

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for January 17, 2019

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
1401 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET, THIRD FLOOR  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY  
January 17, 2019  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Smith at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Crump, Cantu, Mower, Krier, P.Smith, Garcia (Reyna), Couch, Maggard (Scrivner)

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Miller, Parra, Dermody (Green)

**Members Absent:** Gurrola, Vallejo, Alvarado

**Others:** Josh Taylor, John Spaulding, Troy Hightower, Karen King, Ryan Nielsen, Jasmene del Aguila, Brian Wesling, Jill Batchelder, Nate Ostrander, Jenny Richardson

**Staff:** Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Robert Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco

**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 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**

Lt. Ian Silva from the Kern County Sheriff's Department provided the following information regarding the litter removal program:

In January detention deputies worked about 150 hours towards keeping the county and Kern's roads clean. Combined with inmate labor the total is about 900 hours with an estimate of \$25,814 savings to the county of Kern. The fiscal year is about halfway over and so far the detention deputies have worked 405 hours and inmate labor hours was at 2,433 with a savings of \$64,377 using departmental crews as opposed to hiring. Delano, Shafter, McFarland and Bakersfield were the areas focused on. If there is an area to be focused on please notify the program. The Lieutenant asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**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 – November 15, 2018**

B. **Response to Public Comments**

C. **FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (PM1) "TOWARD ZERO" 2019 TARGET UPDATE**

- D. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4 ALLOCATIONS**
- E. **EASTERN SIERRA CORRIDOR FREIGHT STUDY**
- F. **JANUARY TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS: CITIES OF MCFARLAND AND SHAFTER (\$2,740,948)**
- G. **KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**
- H. **PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP**
- I. **KCOG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY UPDATE**
- J. **PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE JANUARY 2019**
- K. **PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT-REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM**

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH TO APPROVE SECOND BY P. SMITH TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**V. CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following statement:

“Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Amendment No. 2 to the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program includes revisions to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, Safety Program, and Transit Program. The Safety Program includes the newly approved Cycle 9 Highway Safety Improvement Program projects for the cities of Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, Tehachapi, and Wasco as well as the County of Kern.

The Conformity Analysis update covers the 2015 ozone conformity demonstration. In October of 2015, Environmental Protection Agency or EPA strengthened the 8-hour primary and secondary ozone standards. The San Joaquin Valley was classified as “extreme” nonattainment for the 2015 ozone standard effective August 3, 2018. In addition, the Eastern portion of Kern County, the Mojave Desert, was designated nonattainment and classified Moderate. Conformity for a given standard applies one year after the effective date or August 3, 2019. The 2015 ozone conformity analysis will satisfy this requirement in advance of the August deadline. Since this analysis addresses a new standard, all eight San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations must demonstrate simultaneously in order to satisfy EPA’s multi-jurisdictional guidance requirements.

The public review period began January 7th and ends February 5th. At this time, I have two actions. First, I ask that that the Chair please open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing. Second, after the close of the public hearing, I ask to continue the adoption of the final documents until February 21, 2019.”

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing. No comments were received. Chairman Smith closed the public hearing. Chairman Smith asked for a motion to continue the adoption of the documents. Director Couch made a motion. Director Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORTS:** There were none.

## **VII. CALTRANS REPORT**

Gail Miller from Caltrans District 6 provided the following information:

Famoso SR 46/99 Bridge: Bridge replacement at the SR 46/99 Separation.

The eastside of the State Route 46 project will start weather permitting the week of January 22, 2019. After that the project will go into suspension due to cold weather.

SR 99 Taft Highway 2R Rehab: Pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 near the City of Bakersfield from north of the Herring Road overcrossing to the Pacheco Road undercrossing.

Excavation, subgrade preparation, and hot mix asphalt / Rebar/ Concrete placement from SR 223 off ramp to 1 mile south of SR 223 QC

Route 46 Conventional Highway Segment 4A: Widen SR 46 from a 2-lane to a 4-lane conventional highway between Lost Hills Rd and 1-5.

Main Flood Canal Bridge is complete. Contractor is removing the false work. Contractor continues 1-5 bridge construction, and continued reinforced concrete pavement placement at Kern-46.

Route 46 Conventional Highway Segment 4A: Widen SR 46 from a 2-lane to a 4-lane conventional highway between Lost Hills Rd and 1-5.

SR 99 Rehab: Pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 in Kern County from 0.3 mile south of Palm Ave overcrossing to Beardsley Canal Bridge and on Route 178 at Route 99/178

Cottonwood East Rehab: Pavement rehabilitation (2R) on SR 58 in Bakersfield from the Cottonwood Road undercrossing to just east of the SR 58/184 separation. Median work is complete. The contractor is currently behind on this project. Approximately 40% Complete on Work while Contract Time is @ 74%. The Contractor will be submitting a plan on how the work will be accelerated to meet the construction completion date. Work is continuing EB on the #3 lane and shoulder.

