

**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
September 2, 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. Invina for attendance.

I. ROLL CALL, MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Shawn Monk	City of California City
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
Loren Culp	City of Ridgecrest
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Bob Neath	County of Kern
Steve Barnes	GET
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Becky Napier	Kern COG
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Bob Snoddy	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Linda Urata	Kern COG
Joe Stramaglia	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG

OTHER:

Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Susana Kormendi	Bakersfield
Ryan Starbuck	Bakersfield
Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield
Catherine Carr	Caltrans

- 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.

Chairman Schlosser asked for public comments. There were none.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of August 5, 2020.

Chairman Schlosser asked if there were any public comments regarding the minutes. There were none. Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve, Mr. Patteson seconded. Ms. Invina performed a roll call for the vote, and motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote

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

Ms. Pacheco provided the following information to the committee:

“The upcoming amendment will include revisions to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and Transit Program. This amendment includes revisions approved at the July 16, 2020 Transportation Planning Policy Committee meeting. The amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC when the public review period begins September 4th.”

This item was for information only.

V. AUGUST TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM FOR COUNTY OF KERN

Mr. Snoddy asked the committee to review and recommend the County of Kern’s (Kern Transit) FY 2020-21 Public Transit and Streets and Roads claim totaling \$10,460,539.

Mr. Culp asked Mr. Snoddy a question about LTF funds which he answered. Mr. Patteson asked a question regarding the CARES act and loss of revenue from lower fare boxes due to the pandemic, which he answered. Mr. Neath provided additional information for what CARES act funding (\$3.7 million) is being used for such as cleaning supplies, sterilizing things and installing protective doors for the drivers’ safety.

The action requested was for the TTAC to review TDA Public Transit claims and Streets and Roads claims received by August 21, 2020, for \$10,460,539 and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Monk for recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Viterelli. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

VI. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS AND KERN COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS – EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN COG FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Mr. Ball addressed the committee with the following information:

The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This is a policy and annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC.

Technical/grant writing assistance requests from member agencies are due to Kern COG by September 30, 2020.

Ms. Urata gave an update on the blueprints for EV Charging Stations. Phase 1 began in 2018, and was funded by the CA Energy Commission. Phase 2 funding was released and was implemented by Kern COG, identifying high-impact stations and locations. The funding allows for us to apply for \$2.5 million and be matched with other funding. If you are interested in applying, please go to our website.

Ms. Viterelli had questions regarding the charging stations for Ms. Urata, which she answered.

This was an information item.

VII. SB 743 – VMT ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT – TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE (TMC) REPORT

Mr. Ball provided the following update for the committee:

The TMC held a web meeting on August 19, 2020 to develop consensus on a modeling script for Senate Bill (SB) 743 requiring analysis of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for new developments.

The TMC is a subcommittee of both the TTAC and the RPAC and usually meets jointly with the RPAC but will hold separate meetings on an as needed basis. On July 31, 2020, Kern COG received a request from the City of Shafter to develop a modeling script to output data from the travel model in a format required by SB 743. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Cities of Shafter, Bakersfield, Taft, the County, Caltrans, Rutgers & Schuler and DKS Consultants.

Consensus of the group was for Kern COG to take the following actions:

- 1) Develop a high-quality transit-areas map that can be used to help pre-screen projects.
- 2) Develop a work order with the Kern COG on-call modeling maintenance consultant DKS for the following tasks.

Task 1: Output Table of Countywide Total VMT by Purpose and Mode similar to Total Trips Table

Task 2: Enhanced Select Zone Analysis that outputs selected zonal trips and VMT by trip purpose and employment/land use type to be able to calculate both gross and net VMTs.

The committee reached consensus on these tasks. The activity is budgeted under the adopted Kern COG Overall Work Program, Work Element 604.1 – Regional Travel Demand Model Maintenance.

Some online resources were provided in the staff report which can be found on the Kern COG webpage.

This item was for information.

VIII. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TIMELINE, CYCLE 5

Mr. Snoddy provided the following updated for the committee:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is administered by the California Department of Transportation to fund projects that promote non-motorized transportation such as walking and bicycling.

A timeline was provided in the staff report for guidance. The ATP applications are due September 15th.

This item was for information.

IX. KERN COUNTY BRITE/MIRASOL PROJECT SAVINGS

Ms. Pacheco provided a staff report addressing the forementioned project:

There are two typos in the staff report. The first is the available RSTP programming in the FTIP is \$205,000 not \$250,000 as stated under Option 1. Second, the RSTP amount for Scofield under Option 2 was correct in the first citation but not in the second citation.

Kern County's Brite/Mirasol project likely will have about \$1.9 million RSTP savings. Kern COG is exploring options for the project savings. Ms. Pacheco presented the options in the staff report and a new option 4 to

process a change order for Brite/Mirasol. Ms. Pacheco offered to coordinate a Project Accountability Team meeting to discuss the matter further and develop a recommendation for the September 30th TTAC meeting and requested TTAC direction.

TTAC members discussed the options. TTAC referred the item back to Kern COG staff.

Motion by Mr. Patteson for Kern COG staff to review project specific information submitted by September 4th. Kern COG staff will send an agenda on September 9th for the September 16th Project Accountability Team meeting. Seconded by Mr. Neath with everyone in agreement.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Invina shared the new RTP survey is available on the Kern COG website and to please share.

Mr. Ball shared the 2018 RTP Sustainable Communities Strategy was accepted by the Air Resource Board and thanked all the jurisdictions for their help on this process.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS

Ms. Mendibles announced the California Transportation Plan is open for comments and due October 2nd. There will be a webinar on September 25th. Call for Projects on the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program in October. For questions, please contact her.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 11:14am. The next meeting will be held on September 30, 2020 (October meeting).