

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for January 21, 2021

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

THURSDAY
January 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:52 p.m. The Chairman welcomed new board members Mayor Olivia Trujillo, Mayor Cathy Prout, Mayor Sally Gonzalez, Mayor Pro-tem Veronica Vasquez and Councilmember Alex Garcia. If you would like information or education on what Kern COG does, please see Ahron Hakimi, Becky Napier or Rob Ball. You can also visit the Kern COG website.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Trujillo, B. Smith, Crump, Lessenevitch, Krier, B. Smith, Vasquez, Gonzalez, Mower, Prout, Garcia, Couch, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Navarro, Alcalá, Kersey, Parra

Members Absent: None

Others: Maria Perez, Emma De La Rosa, Ryan Nielsen

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Becky Napier, Rob Ball, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Susanne Campbell, Greg Palomo, Joe Stramaglia, Michael Heimer, Veronica McCulloch, Ed Flickinger, Brian Van Wyk

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council 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 Council 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 Smith asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

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 Council 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 Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. JANUARY TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS FOR THE CITY OF MARICOPA

D. FINAL LOW-STRESS BIKEWAY NETWORK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIVITY PLAN, CENTRAL VALLEY PASSAGE LONG DISTANCE ROUTE, AND DOWNTOWN HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR) STATION PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PLANS

E. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

F. FEDERAL BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT CONDITION PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TARGET REQUIREMENT

G. FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (PM1) “TOWARD ZERO” 2021 TARGET UPDATE

H. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT – LOCAL ROADS SAFETY PLANS

I. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT-REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

J. FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENT – AGREEMENT NO. PPM21-6087 (066)

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

DIRECTOR LESSENEVITCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. DIRECTOR SCRIVNER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Ms. Pacheco addressed the committee with the following information:

A concurrent 30-day public review period is being held for the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, the Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and the Draft Conformity Analysis. All draft documents are posted on the Kern COG website. A virtual workshop was held on January 13th and included a presentation of the powerpoint slides available on the Kern COG website but more importantly was an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Comments are due by 5:00 PM tomorrow January 22nd. Public comments received will be incorporated as appropriate into the final documents scheduled for consideration and adoption at the February 18th Board meeting. At this time, I ask the Chair to please open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

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

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

Michael Navarro from District 6 Caltrans welcomed our new Board Members. He gave the following report:

Updates:

- Director Release of Equity Statement
- Upcoming release of CT 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
- Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Update

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 January are minor punch list items.

Anticipated completion date: February 2021

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 January along the eastbound lanes are smoothness corrections, spall repair and punch list items. All lanes are open along the eastbound lanes. Along the westbound lanes, construction activities are smoothness corrections, spall repair and punch list items. Westbound lanes have three lanes open from Cottonwood Road to S. H Street. From S. H Street to the Connector, two lanes are open for traffic.

Anticipated completion date: July 2021

06-48461 – Beltway Operational Improvements on SR 58

(Anticipated Acceptance by Early 2021)

The ADA Ramp deficiencies have been addressed for compliance with specifications. Inertial profile data collection to ensure smoothness for the CRCP required by the contract is currently ongoing in conjunction with the adjacent Gap Rehab Project being performed by the same contractor. Thickness cores and skid resistance test will be verified after the profile corrections are complete.

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

Current Scheduled Completion Date: Approx. 2/28/2021

CRCP construction is ongoing for the auxiliary lane. The median sign structure and the sign for the Belle Terrace Bridge have been installed.

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 shoring for the initial W58 to S99 tunnel section is being removed currently. The temp CN5 detour ramp for the W58 to S99 traffic will begin construction in the latter half of the month.

Various soundwalls and drainage systems are currently being constructed throughout the project.

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.

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

Tentative Traffic Switch the SB 99 lane 1 will be switched to the by-pass lane at (NB99) on Jan 25th, 2021:

Close lane #3, #4 and shoulder in SB99 direction

Tentative Ramp Closures:

- SB99 Olive loop ramp mid-February (55-day closure)
- SB99 Olive Slip ramp mid-February (55-day closure)
- SB99 Golden State slip on-ramp mid-February (55-day closure)
- SB99 Rosedale Hwy loop on ramp early March (25-day closure)

Above items are subject to change due to pending weather, construction equipment failures and ongoing COVID-19 challenges.

