

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

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday  
September 30, 2020 (October meeting)  
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:**

Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Bob Neath	County of Kern
Steve Barnes	GET
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Alex Gonzales	City of Shafter
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco

**STAFF:**

Rob Ball	Kern COG
Bob Snoddy	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Veronica McCulloch	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG

**OTHER:**

Susana Kormendi	Bakersfield
Ryan Starbuck	Bakersfield

- 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 September 2, 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. Mculodh performed a roll call for the vote, and motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

**IV. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM (TDA) FOR NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

Mr. Snoddy asked the committee to review the North of the River Recreation and Park District (NOR) TDA FY 2020-21 Public Transit Claim.

The action requested was to recommend the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt by resolution North of the River Recreation and Park District's TDA FY 2020-21 Public Transit Claim for \$1,180,952.

Mr. Schlosser asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this item. There were none.

Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Ms McCulloch performed a roll call vote. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

## **V. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

Highlights from September 16, 2020 Project Accountability Team meeting include: 1. Transportation Development Act Article 3 updates were provided by attendees. In addition, please contact Bike Bakersfield if assistance is needed for bike safety project delivery. 2. For agencies with Active Transportation Program projects in FY 20/21, October 5<sup>th</sup> is the agenda deadline for the December California Transportation Commission meeting. 3. Kern COG staff requested potential topics for next Caltrans Local Assistance Workshop. 4. The next Project Accountability Team meeting is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Schlosser asked for questions or comments regarding this item. There were none.

This item is for information only.

## **VI. RSTP FUNDING REQUESTS**

Kern County Brite/Mirasol project was awarded at a substantially lower amount than was approved in the authorization therefore there will likely be Regional Surface Transportation Program or RSTP savings. The actual amount will not be known until the Award package has been reviewed by Caltrans. In addition, there is RSTP programming available in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. At the September 2<sup>nd</sup> TTAC meeting, agencies were asked to submit RSTP funding requests. Agencies presented their project needs at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Project Accountability Team meeting with the exception of California City who was not in attendance. A California City representative was supposed to be available today to verify project cost estimate and project readiness. I have an email with information if needed.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee that the estimated \$2.15 million RSTP savings from Kern County's Brite/Mirasol project be re-allocated to underfunded Bakersfield and Shafter projects: 82% to Stockdale/Enos project and 18% to 7th Standard project. In addition, that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee that the \$205,000 RSTP programming funds available be allocated to underfunded California City and Tehachapi projects. 15% to Hacienda project and 85% to Rail Corridor project.

Motion by Christine Viterelli and seconded by Bob Neath.

## **VII. CMAQ FUNDING REQUEST**

Since Kern County's Williams Rd Congestion Mitigation Air Quality or CMAQ project has potential environmental delays due to an endangered specie - Kern Primrose Sphinx Moth, Kern County has requested to delay the Williams Rd project to a future year and advance Kern County projects from the CMAQ Contingency Project List. In addition, there is CMAQ programming available in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Kern COG staff has reviewed the three options presented in the staff report. Option 1: Re-program Williams Rd CMAQ funding to other Kern County projects on the CMAQ Contingency Project List. Option 2: Re-program Williams Rd CMAQ funding to a combination of Kern County's Hughes Lane CMAQ contingency project and Bakersfield's Pacheco Rd CMAQ contingency project. Option 3: Do nothing.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee Option 2 if Bakersfield is ready to deliver the Pacheco Rd project in FY 20/21.

Motion by Steve Barnes and seconded by Kameron Arnold.

**VIII. 2021 FTIP ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT**

The technical review period for the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program or FTIP Administrative Draft begins September 30 and comments are due October 21. The FTIP is a multimodal list of capital improvement programs to be implemented over a four-year period. A 2021 FTIP activity summary was prepared and is provided in the staff report. Highlights include: Bullet #5 – SB 1291 has now been approved by the Governor. Bullet #8 – MPOs now need to transmit the regionally adopted 2021 FTIP by March 1, 2021. Bullet #9 – Kern COG staff invites project managers to meet with Kern COG staff, during the technical review period, to discuss project concerns.

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**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**X. MEMBER ITEMS**

Mr. Schlosser asked Kern COG staff if there has been any discussion regarding in-person meetings. Ms. Invina told him no, not yet.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schlosser adjourned the meeting at 10:47. The next meeting is November 4, 2020.