

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
May 1, 2019
1:30 P.M.

Vice Chairman James called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mark Staples	City of Taft (phone)
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
	Eric Dhanens	Community Member
	Ted James	Community Member
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans (phone)

STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
	Michael Heimer	Kern COG
	Pete Smith	Kern COG

OTHERS: None

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 (This Item was taken after Item IX)

Due to lack of a quorum, no action was taken on the RPAC meeting of March 6, 2019.

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATE (Napier)

Ms. Napier explained that the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations requires Kern COG to develop and/or update a documented participation plan to establish the process by which the public can participate in the development of regional transportation plans and programs. Prior to developing its 2022 RTP, Kern COG is now updating its Public Information Policies and Procedures (PIP).

Ms. Napier stated that a 45-day public comment period commenced on Friday, March 29, 2019 and will end on Monday, May 13, 2019.

Proposed action: Recommend that the Kern COG Board approve the 2019 Public Information Policies and Procedures. Due to lack of a quorum no action was taken.

V. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (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 vehicle. Ms. Urata discussed the following:

- TRANSITions 2019 Transit Symposium
- Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint
- Kern EV Charging Spaces
- Valley Go!
- Transit Regulation – CARB
- CALeVIP
- California VW Mitigation Trust

This item was for information only.

VI. KERN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION BLUEPRINT (Urata)

Ms. Urata explained that Kern COG was awarded a grant of \$200,000 from the California Energy Commission to create a Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Blueprint. Kern COG staff, the consultant Center for Sustainable Energy and the Kern EVCS Work Group are working to complete a draft Kern EVCS Blueprint in March 2019.

Ms. Urata explained that the Work Group is tasked with the following work:

- Review documents and provide or process information between the meetings;
- Set goals for EV infrastructure and vehicle deployment throughout Kern county;
- Review and accept the project selection methodology for up to 12 projects incorporated in the plan; and
- Distribute and/or identify contacts for the distribution of a Kern EV Blueprint toolkit.

The Kern EVCS Blueprint Plan will recommend no less than 12 high-impact projects within the jurisdictions of Kern Cog's member agencies and will demonstrate opportunities to benefit disadvantaged communities.

This item was for information only.

VII. 2020 CENSUS PARTICIPANT STATISTICAL AREAS PROGRAM (PSAP) – 2020 CENSUS BOUNDARIES (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond explained that the Kern COG Census PSAP deadline is May 1 to review and update the census tracts, block groups, census designated places (CDPs), and census county divisions for the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census PSAP is the only opportunity prior to the 2020 Census for regional planning agencies; councils of governments; and tribal, state, county, and local governments to review and update the selected statistical areas. The Census Bureau uses the statistical areas defined for the 2020 Census to tabulate data for the American Community Survey throughout the decade.

Proposed action: To approve the proposed 2020 Kern County Census Geographies to be submitted for the Census PSAP, with all in favor. Due to lack of a quorum, no action was taken.

VIII. 2019-2050 GROWTH FORECAST – PROJECT TIMELINE (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond stated that Kern COG 2019-2050 Growth Forecast project is scheduled to kick-off in May 2019. The timeline was presented.

This item was for information only.

IX. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM (Smith)

Mr. Smith stated that 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.

This item was for information only.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS

Committee Member Chandy announced that May is Bike Month and that Bike Bakersfield is having many events for people to participate in. She also encouraged everyone to participate in “give Big Kern on May 7, 2019.

Committee Member Staples asked if Kern COG had been asked to host a workshop regarding Senate Bill 2. The Kern County Liaison is Sara Allinder. Staff will follow-up.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is June 5, 2019.