

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for May

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

THURSDAY
May 16, 2019
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Smith at approximately 6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Crump, Mower, Reyna, Couch, Alvarado, Trujillo, Krier, Vallejo

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Miller, Kersey, Bello

Members Absent: Cantu, Scrivner, P. Smith, Dermody

Others: John Spaulding, Karen King, Dennis Fox, Yolanda Alcantar, Troy Hightower, Brian Godbe, Ray Scott

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Rachel Pacheco, Linda Urata, Greg Palomo, Peter Smith, 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

Mr. Troy Hightower with Kern Transportation Foundation addressed the committee stating KTF had their first major conference on May 1st, 2019 for logistics and distribution. It was well attended and a lot of staff from Kern COG attending for which he expressed appreciation. It is planned to be an annual event and he encouraged everyone in the future to attend.

Ray Scott from Price Disposal addressed the committee and stated in February they wrapped up their K-12 Statewide Recycling Challenge. They have grown from 45 schools to 493 schools.

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 – April 18, 2019**

B. **Response to Public Comments**

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

*Director Reyna requested this item be pulled from the consent calendar to answer some questions which Ms. Pacheco answered.

- D. **2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**
- E. **2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS**
- F. **CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM**
- G. **MAY 2019 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS: THE CITY OF DELANO AND GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT (GET) FOR (\$25,845,701)**
- H. **KERN COG TDA TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECAP**
- I. **KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT**
- J. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT**

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

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

V. 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 Alcantar, outlined the project's current status and a timeline for the completion of the project.

Ms. Alcantar provided the committee the following update:

- o Approximately \$3 million in funds were granted in FFY '18-19
- o In June of last year a 1 year extension was granted
- o Other funds total \$950,000
- o 4.5 miles in length (a map was provided)

There have been difficulties, and since initiation the county has evaluated 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 \$320,000. 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 working day(s) schedule.

Supervisor Couch thanked Ms. Alcantar for her hard work with this project. He had other questions, some for Mr. Hakimi, which were answered.

VI. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORT: (None)

VII. CALTRANS' REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)

Famoso SR 46/99 Bridge:

Bridge replacement at the SR 46/99 Separation.

Median barrier being installed along State route 99. Completing the slopes for hydroseeding. Performing punch list items. Waiting for Rail Road flaggers to complete the pavement, Dike placement final striping and signs.

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. All construction work done.

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.

Constructing western transition this week, and eastern transition will be constructed next week under one-way traffic control at Ker-46. Ramp-4 was scheduled to be constructed this week. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by June 15, 2019.

Lane closure schedule: Ker-46 One-way traffic closure this week and next week. Ker-5-NB on-ramp 55-hour closure expected the week. Ker-5- Lane closure and Full closure during false work release and removal next four weeks.

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):

- SB Median work 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:
 - o Lane No. 1 NB has been closed from SR 58 OC to just north of SR 204 OC
 - o 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.

The contractor is continuing to pour CRCP in the EB Direction #3 lane and shoulder (Including the SR184 and Fairfax ramps) between Fairfax and SR184. The WB has been excavated between SR 184 and Oswell. The current end date for working days has been pushed out to July 17th.

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.

Contractor is working on installing K-rail and reconstructing the outside shoulder, and demolition of EB bridge will on second week of June 2019.

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 May 27, 2019 due to coordination with UPR.

Lerdo Canal Median Gap Closure: Median deck closure near Bakersfield at the Lerdo Canal on SR 99. The project will be delayed until September 9, 2019 due to nesting birds.

I-5/99 Bridge Separation and Pavement rehabilitation on SR 99 I-5/SR 99 junction to the Panama Lane overcrossing. (Old US 99 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.

Construction started 4-22-19. Work taking place at SB median under I5/SR99 bridge. NB shoulder work from Copus Rd to Union Ave.

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.

- Construction started beginning of May.
- Environmental trapping has been done.
- Wild life fencing installed.
- Detour work is taking place.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

- Report on SR 46 R/W Status Meeting – May 13
- Report on CTC Meeting – San Diego – May 15 & 16; Joe Stramaglia and City of Bakersfield Attending
- CTC ATP allocations approved today
 - Kern County – Rexland Acres Community Sidewalk Project \$4,519,000 CON
 - Wasco – Palm Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements \$188,000 CON
 - Delano – Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Closure \$71,000 PS&E
 - Delano – Safe Routes to School Intersection Enhancement and Educations \$26,000 PS&E
- June 12 – Centennial Corridor Mainline Groundbreaking at 9:30 – During the Bakersfield City Council meeting of May 8, the final contract was awarded for TRIP to complete the Mainline Centennial Corridor
- Report on TDA Workshop held May 15

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.

Ms. Parra thanked her staff at GET for doing an excellent job with the RYDE Pilot Project. May is Bike Month. Look on the Kern COG, Blue Sky Partners, Bike Bakersfield or GET website about riding your bike with GET. There will be giveaways if you hashtag with a picture of your bike and the bus, you can win prizes.

Chairman Smith had a question regarding Item J on the consent calendar. The Buena-Vista Bike Project has been extended a year. He requested that staff follow up on that and check with county staff to see how it's going. Mr. Hakimi provided Chairman Smith with a quick update stating the county just received the environmental document allowing to move forward with the final piece of right-of-way that is required.

X. **ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING** – The meeting adjourned at 7:15. The next scheduled meeting will be held May 16, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chair

DATE: _____