at 90% done, just waiting for the environmental permit to complete work on the south side. The road is open. The Wasco/Shafter ADA ramp is constructing ADA ramps on SR 43 in Shafter and Wasco, the contractor is scheduled to start work March 27th. The Rosedale Highway improvements – widening SR 58 from 4 to 6 lanes between Allen Road and east of Gibson Street, construction is 98% done just finishing punch list items. The Kern Avenue pedestrian overcrossing to make it ADA compliant on SR 99, the contractor is waiting for the railroad approval of the bridge removal plans and then demo will start. The Delano roundabout at SR 155 and Browning Road, the project was awarded to Granite Construction yesterday and will start construction at the end of the school year as there is a high school near there. The utilities companies will be doing relocation work until then. The Feroso SR 46/99 bridge replacement is still in advertisement and won't be awarded for another two months.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hakimi stated that yesterday the California Transportation Commission met in Los Angeles and approved the three Active Transportation Program of Projects to Kern County. The program includes projects for the Cities of Arvin and Bakersfield. The Bakersfield project will introduce bike sharing to Bakersfield. Congratulations to both of the cities.

Unmet transit needs public hearings are happening throughout Kern County and staff attends many of them. To date, eight member agencies have completed their public hearings and the remaining agencies are scheduled to be completed by May or June 2017.

Sales tax revenues are down thus the monies we get for transit is down because that's where we get that money. The state and the county are predicting 5% less money for transit for next year. Contact Bob Snoddy for more information.

We're coming into the spring and every year agencies are encouraged to delivery projects early. Starting May 1st if your agency is able to advance their project earlier than anticipated they are able to capture money from other California agencies that don't deliver their projects. Later in the year we're able to capture funds from the entire nations. So please encourage your staffs to do everything they can to deliver projects as early as possible work with Kern COG staff to advance those projects.

IX. 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.

Director Bob Smith said that regarding the bike sharing project it add to the urban vitality.

Director Mower announced that the Blue Angels are in Ridgecrest this weekend they're performing Sat. and Sun. Come on out.

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Cheryl Wegman, Chair

DATE: _____

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TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY
March 1, 2017
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Speer	City of Ridgecrest
Bob Neath	Kern County
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
Ted Wright	City of Bakersfield
Bob Wren	City of Wasco
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
David Padilla	Caltrans
Pedro Nunez	City of Delano
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Robert Ruiz	City of Arvin
Steve Woods	GET

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Peter Smith	Kern COG
Tami Jones	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
Robert Snoddy	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Ed Flickinger	Kern COG
Linda Urata	Kern COG
Joe Stramaglia	Kern COG

OTHER:

Kameron Arnold	City of McFarland
Yolanda Alcanter	Kern County
Nate Meeks	QK Inc.
Robin Dickerson	QK Inc.
Viviana Zamora	City of Delano
John Spaulding	Building Trades
Doug	

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