

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday
February 5, 2020
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

I. ROLL CALL, MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Bard Lower	City of Ridgecrest
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Bob Neath	County of Kern
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Steve Barnes	GET
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
Shawn Monk	City of California City
Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Craig Jones	City of Taft

STAFF:

Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
Robert Snoddy	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Veronica McCulloch	Kern COG
Linda Urata	Kern COG
Ed Flickinger	Kern COG

OTHER:

Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield
Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
John Spaulding	Building Trades
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield

- 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 factual information or request staff to report back 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.

- III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Minutes from meeting of November 6, 2019. Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve the discussion summary. Mr. Lower seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (PM1) “TOWARD ZERO” 2020 TARGET UPDATE

Mr. Flickinger discussed the required federal process to annually monitor transportation safety performance measure progress, including encouragement of member agencies to improve safety on our streets with their transportation expenditures. Kern COG staff is recommending continued use of the 2018 “Toward Zero” target method adopted by Kern COG in 2018 which is consistent with the federal rule methodology

but different than the current state method. Maintaining the same method allows for better comparability with prior targets with minimal consequences.

Mr. Lower made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the 2020 Kern “Toward Zero” safety targets consistent with federal methodology and direct staff to work with member agencies and stakeholders to develop projects that will accelerate attainment of the targets, seconded by Mr. Neath. Motion carried.

V. LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN (LRSP) GRANTS UPDATE

Mr. Flickinger stated that on October 8, 2019, Caltrans announced a Call for Local Road Safty Plan (LRSP) grants. Kern COG has circulated a draft MOU and RFP for cities intending to participate in the Kern COG consultant contract to develop LRSP documents for those cities. Caltrans planning grant funds will be directly accessed by Kern COG under normal invoicing protocol to finance the consultant contract while the required 10% match will be accessed either by separate invoices or one-time-transfers from the participating cities to Kern COG. The grant information has been provided by Caltrans and indicates who will be awarded planning funds to develop an agency LRSP based on recently submitted grant applications to Caltrans.

At the request of the Committee, the deadline for comments on the MOU and the RFP will be extended to the end of February.

VI. BIENNIAL LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS SURVEY – FEBRUARY 2020

Mr. Flickinger stated that all Kern COG member agencies need to be watching for the statewide biennial local streets and roas survy scheduled ot be emailed out in early February 2020 to be used to help direct road maintenance funding to local jurisdictions. Also, for jurisdictions with NHS roads, a separate yet brief pavement condition survey is expected to be sent out for federally mandated Performance Measures 2 (PM2) in March 2020.

This item was for information only.

VII. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARICLE 3 OUTSTANDING PROJECT REPORT 2020

Mr. Snoddy On January 14, 2020, Kern COG staff hosted a Project Delivery Update meeting with project managers throughout Kern County which included an estimated **\$2,265,481** of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 projects (pedestrian and sidewalk projects).

A spreadsheet detailing each specific outstanding project was provided to the Committee. Staff requests an update on every project scope and timeline. Aslo, if a project has been inactive for over four years or has been determined to be undeliverable, please inform Kern COG staff. Any project funding over four years old and has not been started or deemed to be undeliverable by an agency will be returned to the regional Article 3 account.

This was an information item.

VIII. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 FTA SECTION 5311 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Snoddy explained that rural agencies providing public transportation services are eligible to apply for FY 2019/20 funding from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) through the Section 5311 program. Nine local agencies are elible to apply. Caltrans notified Kern COG staff that the FY 2019-20 FTA Section 5311 Regional apportionment will be \$1,581,646. FTA has required Caltrans to manage the 5311 Grant program in California. Kern COG staff has notified eligible recipients for 5311 funds of their agency’s apportionment schedule via E-mail on December 20, 2019. 5311 eligible recipients are encouraged to contact Kern COG staff with their local match amount for this program at their earliest convenience but no later than Friday, February 7, 2020.

This item is for information only.

