



December 28, 2020

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) scheduled for **Wednesday, January 6, 2021 has been cancelled.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2021.
Agenda materials will be mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. Thank you.

January 6, 2021

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and
Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration
Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Joseph Stramaglia, Regional Planner
Raquel Pacheco, Regional Planner
Rochelle Invina, Regional Planner
Vincent Liu, Regional Planner

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:
Kern Council of Governments
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301



**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
February 3, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Public Participation and Accessibility
February 3, 2021 Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, Kern Council of Governments hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- The meeting scheduled for **February 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Masks will be required to attend the meeting in person.
- Consistent with the Executive Order, Committee/Board Members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.
- The public may participate in the meeting and address the Committee in person under Public Comments.
- If the public does not wish to attend in person, they may participate in the meeting and address the Committee as follows:

If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to feedback@kerncog.org **no later than 1:00 p.m. February 3, 2021**. Please clearly indicate which agenda item number your comment pertains to. If you wish to make a general public comment not related to a specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to feedback@kerncog.org **no later than 1:00 p.m. February 3, 2021**.

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I. ROLL CALL:

- 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.**

Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee may request assistance at 1401 19th Street, Suite 300; Bakersfield CA 93301 or by calling (661) 635-2910. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made at least three (3) working days in advance whenever possible.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. RPAC Meeting of November 4, 2020.

IV. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT SUB-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (Napier)

Comment: Discussion of the Sub-Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funds.

Action: Provide staff direction.

V. RHNA/HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (Invina)

Comment: The 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 2023.

Action: Information.

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

Comment: 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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Action: Information.

VII. GROWTH ALLOCATION MODEL – LAND USE MODEL (Raymond)

Comment: Update on Kern COG's process and progress generating growth allocation at the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level.

Action: Information.

VIII. PHASE 1 - KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS-MOVEMENT OPERATIONS (KARGO) SUSTAINABILITY STUDY (Ball)

Comment: This study provides suggested updates to the region's goods movement strategies and transportation circulation in the Bakersfield, Shafter and surrounding County areas to better protect local communities and is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/goods-movement/>.

Action: Recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to Receive and File.

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

Comment: 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.

Action: Information.

X. APPROVAL: 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENT NO. 1; 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP); AND CORRESPONDING CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)

Comment: The Draft 2018 RTP Amendment No. 1, Draft 2021 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis 30-day public review period closed on January 22, 2021. A summary response to comments has been prepared. All documents are available on the Kern COG website at www.kerncog.org.

Action: Recommend approval of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and corresponding Conformity Analysis to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2021

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

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- 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>.

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).



IV. RPAC

February 3, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.
Regional Early Action Planning Grant Sub-Allocation of Funds

DESCRIPTION:

Discussion of the Sub-Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funds.

DISCUSSION:

The REAP program, administered through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), allows councils of governments (COGs) and other regional entities to collaborate on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. Grant funding is intended to help regional entities and governments facilitate local housing production that will assist local governments in meeting their Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA).

Kern COG is part of the San Joaquin Valley Multi-Agency Working Group with the other seven central valley COGs. The past year, the Working Group developed a Master Agreement with HCD for the REAP funding. Fresno COG is the designated fiscal agent of the Working Group. To date, 25% of the valley funding or \$10.2 million has been received by Fresno COG. The Multi-Agency Working Group approved retention of \$5,475,000 for tasks, activities and products with a Valley-wide scope and impact, such as housing and land inventories, identifying common obstacles to housing construction and a composite of best practices to encourage housing development. The remaining funds will be distributed to the valley COGs for development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and sub-allocation to member agencies. Kern COG is expecting to receive \$1,001,370.41. Attached is a proposed sub-allocation spreadsheet for discussion.

The Master Agreement with HCD outlines requirements for use of the grant funds per the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the reporting requirements.

