

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

Meeting Minutes

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

WEDNESDAY  
October 3, 2018  
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

**I. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
	Bob Neath	Kern County
	Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
	Jeremy Bowman	City of Wasco
	Pedro Ramirez	Caltrans
	Joe West	NOR/CTSA
	Wayne Clausen	City of Shafter
	Bard Lower	City of Ridgecrest
	Pedro Nuñez	City of Delano
	Mario Gonzalez	City of McFarland
	Steve Barnes	GET
	Craig Jones	City of Taft
STAFF:	Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
	Peter Smith	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Veronica McCulloch	Kern COG
OTHER:	Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
	Asha Chandy	Bike Bakersfield
	Michael Dillenbeck	Kern County Public Works
	Adam Ojeda	City of Arvin
	Cindy Parra	GET

- 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 date.

**SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Ms. Napier provided an update about the changeable message signs stating that yesterday, 7 were delivered. She wanted to thank Arvin, Bakersfield, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi and Wasco because due to their punctuality, she was only at the delivery location for 2 hours. The other 7 were to be delivered today. The address to pick them up is 2260 Curnow Road.

- III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Meeting of September 5, 2018. Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve the discussion summary. Mr West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IV. OCTOBER TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS: CITIES OF ARVIN AND MARICOPA**

Mr. Snoddy stated it was a busy month and there were 5 outstanding claims that were reviewed. Arvin was the first, which was a public transit and was already seen and approved by the committee. They have asked to amend this document and switch the funds out of the LTF and into the STA. The new one will be \$616,979 in STA funds for their public transit. The next one is their streets and roads finally there is the 2017-18 public transit claim.

For Maricopa, they did their 2017-18 public transit and streets and roads claim together, with all 5 totaling \$2,016,776. Staff has reviewed and is recommending approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Neath made a motion to approve recommendation to the TPPC. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**V. KCOG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY UPDATE**

Mr. Stramaglia addressed the committee regarding new projects of regional significance introduced into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which require analysis using new performance measures to meet regional, state and federal transportation asset management goals. He stated that the document that is circulating originally went out last May. The date of the workshop is Wednesday, November 14. There will also be a new policy revised version and a draft baseline list by that date. He stated that he is creating spreadsheet/template to enter and track projects. The committee asked questions after which Mr. Stramaglia answered.

**VI. BI-ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ON REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT ROUTES DUE: 5PM. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018**

Mr. Ball reported on surveys that are due bi-annually regarding transportation projects on significant routes for the Regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The model is updated and tracked once the information is received from Bakersfield, California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, County of Kern and CALTRANS. Mr. Patteson stated his city's survey was turned in last week. Mr. Lower asked if his could be resent because it wasn't received originally. Mr. Ball said yes, we will make sure he gets one.

Surveys are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 10, 2018. This item was for information only.

**VII. SB375 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGET SETTING TIMELINE UPDATE AND COORDINATION EFFORTS**

Schedule and activity updates for California Air Resources Board (ARB) approval of Senate Bill (SB) 375 targets for the Kern region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from passenger vehicle travel. Mr. Ball presented a timeline for updates and coordinated efforts. He stated there was an updated version of the report in front of them, the original report had old dates and was corrected. He said the RPAC is actually overseeing this and with the adoption of the 2018 RTP, we are now beginning the process of the 2022 RTP, completion date scheduled of July 2022. Mr. Ball stated that In 2 years we have seen a 15% increase in VMT. SB375 uses VMT as a proxy, or gauge, and as a region we really need to be doing everthing we can to keep our VMT's down (such as using charging stations and municipal fleets).

This item was for information only and led him to the next item on the agenda.

**VIII. 2018 RTP – VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY PROGRESS TRACKING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Mr. Ball presented a community progress tracking report or feedback on how your agencies have done since the first sustainable RTP in 2014. The table shows a breakdown that provides sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and potentially fund technical assistance planning

grants to help regions that need it the most. He said the entire region is doing well, per capita, in terms of seeing continued reduction of VMT according to the report. This table is ranked from 2014 to 2018 according to how big the change was per capita. The greatest reduction was in Rosamond and the greatest increase was in Arvin. This has to do with employment shifting. This is all tied into a regional technical assistance grant incentive program started in 2014.. A list was provided with grant opportunities called Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources. Kern COG staff can use this for planning grants and resources to helping other communities obtain funding as well.

The action was to recommend the Transportation Planning Policy Committee receive and file this report. Mr. Lower made a motion to recommend to the TPPC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzales. Motion carried.

**IX. 2018 KERN COUNTY ASCE INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CARD AND 2018 STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT – PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the League of Cities/County Supervisors Association of California are releasing reports on the condition of Kern's Transportation System. Mr. Ball provided information from the report. He stated that Roads got a C-, up from the previous report of D+. We've built 45 bridges over the last 4 years. There is also a report that is a local road needs assessment by the League of Cities and the California Association of Counties that is done every 2 years. We've dropped from 66% to 63% PCI (pavement condition index). If we are successful in getting our PCI to 80% we can maintain our roads with the funding we will get. The committee asked other questions that Mr. Ball answered. If you have questions regarding the report, please contact Mr. Ball and he will provide contact information for Margot Yapp, who gave the original presentation.

Recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to Receive and File this report. Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend to the TPPC. Mr. Lower seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**X. IMPORTANT DEADLINE: SB1 RMRA Local Streets & Roads Program Report DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

FY 2017-18 SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Local Streets & Roads Program Report Requires Annual Reporting are Due Monday, October 1, 2018. Mr. Ball congratulated everyone for reporting on time. This item was information only.

**XI. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PLANNING PROGRAM AND KERN EV BLUEPRINT**

Mr. Ball presented to the committee and stated to help meet more stringent air standards, Kern COG promotes early deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies such as plug-in electric vehicles. Kern COG is forming two temporary working groups – the TRANSITions 2019 planning committee and the Kern Electric Vehicle (EV) Blueprint Plan Informal Working Groups. If we don't meet our budgets for federal air quality conformity, we go into conformity lapse or freeze on our funding for road expansion projects until we come up with a plan that does shows we are cleaning up our VMT and maintaining clean fleets. If you are interested in participating, please contact Linda Urata.

This item was information.

**XII. MEMBER ITEMS**

Mr. Smith provided information about the CALTRANS local assistance workshop that will be on October 24, 2018 at Kern COG and in the Board Room. Mr. Smith asked about a call from Mr. Culp needed referrals for engineering firms. He asked for referrals from Kern COG staff for their upcoming projects.

Chairman Schlosser advised the committee that GET wasn't able to go forward with the CMAC project of a new bus station at CSUB. He advised Mr. Barnes that he was aware that the loss of this funding happened before he was in his current position. His reasoning for bringing it to the attention of the committee was that he thought a debrief with this group would be helpful as to why we lost the

funding for this region (\$1.6 mil.). He also stated the debrief was to learn from the way it was handled and avoid losing the funding in the future by determining what mistakes were made, if any. Mr. Barnes stated that since it happened before he was in his current position, he would like to defer until a later date. He would like to obtain more information about the reason(s) for losing the funding. Mr. Barnes did state that the location was changed, restrooms were added, both increased costs. There was also the change of leadership at CSUB that exacerbated things. Mr. Barnes stated he will bring more particulars to the next meeting.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** Chairman Schlosser asked if there were any other member items. Seeing none he adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee will be October 31, 2018.