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Kern COG meetings are broadcast at 7 p.m. each Monday on Kern Government Television.

At its June 15, 2017 meeting, Kern Council of Governments' Board of Directors was briefed or took action on the following items:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 6

Board members conducted a public hearing that received no comment for amendment No. 6 to the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, which includes revisions to the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP), safety program and transit program. The public review period began June 2nd and ended June 16th. The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 Program of Projects for rural transit operators has been revised with corrections to the operating assistance funding for the Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Taft, and Tehachapi.



Kern COG's Active Transportation Plan update

Board members received an update from planners with Alta Design on the Kern Active Transportation Plan, which began in July 2016. The Active Transportation Plan will help identify and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements throughout the region. A second round of public workshops about the plan were conducted throughout the region in May and June.

Caltrans' report

Caltrans District 6 Deputy District Director for Planning Gail Miller reported on a number of ongoing projects throughout Kern County, including:

- ⇒ The contractor is reconstructing a ramp and working on the drainage system on the Shafter Wasco curb ramps on State Route (SR) 43 and should be completed by the end of August.
- ⇒ Construction should begin in July on the Delano roundabout at SR 155 and Browning Road. AT&T, Southern Edison and City of Delano are relocating the utilities.
- ⇒ Utility relocation work was awarded to Fema Construction and should be starting soon at the Famoso bridge on SR 99 and 46.
- ⇒ Seismic restoration at the SR 99 and Airport Drive overcrossing and the SR 99 and Golden Avenue separation is at 80 percent complete and should be done by the end of June.
- ⇒ A pavement rehabilitation project on SR 99 from north of Herring Road overcrossing to Pacheco Road undercrossing should be on this month's CTC agenda and should advertise by mid-July.



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2017 Community Survey Final Report

The Board received a presentation on Kern COG's 2017 Community Survey, which examines several quality-of-life related issues with a focus on transportation. It is the eleventh telephone survey conducted for Kern COG in as many years. Overall, 1,328 adult residents in Kern County completed the telephone survey, representing a total universe of 609,827 residents.

Executive Director's report

Executive Director Ahron Hakimi briefed the Board on the following items:

- ⇒ On Tuesday, June 20 new Federal Highway Administration Program Development Director Tashia Clemons will be visiting Kern COG.
- ⇒ May 25th is the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Call for Projects Workshop. The deadline is Aug. 31.
- ⇒ City of Bakersfield officials, along with Kern COG, Caltrans, FHWA and the County of Kern broke ground on the long-awaited Centennial Corridor project in Bakersfield, on June 14, culminating the Thomas Roads Improvement Program.