Allowable Uses of Sub-Allocation funds per the NOFA:

- Funds must be used for housing planning activities.
- Activities must demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing and accelerating housing production.
- Eligible activities under Sub-allocations may be coordinated or combined with LEAP pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.03.
- Eligible activities under Suballocations may be used to establish Pro-housing Policies pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9.
- Sub-allocation for housing-related planning activities shall include but are not limited to:
 - Technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools.
 - Establishing regional or countywide housing trust funds for affordable housing (e.g. planning activities and processes, guidelines, charters).
 - Performing infrastructure planning, including sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents.
 - Performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Government Code sections 65040.1 (State Planning Priorities) and 65080 (regional transportation plans).
 - Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities.
 - Providing jurisdictions and other local agencies with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production.

Ineligible Activities:

- Activities unrelated to accelerating housing production.
- Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production.
- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes.
- Capital financing, operation or funding related to programs of individual housing development projects.
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities.

Reporting Requirements for Kern COG and its member agencies per MOU with Fresno COG:

- Quarterly Reports. Each Member also shall deliver to FCOG, on a quarterly basis, status reports and accounting records reflecting any expenditure of the Initial Grant by that Member or by a sub-recipient of that Member. Each Member shall deliver its status reports and accounting records within thirty (30) days following the end of the period covered by the document. Each member's quarterly status reports

shall, at a minimum, include discussion of any allocations or sub-allocations of the Initial Grant, a description of any project initiated in whole or in part with the Initial Grant and a description of the progress made on any such project.

- Retention of Records. Each Member shall maintain public records (as that term is defined in Government Code section 6252) (collectively, “**Records**”) required under the Agreement, relating to any matter contained in this MOU, or demonstrating that the Initial Grant was used in a manner consistent with the Agreement. Each Member shall make the Records available to FCOG, HCD or the State Auditor upon demand. Each Member shall maintain the Records and make them available for inspection for a period of at least one (1) year following the termination of this MOU or the time specified in Government Code section 8546.7, whichever is later. Records relating to any audit or litigation relevant to this MOU or the Agreement shall be retained by each Member for five years after the conclusion or final resolution of such matter, as required by Exhibit D, section 3, paragraph E of the Agreement.
- Disallowed Costs. Each Member shall return to FCOG any funds which HCD has disallowed within 90 days following notice to the Member.

Discussion Items:

- Each City identify their potential use of the REAP funds.
- Identify any regional activities that may be considered.
- Discuss use of the LEAP funds.
- What activities can Kern COG assist with?

ACTION:

Provide staff direction.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Sub-allocation Spreadsheet.
2. Standard Agreement between Fresno COG and HCD.
3. MOU between the seven valley COGs and Fresno COG.
4. Member Agency Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) activities.

City	Population	Percent	REAP Funds
Arvin	22,178	2.45%	16,609
Bakersfield	389,211	42.97%	291,476
Cal City	15,000	1.66%	11,233
Delano	53,936	5.95%	40,392
Maricopa	1,240		10,000
McFarland	15,242	1.68%	11,415
Ridgecrest	29,712	3.28%	22,251
Shafter	20,886	2.31%	15,641
Taft	9,430		10,000
Tehachapi	13,668	1.51%	10,236
Wasco	27,955	3.09%	20,935
Unincorporated	318,006	35.11%	238,151
Kern COG			303,031
County Pop.	916,464	100%	1,001,370

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Funds	\$1,001,370.41
Sal+Bene+serv/supp	\$128,031.32
Visual./modeling	\$35,000.00
Admin.	\$50,000.00
RHNA Consult.	\$90,000.00
Subtotal	\$303,031.32
-	\$698,339.09

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL
SERVICES
STANDARD AGREEMENT
STD 213 (Rev. 03/2019)

AGREEMENT NUMBER
19-REAP-14029

PURCHASING AUTHORITY NUMBER (if applicable)

1. This Agreement is entered into between the Contracting Agency and the Contractor named below:

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

Fresno Council of Governments

2. The term of this Agreement is:

START DATE

Upon HCD Approval

THROUGH END DATE

12/31/2024

3. The maximum amount of this Agreement is:

\$10,218,830.75

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits, which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

EXHIBITS	TITLE	PAGES
Exhibit A	Authority, Purpose and Scope of Work	3
Exhibit B	Budget Detail and Payment Provisions	3
Exhibit C*	State of California General Terms and Conditions	GTC - 04/2017
Exhibit D	REAP General Terms and Conditions	9
Exhibit E	Special Conditions	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES ATTACHED		15

Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto.

