

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

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

WEDNESDAY  
May 1, 2019  
10:00 A.M.

Mr. Neath chairing for Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

**I. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe West	NOR
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
Steve Barnes	GET
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Wayne Clausen	City of Shafter
Bob Neath	County of Kern
Jeremy Bowman	City of Wasco
Teresa Binkley	City of Taft
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Joe Stamaglia	Kern COG
Peter Smith	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Linda Urata	Kern COG
Robert Snoddy	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
Veronica McCulloch	Kern COG

OTHER:

Tom Choe	System Metrics Group
Austin West	Caltrans
Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield
Yolanda Alacantar	County of Kern

- 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.**

Cindy Parra from GET, representing Bike Bakersfield today reminded everyone about Bike Month. She said if you tweet a photo of yourself riding your bike with the GET and hashtag #bakobikemonth, during the week of 11th -17<sup>th</sup> you’re eligible to win prizes.

### **III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

#### **Revised Minutes from Meeting of March 6, 2019 and minutes from April 3, 2019.**

Mr. Clausen made a motion for approval of the minutes, Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**(STAFF REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE TO MOVE THIS ITEM FROM VII TO V ON THE AGENDA)**

### **VII. MAY TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS: THE CITY OF DELANO AND GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICTS PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS FOR \$25,845,701**

Mr. Snoddy asked the committee to review and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee the City of Delano and Golden Empire Transit District's TDA Public Transit Claims for \$25,845,701.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions about the item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion for approval. Mr. Galero made a motion and Mr. Clausen seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous approval by the committee.

**(STAFF REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE TO MOVE THIS ITEM FROM IX TO VI ON THE AGENDA)**

### **IX. KERN RIVER BIKEPATH EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

The County of Kern was awarded an Active Transportation Program grant to design and construct an extension of the Kern River Bikepath from the bikepath's current end at Highway 43 and the Kern River to the Buena Vista Recreation Area. A staff member of the lead agency, the Kern County Public Works Department, Yolanda Alacantar, outlined the project's current status and a timeline for the completion of the project.

Ms. Alcantar provided the committee the following update:

- Approximately \$3 million in funds were granted in FFY '17-18
- In June of last year a 1 year extension was granted
- Other funds total \$950,000
- 4.5 miles in length (a map was provided)

There have been difficulties, and since initiation the county has developed 14 other route alternatives. Problems range from exposing the public to hazardous operations and/or materials, to bridge modernization requirements from Caltrans, adding potentially millions of dollars to the project, to significant parts of the project being in Caltrans right-of-way under the I5 and SR43, which is a very lengthy oversight permit process. The most significant difficulty has been the path going through the Kern water bank property, 17,000 acres is water-bank recharging, so they are very sensitive to this project as there are also 43 protected special status species. This has required 3 years of biological surveys, protocol level surveys, which have been costly. Just the biology portion of this project will be under \$350,000. Environmental clearance was finally issued last week by Caltrans to complete the environmental phase of this project. Design is 60% complete, pending final right-of-way alignment. Several permits are going to be required including Army Corp of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, encroachment permits with Caltrans and the city of Bakersfield, among others. It will be taken to CTC January 2020, bids will start Spring 2020 and construction in Summer 2020 with a 90-day working schedule.

Ms. Alcantar asked if there were any questions. There were none. The action on this item was for information purposes.

**IV. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM**

Ms. Urata presented for Ms. Pacheco and addressed the committee with the following information:

The Intelligent Transportation System Plan for the Kern Region was approved by the Kern COG Board on June 21, 2018. Section 12.4 of the ITS Plan reads: Annually, a listing of the projects recommended in the ITS Plan will be produced and a project status update will be requested. A status report would be provided to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Kern COG Board.

Please review and provide updates to Table 12-1 Kern Region Prioritized Project List by May 17, 2019. Updates received will be part of a staff report for the June 5, 2019 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and June 20, 2019 Kern COG Board meeting.

**V. 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS**

On April 12, 2019, The Kern Council of Governments initiated a call for RTIP project nominations for funding in future Regional Transportation Improvement Program cycles. A link was provided on the website for reference material. The nomination packets are due by July 26, 2019. This item was for information only.

**VI. 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has initiated the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (2020 RTIP) process to advance regional projects throughout the state. Mr. Stramaglia briefed the committee on the RTIP program. The next workshop is scheduled for June 12, 2019.

This item was for information only.

**VIII. KERN COG TDA TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT**

Kern COG staff will conduct strategies to address consultant findings and recommendations listed in the FY 2015-16 through 2017-18 TDA RTPA Triennial Performance Audit. Compliance findings 1 and 2 have been addressed. Compliance 3 will be reviewed more in depth with a working TDA update inviting all member agencies' Finance managers or public works staff. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 and Friday, May 17, 2019. If these dates don't fit well with your schedule, call Mr. Snoddy and he will come to your office and give a presentation.

This item was for information only.

