

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
January 2, 2019
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Perez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Esselman	City of Bakersfield
	Mark Staples	City of Taft
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
	Eric Dhanens	Community Member
	Ted James	Community Member
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
STAFF:	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
	Ed Flickinger	Kern COG
OTHERS:	Dave Dmohowski	Home Builders Association
	Manpreet Bell	City of Bakersfield
	Jasmene del Aguila	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

Due to lack of a quorum this item was not discussed.

IV. FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT 9PM1) "TOWARD ZERO" 2019 TARGET UPDATE (Ball)

Mr. Ball explained that the required federal process to annually monitor transportation safety performance measure progress, including encouragement of member agencies to improve safety on our streets with their transportation expenditures. Under the requirements of the recent federal transportation spending bills, states and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) like Kern COG are required to annually monitor safety performance measure progress through the statewide and metropolitan planning process.

Failure to meet safety targets set by the state and/or MPO could result in the minor consequences of redistribution of Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding at the state level into the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Many of the projects in the ATP program improve safety for bike and pedestrians, and would likely still be eligible under HSIP.

Major consequences of not adopting, monitoring, and encouraging progress toward the target, in accordance with federal rules, can ultimately result in loss of all federal transportation funding to the region through de-certification of the agency.

After discussion from the Committee and the audience, Mr. Ball stated that Kern COG would assist member agencies as needed to meet the requirements.

This was an information item.

V. SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION UPDATE AND TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP/SCS (Ball)

Mr. Ball stated 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 (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.

Preliminary Timeline 2022 RTP

1. August 15, 2018 - 2018 RTP/SCS Adopted
2. October 1, 2018 - Effective Date for 3rd Cycle SCS Target (-15%/capita reduction by 2035)
3. Winter 2018/19 - Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS
4. Spring 2019 – Stakeholder roundtable process
5. Spring 2019 – Spring 2022: RTP/SCS Public Outreach Process
6. Summer 2020 - Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update Process
7. Spring 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census population voting district file available
8. Summer 2022 Adopt RTP/SCS, RHNA, EIR and associated documents.

Mr. Ball answered questions from the Committee and the audience.

This item was for information only.

VI. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PLANNING PROGRAM AND KERN EV BLUEPRINT (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 and compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles.

Announcement: The TRANSITions 2019 Symposium will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 8am to 3:30pm at Hodel's Country Dining in Bakersfield. A Save the Date email was sent the week of December 17th to the individuals who attended or were invited to attend TRANSITions 2018. Kern COG staff met with staff from Golden Empire Transit and Kern Transit to discuss the second annual transit summit.

Ms. Urata discussed the Kern EV Charging Station Plan formally the Kern EV Blueprint; Clean Vehicle Rebates Issued in Kern County; Valley Go!; and Electrify America. Ms. Urata also highlighted that the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District opened its 2019 DMV Fee Grant and Voucher Programs on October 1st. Guidelines and applications are available at www.kernair.org and are due by February 22, 2019.

She also highlighted that on November 16, 2018, the City of Arvin hosted a show-and-tell of the Proterra Catalyst electric bus of the type that will be purchased through a \$2.29 Million FTA Low No Emissions Grant Program. Kern COG staff attended this event. The program will provide for the replacement of 3 diesel buses with 3 Proterra Catalyst Electric Buses, and charging infrastructure.

This item was for information only.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is February 6, 2019.