These documents can be viewed at <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES HERETO.

CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR NAME (if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)

Fresno Council of Governments

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS ADDRESS

2035 Tulare St., #201

CITY

Fresno

STATE

CA

ZIP

93721

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

TONY BOREN

TITLE

EX. DIRECTOR

CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Tony Boren

DATE SIGNED

8/20/20

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME

Department of Housing and Community Development

CONTRACTING AGENCY ADDRESS

2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 130

CITY

Sacramento

STATE

CA

ZIP

95833

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

Shaun Singh

TITLE

Contracts Manager,
Business & Contract Services Branch

CONTRACTING AGENCY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Shaun Singh

DATE SIGNED

9/3/2020

California Department of General Services Approval (or exemption, if applicable)

Exempt per; SCM Vol. 1 4.04.A.3 (DGS memo dated 6/12/1981)

EXHIBIT A

AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

1. Authority

The Local Government Planning Support Grants Program is established for the purpose of providing regions and jurisdictions with one-time funding, including grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment. Up to two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be distributed under the program in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 50515.02 and 50515.03. Of this amount, approximately one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) is available to councils of governments and other regional entities. The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department or HCD) shall administer the Program (referred to herein as the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program, or "REAP") to councils of governments and other regional entities in accordance with the Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (f).

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.02, subdivision (d)(3), a council of governments or a fiscal agent of a multiagency working group, as defined in section 50515.02, may request up to 25 percent of its available funding in advance. This Standard Agreement authorizes the encumbrance of full funds available to the applicant pursuant to the NOFA, subject to all statutory requirements and all applicable provisions including the NOFA, initial application and award for advance payment, subsequent advance payment application and award, application and award for the full remaining fund amount and amendment to this agreement.

The Grantee shall consult with the Department on any amendment or other provision related to the implementation of the Program. The Department decisions related to the administration of the Program shall be final pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (g).

2. Purpose

In accordance with the authority cited above, the Grantee has been awarded financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Program. The Department has agreed to make the grant for planning activities pursuant to the NOFA and this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement and thereby accepting the award of the Program funds, the Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions

Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP)

NOFA Date: October 10, 2019

Approved Date: April 9, 2020

Prep. Date: August 12, 2020

EXHIBIT A

of the NOFA, this Agreement, subsequent amendments to this Agreement, the representations contained in the initial advance payment and subsequent full application(s), and the requirements of the authority cited above. Based on all representations made by the Grantee, the Department shall encumber the full amount pursuant the NOFA and provide advance payment and subsequent payments in accordance with Exhibit B. All terms, conditions and other relevant provisions will be subject to amendments as a result of subsequent applications and awards for remaining funds after the initial application up to 25 percent of the full amount described in Exhibit B.

3. Definitions

Terms herein shall have the same meaning as defined by the NOFA.

4. Scope of Work

Grantee shall use the awarded funds in accordance with the approved Scope of Work as contained in the timeline and budget and related information outlined in the application for 25 percent advance payment and any subsequent applications for partial or full funding. The Scope of Work may be amended in compliance with statutory requirements subject to approval by the Department.

5. Monitoring

- A. The Grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence that demonstrates the funding was used for the appropriate purposes, as described in the Scope of Work, approved application, subsequent approved applications and all other pertinent documents. These books, records, documents and other evidence shall be made available for audit and inspection by the Department at any point during the term of the agreement and subject to any amendments to this agreement.
- B. The Department may request additional information, as needed, to meet the statutory requirements of the Program and facilitate amendments to this agreement, including but not limited to reporting or audit requirements, progress in implementing advance payment(s), or award of the full amount available to the Grantee.

