

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for September 21, 2017

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

September 21, 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: Gurrola, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Prout, Krier, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner, Miller, Parra

Members Absent: Mock, Cantu, Smith, Kiernan

Alternates: Martin

Others: Turnipseed, Cohen, Fox, Hightower, Paris

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Ball, Stramaglia, Snoddy, Pacheco, Campbell, Montalvo

III. 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.**

Michael Turnipseed, a representative for the Kern County Taxpayers Association, discussed the upcoming decline in Amtrak service in Kern County. Adam Cohen gave a PowerPoint presentation about how Amtrak will be cutting its service to Bakersfield, Wasco, Hanford, Tulare, and Corcoran making travel less convenient for commuters by train. He asked the Board to take action on this important matter by passing a Resolution in support of express service and to oppose having Kern County cut from Amtrak's ridership. By joining the other Counties, Kern COG will have vital input on upcoming changes.

Lieutenant Silva from the Kern County Sheriff's Office gave his regular update on his Kern COG contract with the inmate crews working out in the community. Since July 2017, they covered Bakersfield, Delano, and McFarland with the majority of this quarter's work being in Delano by request. He expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Sheriff's Dept. to work in conjunction with Kern COG to keep the community clean while giving their inmates constructive work to do as they serve their time.

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 – July 20, 2017
- B. Response to Public Comments (None)
- C. Golden Empire Transit District, Kern Transit, and McFarland TDA Claims (Snoddy)
- D. State Transit Assistance: Operator's Qualifying Criteria (Snoddy)
- E. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 2017-2018 Program of Projects (Smith)
- F. Project Accountability Team Report (Pacheco)
- G. SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Funding Guidelines Adopted (Ball)
- H. New Federal Safety Performance Measurement Target Requirement (Flickinger)

- I. Update on Target Setting for SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions From Passenger Vehicles (Ball)
- J. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program - APDE (Stramaglia)
- K. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Stramaglia)
- L. Draft Report – 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Outreach Program (Napier)
- M. Two San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Studies Completed (Ball)
- N. Active Transportation Program Financial Augmentation Program of Projects for Submittal to the California Transportation Commission (Smith)
- O. 2017 Rideshare Week Campaign (Campbell)

Mr. Hakimi made note that Item IV-N on the Consent agenda was updated and each Board member received a yellow printout of this change.

Director Woods requested that Item IV-G be removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH to approve with Item IV-G removed, second by Director Woods, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, Motion carried with a roll call vote. Chairperson Wegman temporarily stepped away from the dais.

IV G. SB Local Streets and Roads Funding Guidelines Adopted (Ball)

Director Woods had a comment and two questions on this item. She stated that the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) listed on the staff report attachment for California City was too high and wanted to know how to accurately improve the numbers to meet the required PCI level timeframe. Mr. Ball explained that under the Senate Bill 1 Rule, a score of 80 out of 100, allows each agency to use the new gas tax revenues for maintenance. Director Woods asked if matching funds were available when they received the gas tax money to cover existing funds. Mr. Ball answered that this was a formula-based program and no match is required. It works the same way as the current gas tax apportionment received for streets and roads. To be eligible, each cities' council must provide a list of projects they are working on by the middle of October. Director Woods asked if a standard template was available to use to document the levels. Mr. Ball said that an Excel-based template is available and was sent out to the TTAC.

Director Gurrola stated that Arvin recently underwent a PCI study and its level is at 49. He thanked Kern COG and Board members for taking the trip to Washington, D.C. to request more funds to fix their roads.

Motion by Director Woods to approve, second by Director Gurrola.

Motion carried with a roll call vote. Chairperson Wegman was unavailable for this vote.

V. CONFORMITY ANYALYSIS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) Pacheco

Ms. Pacheco stated the Conformity Analysis allows for changes to projects and project phases in the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The RTP amendment updates one countywide location and the FTIP amendment includes revisions to the State Highway Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protections Program, and the Transit Program. The documents have been available for public review effective September 1, 2017 on the www.kerncog.org website and comments are due October 2, 2017. The comments received will be incorporated into the final document scheduled for consideration and adoption at the October 19, 2017 Board meeting.

The Chair opened the public hearing, no public comments were made. The Chair closed the public hearing. Director Couch made a motion to continue the adoption of the final amendment documentation until October 19, 2017. Director Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried with VOICE VOTE

VI. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

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

Director Miller discussed the Shafter/Wasco Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramp improvements on State Route (SR) 43 in Shafter and Wasco, CA; and the Kern Avenue pedestrian overcrossing upgrades for State Route (SR) 99. This project is scheduled for completion for March 2018. She gave updates on the Delano Roundabout at SR 155 and Browning Road Intersections; and the Famoso Bridge replacement on SR 46 and 99. She announced the Kern County seismic restoration project on SR 99 at Airport Drive overcrossing, SR 99, and Golden State Avenue separation are complete. She discussed the Taft Highway 2-R pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 North of Herring Road overcrossing to Pacheco Road will start reconstruction soon. Segment 4-A to widen SR 46 from two lanes to four lanes between Lost Hills Road to I-5 will receive bids in November 2017 for construction.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hakimi attended the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting in Oakland, CA in August 2017 where the Kramer Junction (Intersection of 395 and SR 58) project received an allocation of \$192 million for rehabilitation that will commence in the coming months.

Member agency staff attended two State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) workshops at Kern COG and there are two or more meetings scheduled to discuss how project money is spent.

Councilmembers Wegman and Pascual accompanied Mr. Hakimi and Ms. Napier, and other members, on their annual trip to Valley Voice in Washington, DC September 4 – 8 where they met with House and Senate members and White House staff; and had a very productive meeting with Senator Feinstein.

Mr. Hakimi thanked the new CTC Commissioner, Paul Van Konyneburg, who visited with Kern COG Staff and Board members. They took him on a tour with City of Bakersfield staff to show him all the projects being completed in metro Bakersfield and Kern County, including eastern Kern. Mr. Hakimi attended another CTC meeting in Mammoth Lakes, CA with PVK September 13-14.

The 2018 RTP Workshop #3 is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at Kern COG and Mr. Hakimi encouraged the Board members' staff to remain engaged in the process.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for October 18-19 in Modesto, CA where there will be several items of interest on the agenda regarding Kern County.

Mr. Hakimi congratulated the Board and its member agencies on the amazing Active Transportation Plan (ATP) success rate. They managed to capture \$32 million in the last 3 years and thanked them for producing quality applications and delivering projects on time.

There will be a Transit Symposium taking place in downtown Bakersfield on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and more details are available upon request.

Mr. Hakimi reiterated that there are strings attached to Mr. Ball's Item IV-G item. The new money is only for transit operators who meet their farebox ratio which is 10%, except for Delano and Golden Empire Transit (GET) District, whose farebox is 20%.

Mr. Hakimi had updated numbers for Item IV-F on the consent agenda and once again congratulated each agency for meeting more than their allocation of federal funds. He set a goal for 125% and was happy to report that they received 134% - 34% more than money that was given to Kern County.

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.

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Cheryl Wegman, Chair

DATE: _____