

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for June

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

THURSDAY
June 18, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Smith at approximately 6:31 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

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

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Navarro, Kersey, Heckman, Parra

Members Absent: McFarland, Alvarado

Others: Bryan Godbe

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Ben Raymond, Greg Palomo, Fasika Montalvo

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

Chairman Smith asked if there were public comments. John Pallares submitted a question through the online mailbox for public comments that will be addressed by Mr. Navarro during the Caltrans District 6 report by Mr. Navarro.

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.**

MOTION MADE BY DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR BY DIRECTOR VALLEJO. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR CRUMP. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

A. Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM

- D. JUNE TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM FOR BAKERSFIELD AND WASCO TOTALING \$914,683
- E. POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDING AND THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S (FTA) CARES ACT
- F. FINAL KERN COUNTY RURAL ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
- G. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

V. **BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORT:** (None)

VI. **CALTRANS' REPORT:** (Report on Projects in Progress)

Mark Kersey from District 9 addressed the committee with the following information:

The trade corridor enhancement program application for the 58 truck climbing lanes is a work in progress. He thanked Kern COG for helping with numbers and some economic issues. Inyo County applied for BUILD and INFA grants, BUILD is still under review and no monies will be given for the INFA grant.

- New District 6 Deputy Director of Planning and Local Assistance:
 - Michael Navarro
Michael.Navarro@dot.ca.gov
 (559) 840-7954 cell
 (559) 445-5868 office
- Sharri Bender Ehlert, District 6 Director retiring as June 30th, 2020
- 2020 SHOPP was adopted at CTC on 5/13.
 - Indicates approximately \$409m in projects within Kern Co.
 - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-programming/state-highway-operation-protection-program-shopp-minor-program-shopp>
- Agreement for 2018 BUILD Grant for SR 46 Segment 4B was signed by Caltrans Director.

06-0S550_Lerdo Canal Median Gap Closure: Median deck closure near Bakersfield at the Lerdo Canal on SR 99.

Project was completed and accepted on April 30th.

NR 2R/Fast Freight Corridor: I-5 to US 99 OC

Placed CRCP from 0.2 to 1,000' north of SR 166. Drainage has been completed in SR 166 and ramp is projected to be opened in about 3 weeks. Subgrade and base has been completed up to PM5.5 with the exception of David Copus Road ramps which remain open to traffic. HMA will be completed by next week in all of these areas. Expect to Close David Copus Road in 3 weeks and begin CRCP placement. Union Avenue CRCP has been completed, placed Barrier at Union Bridge, and guardrail is in place. They will remove K Rail and Stripe next week and Union Offramp will be open to the public. Project to go into final Phase Stage 8 for #2 lane reconstruction by end of June. Project is expected to be completed by December of 2020.

06-0Q280 SR 99: Palm Ave OC to Beardsley Canal Bridge

Project remains to be suspended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Tentative Ramp Openings:

-SR 204 (99NB merge) closed and anticipated to open June due to suspension of COVID-19
-NB99 Olive Dr. closed opening has been pushed due to suspension of COVID-19

Tentative Closures:

The closures of NB99 Airport Dr. and WB California have been postponed due to COVID-19 and which prevent further restrictions on the public roadway during suspension.

The project will continue to progress on non-controlling items, maintenance and SWPPP. Project CCA is anticipated 5/20/21.

06-484644 – Belle Terrace Overcrossing

The contractor continues pouring concrete for the retaining walls on NB 99. The Belle Terrace Bridge is partially constructed, **06-484654 – Stockdale Hwy & Enos (SR43) Roundabout**

The roundabout is currently open. K-Rail is in place for current stage construction; however, all legs of the project are currently functioning. Lighting conflicts have been resolved and the contractor is currently proceeding with installation. (The COVID outbreak may slow down the delivery of the light standards, thus delaying the job completion) The punch list is currently being developed.

06-44254-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.

