

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for July

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

THURSDAY
July 18, 2019
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Smith at approximately 6:31 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Alvarado, B. Smith, Cantu, Crump, Gurrola, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Vallejo

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Carr, Miller, Parra

Members Absent: Couch, Lessenevitch, Scrivner, Mower, Kiernan

Others: John Spaulding, John Pallares

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Fasika Montalvo, Rochelle Invina, Ben Raymond, Michael Heimer, Joe Stramaglia

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

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 – June 20, 2019

B. Response to Public Comments

C. ARVIN PROJECT STATUS REPORT

D. KERN COG STATE OF GOOD REPAIR – FY 2019-20 Estimate

E. 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

F. 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS

G. PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE JULY 2019 EDITION

H. FTA SECTION 5310 CALL FOR PROJECTS

I. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 FTA SECTION 5311 CALL FOR PROJECTS

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR KRIER TO APPROVE SECOND BY DIRECTOR CRUMP TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 5

Ms. Pacheco addressed the Board with the following information:

Amendment No. 5 includes revisions to the State Highway Operations and Protection Program and Non-motorized Program. The Non-motorized Program includes a new Active Transportation Program project for the City of Bakersfield approved at the May California Transportation Commission meeting. The public review period ends July 19. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on July 22. 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.

The Chair opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The Chair closed the public hearing.

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. Work should be completed on July 24, 2019.

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.

Current Activities: Driving Piles at Main Flood Canal Bridge, Constructing West Side Canal Drainage System, Roadway Excavation
Lane Closure: Ker-5 may be closed for Ker-5-Bridge Construction
Traffic: Traffic delays are expected on the weekends
Project Completion June 30, 2020

Traffic is using additional PCMS on SR 46, west of Ker-33 to inform public. They have also requested to our Traffic Management Center to turn on CMS on Ker 46 over the weekends. Most of the time delay is at Ker 46, EB because they are trying to not have any back-up at Ker-5. It is much safer to have back-up at Ker-46 than Ker-5.

06-0Q280_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 & NB Median work from just south of Palm Ave OC to just north of SR 204 OC
- SB panel replacements in NB and SB lane 1 from Olive drive to Beardsley canal
- Rosedale Hwy –Retaining wall 303 and Soil Nail wall 297 being constructed
- PG&E Power Pole Relocations on Rosedale Hwy

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 potentially scheduled for end of August

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 reinforcing inside shoulders and constructing median crossovers in preparation for traffic switch. Paving took place 07-01-2019 to 07-03-2019. Striping took place 07-08-2019 to 07-11-2019. Traffic switch was done 07-10-2019 moving EB traffic to WB side of Hwy 58. EB Cache Creek bridge demolition started 7-11-2019.

Work for next month: Continued bridge demolition and begin bridge construction.

Summit OH Bridge Rails: Replace Bridge Rails on SR 58 near Tehachapi at Summit Overhead.

Grinding is in process, and bridge work began on 6-19-2019. Falsework was installed on 07-12-2019. Demolition will start on 07-17-2019.

Work for next month: Demolition, drill & bond dowels, grading overhang, and forming the edge of the deck will occur on EB/WB of bridge railing.

Lerdo Canal Median Gap Closure: Median deck closure near Bakersfield at the Lerdo Canal on SR 99.

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

- Construction Area Signs were placed 7/8 – 7/12
- Traffic handling will be done this week which shifts traffic onto the outside shoulders both NB and SB
- Median work behind K-rail should follow thereafter

Traffic Control Related Update(s):

- Nightly closures are anticipated both NB and SB from 7/15/19 through 8/30/19 (Sun – Thurs n nights, 6PM – 6AM)
- Both outside and inside shoulders will be closed starting 7/15/19 through 2/15/20

Belle Terrace Overcrossing: Construct Auxiliary Lane and Replace Belle Terrace Bridge on SR 99.

The information for this project remains the same currently. Progress is being made on the Retaining Wall and the Belle Terrace Bridge. The new Connector (NB99 to EB58) bridge is nearing completion and should open in the next couple of months.

CA Aqueduct Bridge Overlay: I-5/99 Freight Corridor Improve Load Rating in Kern County near the Grapevine.

Contractor started work on the approach slabs this week. They've got ~3 weeks of this type of work which involves excavating a traffic lane ~2' deep immediately before and after the bridge and replacing with rapid set concrete each night. They'll complete this work simultaneously with the new median barriers going in.

Their last working day is 8/1, but it's unlikely they'll finish by then. They started work on the job late, and while they've been making a lot of progress over the past month, a few key equipment breakdowns and supplier delays have slowed things down. One of the delays is cements that is

currently held up in train cars at the Mexican border. This could resolve itself quickly and we're exploring other supply options,

At this stage, I still feel good about them finishing by mid-August.