IX. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ms. Urata addressed the committee with the following information:

To help meet more stringent air standards, Kern COG promotes early deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies such as plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) and compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

- MioCar: Kern COG staff members attended a quarterly meeting via conference call on Jan. 22, 2020.
- CALeVIP: The California Energy Commission launched the CALeVIP program in the San Joaquin Valley on December 11, 2019. Funding identified for the counties of Kern, Fresno, and San Joaquin have been combined into one \$14 million fund for zero emission vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District DMV Grant Program Request for Proposals: The District is now accepting applications for their 2020 DMV Grant Program, which provides up to \$50,000 for eligible projects. Applications are due February 28, 2020. Visit www.kernair.org for application guidelines and forms.
- California VW Mitigation Trust: The California Air Resources Board and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District have launched the following Volkswagen Appendix D Mitigation funded program.
 - Zero-Emission Transit, School and Shuttle Buses will spend \$130 million over two cycles, with \$65 million available starting in December 2019. 50% of the funding must be spent in Disadvantaged Communities. The school bus portion of the funding is oversubscribed. Transit and shuttle bus funding remains. www.vwbusmoney.valleyair.org
- San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership: Forty-two people attended the site tour at Wasco Union Elementary School District to hear about and to see the solar covered parking and charging stations on January 14, 2020.
- SAVE THE DATE! Kern Council of Governments will host the 2020 TRANSITions Transit Symposium on February 27, 2020 at Hodel's Country Dining in Bakersfield.

This item is for information only.

X. 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Ball provided the following staff report to the TTAC:

The Kern Council of Governments is in the beginning stages of developing the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (2022 RTP). The 24-year planning horizon is tentatively set for 2022 through 2046. The action element for the Plan includes a multi-modal transportation project listing, or Capital Improvement Program developed in two parts: the financially constrained list (Table 5.1) and the financially unconstrained list (Table 5.2). The multi-modal Table 5.1 Capital Improvement Program is more restrictive because these projects are financially constrained for purposes of the 2022 RTP and must be identified in the Air Quality Conformity document for any type of proposed road capacity work. Improvements in Table 5.2 are not part of conformity analysis because they are not financially constrained.

This was an information item.

XI. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Invina provided the following information to the Committee:

The Final CMAQ Program of Projects includes \$22.3 million of projects. The CMAQ is Federal funding this is used to improve air quality and relieve congestion. The Draft Program of Projects was circulated to the

Committee via email on December 26, 2019, and was presented to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee on January 16, 2020. There were no changes to the draft program. Kern COG recommends approval of the CMAQ Program of Projects and requests that the TTAC recommend approval of the Final CMAQ Program of Projects to the TPPC.

Ms. Pacheco asked the following question:

Are there any CMAQ Projects ready to be advanced to 19/20. This will not change the action taken today; however, if projects are ready to advance to 19/20 this will allow for capacity to be available to advance contingency projects. Ms. Pacheco answered questions from the Committee and requested that Committee Members contact her after the meeting if they are interested.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend approval of the Final CMAQ Program of Projects to the TPPC, seconded by Mr. Arnold. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Invina provided the following information to the Committee:

Kern COG staff is proposing to add about \$22 million in contingency CMAQ programming in FFY 22-23 and 23-24 in the event that projects for FFY 20-21 and 21-22 are not delivered. The draft was circulated to the TTAC via email December 26, 2019, and presented to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee on January 16, 2020. The proposed policy will apply guidance to the CMAQ Call for Projects currently in progress to add additional measure of opportunity to advance projects and insure the full use of CMAQ revenue when it is made available to the Kern regional. The only change that was made to the Draft was the City of Bakersfield requested to add their remaining multi-use path project which was updated in the attachment provided to the Committee. Kern COG recommends approval of the CMAQ Contingency Policy as presented in the report. Kern COG staff requests that the TTAC recommend approval to the TPPC.

Mr. Lower made a motion to recommend approval of the CMAQ Contingency Project Policy and List to the TPPC, seconded by Mr. Patteson. Motion carried.

XIII. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Invina provided the following information to the Committee:

The Final RSTP Program of Projects includes \$23.9 million for member agency projects. RSTP Funding is Federal Funding that can be used to maintain and improve the existing transportation system. The draft program was circulated to the TTAC via email December 26, 2019, and presented to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee on January 16, 2020.

No changes have been made to the Draft RSTP Program of Projects. Kern COG recommends approval of the Draft Program of Projects. Kern COG staff requests that the TTAC recommend approval of the RSTP Program of Projects to the TPPC.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend approval of the Final RSTP Program of Projects to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Motion carried.

XIV. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) – AMENMDMENT PROCEDURE UPDATE

Ms. Pacheco provided the following information to the Committee:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a dynamic short-range list of transportation projects that is subject to change. The FTIP amendment process was last revised in 2015. Additional revisions are needed to update language consistent with Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration revised procedures.

