

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for August 20, 2020

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

THURSDAY  
August 20, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:47 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Gurrola, B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Crump, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner, Alvarado

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Navarro, Alcalá, Kersey, Parra

**Members Absent:** Gonzalez

**Others:** Carr, Heckman, Harvey

**Staff:** Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Michael Heimer, Susanne Campbell, Ed Flickinger, Linda Urata, Joe Stramaglia

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council 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 Council at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Chairman Smith asked for public comments. There were no comments.

- III. 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 Council 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 Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**A. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2020**

**B. Response to Public Comments**

**C. 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program (Campbell)**

**Comment:** Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Board shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. On August 6, 2020, staff received from Calstart's Clean Mobility Options a **Notice of Proposed Award** for our 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher in the amount of \$49,924.

**Action:** Approve Calstart's Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment Voucher, and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution No. 20-18. Roll Call Vote.

**D. Transportation Safety Plans Memorandum of Understanding (Flickinger)**

**Comment:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been created for Kern Council of Governments to assist in developing a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) for the following

nine cities anticipated to participate: Arvin, Bakersfield, California City, Delano, Maricopa, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi and Wasco.

**Action:** Authorize the Chair to sign the MOU. VOICE VOTE.

**E. Local Clearinghouse: None.**

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR LESSENEVITCH, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CRUMP TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**IV. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (None)**

**V. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

**VI. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

**VII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

- AB 2006 sponsored by Fong and Salas has been passed and is ready for signature. AB 2006 allows the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern to take over responsibility of SR 184 (Morning Drive). The two entities will have to agree to this.
- Unfortunately, there was a fatal accident recently at California City Blvd. and SR 58. This intersection has been a priority project for several years, we just haven't been able to put the funds together to take care of this dangerous intersection. Supervisor Scrivner and I have a meeting set up with representative of Edwards Airforce Base next week.
- The Amazon Distribution Center is open and Kern COG is monitoring the traffic in this area.

**IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)**

**X. CLOSED SESSION: (None)**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – September 17, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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Bob Smith, Chairman

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