

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for January 16, 2020

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

THURSDAY
January 16, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:12 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Crump, P. Smith, B. Smith, Krier, Reyna, Gurrola, Mower, Alvarado,
Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Green, Gordon, Parra
Members Absent: Cantu, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Couch, Scrivner
Others: John Spaulding, John Pallares, Karen King, Christine Knadler, Greg Garrett, Jay Schlosser, Troy Hightower
Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Rochelle Invina, Raquel Pacheco, Linda Urata

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Chairman Smith asked for public comments.

Troy Hightower representing the Kern Transportation Foundation (KTF) stated that KTF is hosting a guided tour of the Port of Long Beach on February 5. Includes a bus to the Port, a guided tour, transportation back to Bakersfield. Tickets are \$60 per person with breakfast and snacks included.

III. 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 Council 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 Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

- A. Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2019**
- B. Response to Public Comments**
- C. FY 2018-19 Kern Council of Governments Financial and Compliance Audit Reports
(Palomo)**

Comment: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 6505, Kern COG must provide for an annual financial and compliance audit report by a qualified independent auditor. Kern COG retained the firm of Brown Armstrong to render the applicable audit services and issue reports for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Action: Accept and file reports. (VOICE VOTE)

D. Kern COG's 2019 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony (Napier) ‘

Comment: Announcement of the 2019 Regional Award of Merit recipients.

Action: Information.

E. Contract Between Kern COG and University of California, Davis Sustainable Freight Research Center, Institute of Transportation Studies (Urata)

Comment: The Sustainable Freight Research Center, Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis will receive up to \$213,000 over 18 months to evaluate qualitatively and quantitatively, different zero emission and near zero emission fuel and vehicle technologies that could be implemented in the San Joaquin Valley along the Interstate 5 (I-5) and other important corridors. The I-5 Freight Zero Emission Route Operations (Zero) Pilot Study will include a small-scale implementation and result in a large-scale pilot study concept document. County Counsel has approved the contract as to form.

Action: Approve Contract between Kern council of Governments and University of California, Davis and authorize chair to sign. VOICE VOTE.

F. Purchase of Network Switches (Heimer)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments will purchase four (4) Juniper network switches from Sentinel Engineering (SENTINEL) to replace outdated network switches. Kern COG will pay SENTINEL \$29,900.63 for acquisition of four network switches.

Action: Authorize Executive Director to purchase equipment. VOICE VOTE.

G. Local Clearinghouse: (None)

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

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

V. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VI. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hakimi provided the following information to the Board:

- 2019 Regional Awards Ceremony – March 5 at Seven Oaks Country Club – Get Reservations Early – Over 110 RSVPs to date
- March 10 & 11, 2020 – Valley Vice Trip to Sacramento
- March 25 & 26 – California Transportation Commission Meeting in Santa Barbara
- January 27, Kern County Association of Cities meeting in Maricopa

IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)

X. CLOSED SESSION: (None)

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – February 20, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____