

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY
January 31, 2018
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:

Bob Neath	Kern County
Kameron Arnold	City of McFarland
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Jeremy Bowman	City of Wasco
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Emery Rendes	GET
Pedro Nunez	City of Delano
Michael Navaro	Caltrans
Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Wayne Clausen	City of Shafter
Bard Lower	City of Ridgecrest

STAFF:

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

OTHER:

Andrea Miranda	City of McFarland
Scott Lau	Caltrans
Kris Olson	Kern County Public Works

- II. 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 information or request staff to report to the Committee at a later date.

SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION

None

Chairman Schlosser welcomed Bard Lower to the TTAC Committee.

- III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Meeting of January 3, 2018. Mr. Bowman made a motion to approve the discussion summary. Mr. Nunez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. FY 2018-19 PROPOSED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT CALL FOR PROJECTS SCHEDULE

Mr. Snoddy stated that the the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Mission: Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. He advised that it is an excellent Grant opportunity.

This item was for information only.

V. FY 2017-18 KERN REGION LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Mr. Snoddy advised the committee of the upcoming LCTOP workshop schedule. He shared that he would be attending the workshop in Visalia. Mr. Snoddy stated that he would be willing to provide transportation for any member agency that would like to go to the Visalia workshop. He advised the committee that LCTOP will be administered the same as it was the previous year with no changes.

This item was for information only.

VI. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 – CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Snoddy stated that Caltrans State of Good Repairs (SGR) Program allocates annual funds from Senate Bill No.1 legislation to the Kern region (\$354,958) through a supplemental allocation of the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund. Operators must qualify for STA funds to apply for program allocation. He advised that Kern Transit, Golden Empire Transit and City of Delano submitted Projects. The next cycle will be in September 2018.

The action requested is recommend approval of Kern region SGR FY 2017-18 Program of Projects, authorize Ahron Hakimi as Kern COG's Authorized Agent, and authorize Executive Director Hakimi to sign Kern COG's SGR certification and assurances.

Mr. Neath made a motion to recommend approval. Mr. Rendes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT TIMELINE

Ms. Pacheco stated that the upcoming amendment will only include revisions to the Non-Motorized Program to incorporate the ATP Cycle 3 Augmentation projects expected to be approved by the California Transportation Commission. The FTIP Amendment will be available for review beginning on Friday. Ms. Pacheco advised that the amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC.

This item is for information only.

VIII. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco stated that the highlights from the January 16th meeting include: 90% of project funding has not been submitted for funding authorization; ATP Cycle 4 call for projects is tentatively set for May 2018; Congratulations! Per 12/31/17 Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Delivery Status Report, every project is on schedule with funding authorizations; and Kern COG staff requested potential topics for next Caltrans Local Assistance Workshop.

Ms. Pacheco advised that the Local Assistance update from Sacramento included: State-only funded projects guidelines update; paperwork revisions for non-infrastructure projects; Pilot request for authorization process; and progress invoice training for local agencies to reduce inactive invoices.

Ms. Pacheco advised that the CTC staff update included: agencies that accept ATP funding must adhere to ATP guidelines; and agencies need to submit progress reports.

This item is for information only.

IX. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP

Ms. Pacheco stated that the Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. This is the presentation of project delivery letters for Active Transportation Program (ATP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). 25 projects have not yet been submitted for funding authorization representing \$18 million in federal programming.

Chairman Schlosser asked to bring back a status of projects in two months.

This item is for information only.

X. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Pacheco stated that on January 3, 2018, the Draft Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Program of Projects was distributed. No changes were made to the Draft RSTP Program of Projects. Kern COG staff recommends approval.

The action requested is that the TTAC recommend approval of the Final RSTP Program of Projects to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend approval. Mr. Neath seconded the motion.

XI. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) – UPDATED TIMELINE AND PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Kern COG staff developed a Draft CMAQ Program of Projects. Kern COG staff is proposing to advance the timeline for approval of the Final Program of Projects from March 2018 to February 2018. Ms. Pacheco advised that if the Board adopts in February, this puts the CMAQ projects in a position to be advanced to FY 17/18. Kern COG staff recommends approval.