There are several proposed updates to the policy but the following items are the major changes for administrative modifications:

- Threshold for adding funding to an individually listed project is limited to the lesser of 50% of the total project cost or \$20 million; and
- No limit on adding funds to a group project listing. Funding capacity must be available in the FSTIP/FTIP prior to processing programming changes.

Kern COG staff supports the changes, as they will allow more FTIP revisions to be processed quickly. What this means is that \$11.3 million of the \$22.3 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds that were just voted can be approved as part of an FTIP administrative modification in March versus public review in March with federal approval in May for a formal amendment. Likewise, almost \$23 million of the \$23.9 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds and \$2.8 million of Highway Infrastructure Program funds can be approved early as well.

The action requested is that the TTAC recommend approval of the revised FTIP Amendment Policy to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to recommend approval of the revised FTIP amendment Policy to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried.

XV. PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS

Ms. Pacheco provided the following information to the Committee

The Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. This is the presentation of project delivery letters for Active Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, and Regional Surface Transportation Program. 16 projects have not yet been submitted for funding authorization representing \$10 million in federal/state programming. Two of the projects are Active Transportation Program projects that will no longer be delivered. The funding will go back to the state. One project is a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality project that will no longer be delivered. Kern County has submitted two CMAQ Contingency projects to cover more than the amount of CMAQ that will not be delivered.

As a reminder, regions can only use their own obligational authority until May 1st, then it is “first-come-first-served” until the obligational authority is gone. Last year, obligational authority was gone by April. Projects for the cities of McFarland and Ridgecrest were denied approval last year due to lack of obligational authority.

This item is for information only.

XVI. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco provided the following information to the Committee

Highlights from January 7th:

1. Kern COG staff had reported January 7th that Hot Spot Assessments could not be processed due to the “Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule Part One.” Update since January 7th: Federal Highway Administration is now willing to issue Hot Spot Assessment concurrences. If projects have been programmed and do not require any changes, then Federal Highway Administration will continue issuing conformity approvals for project-level.

2. Please make sure to separate the Regional Surface Transportation Program funds from the Highway Infrastructure Program funds in the request for authorization forms.
3. California Transportation Commission is developing the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 guidelines and the tentative deadline for applications is June 2020. Mr. Bob Snoddy will provide additional details from yesterday's workshop.

Agencies with outstanding projects were asked to give a report on the status.

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XVII. FEBRUARY TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS FOR TEHACHAPI TOTALING \$548,138

Mr. Snoddy requested review and recommendation of Tehachapi's FY 2019-20 Public Transit and Street and Roads claims totaling \$548,138. The claims have been evaluated in accordance with the required criteria.

Mr. Neath made a motion to recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approval of the City of Tehachapi Public Transit and Streets and Roads Claims in the amount of \$548,138, seconded by Mr. Lower. Motion carried.

XVIII. PUBLIC WORKSHOP/PUBLIC COMMENT – 2020-2050 GROWTH FORECAST DRAFT REPORT

Mr. Raymond stated that the 2020-2050 Growth Forecast Draft Report is available for review and public comment on Kern COG's webpage <https://www.kerncog.org/estimates-and-projections/>. The public workshop of the forecast is scheduled to be hosted at the Kern COG Board meeting in February 2020.

The Kern COG regional growth forecast is a long-range projection for countywide total population. The population total is used to develop housing, employment, school enrollment, and income forecasts. The forecast is used for local transportation and air quality planning as well as by the member agencies for a variety of long-range planning activities. This forecast revision will serve as the growth assumption for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The forecast is used as a control target by the modeling committee and RPAC for distribution of socio-economic data throughout the county sub areas. The forecast is based on Census Data and California Department of Finance (DOF) estimates for the base year. If the growth forecast is more than 1.5% outside of DOF projections, Kern COG will need to provide a detailed explanation why the forecasts differs and work with DOF to agree on the forecast methodology.

This item was for information only.

XIX. MEMBER ITEMS:

1. Letters appointing TTAC officers and alternates for the calendar year 2020 have not been received from the following agencies:
 - Arvin
 - California City
 - Caltrans
 - CTSA
 - Delano
 - McFarland

Please e-mail your document to vmcculloch@kerncog.org.

2. High Speed Rail Meeting in Tehachapi this afternoon at the Police Department
 - a. Planning to release the EIR for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Section
3. 2nd RTP Metro Quest Survey is online, please encourage your staff to take the survey
4. SHOP – Comments by February 17, 2020.
5. February 27 – Ridgecrest is hosting an Economic Summit
6. The Base has been given \$3 billion to recover from the earthquake

XX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on March 4, 2020.