Demo. Striping, Erosion Control, Electrical are going to continue this week and next week Lane or Ramp may be closed for striping operations. Estimated project completion is this month.

06-0Q19A-Cache Creek Bridge Replacement: Replace bridge on SR 58 8 miles east of Tehachapi, from the Sand Canyon overhead to 0.5 miles east of Cache Creek.

Work currently includes forming abutments, fine grading wingwalls, and installing bridge rebar. Work for next month includes abutment rebar, abutment cure time, backfill abutments and pioneer access for precast girders. Estimated project completion is August 2020.

06-0G851 Gap Closure Rehab: SR 58 Roadway Rehabilitation (3R). In Bakersfield from Route 58/99 Separation to Cottonwood Road.

Westbound – Lane closure and shoulder construction may be completed at the end of next month. Union Ave on-ramp is closed for two months. Eastbound – Lane and shoulder construction may commence within two weeks, traffic will be split from P Street to Cottonwood Road for three months. Traffic lane may be closed at night from 10 pm to 5 am.

06-0S470_Cottonwood East Rehab: Pavement rehabilitation (2R) on SR 58 in Bakersfield from the Cottonwood Road [e done ad undercrossing to just east of the SR 58/184 separation

Project complete and is now in Closeout. Achieved May 6th.

Mr. Navarro addressed the following questions from the City of Wasco that were emailed to the public comments email box:

I have been waiting for a response from Cal Trans for about a year (pre-covid) and would like them to give an update during their report.

- 1) Guardrail at southbound on ramp to 99 from 46, will it be extended?
- 2) Stoplight modification to have a protected left turn at Griffith Ave. and 46 in Wasco. What is the process to achieve this change?
- 3) Stoplight at North Poplar Ave and 46 in Wasco. What is the status for installation?

Thank you,
John Pallares
Resident of Wasco

Director Reyna stated that the City of Wasco and several other Caltrans staff met to discuss some of these issues. He stated there was some sort of Hock system discussed, at least at 46 and Poplar especially since there was a child hit recently. The agreement was that Caltrans would work on it and it would take approximately a year. Lorena Mendibles or Coco would know the status as we are about 6 months into it. Mr. Navarro stated there will be a pavement project at this area, Hwy 46, at the end of this year which will include a flashing beacon that activates when pedestrians are crossing alerting drivers, who are required to stop for the beacon. This will align with the year time-frame. Director Reyna was concerned that there may be accidents or fatalities until a more permanent solution is found. Mr. Navarro will check with Coco to see if this has been fully evaluated as the appropriate measure to fix this situation.

Outcomes:

Hwy. 46 and Poplar: Mr. Navarro will explore with Coco the RFP.

Griffith and Hwy. 46: Will investigate to see if it's necessary.

Hwy. 43 and 8th: Status from Coco

Director Reyna asked for Mr. Navarro to email him. Director Couch asked to be kept in the loop as well.

Mayor Gurrola thanked Caltrans for the signed ATP Corrective Action Plan. He said the city will now work with the county to get projects done. He said it shouldn't have taken 2 years to get it, and they shouldn't have come after the city so hard since the error was on Caltrans part. Mr. Navarro apologized for the 2 year delay and wished Arvin luck in future ATP projects.

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

- Report on May 13 & 14 - California Transportation Commission Meeting via Teleconference
- June 24 & 25 – California Transportation Commission Meeting in Sacramento
- August 12 & 13 – California Transportation Commission Meeting in Oakland

- Mr. Hakimi thanked the partnering agencies for their hard work in getting more delivery of local funds. He congratulated the partners for this. He said maybe next year we can do even better.

- CARES ACT – Transit funding is available. Mr. Snoddy will provide assistance if needed.

- Kern COG received \$256,000 for KARGO sustainability. Caltrans, Kern COG, and the county are all on board to deal with the growth potentially coming and this is great news.

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 next scheduled meeting will be held July 16, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____