

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**THURSDAY
May 17, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

TPPC AGENDA:

VI A. RESOLUTION REGARDING A CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION GRANT AWARD (Urata)

Comment: Authorize Kern Council of Governments to enter into contract negotiations with the California Energy Commission to accept \$200,000 to develop a Kern Electric Vehicle Blueprint Plan

Action: Direct 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. Voice Vote.

May 17, 2018

TO: Transportation Planning and Policy Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director 

By: Linda Urata 
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER VI A.
RESOLUTION REGARDING A CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION GRANT AWARD

DESCRIPTION:

Authorize Kern Council of Governments to enter into contract negotiations with the California Energy Commission to accept \$200,000 to develop a Kern Electric Vehicle Blueprint Plan.

DISCUSSION:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) issued a competitive grant solicitation in December 2017. The CEC's Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) announced the availability of up to \$1,845,079 in grant funds for a competition that will challenge project teams to accelerate the deployment of electrified transportation within the local and regional levels with a holistic and futuristic view of regional transportation planning. This solicitation was for Phase I of an expected two phase effort for electric vehicle (EV) ready communities. Phase I is for the development of the planning blueprints to identify the actions and milestones needed to proceed towards implementation of the EV ready community. Successful applicants under this solicitation will have the opportunity to submit their completed blueprints to compete for and receive future funding under Phase II for implementation of their completed blueprints. Project teams may be comprised of community leaders, local governments, technology developers, building developers, utilities, researchers, and other project partners to develop innovative and replicable blueprints. This solicitation also targeted disadvantaged communities throughout California.

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), in partnership with the Center for Sustainable Energy submitted a proposal to develop a comprehensive and replicable Kern EV Blueprint Plan (EV Blueprint) 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. Kern County is challenged by poor air quality and barriers to the deployment of emission reduction technologies. According to CalEnviroScreen 3.0, 81-90% of the County qualifies as Disadvantaged Communities. Disadvantaged Communities generally lack private investment and a capacity to develop clean transportation projects. Nonprofits and governments are often overwhelmed and capital-restrained in their efforts to support emission reduction efforts. The Kern EV Blueprint's recommended high-impact projects will demonstrate opportunities to benefit disadvantaged communities and highly leverage available capital.

On May 9, 2018, the CEC voted to award \$200,000 to Kern Council of Governments and the Center for Sustainable Energy's proposal to develop a Kern EV Blueprint Plan. 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.

ACTION: Direct 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. Voice Vote.

BEFORE THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

RESOLUTION 18-22

In the matter of:

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT \$200,000 FUNDING FOR KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TO DEVELOP A "KERN ELECTRIC VEHICLE BLUEPRINT PLAN"

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments recognizes that it is in the interest of the region, state, and nation to reduce greenhouse gas emission; reduce petroleum use; create and retain jobs; and reduce fossil fuel emissions; within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Alternative and Renewable Fuel Vehicle Technology (ARFVT) Program funds are available through the California Energy Commission's ARFVT Program for grants to eligible California local or regional public entities for the development of Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Communities Challenge Phase I – Blueprint Plan Development to accelerate the deployment of electrified transportation within the local and regional levels with a holistic and futuristic view of regional transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments is eligible for ARFVT funding under the California Energy Commission's ARFVT Program; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments is a Metropolitan Planning Organization and the completion of a Kern Electric Vehicle Blueprint Plan furthers the goals and strategies set forth in the Overall Program of Work; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of a paper study; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the CEQA, Kern Council of Governments finds that the Kern Electric Vehicle Blueprint is not a "project" under CEQA because no CEQA documents are required for an electric vehicle blueprint plan. Furthermore, the installation of electric vehicle charging stations that potentially could result from the plan is exempt from CEQA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on May 9, 2018 the California Energy Commission recommended awarding funding to the "Kern EV Blueprint" project, and the Kern Council of Governments authorizes Kern Council of Governments to accept a grant award for \$200,000; and, that Executive Director Ahron Hakimi acting for the Kern Council of Governments is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate in the name of Kern Council of Governments, all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments hereto, to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application and to bring the contract to the Kern Council of Governments for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kern Council of Governments joined with the Center of Sustainable Energy to submit a proposal to the California Energy Commission, and that the California Energy Commission voted to award funding to the "Kern EV Blueprint" project on May 9, 2018, and that Executive Director Ahron Hakimi acting for the Kern Council of Governments is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate in the name of Kern Council of Governments, all necessary contracts and agreements and amendments hereto, to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application and to bring the contract to the Kern Council of Governments for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2018.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the Kern Council of Governments this 17th day of May 2018.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Cheryl Wegman, Chair
Kern Council of Governments

ANSENT:

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Kern Council of Governments duly authorized at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on the 17th day of May 2018.

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments