

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for September 21, 2017

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

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Wegman at approximately 7:15 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Gurrola, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Prout, Krier, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner
Absent: Mock, Cantu, P. Smith, Kiernan
Alternates: Martin
Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Miller, Parra
Others: Fox, Maxwell, Hightower, Paris
Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Ball, Stramaglia, Snoddy, Pacheco, Montalvo

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council 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 Council at a later meeting. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION. None heard.

III. 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 Council 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 Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

- A. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2017
- B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC
- C. Response to Public Comments (None)
- D. Local Clearinghouse: (None)
- E. Two Vacancies for Regional Planning Advisory Committee Community At-Large Member (Napier)

*** END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE ***

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

IV. KERN COG:

Memorandum of Agreement for Managed Parking Pricing Study (Napier)

Ms. Napier stated that as part of the 2017-18 Overall Work Program (OWP) financial assistance was approved for a parking pricing study to provide an economic analysis of potential sights and managed parking pricing. The City of Bakersfield agreed to initiate the work necessary to identify issues to be addressed in the development of the parking study. The Memorandum of Agreement has been approved by County Counsel and staff is requesting Board approval.

Terry Maxwell urged the Board to reject this expenditure explaining how these types of studies have

been done in the past and always reach the same conclusion. He said several members of the Bakersfield City Council want a PBID in the downtown area and want to use this proposal as one of their motivations to get people on board. Mr. Maxwell suggested that the City get the PBID before the study is done rather than after. He again asked the Board to reject this proposal and revisit at a later time after more research has been done first.

Director B. Smith made a motion, second by Director Gurrola, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern COG and the city of Bakersfield and authorize the Chair to sign. VOICE VOTE.

V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Hakimi announced that Kern COG has an information booth at the Kern County Fair, which runs from September 20th – October 1st. This year Kern COG is sharing its booth with Amtrak, GET, CalVans, and Kern Transit employees who are also sharing information from their agencies.
- He announced that Rideshare Week is October 2nd – 6th.
- Kern COG will have an information booth at the Desert Empire Fair in Ridgecrest, CA from October 20th – 22nd.
- Kern COG RTP Outreach received input from over 5,000 community members in the past two years.
- Mr. Hakimi discussed the information in the folders provided to the Board members.

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. None heard.

Director Gurrola announced that the City of Arvin has a few events going on. On Friday, September 22, 2017 is the grand opening of its Garden in the Sun (Las Palmas) Park. They will be opening up the Second Phase of Walnut Street that will lead up to Arvin High School. Also, Arvin will host its inaugural Hispanic Month Fiesta. He invited the Board and public to attend these events.

XI. CLOSED SESSION: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 19, 2017

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Cheryl Wegman, Chair

DATE: _____