

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**THURSDAY
September 17, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

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and the Kern Council of Governments Board of Directors Meetings**

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Gurrola, B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Crump, McFarland, Mower, Alvarado, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Alcalá, Navarro, Parra

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- A. Approval of Minutes – August, 20, 2020

- B. Response to Public Comments

- D. Local Clearinghouse: None

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

- IV. **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)**

- V. **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

- VI. **KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

- VII. **MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

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

- A. Warrant Register

- B. Timeline

- IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS:** On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or 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. CLOSED SESSION: NONE**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING** – The next scheduled meeting will be October 15, 2020.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for August 20, 2020

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

THURSDAY
August 20, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:47 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Gurrola, B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Crump, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner, Alvarado

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

Members Absent: Gonzalez

Others: Carr, Heckman, Harvey

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Michael Heimer, Susanne Campbell, Ed Flickinger, Linda Urata, Joe Stramaglia

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Chairman Smith asked for public comments. There were no comments.

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A. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program (Campbell)

Comment: Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Board shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. On August 6, 2020, staff received from Calstart's Clean Mobility Options a **Notice of Proposed Award** for our 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher in the amount of \$49,924.

Action: Approve Calstart's Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment Voucher, and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution No. 20-18. Roll Call Vote.

D. Transportation Safety Plans Memorandum of Understanding (Flickinger)

Comment: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been created for Kern Council of Governments to assist in developing a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) for the following

nine cities anticipated to participate: Arvin, Bakersfield, California City, Delano, Maricopa, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi and Wasco.

Action: Authorize the Chair to sign the MOU. VOICE VOTE.

E. Local Clearinghouse: None.

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR LESSENEVITCH, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CRUMP TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (None)

V. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VI. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

- AB 2006 sponsored by Fong and Salas has been passed and is ready for signature. AB 2006 allows the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern to take over responsibility of SR 184 (Morning Drive). The two entities will have to agree to this.
- Unfortunately, there was a fatal accident recently at California City Blvd. and SR 58. This intersection has been a priority project for several years, we just haven't been able to put the funds together to take care of this dangerous intersection. Supervisor Scrivner and I have a meeting set up with representative of Edwards Airforce Base next week.
- The Amazon Distribution Center is open and Kern COG is monitoring the traffic in this area.

IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)

X. CLOSED SESSION: (None)

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – September 17, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____