

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

**KERN COG – Virtual Meeting via GoTo Meeting**

1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, May 6, 2020  
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. McCulloch for attendance.

**I. ROLL CALL, MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Shawn Monk	City of California City (also for RPAC)
Sandra Scherr	Caltrans
Bob Neath	County of Kern
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Steve Barnes	GET
Mario Gonzalez	City of McFarland
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Bard Lower	City of Ridgecrest
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco

**STAFF:**

Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Becky Napier	Kern COG
Michael Heimer	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Robert Snoddy	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Veronica McCulloch	Kern COG
Joe Stramaglia	Kern COG
Vincent Liu	Kern COG
Linda Urata	Kern COG

**OTHER:**

Mitzy Cuxum	City of Arvin (for RPAC)
Mark Staples	City of Taft (for RPAC)
Paul Johnson	City of Bakersfield (for RPAC)
Suzanne Forrest	City of Shafter (for RPAC)
Alexander Lee	City of McFarland (for RPAC)
Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
John Spaulding	Building Trades
Viviana Zamora	City of Delano
Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield

- II. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Containment measures surrounding COVID-19 have required us to adjust to a virtual meeting format. Mr. Schlosser reviewed housekeeping rules for the virtual meeting. He also announced Item IX, Election of Officers, will be moved up after Item III, Approval of March meeting minutes.

**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 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.

No public comment received.

**IV. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of March 4, 2020.** No comments from members. Mr. Monk made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. Ms. McCulloch performed the roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

**V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Chairperson Schlosser conducted the election of officers for the following year. Opened nominations for Chairperson for TTAC. Mr. Patteson nominated current Chairperson, Mr. Jay Schlosser to continue as Chairperson. No other nominations were received. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Ms. McCulloch performed the roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously with the roll call vote.

Chairperson Schlosser opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Patteson nominated current Vice Chairperson, Mr. Bard Lower, to continue as Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were received. Mr. Neath seconded the motion. Ms. McCulloch performed the roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously with the roll call vote.

**VI. MAY TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM FOR ARVIN, GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT, AND RIDGECREST TOTALING \$25,189,018:** Mr. Snoddy presented the May TDA Claims for Arvin for FY 2018-19, Golden Empire Transit District for FY 2020-21, and Ridgecrest for FY 2019-20 totaling \$25,189,018. He thanked all three agencies for providing the materials requested in time.

The action requested was to review TDA Public Transit claims and Streets and Roads claims received by April 24, 2020, for \$25,189,018 and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Schlosser asked for comments. No public comments or member comments were received.

Mr. Arnold made a motion. Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion. Ms. McCulloch performed the roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

**VII. CALTRANS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 5 CALL FOR PROJECTS:** Mr. Snoddy said this is his first call for projects for the ATP. The ATP is a detailed program. He stated the ATP application deadline is in July. Ms. Pacheco corrected that the ATP application deadline had been rescheduled to September 15th except the quick build projects are due July 15th. Mr. Snoddy said a memorandum with the revised schedule from the CTC is attached to the staff report.

This item was for information only.

**VIII. FY 2019-20 KERN REGION LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL REVISED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR \$1,795,982:** Mr. Snoddy said the Caltrans hard deadline for allocation request from agencies was on April 20th. The next day, Amar Sid from Caltrans contacted Mr. Snoddy informed him that did not receive allocation requests from California City or Shafter. Unfortunately, the deadline of transferring of funds has passed but Mr. Snoddy was allowed by Caltrans to transfer the funding to either Kern Transit or Golden Empire Transit. He contacted the transit agencies and Golden Empire Transit was the first to respond. Mr. Snoddy recommends the funds from California City and Shafter be transferred to Golden Empire Transit so the funding can be kept within the region.

The action requested was for TTAC members to recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the LCTOP FY 2019-20 Revised Program of Projects by resolution at the May 21, 2020, regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Schlosser asked for comments. No public comments or member comments were received.

Mr. Lower made a motion. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Ms. McCulloch performed the roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously with the roll call vote.

