

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-30

In the Matter of:

2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, 2018 REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY, and CORRESPONDING
CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to prepare and adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg, 2008) requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the 2018 RTP that demonstrates how the region will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the applicable greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the California Air Resources Board (ARB); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 375, the applicable ARB per capita GHG emission reduction targets for the San Joaquin Valley region are 5% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020 and 10% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the state law requires that the RTP/SCS land-use development pattern is consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS has been prepared in accordance with state guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS has been prepared in full compliance with federal guidance; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS includes the Congestion Management Program which is consistent with the final rules for Federal Management and Monitoring Systems effective Congestion Management Process; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS reconfirms the use of the socio-economic assumptions and data forecast adopted by the Kern COG Board in November 2015 and was developed consistent with the adopted Kern COG oversight procedure; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare and adopt a short range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in the 2019 FTIP must be financially constrained and the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2019 FTIP) has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and their staffs, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through Kern COG forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP program listing is consistent with: 1) the 2018 RTP/SCS; 2) the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program; and 3) the Corresponding Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP contains the MPO's certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG has established performance targets that address the performance standards per 23 CFR Part 490 , 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) 5326(c), and 49 U.S.C. 5329(d) to use in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG has integrated into its metropolitan transportation planning process, directly or by reference, the goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets described in other State transportation plans and transportation processes, as well as any plans developed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 by providers of public transportation, required as part of a performance-based program; and

WHEREAS, the MPO must demonstrate conformity per 40 CFR Part 93 for the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP includes a new Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP conform to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP do not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by Kern COG's advisory committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Kern County consistent with the public participation process adopted by Kern COG; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were conducted on June 6th, 19th and 21st 2018, to hear and consider comments on the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kern COG adopts the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kern COG finds that the 2018 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP are in conformity with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments and applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kern COG also finds that the 2018 RTP/SCS meets the SB 375 GHG reduction targets of 5% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020 and 10% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

AYES: Ortiz, B.Smith, Wood, Vallejo, Crump, Mower, Prout

NOES: Krier, P.Smith, Couch, Wegman
None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cantu, Kiernan, Scrivner



Cheryl Wegman, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Kern Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of August 2018.



Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

8/16/18

Date