

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for February 21, 2019

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
1401 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET, THIRD FLOOR  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY  
February 21, 2019  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Smith at approximately 7:05 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Gurrola, Cantu, Crump, Vallejo, Alvarado, Garcia (Reyna), B. Smith, Couch

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Miller, Dermody (Green)

**Members Absent:** Lessenevitch, Scrivner, Mower, P. Smith

**Others:** John Spaulding, Karen King, Aaron Falk, Manny Barber, John P. Pallares, Antonio Johnson

**Staff:** Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Veronica McCulloch, Robert Snoddy, Susanne Campbell

**III. 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**

Ryan Nance of Southwest Carpenters Local 661 in Bakersfield informed the Committee about the Carpenters Union Participation Program. The members are presented with opportunities to volunteer in the community by local organizations letting them know of events where volunteers may be needed. Mr. Nance handed out a flier that provided examples of tasks that the Program provides volunteers for. Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Nance for his volunteerism.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. **Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2019**

B. **Response to Public Comments**

C. **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT – STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

D. **FEBRUARY TDA PUBLIC TRANIST AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS: CITY OF TEHACHAPI FOR \$732,522**

E. **PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP**

F. **2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

- G. **KCOG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY UPDATE**
- H. **UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP**

**\*\*\* END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE \*\*\***

MOTION BY DIRECTOR VALLEJO TO APPROVE SECOND BY COUCH TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**V. CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)**

Mr. Ball addressed the committee with the following statement:

“This item before you we had hoped to bring to you for approval, we have received a request from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to continue this item to March 21, 2019.”

Motion by Director Couch to continue the item to March 21, 2019, seconded by Gurrola, motion carried by voice vote.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORTS:** There were none.

**VII. CALTRANS REPORT**

Gail Miller, Caltrans District 6 gave the following report:

**Famoso SR 46/99 Bridge:** the eastside of the State Route 46 project is complete. Waiting for favorable weather to demo the old bridge. The project is in suspension due to cold weather, need higher temp. for the placement of the Rubberized HMA.

**SR 99 Taft Highway 2R Rehab:** pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 near the City of Bakersfield from north of the Herring Road overcrossing to the Pacheco Road undercrossing.

Work currently scheduled for the next 30 days (subject to change due to weather, equipment / labor availability):

- Removal / Replacement of shoulder HMA from just north of SR 223 to just south of Union avenue
- Misc. shoulder and punch list work from Pacheco Road UC to just north of Houghton Road Off ramp
- Electrical loop installations at various ramps throughout project limits
- Panel replacements in lane adjacent to truck lane
- Possible final stripe throughout project

Traffic control related update(s):

- All four lanes are open to traffic from Pacheco UC to SR 119 OC
- All three lanes are open to traffic from SR 119 OC to just north of Houghton Road off ramp
- Two of three lanes are open from just north of Houghton Road off ramp to Union Ave OC
- Nightly closures will be needed weekly from Sunday to Thursday to complete the aforementioned work from Pacheco UC to just south of Union Ave OC. Concurrent closures will be spaced by 5 miles and restricted to a 1-mile length.

**Route 46 Conventional Highway Segment 4A:** widen SR 46 from a 2-lane to a 4-lane conventional highway between Lost Hills Rd and I-5. Contractor continues construction on the I-5 bridge, and CRCP placement on Ker-46.

**SR 99 Rehab:** Pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 in Kern County from 0.3 mile south of Palm Ave OC to Beardsley Canal Bridge and on Route 178 at Route 99/178 Separation.

Work currently scheduled for the next 30 days (subject to change due to weather, equipment / labor availability):

- Removal of existing NB median shoulder (HMA) and subgrade preparation from just south of Palm Ave OC to Just north of SR 204 OC
- Possible panel replacements in lane 1 and 2 from Palm Ave OC to Beardsley Canal Bridge.
- Earth work on NB off ramp to Rosedale Hwy
- Removal of existing irrigation system

Traffic control related update(s):

- Extended lane closures – these closures are currently in place and will not be reopened to traffic until 2021:
  - Lane No. 1 NB has been closed from SR 58 OC to just north of SR 223 OC
  - Lane No. 1 SB has been closed from Beardsley Canal to just south of Palm Avenue OC.
- Nightly closures of adjacent lanes may be needed weekly from Sunday to Thursday to complete the work from Palm Ave OC to Beardsley Canal. Only one closure will be permitted per direction. Ramp closures are currently not anticipated

**Cottonwood East Rehab:** Pavement rehabilitation (2R) on SR 58 in Bakersfield from the Cottonwood Road undercrossing to just east of the SR 58/184 separation. Median work is complete. Work is continuing EB on the #3 lane and shoulder.

