

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 31, 2022 (SEPTEMBER MEETING)

KERN COG BOARD ROOM/GO TO MEETING
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday
August 31, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Invina-Jayasiri for attendance.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
Chris Schultz	City of Shafter
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Aurelio Garcia	City of Wasco
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Steve Barnes	Golden Empire Transit

OTHER:

Gregg Strakaluse	City of Bakersfield
Gary Hallen	City of Bakersfield
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
Lilli Parker	Bakersfield Senior Center
Maria Lara	City of Wasco
Maria Martinez	City of Wasco
Viviana Zamora	City of Delano
Brianahi De Leon	City of McFarland
Richard Albright	City of Wasco

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Rob Ball
Angie Banuelos	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
Raquel Pacheco	Bob Snoddy
Becky Napier	Linda Urata
Karl Davisson	Irene Enriquez

- 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 factual information or request staff to report back 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.

No public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of July 6, 2022.

There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Ms. Alcantar seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

IV. FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT

Ms. Banuelos stated according to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems and streets and roads. Golden Empire Transit has submitted a Public Transit claim which totals \$32,480,019. Kern COG staff has reviewed the claim and recommended approval. Staff asked TTAC to review TDA Public Transit Claim for Golden Empire Transit and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Ms. Viterelli made the motion to recommend approval. Mr. Topete seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE BAKERSFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Ms. Lilli Parker of the Bakersfield Senior Center presented an Affordable Housing, Senior Facility, Mobility & Active Transportation and Extension of Mill Creek Canal project within the City of Bakersfield. She is proposing this project for the REAP 2.0 funding. Committee members asked Ms. Parker questions regarding project cost, location, ownership, and amount of funds seeking.

This item is for information only.

VI. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS (REAP) 2.0

Ms. Napier reported the Department of Housing and Community Development held a REAP 2.0 Webinar on August 9 for MPOs and discussed specific issues. Projects eligible for REAP 2.0 funds MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

1. Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability,
2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, and
3. Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Ms. Napier also stated that Threshold Requirements include:

1. Significant Beneficial Impact,
2. Equitable Targeted Outreach Unique to REAP 2.0, and
3. Suballocation Methodology must be approved by the Department by March 31, 2023.

The committee members' recommendation was to conduct an in-person joint workshop with RPAC at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28. In addition, proposed project information must be submitted to Ms. Napier by close of business on September 19 along with a paragraph for each project on how it meets the three objectives. The filing deadline for the final application has not changed and is due December 31, 2022.

This item is for information only.

VII. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Snoddy stated at the August 18, 2022, California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, the Commission adopted a revised Fund Estimate for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6, which is currently in progress. The approved revised Fund Estimate for the statewide ATP budget is now \$1.7 billion due to an infusion of funding from the recently approved 2022-23 state budget. The Kern COG guaranteed regional share of that statewide budget has been increased to \$16.8 million for the 4-year span from 2023-24 through 2026-28. The MPO project selection process will begin January 2023 and conclude June 2023 with CTC adoption of MPO selected projects.

This item is for information only.

VIII. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT

Ms. Urata discussed in order to help meet stringent air quality standards, Kern COG promotes deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies. The report provides staff activity information and provides funding information. This summary report covers the period June 1, 2022 to August 18, 2022. Ms. Urata stated funding remains available in the amount \$164,873 for charging station installations. Existing site host partners and member agencies are asked to express interest in funding via email to Linda Urata at

lurata@kerncog.org by Friday, September 16, 2022. The current distribution of funding is attached to this staff report. In additions, she reported five sites have been selected for the Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Blueprint grant.

This item is for information only.

IX. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSITANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA - EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN COG FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Mr. Ball discussed that the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This is an annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC. Under this Kern COG local government assistance program, staff can recommend that technical assistance resources be prioritized for agencies with the greatest potential need. Agencies must request technical assistance in writing by September 30, 2020 for consideration. Please contact Rob Ball - 661-635-2902, rball@kerncog.org or Linda Urata - 661-635-2904, lurata@kerncog.org.

This item is for information and Technical/grant writing assistance requests from member agencies are due to Kern COG by September 30, 2022.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri announced the Kern County Fair is from September 22 – October 2, 2022 and Kern COG will be having a booth at the fair.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS –

Ms. Mendibles announced there will be a Call for Projects for Caltrans Planning Grants in October. She will be emailing more information and workshop details, and if you would like to meet with her to discuss potential projects, please contact her.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:10am. The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2022.