The action requested is that the TTAC recommend approval of Attachment 2 as the Final CMAQ Program of Projects to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend approval. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

XII. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) – CONTINGENCY PROJECT POLICY AND PROJECT LIST

Ms. Pacheco stated that Kern COG staff is proposing to add about \$9 million of contingency CMAQ programming in FFY 20-21 in the event that projects for FFY 18-19 and 19-20 are not delivered. Kern COG staff again proposes a one-time policy to moderate how these proposed contingency projects are to be programmed in FFY 20-21 but must advance to an earlier federal fiscal year. Kern COG staff recommends approval.

The action requested is that the TTAC recommend approval of the CMAQ Contingency Policy and Attachment A to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend approval. Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

XIII. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE ARCHITECTURE MAINTENANCE PLAN

Ms. Pacheco stated that as mentioned at the January 3rd meeting, the consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, began contacting stakeholders via email and by phone to discuss ITS Diagrams posted on Kern COG website. The Kern COG Project Team and consultant will meet in February with City of Bakersfield, City of Delano, County of Kern, Golden Empire Transit District, and Caltrans District 9.

Ms. Pacheco explained that the ITS Plan for the Kern Region is a unique document that requires periodic maintenance to remain relevant. The 2015 Fresno County ITS Plan - Regional ITS Architecture Maintenance will be used as a starting point for the ITS Kern Architecture Maintenance Plan. Kern COG Project Team has the following unresolved issues that need to be discussed prior to circulation of a Draft ITS Kern Architecture Maintenance Plan.

- A. Who is the Maintenance Manager?
- B. Who decides acceptance of changes?

Resolution of items A and B influence the change acceptance process.

Ms. Pacheco advised that the Kern COG Project Team will continue this item to the February 28, 2018 TTAC meeting when there will be a request for direction from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Advisory Committee on the issues.

This item was for information only.

XIV. BIENNIAL LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS SURVEY – FEBRUARY 2018

Mr. Flickinger advised that the statewide binennial local streets and roads survey had been released. The survey assists in directing funding to local jurisdictions.
Mr. Flickinger advised the committee that the surveys are due by March 20, 2018.

XV. NEW FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TARGET REQUIREMENT (

Mr. Flickinger stated that one update to the Draft 2018 RTP integrated performance measure process will be the incorporation of 5 new added safety performance measures developed consistent with the state targets and the federal methodology.

The action requested is to recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the Kern safety targets consistent with the state target and using the federal methodology.
Mr. Lower made a motion to recommend approval. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

XVI. CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Mr. Smith state that the Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) was formed in 1992 to manage 574 roadside emergency callboxes. A fee is assessed on each vehicle registered in Kern County to fund the operation. Due to near universal cellular telephone ownership emergency calls from the callbox system declined dramatically from when the system was installed. In June 2017 KMAA directed staff to remove the remaining callboxes. The entire callbox system was removed by the end of 2017. State law authorized KMAA to fund other activities besides roadside callboxes, including traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure, including Changeable Message Signs, and other transportation demand management services.

The action requested was to request that the Chair of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) form a subcommittee to review operating characteristics of several PCMS for suitability in a local context and report to the TTAC of recommended PCMS for purchase. Mr. Neath made a motion to form a subcommittee. Mr. Lower seconded the motion. Mr. Clausen, Mr. Patteson, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Neath & Mr. Lower agreed to volunteer on the committee.
Motion carried.

XVII. MEMBER ITEMS

Ms. Pacheco thanked the committee members that participated in the Kern COG RTIP Workshop #1 held on January 24th. Attendees discussed performance measures to consider for integration into the RTIP Policy & Procedures. Ms. Pacheco advised that Kern COG RTIP Workshop #2 is scheduled for March 21st at 10:00 AM here in the Kern COG Boardroom.

Mr. Smith advised the committee that the July meeting falls on July 4, 2018. After discussion amongst the committee, it was decided that the July meeting will be held on June 27, 2018.

XVIII. The next scheduled meeting will be February 28, 2018. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20.