**X. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM**

Mr. Smith addressed the committee and provided the following information:

The Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity of the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, administers funding for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program (Article 3).

Article 3 funds are used to pay for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs, bicycle parking facilities, bicycles travel facilities and pedestrian facilities. Approximately \$768,742 is available for distribution in this funding cycle, with \$569,660 obligated from previous funding cycles. \$199,082 is available for new proposals.

Eligible claimants of Article 3 funding are the eleven incorporated cities within Kern County and the County Kern. Each project proposal must be submitted on forms provided by the Kern Council of Governments. Proposal deadline is 5:00 PM Monday July 15, 2019 Applications are included with this staff report and are available at [www.kerncog.org](http://www.kerncog.org)

This item was provided for information only.

## **XI. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT**

Ms. Urata addressed the committee and provided the following information:

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. Please disregard (The Regional Planning Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.) This report is for activities this past quarter. Kern COG hosted the **TRANSITions 2019 Transit Symposium** on February 26, 2019 at Hodel's Country Dining in Bakersfield. It was a success and will be hosted again in 2020. The KEV Charging Station Blueprint report shows a 28.1% increase in charging spaces (119) throughout Kern County over the July 2016 base year. Currently Kern COG is tracking projects in design or development that should result in the installation of 54 additional charging stations in Kern County by December 2019 **Valley Go!** Kern COG Staff actively support the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility in the San Joaquin Valley | Valley Go project. In Phase 1 of the project, a total of ten (10) level 2 dual port EV chargers have been installed at various locations which were provided in the detailed report section of the agenda. CalVans was selected to provide and maintain a fleet of BEVs, as well as manage carsharing services. Branding of the program will be created. The project team plans for a soft launch in early May 2019. An additional seven (7) level 2 dual-port EV chargers will be installed during Phase 2 of the project at locations based on the initial response to the carsharing services.

California VW Mitigation Trust: Throughout April, the California Air Resources Board, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District are workshopping four programs funded by \$423 million of Volkswagen Appendix D Mitigation funding. \$360 million is currently programmed, with \$63 million held in reserve for administrative costs. Any remaining funding will be reprogrammed toward the end of the program cycle (approximately 2024-25). More details from the workshops may be found here:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust-california/vw-mitigation-trust-meetings>

This report was for information only.

## **XII. KERN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION**

Ms. Urata addressed the committee and provided the following Kern COG was awarded a grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop a Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint. A draft document is posted to the Kern COG website. Kern COG invited comments to be submitted by April 9, 2019. A document will be out for review at the next TTAC meeting. During the April meeting of the Kern EVCS Blueprint Working Group, they participated in an interactive process to select 12 high-impact sites located in each jurisdiction of a Kern COG member agency. Ms. Urata shared the slides presented to the Working Group. Your suggestions for the final selection(s) may be submitted to Linda Urata, [lurata@kerncog.org](mailto:lurata@kerncog.org) by 5:00 pm on May 7, 2019. The next workgroup meeting will be May 17, 2019 focusing on outreach.

The final site recommendations will become part of the final Kern EVCS Blueprint, which will be presented during the regularly scheduled RPAC meeting on June 5, 2019 and the regularly scheduled TPPC/COG meeting on June 20, 2019. The final report will be submitted to the CEC on July 1, 2019, closing out the first phase of the project.

Mr. Bowman told Ms. Urata that the aerial photo of the Wasco corp yard looks like it's at the wrong location. The address should be 1400 "J" Street instead of 1400 Wasco Avenue. Ms. Urata noted the information and asked Mr. Bowman for any insights to other locations in Wasco that would be weather friendly in the summer months would be helpful.

This report was for information only.

### **XIII. CALTRANS DISTRICT 9 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN**

Caltrans introduced the District 9 Intelligent Transportation Systems Master Plan. Tom Choe gave a presentation and answered questions by the committee.

### **XIV. MEMBER ITEMS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN)**

Update on Ryde Program:

Mr. Barnes stated it's growing slowly, more outreach is needed and that he would have his people that are managing the program come and give an update. There have been good responses from the people that are using it and a lot of recurring riders.

Mr. Neath added that Kern Transit added the extension of Route 30 to Santa Clarita. The Metrolink system in Los Angeles is now connected to the Central Valley and Bakersfield. There are 6 southbound trains and 6 northbound that we link to. You can now go to LA on a train and come back that same day.

New Officers:

Existing Chair Schlosser and Vice Chair Lower were nominated. No other nominations were made. Mr. Neath asked for a voice vote, all were in favor, none opposed. The vote was unanimous to continue with the same leadership pair that we've had this past year.

Mr. Smith stated that the CTC Meeting will be in San Diego on May 15th-16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Smith asked to update designation for primary and alternate TTAC Members. Updates must be sent to [Vmcculloch@kerncog.org](mailto:Vmcculloch@kerncog.org) and [PSmith@kerncog.org](mailto:PSmith@kerncog.org).

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:19. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2019.