

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

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday
March 4, 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:

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| Jay Schlosser | City of Tehachapi |
| 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 |
| Teresa Binkley | City of Taft |

STAFF:

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| Rochelle Invina | Kern COG |
| Robert Snoddy | Kern COG |
| Raquel Pacheco | Kern COG |
| Veronica McCulloch | Kern COG |
| Joe Stramaglia | Kern COG |
| Ben Raymond | Kern COG |
| Rob Ball | Kern COG |
| Becky Napier | Kern COG |

OTHER:

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| Yolanda Alcantar | County of Kern |
| Ryan Starbuck | City of Bakersfield |
| Adeyinka Glover | GBLA, Inc. |
| Susanna Kormendi | City of Bakersfield |
| Amador Meza | City of California City |

- 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 February 5, 2020.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT – TIMELINE

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

Several Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program projects, along with Highway Infrastructure Program funds, approved February 20 by the Kern COG Board were

incorporated into Amendment No. 10. On Monday, Kern COG emailed project delivery staff the link to the documentation available on the Kern COG website. Kern COG staff noted that projects from Amendment No. 10 may request advancement and would be reviewed on a case by case basis. Again, Kern COG staff is asking if there are agencies that have CMAQ projects ready to advance this fiscal year. Please contact me to discuss the process.

The remaining CMAQ and RSTP projects approved February 20 by the Kern COG Board were incorporated into formal Amendment No. 11 that will be out for public review this Friday, March 6. Kern COG staff will email TTAC the link to the draft documentation this Friday. This amendment includes revisions to the Regional Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, Transit Program, and the Non-motorized Program.

This item is for information only.

V. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Stramaglia addressed the committee with the following information:

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.

The Capital Improvement Program was sent through the TTAC last September and October to request updates from member agency staff. Kern COG staff has now completed the draft update and is now requesting approval by the Kern COG Board of Directors at the February 20, 2020 meeting to move forward and begin updating the air quality conformity modeling network.

Adeyinka Glover from the Leadership Council of Justice and Accountability had some questions about the public process involving this topic. It was stated this was circulated to TTAC but was there a chance for public comments involving this topic? Is there any urgency in getting this done and what would be the reason(s) for the urgency? Rob Ball answered Ms. Glover's questions by stating Kern COG has a very open public process and one key element is distribution of a project list. That project list in the Regional Transportation Plan is the establishment of the Capital Improvement Program. This is the first step in getting public input. We are asking member jurisdictions also if they are aware of any projects to incorporate in this list at which point the public outreach process will begin.

The action requested is to recommend the Transportation Planning Policy Committee tentatively approve the Draft 2022 RTP Capital Improvement Program and direct Kern COG staff to update conformity model networks for use in the 2022 RTP Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Mr. Monk made a motion. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE SURVEY

A survey on local government transportation impact fee programs is being distributed to Kern COG's member agencies in support of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan development. Member agencies' staff were instructed to complete and return survey by March 16, 2020. If you have questions about filling out the survey. If March 16th is too soon and your agency needs more time, please let Mr. Stramaglia or other Kern COG staff know.

This was for information only.

VII. FY 2019-20 KERN REGION LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR \$1,795,982

Mr. Snoddy addressed the committee with the following information:

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 39719, the Controller shall allocate the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund according to the requirements of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The Kern Region will receive a total of \$1,795,982.

Kern COG staff received an apportionment scheduled issued by the State Controller Office (SCO) that estimates funding amounts for the Kern Region for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). Caltrans will administer the LCTOP funding program in two accounts: 99313 (Kern COG Regional) and 99314 (Agency only) similar to the Proposition 1B program. The hard deadline to receive LCTOP allocation requests from member agencies and a Kern COG Board adopted a program of projects is **April 8, 2020**.

