

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for July

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

THURSDAY
July 16, 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, Crump, P. Smith, B. Smith, Krier, Mower, Couch, Reyna, Scrivner, Vallejo, Alvarado

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

Members Absent: McFarland, Lessenevitch

Others: Bard Lower, Yolanda Alcantar

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Ben Raymond, 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. There were none.

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 – June 18, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. KERN COUNTY SAND CANYON RD PROJECT DELIVERY

D. PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE JULY 2020

E. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

F. GROWTH FORECAST BY SUB-REGION

***** END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE *****

MOTION MADE BY DIRECTOR VALLEJO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. SECCONDED BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH. MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 13

Raquel Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

Amendment No. 13 includes revisions to the Transit Program. The public review period July 17. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on July 20. 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.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing and asked if there were any public comment. There weren't any. Seeing none, he cloed the public hearing.

VI. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORT: (None)

VII. CALTRANS' REPORT:

Mr. Michael Navarro from District 6 provided the following report:

- Welcoming Diana Gomez as our new District Director – effective July 13th .
- Submitted SR 46 TCEP Grant application to Caltrans HQ's
- SR 43/8th Street (follow up) – painted red curb to increase ped visibility. We are putting in an installation order for ladder style crosswalk on north leg. (Councilman Reyna/Sup Couch)

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.
Funding: RIP

All lanes and ramps are open. The project is suspended. Waiting for HAR part to complete the project. Estimated project completion is the end of July 2020.

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. Funding: SHOPP.

Work currently includes removing abutments, wingwall and shear key forms; pouring drain foundation and installing slotted pipe and rock slope protection. 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. Funding: SB-1. In Construction.

Westbound – Lane closure, traffic will be split from Cottonwood Road to P Street. This closure will continue for the next two months.

Eastbound – Lane closure, traffic will be split from P Street to Cottonwood Road. This stage of construction should be completed at the end of August 2020. Estimated project completion is December 2020.

06-48464 – Belle Terrace Overcrossing : Construct Auxiliary Lane; Replace Bridge – SR 99 from Belle OC to Brundage Lane OC

Contract Current Scheduled Completion Date: Approx. 2/28/2021

Belle Terrace OC – The deck has been poured (6/26/20) and is also currently in cure. Project completion into late winter/early spring of 2021.

06-48466 – Bakersfield Freeway Connector (BFC) : Rt 58/99 Modify Interchange

Contract Scheduled Completion Date: 8/17/2021

Work is progressing on the project. The majority of the activity continues to be structure work. Shoulders along SR 99 need to be cleaned and swept routinely. The CM has been reminded of this contractual requirement.

06-48465 – Stockdale Hwy & Enos (SR43) Roundabout

Contract Current Scheduled Completion Date: Approx. TBD –Mid-Summer due to weather and other manufacturing delays.

Final HMA lifts are in place. Final striping has been completed for the roundabout, and the CIDH piles have been poured for the lighting changes.

Lighting conflicts have been resolved and the contractor is currently proceeding with installation (Delays are due to virus vs supply timelines). Punch-list concerns have been given to the CM and forwarded to the Contractor.

06-0T20U4 SR 99 NR 2R/Fast Freight Corridor: I-5 to US 99 OC

CRCP has been placed at David Copus Ramp. All Lane 3 CRCP for the project is completed and in cure. David Copus Ramp is closed. Project will move into Stage 8 construction by the end of July. Stage 8 will consist of Lane 2 reconstruction and will begin at the I-5 overcrossing and work towards the north. Anticipated completion June 2021.

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

Project has resumed work since June 18th

Tentative Ramp Openings:

NB99 Airport Dr. off-ramp scheduled for early Aug. 2020

NB99 California on-ramp scheduled for early Aug. 2020

Tentative Traffic configuration changes:

Traffic switch to next phase is tentative for mid-August, placing traffic on outside lanes.

Ms. D. Alcala (representing Caltrans District 9) is the newly appointed Deputy District Director for Planning and Environmental, and addressed the Committee and the Board with the following information:

Ms. Alcala began with thanking Kern COG staff for assisting Caltrans with submitting the application and report for the 58 truck climbing lanes project (which was sent to HQ today).

Traffic advisories:

- SR 58/SR 202 – Dig-out project – Replacing panels of hot-mix asphalt for pavement preservation.
- SR 202/58 @ Tucker Road – On 7/19 both on/off ramps will be closed and will reopen on Monday (7/20).
- SR 58 @ Keene exit – Replacement of HMA panels. One lane in each direction will be closed with minimal delays from Monday through Friday from 7-5 (7/20-7/24).

- SR 178/SR 14 – Starting at 178 to the intersection of the 14 (7.3 miles) Seal coat and lane striping will be applied with minimal delays.
- Rosamond/Mojave Rehabilitation project – The contract was awarded and waiting for approval which is anticipated by the end of July. Construction will begin shortly thereafter.
- Orlancha/Cartago 4-lane project – Partners are Caltrans, Kern COG and Kern County. It successfully reached the ready-to-lift milestone (end of June).

Ms. Alcala asked for questions and/or comments. There were none.

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

Mr. Hakimi addressed the Committee and the Board with the following information:

- The deadline for the Federal BUILD grant was met as of July 2nd and we did not lose funding. Mr. Hakimi thanked Caltrans, FHWA, PG&E, Chevron and Kern COG staff. Without their teamwork, it could not have been delivered. Thanks to their hardwork, approximately 2 miles of roadway straight through the community of Lost Hills will be improved with these monies.
- On June 19th, CTC Commissioner Paul Konynenburg, who represented the interest of the Central Valley, was relieved of his duties by the Governor, and replaced with Lee Ann Eager from Fresno. We are sorry to see him go, but we are thankful that Lee Ann was appointed the same day.
- Supervisor Scrivner and Staff, Congressman McCarthy's office and staff and Councilmember Lessenevitch's office and staff have been working together with Mr. Hakimi and Kern COG to connect California City Blvd. to Edwards AFB. There will be a follow-up meeting with Congressman McCarthy and his staff and the Dept. of Defense along with Mr. Hakimi. A report to the Board will follow from Mr. Hakimi.
- This week, the City of Bakersfield, Shafter Kern County, the High Speed Rail Authority, Caltrans and Kern COG met to discuss intergration and coordination of all parties circulation elements for the 2nd grant received. The purpose is to study the North edge of metropolitan Bakersfield and South edge of Shafter's warehousing good movements and logistics and to get all parties on the same page. Progress has been made and additional funding that was received will work on this project. Mr. Hakimi will continue to keep the Board and Committee informed.
- Mr. Hakimi is working with the City Manager and Wasco, HSR staff & Amtrak staff to provide updates and status of the HSR project to the City of Wasco. Mr. Hakimi will continue to keep the Board and Committee informed.
- Mr. Hakimi has been participating in the B3K Initiative (Better Bakersfield Boundless Kern Effort). He will continue to keep the Board and Committee informed.
- Miocar will be coming back to the communities of Arvin, Wasco and Lamont we are pleased to announce. The service was on hiatus due to the pandemic, but is hoping to get things going by next week.

Other:

July 17 – Joint Virtual Meeting of the California Transportation Commission, California Air Resources board, and California Department of Housing and Community Development

Report on June 24 – California Transportation Commission Virtual Meeting
August 12 & 13 – California Transportation Commission Meeting in Oakland

- 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 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 August 20, 2020. **(may be dark).**