



Information RPAC

January 6, 2021

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and
Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM - RPAC
PUBLIC REVIEW: DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)
AMENDMENT NO. 1; DRAFT 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP); AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT
CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION:

The Draft 2021 FTIP, Draft 2018 RTP Amendment No. 1, and corresponding Conformity Analysis were released on December 23, 2020 for public review and comment. The documents are available on the Kern COG website at www.kerncog.org.

DISCUSSION:

The FTIP (programming document) is a near-term list of transportation projects, while the 2018 RTP is a long-term blueprint for transportation projects. The Air Quality Conformity Analysis demonstrates that both the near- and long-term projects will not delay the region's efforts to improve the air. The federal programming document was distributed for technical review, prior to the public review period. A concurrent 30-day public review period is being held for all draft documents. A summary of public comments received will be incorporated into the final documentation as appropriate. Final consideration of all documents is scheduled for February 18, 2021, during the Kern COG Board meeting. Federal approval is expected April 2021.

Development Timeline (approved – 11/19/20)

Date	Event
November 4, 2020	Timeline presented to Transportation Technical Advisory Committee/Regional Planning Advisory Committee
November 19, 2020	Timeline presented to Transportation Planning Policy Committee
December 23, 2020	30-day public review period begins
January 6, 2021	Public review draft presented to Transportation Technical Advisory Committee/Regional Planning Advisory Committee
January 21, 2021	Public review draft presented to Transportation Planning Policy Committee (public hearing)
January 22, 2021	Public review period ends

Development Timeline continued

Date	Event
February 3, 2021	Present to Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and/or Regional Planning Advisory Committee to recommend approval
February 18, 2021	Present to Transportation Planning Policy Committee for adoption
February 26, 2021	Send final documents with response to comments to state and federal agencies for approval
April 2021	Anticipated federal approval of Conformity, the near-term and long-term documents

All documents can be viewed at www.kerncog.org

A virtual public workshop will be held January 13, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.; information can be found at www.kerncog.org

Public comments may be submitted in writing no later than **5 P.M. January 22, 2021.**

Attachment: Notification flier

ACTION: Information. Comments due January 22, 2021

We need your community input!

You are invited to offer your ideas and comments on Kern Council of Governments' (Kern COG) Draft 2021 short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Draft 2018 long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment No. 1, and Draft Conformity Analysis.

These documents provide an outline of major transportation expenditures.

These documents are available online at
www.kerncog.org

30-day Public Review Period December 23, 2020 to January 22, 2021

A workshop will be held on January 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Information can be found online at www.kerncog.org

A public hearing is scheduled at 6:30 PM on January 21, 2021 at Kern COG's Board meeting. Kern COG Board meeting accessibility instructions will be posted to the website no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

For questions and comments - call 661-635-2907, email rpacheco@kerncog.org or mail:

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