

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for October 15, 2020

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

THURSDAY
October 15, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Smith at approximately 6:30 p.m.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- II. **Members Present:** B. Smith, Vallejo, Crump, Mower, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner
Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Navarro, Alcala, Kersey, Parra
Members Absent: Gurrola, Lessenevitch, McFarland, Alvarado
Others: Heckman, Patteson, Carr, Arriola
Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco
- 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 B. 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 – September 17, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

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

D. PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OCTOBER 2020 PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT.

E. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) FUNDING REQUESTS

F. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING REQUEST

G. 2021 FTIP ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT

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

MR. CRUMP MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. MR. REYNA SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN KERN COUNTY

Mr. Snoddy addressed the committee with a staff report that included the following information:

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) annually holds a public hearing to identify any unmet transit needs and those that are reasonable to meet, and this is the last of 10 public hearings held this year throughout the County. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee has received input from the prior meetings.

Prior to making any allocation from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to uses other than public transportation or pedestrian/bikeway facilities, Kern COG is legally required under California Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5 to determine whether unmet transit needs have been identified within its jurisdiction.

Through newspaper advertisements, members of the public were requested to provide their input. Public input was also obtained through public hearings held in the cities, rural communities of Kern, Golden Empire Transit District (GET) and City of Delano. Kern COG's Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) reviewed the results of these public hearings.

Kern Transit held its public hearing on July 28, 2020. The Kern County Board of Supervisors found that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. The cities of Arvin, California City, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, and Wasco held unmet transit needs public hearings between February and August 2020. None of the cities reported unmet transit needs that were reasonable to meet.

Tonight, is the public hearing for FY 2020-21's unmet transit needs assessment and determination, at which time Kern COG should decide through resolution, one of the following:

- 1. There are no unmet transit needs; or**
- 2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; or**
- 3. There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING RECEIVE COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

At its October 2, 2020, meeting, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) reviewed a countywide analysis of unmet transit needs provided by Kern COG staff and the members of the SSTAC determined that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kern County.

The action being requested of the Transportation Planning Policy Committee is:

Find that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Kern County and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution No. 20-26. ROLL CALL VOTE

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Chairman B. Smith opened the public hearing and asked for public comments. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing. Chairman asked for a motion. Director Vallejo made a motion to approve. Mr. Mower seconded. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

VII. CALTRANS REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)

Michael Navarro from Caltrans District 6 provided the following report for the committee:

- **CTP 2050 –**
 - 60-day public comment period ends 10/22
- **Caltrans Planning Grants**
 - Expecting call for project in the next 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. Funding: SHOPP.

Work scheduled for October: Pour concrete barrier, grade end treatment pad, install tubular rail, grind bridge deck, install guardrail, process rubble and begin preparation for median work.

Anticipated completion date: 11/20/2020

Michael Dennison, Project Manager, (559) 230-3151
Hin Hartanto, Resident Engineer, (760) 937-3243

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 – Rebar placement, CRCP, smoothness grinding, striping and Punch List items. Two lanes will be open for traffic; however, during nighttime hours one lane may be closed.
Eastbound – Rebar placement, CRCP slope paving, overhead sign construction, electrical construction, and HMA pavement Two lanes will be open for traffic; however, during nighttime hours one lane may be closed.
Anticipated completion date: 3/30/2021;

Michael Dennison, Project Manager, (559) 230-3151
Amarjit Dhaliwal, Resident Engineer, (661) 391-4766

06-48464 – Belle Terrace Overcrossing: SR 58 between Belle Terrace and Brundage: Construct Auxiliary Lane; Replace Bridge

Current Scheduled Completion Date: Approx. 2/28/2021
CRCP construction is ongoing for the auxiliary lane. Utility work is ongoing on the project.

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager, 559-287-2128
Clay Lomax, RE, (661) 331-7215

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

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: 12/2021

Work is progressing on the project. The majority of the activity continues to be structure work. (BT Pump Plant/RW 69/Ming Ave Off-Ramp Sep Falsework, Rte. 58/99 Sep Widening, etc.)

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager, 559-287-2128

06-48460 – Centennial Corridor Mainline Project: Construct 6/8 lane freeway

Contract Scheduled Completion Date: 8/2022 Revised

Contractor working on structures and earthwork at various locations along the project limits.

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager, 559-287-2128

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

Stage 8 work in progress from PM 0 (I-5 Overcrossing) to PM 5.5 (north of David Copus Onramp) and will split traffic into lane 1 and 3 while work is completed behind K Rail on Lane 2. The majority of the work will be completed at night under closure of Lane 1.

