

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for November 19, 2020

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

THURSDAY
November 19, 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. **ROLL CALL:**
Members Present: B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Crump, Mower, Krier, Alvarado, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner, Gurrola
Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Navarro, Heckman, Kersey
Members Absent: McFarland
Others: Gill
Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Rob Ball, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Susanne Campbell, Greg Palomo, Fasika Montalvo, Linda Urata, Rochelle Invina, Joe Stramaglia, Brian Van Wyk

- 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. Mr. Louis Gill from the Bakersfield Homeless Center, 1600 E. Truxtun Avenue came to thank Kern COG, the city of Bakersfield and the county of Kern for making the debris removal program available. 3 crews in the city of Bakersfield working 5 days of week collected 30,000 bags of trash. For the county, there was 1 group that collected 1,000 bags of trash. 387 people have come through the program, 520 moved into permanent housing and 213 were children. 40% went on to full time employment. Their agency would love to continue to be part of this program.

- 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 – October 15, 2020**
 - B. **Response to Public Comments**
 - C. **SINGLE AUDIT REPORT – STATUS REPORT**
 - D. **PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT**
 - E. **PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP**

- F. **TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1; DRAFT 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS**
- G. **DRAFT LOW-STRESS BIKEWAY NETWORK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIVITY PLANNING AND BIKESHARING FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES**
- H. **NOVEMBER TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS FOR THE CITIES OF ARVIN AND BAKERSFIELD**
- I. **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 2020-2021 PROJECT UPDATE DRAFT TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY TO ESTIMATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FOR KERN COG'S 2022 RTP/SCS**
- J. **UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP**
- K. **RHNA/HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS UPDATE**
- L. **MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES – PROGRAM UPDATE**
- M. **KERN COG OFFERS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICES AND MAPPING SUPPORT AGREEMENTS TO MEMBER AGENCIES**
- N. **TDA TRANSIT BIENNIAL APPORTIONMENT REPORT**

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

MR. KRIER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. MR. LESSENEVITCH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

V. 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 16

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

Amendment No. 16 includes revisions to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and the Transit Program. The public review period ends November 20. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on November 23. State and federal approval is required. At this time, I ask that the Chair please open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Chairman opened the public hearing. He asked for public comments, seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

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

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

- **CTC recommendation for Kern SR 46 Segment 4C for \$10m in TCEP funding for construction.**
- **This week...Annual "Move Over" highway safety campaign for driver awareness for road worker safety commences.**

06-44254-Route 46 Conventional Highway Segment 4A: Widen SR 46 from a 2-lane to a 4-lane conventional highway between Lost Hills Rd and I-5.

Funding: RIP

Completion date: 11/06/2020

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 November is yard clean-up, removal of ESA fence, final striping and hydroseed yard.

Anticipated completion date: November 2020

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.

Work scheduled for November along the eastbound lanes are smoothness grinding, spall repair, striping and signs. Along the westbound construction activities are roadway excavation, HMA placement, concrete placement, smoothness grinding, spall repair, striping and signs Two lanes will be open for traffic; however, during nighttime hours one lane may be closed.

Anticipated completion date: 3/30/2021

06-48464 – Belle Terrace Overcrossing : 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.

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.)

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.

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.

06-0Q280 SR 99: SR 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

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

06-0U480 SR 46/Poplar Striping operations for this project are complete along with the crosswalk at Poplar. However, the RRFB is expected to be delivered and installed in December which will complete project.

06-V910 Zero Emissions Vehicle Charging Stations

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

Project is in construction phase. Contractor received the fast chargers and is waiting for PG&E to install the connection. PG&E had scheduled installation at a few locations but were unable to follow through as they are now busy with the restoration at the fire sites. Contractor will start installing the chargers once all locations have PG&E connections with two locations in Kern County.

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

Executive Director Hakimi reported on the following items:

- October 21 & 22 – The CTC approved rehabilitation funds for California City and Maricopa. All other cities were funded last August,
- Nov. 4 – Joint meeting with CTC, CARB and HCD.
- Nov. 2nd and 3rd – The CTC met to act on SR46 West of Lost Hills, and discuss the final 3 miles which will eventually become 4 lanes and to discuss not approving funding for the truck climbing lanes project. Work is still being done to find funding for the truck climbing lanes at the steepest portion. We are not ready to give up on this project.
- Dec. 10th and 1st – CARB will be selecting for the AB617 Committee. Arvin is being considered.

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 17, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____