

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
November 4, 2020
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Shawn Monk	California City
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
	Eric Dhanens	Community Member
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
	Catherine Carr	Caltrans

STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
	Vincent Lieu	Kern COG
	Michael Heimer	Kern COG
	Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG

OTHERS:	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	Susanna Kormendi	City of Bakersfield
	Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
	Susanna Kormendi	TDH Associates
	David Berggren	Caltrans
	Emma De La Rosa	Leadership Council

- 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 information or request staff to report 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.**

- Emma De La Rosa from the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability introduced herself to the Committee.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to approve the discussion summary for September 2, 2020, seconded by Committee Member Monk with all in favor.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN, ITEM XI. WAS MOVED TO THIS POSITION

XI. TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1; DRAFT 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)

Ms. Pacheco stated that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program is a near-term list of transportation projects, while the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan is a long-term blueprint for transportation projects. The Air Quality Conformity Analysis demonstrates that both the near- and long-term lists will not delay the region's efforts to improve the air. The tentative release of the draft documents is expected December 23rd. The tentative schedule in the staff report will be used to move these documents through the review process with final approval by federal agencies in April 2021.

The action requested is that the Regional Planning Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the development timeline.

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to request that the Regional Planning Advisory Committee recommended that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the development timeline, seconded by Committee Member Munk, motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERALIZED LAND USE LAYERS – LAND USE MODEL (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond stated that the generalized land use map layer is being developed to update land use model assumptions in preparation of developing the 2022 RTP/SCS. In July, Kern COG contacted each member agency to collect the latest land use maps for each jurisdiction. Kern COG has begun working to load all the land use maps into GIS and fill in areas missing data, such as roads. Land use categories from multiple jurisdictions are aggregated into thirteen categories to be used by UPlan. Residential types are divided into six categories based upon dwelling units per gross acre and employment is divided into three types based upon usage. The remaining four categories represent two types of publicly owned land, resource areas (agriculture, mining, etc.), and mixed-use areas. Areas currently classified as mixed use will be manually divided into residential and employment categories based upon jurisdiction input. There is an interactive map available online at <http://kerncog.maps.arcgis.com/> with additional areas added. Members were encouraged to review their jurisdiction's area and provide comments to Michael Heimer at mheimer@kerncog.org.

This was an information item.

V. KERN COG OFFERS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICES AND MAPPING SUPPORT AGREEMENTS TO MEMBER AGENCIES (Liu)

Mr. Liu informed the Committee that the Arvin, Delano, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Wasco, the East Kern Resource Conservation District and the Kern County Water Agency have on-going agreements with Kern COG to provide on call, priority GIS mapping and technical support on an as needed basis for a fixed hourly rate in addition to Kern COG normal level of technical assistance at no charge as resources are available. In an effort to supplement this service, the Kern COG Board has entered into agreements to provide support primarily to our smaller members and other local government agencies. Services are provided at the current average staff rate of \$82.00 per hour with overhead. The member agency is only billed for actual hours worked in an amount not to exceed the annual amount budgeted.

This was an information item.

VI. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION OF TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP (Ball)

Mr. Ball stated that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling

numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. A timeline was provided in the staff report. Mr. Ball also reminded the Committee of the Metro Quest online Survey that closes November 9, 2020.

This was an information item.

VII. DRAFT TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY TO ESTIMATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FOR KERN COG'S 2022 RTP/SCS (Ball)

Mr. Ball stated that Senate Bill 375 requires a Technical Methodology be provided to the California Air Resources Board that is anticipated to be used to demonstrate attainment of the per capita greenhouse gas reduction targets in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The plan provided contains an overview of Kern COG's modeling and analysis methodology proposed for the 2022 RTP/SCS and prepared pursuant to the Government Code which requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to submit a technical methodology to the Air Resources Board before starting the SCS public process. The submittal was delayed because the Air Resources Board recommendations for the 2022 RTP/SCS cycle were not finalized until July 2020.

There were comments made by Troy Hightower of TDH Associates and explanations given by Mr. Ball.

This was an information item.

VIII. RHNA/HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS UPDATE (Invina)

Ms. Invina stated that Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity as the state-designated Regional Planning Agency, prepares the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which includes a forecast of low-income housing need to be included in local housing element updates due in 2024.

This was an information item.

IX. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT (Urata)

Ms. Urata stated that to help meet more stringent air standards, Kern COG promotes early deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies such as plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) and compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information. Ms. Urata provided a spreadsheet of electric vehicle charging spaces by zip code.

This was an information item.

X. DRAFT LOW-STRESS BIKEWAY NETWORK IN THE VICINITY OF THE BAKERSFIELD HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION (Snoddy)

Mr. Snoddy stated that Kern COG contracted with the California Bicycle Coalition to prepare a Low-Stress Bikeway Network in the Vicinity of the planned Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Station including a long-distance route network connecting outlying communities, and is available online for comment through December 18, 2020 at: [https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DRAFT-Low Stress Bike Network.pdf](https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DRAFT-Low%20Stress%20Bike%20Network.pdf).

On comment was received via email from Johanna Coronado of TDH Associates International that states: "The Kern COG Draft Bikeplan is subtitled "Active Transportation

Connectivity Planning and Bike Sharing for Disadvantaged Communities. However, none of the maps illustrate the disadvantaged communities". This was an information item.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new Kern COG RTP survey is ready and can be accessed at <https://www.kerncog.org/rtp-survey/>.

Mr. Snoddy announced that GET is to be congratulated for the near completion of the station at CSUB and encouraged everyone to drive by and take a look at it.

XIII. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is December 2, 2020 (May be Dark).