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- C. The Department may monitor expenditures and activities of an applicant, as the Department deems necessary, to ensure compliance with statutory or Department requirements.
- D. The Department may, as it deems appropriate or necessary, request the repayment of funds from an applicant, or pursue any other remedies available to it by law for failure to comply with statutory or Department requirements.
- E. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application or request for funding pursuant to the Program, and its determination of the amount of funding to be provided, shall be final.
- F. Monitoring provisions may be amended and are subject to additional provisions in accordance with this agreement or subsequent amendments.

6. Department Contract Coordinator

The Contract Coordinator of this Agreement for the Department is the Housing Policy Development Manager, or the Manager's designee. Unless otherwise informed, any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first class mail to the Department Contract Coordinator at the following address:

Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing Policy Development Division
Land Use Planning Unit
Attention: REAP Program Manager
2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833
P. O. Box 952050
Sacramento, CA 94252-2050

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BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. Application for Funds

- A. The Department is entering into this Agreement on the basis of, and in reliance on facts, information, assertions and representations contained in any application and award and any subsequent modifications or additions thereto approved by the Department. All awarded applications for funding and any approved modifications and additions thereto are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. The Grantee warrants that all information, facts, assertions and representations contained in any approved application and approved modifications and additions thereto are true, correct, and complete to the best of the Grantee's knowledge. In the event that any part of an application and any approved modification and addition thereto is untrue, incorrect, incomplete, or misleading in such a manner that would substantially affect the Department's approval, disbursement, or monitoring of the funding and the grant or activities governed by this Agreement, the Department may declare a breach hereof and take such action or pursue such remedies as are provided for breach hereof.

2. Grant and Reimbursement Limit

- A. The maximum total amount encumbered to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed \$10,218,830.75.
- B. This Agreement authorizes an initial advance payment(s) for eligible activities as described in the application.
- C. This Agreement authorizes subsequent award amounts or advance payment up to the total award amount as described in Section 2A, of this Exhibit, and subject to Department approval.
- D. The Grantee shall submit and follow a schedule for the expenditure of the advance payment, any subsequent payment and the total amount prior to

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disbursement of funds. The schedule is subject to Department approval and may be revised as the Department deems necessary.

3. Grant Timelines

- A. This Agreement is effective upon approval by the Department representative's signature on page one of the fully executed Standard Agreement, STD 213, (the "Effective Date").
- B. All Grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2023 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04(c)(1).
- C. The Grantee shall deliver to the Department all final invoices for reimbursement on or before November 1, 2023, to ensure the Department meets the December 31, 2023 expenditure deadline. Under special circumstances, approved by the Department, the Department may modify the November 1, 2023 deadline and may provide exception, including, but not limited to, advance payment to carry out the terms of this agreement.
- D. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to monitor the project and timeliness of draws within the specified dates.

4. Allowable Uses of Grant Funds

- A. The Department shall not award or disburse funds unless it determines that the grant funds shall be expended in compliance with the terms and provisions of the NOFA which includes associated forms and guidelines and this Agreement.
- B. Grant funds shall only be used by the Grantee for project activities approved by the State that involve planning activities in accordance with the NOFA.
- C. Grant funds may not be used for administrative costs of persons employed by the Grantee for activities not directly related to eligible activities.
- D. The Grantee shall use no more than 5 percent of the total grant amount for costs related to administration of the project.

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- E. A Grantee that receives funds under this Program may use a subcontractor and Grantee shall be accountable to the Department to ensure subcontractor's performance. The subcontract shall provide for compliance with all the requirements of the Program. The subcontract shall not relieve the Grantee of its responsibilities under the Program.
- F. After the contract has been executed by the Department and all parties, approved and eligible costs for eligible activities may be reimbursed for the project(s) upon completion of deliverables or paid in advance in accordance with the scope of work and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- G. Only approved and eligible costs incurred for work after October 1, 2019, continued past the date of execution and acceptance of the Standard Agreement and completed during the grant term will be reimbursable.

5. Performance

The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of future applications and awards.

6. Fiscal Administration

- A. The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards, in consultation with the Grantee.
- B. It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall immediately terminate and be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State and Contractor shall be relieved of any and all obligations under this Grant Agreement.
- C. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the sole discretion to cancel this Agreement without cause, no liability occurring to the State, or amend the current Grant Agreement and amount allocated to Contractor.