The project will continue to progress on non-controlling items, maintenance and SWPPP. Project CCA is anticipated 9/01/21.

06-0S510 SR 223/Derby Signal Project

- Project is being readied for advertisement. Waiting for Federal approval of HSIP funding.
- Projected schedule:
 - December 7, 2020: Projected Advertise project
 - January 20, 2021: Projected Open bids dates
 - March 15, 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 materials are obtained earlier than 6 months.

06-V910 Zero Emissions Vehicle Charging Stations

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

The project is in construction phase. The 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. The Contractor will start installing the chargers once all locations have PG&E connections.

Two locations in Kern County.

[Free charging till Caltrans contracts the maintenance and charging of all proposed stations throughout the state]

LOCATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION

No.	COUNTY	ROUTE	POST MILE	DESCRIPTION	REMARK
①	KERN	5	0.8	TEJON SRRA (SB)	ZEV STATIONS
②	KERN	184	7.9	Jct Rte 58/Rte 184	ZEV STATIONS
③	KINGS	41	17.9	KETTLEMAN MS	ZEV STATIONS
④	KERN	99	54.6	DELANO MS	ZEV STATIONS
⑤	TULARE	99	22.3	PHILIP S RAINE SRRA (NB)	ZEV STATIONS
⑥	TULARE	99	22.3	PHILIP S RAINE SRRA (SB)	ZEV STATIONS
⑦	TULARE	99	51.8	CH WARLOW SRRA	ZEV STATIONS
⑧	FRESNO	99	23.3	DISTRICT OFFICE	ZEV STATIONS
⑨	MADERA	99	9.4	MADERA MS	ZEV STATIONS

Chairman Smith told the committee there was a tree that blew over in the 3 NB lanes of the 99 freeway. He asked Mr. Navarro if Caltrans was responsible for trimming and keeping up the maintenance of the trees. Mr. Navarro stated it was brought to the appropriate departments' attention and they would look into it.

Denee Alcala from District 9 Caltrans gave the following report:

- District 9 Caltrans will be meeting on 1/27 at 1:00 regarding the California Active Transportation Plan. This includes Kern County Mono and Inyo counties to discuss development of the plan.
- The Rosamond/Mojave Rehabilitation project resumed this past Monday with striping completion, K-rail next week, following up with the switch-over in traffic (first week of February).
- The CCTV project is happening this week in Tehachapi with new sensors and cameras being installed to replace old ones that were in need of repair. This is a 20-day project that will be completed in February.
- Mr. Hakimi asked if Ms. Alcala would provide a link to the cameras once they are completed and she said she would.

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

- The CTC met on 12/2 & 3. As expected, \$10 million was awarded for SR 46 completion and widening in KC county/Lost Hills and SLO county. The 58 truck climbing lanes project was not recommended.
- 12/10 & 11 – ARB met and are still discussing selection of the next AB617 community. It is expected to be Arvin/Lamont in 2021.
- 1/27 & 1/28 – CTC will meet for the 2022 Stip cycle kick-off. The CTC will be releasing an equity statement which will likely have an impact on the state's priority for future funding.
- On 12/27, President Trump signed legislation for stimulus grant monies for transportation. The exact numbers have not been released, however, California received just under \$1 billion. Kern County will likely receive \$5-10 million. Once the exact funding amounts are announced, recommendations will be requested of TTAC for how to put the funding to use.
- KARGO – The last 2 months' of meetings have been successful. There have been talks of Truxtun/99 improvements, SR46 projects, and Bakersfield Chamber market assessment briefings.

- o The Westside Freeway is now being patrolled by CHP and in one 4-hour period, 100 tickets were written, so please slow down and be careful, as always.

IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)

X. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held February 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

DATE: _____