

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for May 17, 2018

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

May 17, 2018
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, Vallejo, Cantu, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Scrivner, Miller, Dermody,

Members Absent: Mock, Couch, Parra, Kiernan

Alternates:

Others: Cort Hitchens, John Spaulding, Yesenia Ocampo, Jess Ortiz, Terry Erlwein, Troy Hightower, Stephen Pelz

Staff: Hakimi, Ball, Stramaglia, Pacheco, Snoddy, Napier, Urata, Campbell, Jones

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.**

Sargent Dixie Walters from the Kern County Sheriff's Office gave the regular update on the Kern COG contract with the inmate crews working out in the community.

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 – April 19, 2018

B. Response to Public Comments

C. MAY TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREET AND ROADS CLAIMS: ARVIN, DELANO, AND KERN TRANSIT TOTALING \$8,547,741

D. KERN COUNTY RURAL ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PLAN

E. KERN COUNTY COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

F. REVISED TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)

G. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)

- H. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) – REVISED CONTINGENCY PROJECT LIST** (Pacheco)
- I. **KCOG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY UPDATE** (Stramaglia)
- J. **CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM** (Smith)
- K. **AN OVERVIEW ON SUSTAINABLE GOODS MOVEMENT IN KERN** (Ball)

*** END CONSENT CALENDAR***

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

V. **INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – DELIVERABLE REVIEW**

Ms. Pacheco stated that the Draft Regional ITS Plan is available for review. Comments are due May 23, 2018. The Plan will be brought back to this committee for approval in June. Alyssa Phaneuf from Kimley Horn and Associates gave a presentation.

This item was for information only.

VI. **2018 COMMUNITY SURVEY FINAL REPORT**

Ms. Campbell advised the committee that the 2018 Community Survey had been completed. Mr. Godbe from Godbe Research gave a final presentation of the report.

The action requested was to accept the 2018 Community Survey Final Report. Director Vallejo made a motion to accept the Community Survey Final Report. Director P. Smith seconded the motion. The report was accepted with a voice vote.

VIA. **RESOLUTION REGARDING A CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION GRANT AWARD**

Ms. Urata Kern COG in partnership with the Center for Sustainable Energy submitted a proposal to develop a comprehensive and replicable Kern EV Blueprint Plan that places Kern County on a pathway to achieve its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals at an accelerated rate through high-impact transportation electrification projects.

Ms. Urata advised that in order to proceed to the contract phase, the CEC requests that Kern COG provide a resolution authorizing the agency to proceed and to issue a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) finding.

The action requested was to direct the Executive Director to enter into separate contract negotiations with (a) the California Energy Commission and (b) the Center for Sustainable Energy and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 18-22.

Director Gurrola made a motion to recommend approval. Director P. Smith seconded the motion. The item was approved with a voice vote.

VII. **BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORTS**

None

VIII. **CALTRANS' REPORT**

Director Miller stated that on the Famoso Bridge replacement on SR 46 and 99, the bridge will be starting in the median. The SR 99/Taft Highway 2-R pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 North of Herring Road

overcrossing to Pacheco Road, the contractor has closed the outside lane from White Lane to just south of Panama Lane to facilitate the replacement of the outside lane. This work is currently being done behind the K-rail. There are nightly closures from Sunday-Thursday. Median vegetation trimming South of 119 will be done during the day with median closures Monday-Friday. Segment 4-A to widen SR 46 from two lanes to four lanes between Lost Hills Road to I-5, abutment 1 & 5 are in settlement period for 90 days, contractors have placed a K-rail at I-5 and SR 46. Contractor construction embankments for ramps 4, 5 & 6, Chevron needs to move the abandoned pipes. The Lost Hills water line will be relocated the next three weeks. If these utilities are not relocated, the project may see some delays. The Cottonwood east rehab on SR 58 from Cottonwood undercrossing to east of the 58/184 separation pavement rehabilitation project started on April 2nd. The contractor is working through required submittals and has started the first stages of work. The project is expected to be completed in March of 2019. The contractor has completed the center line rumble strips and stripping operations from 7th Standard road to north of Ave 196. The contractor still needs to install the traffic loop detectors, which is scheduled for May 18th. Construction for rumble strips for Kern 33 and 119 at various locations is almost completed. However, they have expanded the scope of the project to include additional rumble strips. Director Miller stated that Caltrans will be installing solar powered flashing beacons on north bound and south bound approaches of SR 43 /Pond Road. The bids will go out in July and the installation should be complete around January/February.

Mr. Dermody introduced Terry Erlwein, the Maintenance and Operations Director for District 9. Mr. Dermody highlighted some contracts that were in the planning stages. The Mojave rehab on SR 14, The Mojave to Boron freeway conversion, The Tehachapi rehab on SR 58. The Rosamond/Mojave rehab is in the environmental stage. The Cummings Valley turn pocket will begin the environmental stage on July 1st. On July 1st they will begin design on the Freeman Gulch segment II portion. Freeman Gulch I will have a ribbon cutting in June.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The California Transportation Commission met in San Diego on April 16th and 17th. Kern COG applied for and was awarded a \$25 million grant for the City of Bakersfield.
- The Freeman Gulch Ribbon Cutting is June 12th. Mr. Hakimi advised that he would be speaking at that event.
- Mr. Hakimi reminded the Committee that the TDA Article 3 Program, the deadline for those applications is July 16th.
- Mr. Hakimi advised that the number of bidders on their projects is significantly down in the last six months and as a result, construction cost are rising.
- Work is under way on I-5 and 46, he advised that along with that comes increased congestion. He stated that if they were traveling in that direction to allow for extra time.
- Kern COG staff has been in communications with Bolt and Mega Bus. They are discussing putting a stop for both of those busses in Kern County.
- The Federal Government advised that all of the Cities and the County will see an increase in their RSTP funds.
- Amtrak free electric vehicle charging station is almost complete.
- Mr. Hakimi has invited the head of Calvans to make a presentation to the Board in August to advise how their constituents can get on board with van pooling

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.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Cheryl Wegman, Chair

DATE: _____