

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
February 5, 2020
1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Eric Dhanens Suzanne Forrest Alexander Lee Mark Staples Shawn Monk Asha Chandy Lorena Mendibles Ricardo Perez	Community Member Shafter McFarland Taft (Phone) California City Community Member Caltrans GET
STAFF:	Becky Napier Ben Raymond Michael Heimer Linda Urata Rob Ball Ed Flickinger	Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG
OTHERS:	Johanna Coronado Joshua Champlin Paul Candelaria Ryan Starbuck Troy Hightower Adeyinka Glover	TDH Associates Int. Kern County Kern County Public Works City of Bakersfield TDH Associates Leadership Counsel

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 information or request staff to report 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.**

None

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to approve the discussion summary for September 4 and November 6, 2019; seconded by Committee Member Chandy with all in favor.

IV. REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS UPDATE (Napier)

Ms. Napier stated that staff is proposing that the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) By-Laws be amended to add one permanent voting member for the Tejon Indian Tribe and consider changing Article VI. Meetings, Section 3 as it relates to what constitutes a quorum.

Specifically, a quorum would consist of “a majority of the members appointed in accordance with Article III who are present at the meeting, either in person, by conference call, or by video teleconference”.

Committee Member Dhanens made a motion to recommend to the Kern COG Board approval of the RPAC By-Laws Update; seconded by Committee Member Forrest with all in favor.

V. PUBLIC WORKSHOP/PUBLIC COMMENT – 2020-2050 GROWTH FORECAST DRAFT REPORT (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond stated that the 2020-2050 Growth Forecast Draft Report is available for review and public comment on Kern COG’s webpage <https://www.kerncog.org/estimates-and-projections/>. The public workshop of the forecast is scheduled to be hosted at the Kern COG board meeting in February 2020. Mr. Raymond turned this item over to Mark Schniepp, Consultant, to present a summary of “Updating the Regional Growth Forecast”.

This was an information item.

VI. KERN COUNTS CENSUS 2020 (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond STATED THAT THE Decennial Census will be conducted on April 1, 2020, and to receive the maximum levels of federal funding, all persons needed to be counted. In California, more than 70 federal programs that benefit Kern residents use census data and population counts as part of the funding formulas, including the Community Development Block Grant Program, as well as funding for roads. Kern Counts makes resources available to help.

This was an information item.

VII. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT (Urata)

Ms. Urata stated that to help meet more stringent air standards, Kern COG promotes early deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies such as plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) and compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles. This report provides staff activity information.

This item was an information item.

VIII. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP (Ball)

Mr. Ball explained that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill 375 per capita greenhouse gas reduction targets. Mr. Ball discussed the timeline including potential outreach events and public meetings.

This was an information item.

IX. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY SUCCESS STORIES UPDATE (Ball)

Mr. Ball stated that staff compiled the Sustainable Communities Strategy success stories that have been submitted by member agencies and other stakeholders related to SB 375 greenhouse gas reduction goals to be included in the next Regional Transportation Plan/SCS update. Member agencies/stakeholders were asked to submit edits, comments and/or new success stories by Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

This was an information item.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is March 4, 2020.