- IX. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM:** Ms. Pacheco stated the Intelligent Transportation System Plan for the Kern Region was approved by the Kern COG Board on June 21, 2018. Section 12.4 of the plan reads: Annually, a listing of the projects recommended in the ITS Plan will be produced and a project status update will be requested. Please review and provide updates to Table 12-1 Kern Region Prioritized Project List by May 22. Updates received will be part of a staff report for the June TTAC and Kern COG Board meetings.

This item is for information only. Mr. Schlosser asked for comments. No comments or questions were received from the public or members. Mr. Schlosser reminded members to review the tables in the agenda by May 22<sup>nd</sup> and respond with any comments.

- X. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM (REAP) FUNDING:** This item was a joint TTAC and RPAC item. Ms. McCulloch performed a roll call for RPAC members in attendance (please see Roll Call list on Page 1).

Ms. Napier presented a PowerPoint presentation that was emailed to members. She provided a background on the 2019-20 Budget Act that provided a spectrum of support, incentives, resources and accountability to meet California's housing goals which include the Local and Regional Planning Grants, LEAP and REAP. Ms. Napier stated over the counter applications for the LEAP planning grants are due July 1<sup>st</sup> and she provided the eligible amounts of planning grants that are available for each city and county. She stated the Local Early Action Planning Grants are to accelerate housing production to facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle RHNA and provided samples.

Ms. Napier discussed the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP) are for regional priorities and funding and provided a list of guidelines. She provided a list of eligible uses for sub allocation of the funding. She presented Kern COG's work element for the REAP grant funding for 2020-21. Mr. Lower asked if updated engineering standards are considered allowable uses. Mr. Hakimi responded as long as there is a nexus to housing, it's allowed. An example would be is an assessment of the sewer system or electric grid to make it easier for a builder to come and build housing.

Ms. Napier then posed the question to the committee, "How do we judiciously spend this taxpayer funding?" Kern COG wants a bottom-up approach and would like input from the member agencies. She provided a list of proposed uses of the funding. She discussed using the funding for a Housing Trust Fund is being discussed with the HCD (State Housing Department). She covered the LEAP and REAP timelines. A concern that is being discussed with HCD is the deadline for the final invoice. She provided a list of resource links on LEAP and REAP. Ms. Napier requested to send any recommendations to Rochelle or Becky by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Schlosser asked for public comments and no comments were received. He asked comments from the TTAC and RPAC members. Mr. Staples asked what is the State's expectations of the COGs throughout the state that are receiving the funding. Ms. Napier responded that primarily the funding is for the preparation of the sixth cycle RHNA and to help the cities as well with the sixth cycle RHNA. She added that Kern COG is involved with monthly calls with HCD on the REAP development. Ms. Napier anticipates there would be an agreement with the COG and each member city on the funding plans and activity reporting. Mr. Staples added that the REAP reporting is identical to LEAP and SB 2 programs. Mr. Schlosser asked for clarification on the funding, and that member agencies are being to ask to recommend uses for the funding. Ms. Napier further explained that the eight Valley COGs are part of a Working Group with Fresno COG as the fiscal agent and this is the first round of funding distribution with another round of funding coming. Mr. Hakimi added that there is a tremendous amount of funding available for the sixth cycle RHNA and Kern COG is asking for input on the best way to spend the money. Ms. Napier clarified that Kern COG does not have the first round of money yet but it is promised. Mr. Schlosser asked if any of the member agencies that have applied for LEAP funding would like to share ideas. Mr. Hakimi provided uses that the State has agreed and that local cities are interested in such as upgrading permit software and hiring staff to process permits. Mr. Staples added that from SB 2 funding they were able to update Downtown Specific Plan and satisfied current housing need. For LEAP, he thinks they can amend their residential and mixed used zones and improve housing application processes.

Mr. Schlosser concluded that Ms. Napier and Ms. Invina are requesting comments by May 15, 2020. This item was for information only.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Invina reported that Sandra Scherr from Caltrans is in attendance. Ms. McCulloch will add Ms. Scherr to the attendance list.

Ms. Invina continued with a member item on behalf of Mr. Stramaglia to remind member agencies regarding an April 29<sup>th</sup> email. He sent out the California Transportation Commission approval of several changes to the SB 1 program deadlines due to COVID pandemic. She went over the new deadlines.

Mr. Patteson thanked Mr. Schlosser and Mr. Lower for continuing their leadership for TTAC.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m. The next meeting will be on June 3, 2020.