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

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

- Lowering of lanes and shoulders (vertical clearance improvement) on NB 99 at Route 5 OC. Work includes: excavation, HMA, and CRCP placement.
- NB lane no. 3 and outside shoulder replacement work from approximate PM 5.0 to 11.2
- Trimming median Oleanders throughout project limits

Traffic Control related update(s):

- Long term closures with K-rail (24-hours, 7 days per week):
 - o SB route 99 is reduced to 2-lanes at route 5
 - o NB route 99 is reduced to 2-lanes and detoured onto SB route 99 at route 5
 - o NB route 99 is shifted to median and reduced to 2-lanes from Sandrini road to Union Ave
- NB route 99 may be reduced to 1-lane nightly from David/Copus road to Union Ave. Nightly closures may be in place from Sunday night through Friday night (6-nights per week)
- NB Ramp closures are a possibility at Sandrini Road, Herring Road, and Union Avenue are anticipated – consecutive ramps will not be closed.
- Stockdale/Enos Roundabout: Construct Roundabout at SR 43 and Stockdale Highway.
- Oversight Local funds
- Work has not yet begun. Work should begin this month with the final utility clearances from the project footprint now complete.
- Intersection Improvements: Construct a roundabout at intersection of SR 119/43.

SR43 (@ SR119) remains closed to through traffic while construction is on-going. Work on the WB119 roadway improvements continues with earthwork for the subbase/embankment and curb/gutter completed. Textured paving and sidewalk (@ Roundabout/SR43 median islands) and HMA Paving are anticipated to be completed by the 1st week of August. Once WB119 improvements are completed, the Contractor will shift traffic onto the northern portion of SR119 and commence with work on the EB119 improvements shortly thereafter (mid-August tentatively).

Gap Closure Rehab: Roadway Rehabilitation (3R). In Bakersfield from Route 58/99 Separation to Cottonwood Road. Funding: SB-1. In Construction. Current Activities: Placing concrete, reinforcement
Lane Closure: WB-Lane #1 may close for concrete operation (SB-99 connector traffic will be detoured, 10 pm to 5 am)

Traffic is being split which should continue two more months.

Project Completion: December 30, 2020

Construct rock blanket at gore areas and maintenance vehicle pullouts

The contractor will be moving into rock blanket construction in the gore areas over the next month.

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.

This project is progressing in the WB direction now. The contractor is continuing to place Rebar and Concrete for CRCP in the WB direction.

The project is approximately 96% complete We are on schedule to complete project in early of 2020.

Catherine Carr representing District 9 gave the following report:

58 between Tehachapi and Bakersfield – slab concrete replacement and striping. The striping has stopped for the last 10 miles because the concrete was done first then the striping will be done. This area should be done by early fall.

Awaiting funds for Mojave pavement rehabilitation. Awaiting funds for Freeman section 3 pavement rehabilitation. The application has been submitted for right-of-way support and capital for the Freeman Gulch 2 Segment. A right-a-way is being worked on for Oloncha Cortago and acquiring permits and mitigation. The Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation is on track for listing in early 2020. This will disrupt a lot of traffic so there will have to be quite a media blitz to deal with the impact. Unplanned projects happened with the earthquakes around Ridgecrest. Work was started on the Sunday following the earthquakes and projects were completed by the next Wednesday. Earthquakes are still occurring so repairs continue.

Update on truck climbing lanes: Caltrans has applied for funding from CMAQ. Catherine Carr will be doing the design phase and presenting to Kern COG. 3 Segments of climbing lanes will be looked at with roughly 8 miles of freeway. Director P. Smith wanted to be reassured that discussions of the truck lanes will remain in the forefront.

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

- a. Mr. Hakimi informed the board that he spoke with Brent Green, District 9 Director, about truck climbing lanes. There was an agreement between Caltrans and the State that the state would pay for 40% of project(s). The State will not be able to honor their commitments in this 2020 cycle. He also said there needs to be some frank discussions with the state's if their commitment is not there, Kern, Inyo, Mono cannot afford to the project(s) such as Freeman Gulch without the state. The representative from the Governor's office agreed to come back early-winter for discussions, and when the PSI is done.
- b. CTC Meeing in Sacramento was June 26th and 27th - The city of Bakersfied received our first allocation from AB3190 agreement for Centiennial Corridor in the amount of \$6.3 million.
- c. Met with Caltrans and Wonderful and Mayor Cantu about the pedestrian over-crossing in Lost Hills. SR 46 progress meeting was conducted. This project will be affected by the state not putting in funds for the stip, this is the final phase. Mr. Hakimi will be working with Caltrans to fill this \$30 million dollar hole within the next year.
- d. Mr. Hakimi and Director Vallejo who met with former Senator Dean Florez who now is on the ARB Resources Board member. ARB and CTC are required by a new law to meet jointly at least 2 times a year. Tentatively scheduled CTC and ARB in Modesto on Oct. 10. More funds will be requested for 46.
- e. This month Mr. Hakimi met with staff from Fong and McCarthy's offices to update them on the loss of funds and its' impact on our projects, specifically Freeman 2 and SR46.
- f. CMAQ and RSTP applications are due by August 15th.

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.

X. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The meeting adjourned at 7:11. The next scheduled meeting will be held August 15, 2019. (may be dark).