Since the SCO has apportioned these monies for use in the fiscal year 2019-20, Kern COG staff suggests the following project timeline:

- Present the FY 2019-20 SCO generated a program of projects (POP) to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) members at the **March 4, 2019**, meeting.
- Presentation and adoption of the Kern COG FY 2019-20 LCTOP POP and submittal of the member agencies allocation request **March 6, 2020 (to ensure making the March 20, 2020 Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda)**.

All FY 2019-2020 LCTOP completed project applications (with supporting documents) are due to Caltrans LCTOP staff before April 8, 2020.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Bob Snoddy, Regional Planner at **(661) 635-2916** or E-mail at bsnoddy@kerncog.org.

The action requested was that the TTAC recommend the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the LCTOP FY 2019-20 Program of Projects by resolution at the March 19, 2020, at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Patteson made a motion. Mr. Monk seconded. The motion carried.

VIII. FY 2020/2021 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE

Mr. Snoddy addressed the committee with the following information:

The total Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for fiscal year 2020/2021 is estimated to be \$47,940,866.

Based upon funding estimates prepared by the Kern County Auditor-Controller for the Local Transportation fund #24075 and by the Controller of the State of California for the State Transit Assistance Fund #24076, Kern COG anticipates TDA funding for 2020/2021 to be as follows:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>FY 2019/20</u> <u>Amount</u> | <u>FY2020/21</u> <u>Amount</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>Inc. (Decr.)</u> |
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| Local Transportation Fund #24075 | \$38,825,376 | \$39,377,019 | 1.42% |
| State Transit Assistance Fund #24076 | \$9,343,431 | \$8,563,828 | (8.34%) |
| TOTAL | \$48,168,807 | \$47,940,866 | (0.47%) |

Attached are specific estimates by area apportionment. Prospective claimants are reminded that the amounts cited represent estimates and that available funding will vary with actual tax receipts. In addition, these estimates have been revised in response to new local population estimates provided by the California Department of Finance on January 31, 2020. This information has been forwarded to staff representatives of each prospective claimant.

Mr. Snoddy added that the numbers submitted in the original staff report were incorrect. He asked that it be kept in mind that these numbers are LTA and STA combined and the numbers are down 8.3% from the previous year. The correct numbers and amounts are on the handout given to you at the beginning of the meeting and should be on the table in front of you.

A transit coordinator from Ridgecrest who was on the phone asked a couple of questions that Mr. Snoddy answered.

This item was for information only.

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

Raquel Pacheco said Kern COG and Caltrans are coordinating a workshop to be held in April to include a discussion about right-of-way issues. She asked with a show of hands, of who would be available April 14th (Tuesday) from 1 to 3 or from April 15th (Wednesday) from 10 – Noon. If there is a different topic you would like considered, please suggest it. The agenda has not been finalized. Ms. Pacheco will contact Caltrans to finalize the date, then send out a flier with a save the date and topics.

Mr. Ball said 6 partnering agencies have regionally significant routes in their areas. Every 6 months we send a survey to you on projects you may have on those routes that you know are being funded locally by developer impact fees or mitigation (that are weren't state or federally funded). We need to reflect those projects in our Regional Transportation modeling for air quality. The following areas were emailed: California City, Bakersfield, Shafter, County of Kern and Caltrans and the survey is in front of you. Mr. Flickinger emailed a survey last month about a local streets and roads needs assessment that helps us direct funds to you. 100% response if needed, it was emailed and mailed.

Bob Snoddy gave a shout-out to Linda Urata for a successful event. The "Transitions" Event was well attended, had some good speakers and had good information.

Rochelle Invina reminded the committee appointment of officers' letters were still needed from California City, Delano, McFarland and Caltrans. Letters should be on your agency's letterhead and designate voting officers and alternate(s) for the year 2020. Please email them to Veronica McCulloch, vmcculloch@kerncog.org. Elections will take place during April's meeting for Chair and Vice Chair, the officers selected during that meeting will take over at the May meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be on April 1, 2020.

