

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for January

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Smith at approximately 6:45 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Crump, P. Smith, B. Smith, Krier, Reyna, Gurrola, Mower, Alvarado, Couch

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Green, Gordon, Parra

Members Absent: Cantu, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, 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

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

Karen King announced on behalf of Golden Empire Transit, from December 1st to the 30th the bus will be fare free. She encouraged everyone to save some money on gas and ride the bus.

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 – November 21, 2019

B. Response to Public Comments

C. PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE JANUARY 2020

D. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT-REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

E. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5311 CALL FOR PROJECTS

F. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – DRAFT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

G. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) – DRAFT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

H. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) – CONTINGENCY PROJECT POLICY AND PROJECT LIST**

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH TO APPROVE AND SECONDED REYNA. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. **FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM-DRAFT AMENDMENT NO.8**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following comment:

“Amendment No. 8 includes revisions to the Transit Program that include new projects for the City of Arvin, City of Delano, and Golden Empire Transit District. The public review period ends January 17. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on January 21. 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.”

VI. **BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORT: (None)**

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

Ms. Laura Gordon from District 6 addressed the committee with the following information:

UPCOMING:

Route 46 – at the Wye (Antelope Grade) – Project funded in ITOP for PS&E

Route 46 Seg IV 4C – have developed a strategy and are submitting for TCEP (Trade Corridor Funds)

Upcoming Construction Projects in Kern: We have 10 projects coming in, 06-0Q920 to lower the profile of 99 at Panama and white and a pavement rehabilitation coming out in September.

Kern 184 / Sunset roundabout in October

Derby Street Signalization in Arvin on 223 has an extension to advertise till June. Refresh striping should be happening.

Lost Hills Rehab in August. Working on detour to reduce costs.

ONGOING

Laura Gordon stated she is new and to please let her or Ahron know if anyone has any questions or anything specifically to ask from Caltrans.

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 ramps NB on and off at 5

Completion June 2020

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. Funding:

Work mainly in NB side of SR 99:

Reconstruction work lane 3 and 4

Extended closures: SR 204 closed at Airport estimated to open early April

NB on ramps at Airport Drive are closed.

Completion estimated Summer 2012

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

Lerdo Canal Median Gap Closure: Median deck closure near Bakersfield at the Lerdo Canal on SR 99. Continue work on widening the outside shoulders of the structure

- Shoulder placement (AC / JPCP)
- Extended shoulder closure will begin being picked up under night closure beginning this month

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

Continue construction the retaining wall on NB 99

No closures scheduled

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)

Work currently scheduled:

- Lowering of lanes and shoulders (vertical clearance improvement) on SB 99 at Route 5 OC.
- NB on / off ramps at Herring Road are closed for CRCP and anticipate re-opening late February

Stockdale/Enos Roundabout: Construct Roundabout at SR 43 and Stockdale Highway. Oversight Local funds

All legs open, continuing with stage construction. Power lines seem to be lower than design, so Permits is being notified. 24' and 19' vs. 25'. (estimated) Also, reviewing traffic flow and added some signs and temporary tape arrows.

119/43 Intersection Improvements: Construct a roundabout at intersection of SR 119/43.

Roundabout is open to traffic.

Gap Closure Rehab: Roadway Rehabilitation (3R). In Bakersfield from Route 58/99 Separation to Cottonwood Road.

Continue working on reinforced concrete pavement.

EB and WB periodic closure for excavation and placement of pavement 10 PM to 5 AM

Estimated Completion December 2020

SR 178: Construct rock blanket at gore areas and maintenance vehicle pullouts

The rock blanket installation work continues.
Two-week closure of 178 WB onramp from Union starting next week.

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.

Project is out of time – liquidated damages. All striping done, and all lanes should be open by the end of next week. Contract Acceptance – Late January 2020

Bakersfield Freeway Connector Kern 58

Multiple structures under construction. Full direction closures of 99 over the next two weeks to place FW for the bridge widening for WB 58 / SB 99 connector

Working with Janet Wheeler in providing public information and notice.

Caltrans Executive Order N-23-20 – Homeless Crisis, Unsheltered Individuals

Working on an implementation plan for possible lease of state-owned land for public use. Of the 200 declared crisis cities, none are in Kern, however, a letter will be going out to all Cities soon.

Trash Pickup Partnership

Bakersfield / Kern-COG / CT partnership – collaboration since 2013 working with the homeless shelter is being used as a role model to other COGS. Additionally, thank you to the County of Kern for picking up the Sheriff's portion. Jason Miao is working on the agreement and hopes to have it out by February to avoid any interruption in pickup. It allows us to cover 5, 99, 58, 119, 223, 178, 43, 184, and 65 extend our coverage.

Brent Green provided the District 9 report:

Cache Creek is half-complete with an optimistic complete date of mid-summer. The actual completion date is November 1st.

A report was completed for additional closed-circuit cameras on SR58. They are going into construction this summer.

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

- CTC Meeting in Riverside – December 4 & 5 – There were discussions about Route 46 in SLO, Highway 99 in Tulare and Madera. Without the valley coming together and voicing our concerns the Governor's office would not have restored funding to those projects. Mr. Hakimi will attend the next meetings, he commended everyone that worked on this issue.
- SJV Regional Policy Council/Multi Agency Working Group Meeting – January 17, 2020, Mr. Hakimi will be attending with Chairman Smith and Cathy Prout.
- 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Stakeholder Meeting – January 22 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Kern COG, if you know any groups, companies or business interested please let us know.
- January 29 & 30 – CTC Meeting in Sacramento (STIP Hearing)
- Jay Schlosser was named Civil Engineer of the Year in the Public Sector for the State of California and will move on to compete nationally.

Chairman Smith requested an update on the bike path (near the roundabout). Mr. Hakimi stated construction will be started this summer. The construction should take 30-40 work days but will not be completed by "Lightning in a Bottle" in May.

Ms. Parra asked if there would be a call for TDA Article 3 projects and asked if there is a list of past projects to see where progress is with them. Mr. Hakimi stated with Pete Smith retiring, the person that's handling this is finding that many projects need to be reconciled. All projects need to be billed or not be built. The money saved will go back into the pool. We had planned on not having a call for projects in the coming fiscal year but this will free up some money. This will go before TTAC (then ultimately the Board) to possibly fund some underfunded projects or have a new call for projects, and possibly put money into new bike and pedestrian facilities. This will play out in the next couple of months so stay tuned.

- 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 7:14. The next scheduled meeting will be held February 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____