

**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
November 4, 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:

Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Shawn Monk	California City
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Bob Neath	County of Kern
Steve Barnes	GET
Joe West	NOR/CTSA
Teresa Binkley	City of Taft

STAFF:

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

OTHER:

Ryan Starbuck	Bakersfield
Susanna Kormendi	Bakersfield
Catherine Carr	Caltrans
Yolanda Alcantar	Kern County
Asha Chandy	Bike 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. Due to technical and connectivity issues, the action items were moved to the beginning of the agenda.**

IV. **Action item IX. Note correction number of this item on the agenda as Item IX. TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1; DRAFT 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS**

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 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the development timeline.

Chairman Schlosser asked if there were any questions regarding the item. There were none. Motion by Mr. Neath to approve and seconded by Mr. Monk. Ms. Invina performed a roll call for the vote, and motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote

V. **Action Item XII - NOVEMBER TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS FOR THE CITIES OF ARVIN AND BAKERSFIELD**

Mr. Snoddy addressed the committee with the following information:

Review and recommendation of the Cities of Arvin and Bakersfield's Transportation Development Act (TDA) Public Transit Claims for FY 2021-20 and 2020-21 totaling \$1,212,096.

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

VI. **Action Item III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of September 30 (October meeting), 2020.**

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

VII. **Information item IV. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS**

Ms. Urata provided a report for September and October activities which included a San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership to plan a webinar as a replacement to the in-person National Drive Electric Week events. There is a First Responder online training on November 24th.

Kern COG was one of three eligible entities the California Energy Commission GFO-19-603: Electric Vehicle Ready Communities Phase II-Blueprint Implementation. Kern COG submitted the grant for \$2.5 million dollars on October 23rd. In addition, attached to the report is the EV charging space inventory by location.

Chairman Schlosser asked if there were any questions or comments. Chairman Schlosser added the report of the charging spaces by zip code is helpful. There were no further comments. This item was for information.

VIII. **Information item V. SINGLE AUDIT REPORT – STATUS REPORT**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

On October 23rd, Kern COG staff was made aware that California City, McFarland, and Wasco had not met the Single Audit Report requirement. Each year, agencies that expend \$750,000 or more federal funds in a fiscal year are required to send in a Single Audit Report to the State Controller's Office. The agencies identified were delinquent in sending in their information. Therefore, Caltrans Division of Local Assistance had been directed to not authorize funding for these agencies. Update: California City and Wasco has since submitted a response to the State Controllers' Office and Caltrans.

This item is for information only.

Mr. Monk provided a status update for California City. Mr. Gonzales provided a status update for McFarland. Ms. Pacheco provided a status update for Wasco.

IX. **Information item VI. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

Highlights include: 1. Transportation Development Act Article 3, Active Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program project updates were provided by attendees. Later in today's agenda there is a separate staff report regarding Article 3 projects by Bob Snoddy. 2. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Draft comments were due October 21st. Thank you to everyone who provided comments. Project revisions received will be incorporated prior to circulation of the public review draft.

This item is for information only.

X. **Information item VII. PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

The Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. If agencies plan to submit projects for funding authorization beyond January 31st, lead agencies are asked to submit a letter with a revised submittal schedule by January 15, 2021. A sample project delivery letter and project list are provided as part of the staff report.

This item is for information only.

Chairman Schlosser directed Kern COG staff to provide the TTAC with a draft policy update that includes TDA Article 3 projects in the delivery letter requirement.

XI. **Information item VIII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT – TIMELINE**

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

The upcoming amendment will include revisions to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and Transit Program. This amendment includes Congestion Mitigation Air Quality revisions approved at the October 15th Transportation Planning Policy Committee meeting. The amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC when the public review period begins November 6th.

This item is for information only.

XII. **Information item X. DRAFT LOW-STRESS BIKEWAY NETWORK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIVITY AND BIKESHARING**

Kern COG contracted with the California Bicycle Coalition (CALBIKE) 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>.

No comments were received. This item is for information only.

XIII. **Information item XI. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 2020-2021 PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Snoddy provided a determination that the outstanding projects will be completed in early spring of 2021. A possible call for projects of TDA-3 in April 2021.

No comments were received. This item is for information only.

XIV. **Information item XIII. TDA TRANSIT BIENNIAL APPORTIONMENT REPORT (Snoddy)**

Mr. Snoddy provided a report on the TDA transit biennial report. All agencies are almost caught up on their submission of their public streets and road claims. Member agency staff may contact Bob Snoddy, Regional Planner or Greg Palomo, Financial Services Director to assist with and initiate the TDA claim process.

No comments were received. This item is for information only.

XV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Snoddy announced that GET will offer free rides for two weeks during Christmas, and the GET Transit Center at al State University of Bakersfield is about 98% complete.

XVI. **MEMBER ITEMS - None**

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT** - The next meeting will be held on December 17, 2020 (may be dark).