**Cache Creek Bridge Replacement:** Replace bridge on SR 58 8 miles east of Tehachapi, from the Sand Canyon overhead to 0.5 miles east of Cache Creek. The project contract was awarded on 2/4/19. Start of construction end of March.

**Summit OH Bridge Rails:** Replace Bridge Rails on SR 58 near Tehachapi at Summit Overhead. Funding: SHOPP. The pre-construction Meeting was held on 2/12/19. Start of construction was moved to April 1, 2019 due to coordination with UPR.

**Lerdo Canal Median Gap Closure:** Median deck closure near Bakersfield at the Lerdo Canal on SR 99. Currently awaiting contract approval – Construction is anticipated to start in spring 2019

**Rte 58/99 Bakersfield Freeway Connector:** Modify interchange in Bakersfield on SR 58 from Real Rd. to 0.4 mi west of Hughes Ln. OC; also, on SR 99 between Ming Ave. OC and Palm Ave. OC. Construction started on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CA Aqueduct Bridge Overlay:** I-5/99 Freight Corridor Improve Load Rating in Kern County near the Grapevine. This project has been awarded and approve construction contract is anticipated this month.

**I-5/99 Bridge Separation and Pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 I-5/SR 99 junction to the Panama Lane overcrossing.** The project will rehab the NB outside lanes and shoulder from 5/99 split to Old US 99 with CRCP, and will improve bridge vertical clearance under the 99/5 Separation Bridge in both directions. Expected start is April 2019.

**Stockdale/Enos Roundabout:** Construct Roundabout at SR 46 and Stockdale Highway. Start of construction in March.

**119/43 Intersection Improvements:** Construct a roundabout at intersection of SR 119/43. Weather permitting construction should start in mid- March.

Ms. Miller answered questions about some of the projects.

Ryan Dermody from Caltrans, District 9 (attending for Brent Green) stated the District is in winter suspension. Mr. Dermody provided a monthly update. Most of the projects are in the design stage, environmental stage or winter suspension. Discussed the Caltrans quick maps app. Planning bike events in May in the Tehachapi area.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Mr. Hakimi provided the following report:**

Introduced Antonio Johnson from FHWA.

Attended the CTC meeting on January 30 & 31, it was a very productive meeting.

Tuesday, February 26, Kern COG will be hosting the 2019 TRANSITions Symposium @ Hodels. Chairman Smith will be making introductions.

Will be attending the March 13 & 14 CTC Meeting in the Los Angeles area.

California Transportation Planning Conference – February 25 – 27 – San Diego

Talked about Neil's presentation regarding construction on SR 46, and the commitment of the County to help Caltrans deliver that project. Thanked Supervisor Couch for his efforts for agreeing to take on additional work to help all parties to deliver the project. Kern COG applied for this grant and Congressman McCarthy and Valadao were essential in getting us the grant. Kern COG absolutely knew what we were doing when we submitted for the grant, the schedule is very aggressive and is putting Caltrans in a difficult position and they are not happy with me for this difficult position, but I will continue to seek grants for our roads. We will be successful thanks to all parties that are involved coming together. We will deliver the project on time. The back-up plan is to piecemeal it, but we are being very aggressive. I was very aggressive in the timeline I submitted, both Congressmen knew it was aggressive, we all knew it was aggressive. We thought it was a longshot to get the grant, but we were successful. I would like to thank everyone for the letters of support. It's a nice problem to have to receive \$17.5 million for an important safety project. I am confident that we will be able to deliver the project. It will be a difficult 2 years, but I am confident if we all work together.

Mr. Hakimi answered questions about High Speed Rail and the SR 46 project.

## **IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS:**

On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_