

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
January 31, 2018
1:30 P.M.

Secretary Napier called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin (phone)
	Steven Esselman	City of Bakersfield
	Suzanne Forrest	City of Shafter
	Mark Staples	City of Taft (phone)
	Craig Murphy	County of Kern
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Michael Navarro	Caltrans
	Eric Dhanens	Community Member
	Jack Becker	Community Member
	Ted James	Community Member
	Blair Knox	LAFCO
STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
	Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
	Pete Smith	Kern COG
	Bob Snoddy	Kern COG
OTHERS:	Patricia Leal	LCJA
	Adeyinka Glover	LCJA
	Barry Nienke	Citizen
	Brian Blacklock	Kern County Public Works
	Warren Maxwell	Kern County Public Works
	Dave Dmohowski	Home Builders Association
	Ravi Pudipeddi	City of Bakersfield
	Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
	Troy Hightower	Consultant
	Kameron Arnold	City of McFarland
	Scott Lan	Caltrans

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

This item was heard after Item IV. Bob Snoddy made an announcement about the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program 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. Grant applications are due February 23, 2018, and Committee Members are encouraged to submit an application.

III. WELCOME NEW COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Secretary Napier welcomed the new Community-at-Large Members Jack Becker and Eric Dhanens.

IV. SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN (Napier)

Secretary Napier opened nominations for Chairman. Committee Member Forrest nominated Committee Member Perez. Nominations were closed and Committee Member Perez was unanimously accepted as the Chairman. Chairman Perez opened nominations for Vice-Chairman. Committee Members nominated Committee Member James for Vice-Chairman. Nominations were closed and Committee Member James was unanimously accepted as the Vice-Chairman.

V. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Esselman made a motion to approve the discussion summaries for the meetings of January 3, 2018; seconded by Committee Member Murphy with all in favor.

VI. 2018 RTP/SCS EIR PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond advised the Committee that staff is refining modeling for the alternatives for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) environmental document. Consistent with the 2014 RTP/SCS process and to meet the requirements of SB 375, Kern COG developed and workshopped four (4) scenarios that varied in the amount of infill, compact development and transit-bike/ped infrastructure. Scenario 1 was the least compact while Scenario 4 was the most compact land use scenario. The next step is to develop alternatives for inclusion in the environmental document to the 2018 RTP to meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Currently there is the 2018 Plan alternative based on Scenario 3, and three other alternatives under development – the No Project, Old Plan and Infill Plan Alternative.

Committee Member James asked how the scenarios factor in to the 4 alternatives. Mr. Raymond stated that the control totals are by Regional Statistical Area (RSA). The RSAs remain the change within each scenario. Troy Hightower asked if there was any modeling available to review and suggested that Lamont be included in the Arvin sub area. Mr. Ball stated that there is a link to the model documentation on the Kern COG website that includes peer review and the additional modeling is still being generated. Committee Member James asked how many different models are being used and requested a brief discussion of the ones used in Kern. Mr. Ball stated that there are different models being used by MPOs in California. He stated that Kern COG the Land Use Modeling Methodology uses UPLAN to get the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) data for the Travel Model. The Travel Model used CUBE by Citilabs, and the Air Quality Model uses EMPHAC 14 that is required by CARB.

This was an information item.

VII. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS) CHAPTER REVIEW

Ms. Napier stated that Kern COG staff members, depending on their areas of responsibility, have been updating the RTP Chapters in anticipation of adopting the 2018 RTP in spring of 2018. She stated that Committee Members Oviatt, James and Forrest also submitted revisions to the Chapters. Ms. Napier stated that staff is requesting that the Committee authorize use of

the Draft Chapters 3, 4 and 5 to begin development of the 2018 RTP/SCS Environmental Document so that staff can stay on schedule for the spring adoption.

Committee Member James suggested that Chapter 4 provide more information out of the new Kern County Active Transportation Plan that would provide information that could answer some of the questions that the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability had. After discussion, Committee Member Esselman made a motion to authorize use of Draft Chapters 3, 4 and 5 to begin development of the 2018 RTP/SCS Environmental Document; seconded by Committee Member James with all in favor.

Audience Member Maxwell recommended that the Transportation Modeling Committee reconvene to review the modeling parameters. Mr. Ball will meet with the Transportation Modeling Committee in a couple of weeks.

VIII. NEW FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TARGET REQUIREMENT (Flickinger)

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.

Committee Member James made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the Kern Safety targets consistent with the state target and using the federal methodology; seconded by Committee Member Esselman with all in favor.

IX. UPDATE ON TIMELINE FOR TARGET SETTING FOR SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND THE 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (Ball)

Mr. Ball discussed that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has delayed adoption of the SB 375 Targets for a third time to March 22-23, 2018. Mr. Ball discussed that he attended an ARB meeting on January 30, and that the next update of the targets will use a “hybrid” that will use a menu based approach that uses strategies.

This was an information item.

X. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – FINAL DELIVERABLES #6 AND #8 (Pacheco)

Ms. Pacheco informed the Committee that the 2015 Fresno County ITS Plan – Regional ITS Architecture Maintenance Plan will be used as a starting point for the ITS Kern Architecture Maintenance Plan. Ms. Pacheco stated that the consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, has begun contacting stakeholders to discuss the preliminary data files from the ITS architecture database. The Kern COG Project Team and consultant selected the following agencies to meet with in-person based on the submitted inventory data files: City of Bakersfield, City of Delano, County of Kern, and Golden Empire Transit District. The consultant will be contacting Caltrans District 9 to set a phone meeting. These meetings will occur in February.

Ms. Pacheco answered question from the Committee. This was an information item.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Napier informed the Committee that the July meeting will fall on July 4 and that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee decided to hold their July meeting on June 27, 2018. Ms. Napier stated that she would put an item on the next agenda for consideration.

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

Chairman Perez stated that Golden Empire Transit has hires STANTEC to develop alternatives to fixed routes potentially using UBER, LYFT and others.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is February 28, 2018.