

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for March

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Smith at approximately 6:35 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Alvarado, Cantu, Couch, Crump, Krier, Lessenevitch, Mower, Scrivner, B.Smith, P.Smith, Reyna, Vallejo

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Miller, Kiernan, Parra

**Members Absent:** Dermody, Gurrola

**Others:** John Spaulding, Karen King, John P. Pallares, Alex Garcia, Elizabeth Rheiner

**Staff:** Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Susanne Campbell, Rachel Pacheco, Joe Stramaglia, Rochelle Invina, Michael Heimer, Linda Urata, Greg Palomo, Pete Smith

**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**

Leutenant Ian Silva from the Kern County Sheriff's Department provided the following information regarding the Kern COG Waste Removal Services:

From the period of January 2018 – March 2018:

205.5 detention deputy hours worked  
1,233 inmate hours worked  
30 sites cleaned  
\$33,625 was saved using the program

From the period of the start of the program (July 2018 to current):

610.5 detention deputy hours worked  
3,666 inmate hours worked  
\$97,002.36 has been saved using the program

Bakersfield, Wasco, Delano, Edison and by Hwy. 184 were some of the sites cleaned.

If you have an area of concern for the letter removal program, please call Lt. Silva at 661-391-7309.

**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 – February 21, 2119**
- B. **Response to Public Comments**
- C. **KERN COG FY 2018-19 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR RESOLUTION 19-10**
- D. **AMENDED KERN REGION FY 2018-19 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATION PROGRAM (LCTOP) TO REFLECT THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF \$1,778,384**
- E. **FY 2019/2020 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE**
- F. **KERN COG STATE OF GOOD REPAIR – FY 2019-20 Estimate**
- G. **CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 FEDERAL**
- H. **REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) - DRAFT TIMELINE AND FUND ESTIMATE**
- I. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – DRAFT TIMELINE AND FUNDING TARGETS**
- J. **PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT**
- K. **KCOG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY UPDATE**
- L. **2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT) PROGRAM**
- M. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4 MPO ALLOCATION**

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SCRIVNER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

- V. **2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 3**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following statement:

“Amendment No. 3 to the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program includes revisions to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and Non-motorized Program. The Non-motorized Program includes new Active Transportation Program projects approved at the January 30, California Transportation Commission meeting for the City of Tehachapi and the County of Kern. The public review period ends March 22. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on March 25. State and federal approval is required. At this time, I ask that the Chair please open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing”.

At this time the Chair B. Smith opened the public hearing and asked for public comments. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

- VI. **BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORT: (None)**

- VII. **CALTRANS’ REPORT:**

Ms. Miller from District 6 provided the following report:

Famoso SR 46/99 Bridge: Bridge replacement at the SR 46/99 Separation.

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):

- Misc. shoulder and punch list work (HMA dike, erosion control, guard rail, etc.)
- Electrical loop installations at various ramps throughout project limits
- 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 (lanes and ramps) may 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.

The current activities include bridge deck work and HMA and CRCP placement through the month of July.

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):

- NB Median work (HMA / JPCP) from just south of Palm Ave OC to Just north of SR 204 OC
- Possible panel replacements in lane 1 from Olive drive to Beardsley canal

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 204 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

06-0S470\_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. Excavation of the WB Lanes has started.

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. 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. Contract Approval was on 2/20/19. Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 3/26/19. Construction is anticipated to start in April.

Belle Terrace Overcrossing: Construct Auxiliary Lane and Replace Belle Terrace Bridge on SR 99. Construction started on October 15, 2018. The existing Belle Terrace Bridge will be removed this week.

Aqueduct Bridge Overlay: I-5/99 Freight Corridor Improve Load Rating in Kern County near the Grapevine. Construction scheduled to commence early April.

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. (Combined with 06-0T200). Expected start is April 2019.

Stockdale/Enos Roundabout: Construct Roundabout at SR 43 and Stockdale Highway. Start of construction in spring 2019.

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

No report was provided for District 9, Mr. Dermody was not present.

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

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

Mr. Hakimi stated that CALTRANS' held a Press Conference at Kern COG stating that due to construction in Bakersfield involving the 99 and 58 freeways, expect delays in construction zones for the next 3 years, representing \$600 million in spending. Your patience is appreciated.

Last week he attended the CTC Meeting which was successful.

February 26<sup>th</sup> Kern COG hosted the Transitions Symposium at Hodel's in Bakersfield. Thank you Chairman Smith for the introduction and Councilman Crump for attending.

RSTP and CMAQ timelines representing \$40 million in funding available to our region were on the consent agenda today. The Call for Projects will be posted next week on the Kern COG website and due in August. Please let your staff know.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hakimi attended a meeting with Kern COG Staff, CALTRANS' engineers, and roughly 30 members of the Lost Hills community regarding the final 5 miles of State Route 46 Project. We heard local members of the communities concerns and Supervisor Couch has met with them to discuss their concerns as well. They indicated a successful meeting and one of their major concerns is speed of the vehicles passing through. CHP will become more involved by providing additional enforcement of speeding vehicles. If you are used to speeding in that area and continue to do so, you may get a ticket.

The superbloom is in process in Kern County, please don't stop on the freeways, it's dangerous and can cause many problems.

Director Scrivner thanked Mr. Hakimi for his involvement in area activities and his ability to get other agencies involved. Director Scrivner went on to state that Mr. Hakimi has been instrumental in getting input regarding events and different issues, not just regarding Kern COG, but as a whole and thanked him for his expertise in CALTRANS' matters. Director Parra reminded everyone of the Microtransit program that will be starting with GET. The workshop next month for the next COG meeting will be on the Microtransit program.

IX. **MEMBER STATEMENTS:** (None)

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: \_\_\_\_\_