60% construction complete – Summer 2021

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager, 559-287-2128
Kris Raber, Resident Engineer, NV5 (661) 800-8362

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

Project is ongoing. NB traffic shifted to outside lanes and work on lowering the freeway under Minkler Spur Overhead and Airport Dr OC in progress.

Estimated Project Completion Date: 08-01-2021

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager, 559-287-2128
Hugo Camberos, Resident Engineer, (559) 905-7113

06-0S510 SR 223/Derby Signal Project – safety project at the east end of town

Project is being readied for advertisement. Waiting for Federal approval of HSIP funding.

Projected schedule:

October 30, 2020: Projected Advertise project

December 1, 2020: Projected Open bids dates

February 1, 2021: Projected Approve Construction contract

Contractor procures materials for the signal system, this is projected to take at least 6 months

Expected construction Start: July 2021. Note: contractor can start earlier if the signal system material are obtained earlier than 6 months

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager, 559-287-2128

6-0U480 SR 46/Poplar – Wasco CAPM

Striping operations for this project are to be scheduled this month. This will include the crosswalk at Poplar. However the RRFB is expected to be delivered by mid-Nov with installation following shortly after. Close out by end of this calendar year

Hussein Senan, Project Manager, 559-243-3586

06-V910 Zero Emissions Vehicle Charging Stations

In Fresno, Tulare and Kern Counties on Rte 99 and I-5 at Various Locations

The project is in construction. A few chargers have arrived, and the contractor is waiting for remaining ones before installing them.

Mr. Navarro asked for questions. Mr. Reyna said there were barricades put up at F Street and Hwy. 46 undercrossing and were causing some confusion to motorists. The barricades were attempting to make one lane and motorists were trying to crowd each other out and keep the road at 2 lanes. Mr. Navarro told Mr. Reyna he would have the R.E. look at the problem.

Denee Alcalá from Caltrans District 9 provided the following update:

The Rosamond/Mojave rehabilitation project is beginning, a public meeting was held on October 5, and outreach has continued. Anticipate shoulder work beginning on November 3 with intermittent lane changes; plan to switch traffic to northbound lanes around December 9.

Minor Projects:

- SR 178 Kelso Creek Valley Road to west of SR 14 installing some new curb signs so there will be traffic controls with up to 20 minute delays.
- On 395 at Rand Railroad doing a claiming and repaving project at the crossing so there will be one-way traffic control.
- Tehachapi on SR 202 at various intersections on Tucker Road there will be some traffic lane and shoulder closures at times as they do some work at signal heads for utility work, expect 40 to 60 minutes at each signal head.
- Some bridge and maintenance projects on SR 58 will begin, one north of Mojave near the 58 Mojave/Barstow highway exit; and one at the Mill Street overcrossing; there will be some traffic control and intermittent closure at those projects.

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

Executive Director Hakimi reported on the following items:

- November 23 we had a meeting for the KARGO Project with Shafter, High Speed Rail, Bakersfield, Caltrans, Kern County; follow up meeting with some of the engineers and several follow-up phone calls; plus a meeting on Monday with Shafter, Bakersfield and Kern County. Starting to get some traction on that project.
- September 25 had an in-person meeting with District 6 Director and staff, City of Bakersfield and County of Kern regarding SR 46 project in Lost Hills.
- September 25 met with Kern County staff and city of Bakersfield staff regarding illegal dumping. As a reminder this Board funds debris and obstruction removal, the focus of this meeting was to convert the Old Dump Road into a bike lane using the next Article 3 call for projects.
- October 1 met with appointed Senator Dean Flores who is a member of the CARB who is required by law to meet with CTC; met with him to encourage the CTC to fund a grant that we have for SR 46; the results will be out in November and I will keep the Board updated.
- October 7, Supervisor Scrivner and I met with Edward Air Force Base Commander and staff with the goal of connecting Cal City Blvd. to the north gate of Edwards Air Force Base; it was the most productive meeting we have had in well over 5 years that I've been involved with the project.
- October 8, Caltrans District 6 Director, Dianna Gomez and I met with the new CTC Commissioner regarding our grant application on SR 46.
- Back to the debris and obstruction removal topic, On October 13 I met with the Bakersfield City Manager and members of his staff, Caltrans Director, Dianna Gomez, on how we could do more to beautify the gateways to not only Kern County but also to the Bakersfield Metropolitan area.

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 November 19, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____