

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of May 18, 2017

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

MAY 18, 2017
6:30 P.M.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

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

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

Alternates: Ortiz, McFarland

Others: 10

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

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 Office gave an update on litter removal.

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 – April 20, 2017
- B. Response to Public Comments (None)
- C. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Kern COG and Golden Empire Transit District
- D. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Kern COG and the City of Delano
- E. Cities of Maricopa and Wasco TDA Public Transit and Streets and Roads Claims Totaling \$1,124,860
- F. Project Accountability Team Report
- G. Call for Projects: Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program
- H. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- I. FY 2016-17 Program Supplement Agreement: - Rideshare Program
- J. FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects
- K. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Kern Update – Review of Draft Deliverables #5 and #5
- L. 2018 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for the Kern Region – Contract with Kimley Horn and Associates

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

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

V. TDA BIENNIAL APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Mr. Snoddy stated that this is the second report for this fiscal year and the purpose is to give all the communities a heads up on the TDA balances for the entire Kern COG distribution. He directed them to page 3 which shows the balances for each community. COG staff is working with three agencies to bring their accounts current. We would like to get them on the June or July agenda as this is the last chance to file claims before we go dark in August.

VI. SCOPING MEETING – NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Ball stated that Kern COG is the lead agency for producing its environmental impact report on the Regional Transportation Plan that we are updating right now and do every four years. There has been a notice of preparation for the release of our environmental impact report scoping meeting and comment period. Kern COG must solicit comments from local, state and federal agencies as well as the public. He then asked the Chair to open the public hearing.

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

VII. BOARD MEMBERS MEETING REPORTS (None)

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

Ms. Miller reported on six projects: the Cherry Avenue truck climbing lanes near Taft, construction is 95% done. Caltrans is working with Fish and Wildlife to get the permit to work on the south side drainage system. Shafter/Wasco ADA ramps on SR 43 has started construction and will continue through August. The Kern Avenue pedestrian overcrossing construction is 40% complete, waiting for approval from the railroad to complete demolition of the existing overcrossing over the railroad. The Delano roundabout at SR 155 was awarded and the contractor has a 90 day delay start so construction will start at the end of the school year as the project is located near the high school. Utility companies are doing some relocation meanwhile. Ferosa 43/99 bridge project was awarded on May 5th and construction is expected to start before the end of the year due to a delay regarding restrictions to replace the existing culvert in the Lerdo Canal. Kern County seismic restoration on SR 99 Airport Drive overcrossing and Golden State Avenue, construction is at 80% complete and should be done by the end of next month.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hakimi thanked Mayor Wegman, Councilman Pascual, Dean Florez, Melissa Pool with the Wonderful Company, former Congressman Thomas, Caltrans staff as well as Kern COG staff as it looks like we are going to be successful in finishing SR 46. We were able to secure approximately 10 million in additional dollars to finish that project. Next month, with Caltrans help, we will go back to the CTC near the end of June and hopefully we will get another \$10 million. Thank you all for your help over the last month. Chair thanked Mr. Hakimi as well. The next CTC meeting is June 28-29 in Sacramento and we will have staff there and at that meeting they will make the decision on exactly how much money they will fund the SR 46 project,.

Also at the CTC meeting the City of Bakersfield received over a million dollars for an ATP project (A Street between Brundage Lane and San Emidio Street to construct sidewalk improvements).

May 25th is the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Call for Projects Workshop and the deadline is Aug. 31st.

May 26th there will be an Environmental Justice video feed meeting in Shafter.

He said that in your folder you will see a letter from the Senate asking him to testify for a Senate subcommittee on the impacts of air quality regulations on transportation. Robert will be joining him.

There is additional information on SB1 in your folders.

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.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Cheryl Wegman, Chair

DATE: _____