Cache Creek Bridge Replacement: Replace bridge on SR 58 8 miles east of Tehachapi, from the Sand Canyon overhead to 0.5 miles east of Cache Creek. This project open bids on December 18, 2018. Caltrans is working on awarding contract.

Summit Overhead Bridge Rails: Replace Bridge Rails on SR 58 near Tehachapi at Summit Overhead. This project is starting in February.

Lerdo Canal Median Gap Closure: Median deck closure near Bakersfield at the Lerdo Canal on SR 99. This project starts in March.

Rte 58/99 Bakersfield Freeway Connector: Modify interchange in Bakersfield on SR 58 from Real Rd. to 0.4 mi west of Hughes Ln. OC; also, on SR 99 between Ming Ave. OC and Palm Ave. OC. This project starts in February.

CA Aqueduct Bridge Overlay: 1-5/99 Freight Corridor Improve Load Rating in Kern County near the Grapevine. This project has been awarded and approved construction contract is anticipated this month.

I-5/99 Bridge Separation: 1-5/99 Freight Corridor Improve Bridge Vertical Clearance in Kern County near Wheeler Ridge at Route 99/1-5 Separation (Northbound). The project has been awarded and approval of construction contract is anticipated in February. This project will be combined at construction with a pavement rehabilitation project on SR 99 from the 1-5/SR 99 junction to the Panama Lane overcrossing.

Stockdale Hwy. Enos Lane/SR 43 construction of roundabout update; project will start in March.

**Work currently scheduled for the next 30 days (subject to change due to weather, equipment/ labor availability):**

- Closure of lane no. 3 (truck lane) from just north of SR 223 off-ramp to just south of Union Ave overcrossing
- Removal of existing concrete, subgrade preparation, and hot mix asphalt / Rebar/ Concrete Placement from approximately 1 mile south of SR 223 QC to just south of Union Ave overcrossing
- Misc. shoulder and punch list work from Pacheco Road undercrossing to just north of Houghton Road Off ramp
- Electrical loop installations at various ramps throughout project limits
- Possible panel replacements in lane adjacent to truck lane
- Closure of lane no. 1 from just south of Palm Ave QC to just north of SR 204 OC
- Removal of existing NB median shoulder (HMA) and subgrade preparation from just south of Palm Ave OC to Just north of SR 204 OC
- Possible panel replacements in lane 1 and 2 from Palm Ave OC to Beardsley Canal Bridge.

**Traffic control related update(s):**

- All four lanes are open to traffic from Pacheco undercrossing to SR 119 overcrossing
- All three lanes are open to traffic from SR 119 overcrossing to just north of Houghton Road off ramp
- Two of three lanes are open from just north of Houghton Road off ramp to Union Ave OC
- Nightly closures will be needed weekly from Sunday to Thursday to complete work from Pacheco undercrossing to just south of Union Ave overcrossing. Concurrent closures will be spaced by 5 miles and restricted to a 1-mile length
- An extended closure of Lane No. 1 (fast lane) both NB and SB from Palm Ave to Beardsley Canal Bridge

UPDATE: Ms. Miller provided information about a Veteran's Outreach Program collaboration between Caltrans and Butte County Office of Education providing employment and job skills for military veterans. The program began in 2017 with 2 crews in Bakersfield and 1 in Visalia. They also assist in the freeway combat-litter program. There are 12 veterans on the Bakersfield crew.

Ryan Dermody from Caltrans, (attending for Brent Green from Caltrans District 9) stated the District is in winter suspension so there isn't a lot happening currently.

Mr. Dermody touched on the highlights from the freight study that was presented to the TTAC meeting of January 2<sup>nd</sup>. By the year 2040, there volume of trucks will increase 35% on SR 58 and 25% on SR 14. There's large gaps in the truck parking areas or stops. More parking or stops are needed. Mr. Cantu asked if there is a truck report for SR99. There hasn't been any in some time. Mr. Hakimi stated that Kern COG was involved in the last report and he can get that report for the board, should they request it.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Mr. Hakimi provided the following report:**

\$17.5 million build grant received by Kern COG to be used for the final portion of SR46 widening project (just west of Lost Hills) He attended the announcement ceremony in Washington DC on December 11, 2018. Great work by everyone involved! Our next workshop will be a 20-year history of previous, current and future SR46 projects.

Staff attended the Centennial ribbon cutting - December 20, 2018. Chairman Smith spoke at the celebration on behalf of Kern COG.

Mr. Hakimi attended the December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 Joint CTC/ARB Meeting in Los Angeles and on December 5 & 6 - CTC Meeting(s) in Riverside.

Mr. Hakimi will be attending the California Transportation Commission Meeting in Sacramento on January 30 & 31, 2019.

Kern COG will be hosting the 2019 TRANSITIONS Symposium @ Hodels February 26, 2019. More information to follow at the Kern COG Board Meeting.

**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.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_