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REAP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Reporting

- A. During the term of the Standard Agreement the Grantee shall submit, upon request of the Department, a performance report that demonstrates satisfaction of all requirements identified in this Standard Agreement.
- B. The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.

2. Accounting Records

- A. The Grantee, its staff, contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and reports that properly accumulate incurred project costs by line. The accounting system shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices.
- B. The Grantee shall establish a separate ledger account for receipts and expenditures of grant funds and maintain expenditure details in accordance with the scope of work, project timeline and budget. Separate bank accounts are not required.
- C. The Grantee shall maintain documentation of its normal procurement policy and competitive bid process (including the use of sole source purchasing), and financial records of expenditures incurred during the course of the project in accordance with GAAP.
- D. The Grantee agrees that the State or designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the Standard Agreement.
- E. Subcontractors employed by the Grantee and paid with moneys under the terms of this Standard Agreement shall be responsible for maintaining accounting records as specified above.

3. Audits

- A. At any time during the term of the Standard Agreement, the Department may
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perform or cause to be performed a financial audit of any and all phases of the award. At the Department's request, the Grantee shall provide, at its own expense, a financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. The State of California has the right to review project documents and conduct audits during and over the project life.

- 1) The Grantee agrees that the Department or the Department's designee shall have the right to review, obtain, and copy all records and supporting documentation pertaining to performance of this Agreement.
 - 2) The Grantee agrees to provide the Department or the Department's designee, with any relevant information requested.
 - 3) The Grantee agrees to permit the Department or the Department's designee access to its premises, upon reasonable notice, during normal business hours for the purpose of interviewing employees who might reasonably have information related to such records and inspecting and copying such books, records, accounts, and other material that may be relevant to a matter under investigation for the purpose of determining compliance with statutes, Program guidelines, and this Agreement.
- B. If a financial audit is required by the Department, the audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant. Selection of an independent audit firm shall be consistent with procurement standards contained in Exhibit D, Section 8 subsection A. of this Standard Agreement.
- 1) The Grantee shall notify the Department of the auditor's name and address immediately after the selection has been made. The contract for the audit shall allow access by the Department to the independent auditor's working papers.
 - 2) The Grantee is responsible for the completion of audits and all costs of preparing audits.
 - 3) If there are audit findings, the Grantee shall submit a detailed response acceptable to the Department for each audit finding within 90 days from the date of the audit finding report.
- C. The Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit after final payment pursuant to Exhibit D, Section 3, subsection E. below, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated.

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- 1) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection or other action has been started before the expiration of the required record retention period, all records must be retained by the Grantee, contractors and sub-contractors until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it. The Grantee shall include in any contract that it enters into in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00, the Department's right to audit the contractor's records and interview their employees.
 - 2) The Grantee shall comply with the caveats and be aware of the penalties for violation of fraud and for obstruction of investigation as set forth in California Public Contracts Code section 10115.10.
- D. The determination by the Department of the eligibility of any expenditure shall be final.
- E. The Grantee shall retain all books and records relevant to this Agreement for a minimum of (3) three years after the end of the term of this Agreement. Records relating to any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement shall be retained for five years after the conclusion or resolution of the matter.

4. **Remedies of Non-performance**

- A. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this Standard Agreement that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager, or the Manager's designee, who may consider any written or verbal evidence submitted by the Grantee. The decision of the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager or Designee shall be the Department's final decision regarding the dispute, not subject to appeal.
- B. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by the Department will excuse the Grantee from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this Standard Agreement.
- C. In the event that it is determined, at the sole discretion of the Department, that the Grantee is not meeting the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement, immediately upon receiving a written notice from the Department to stop work, the Grantee shall cease all work under the Standard Agreement. The Department has the sole discretion to determine that the Grantee meets the terms and conditions after a stop work order, and to deliver a written notice to the grantee to resume work under the Standard Agreement.

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- D. Both the Grantee and the Department have the right to terminate the Standard Agreement at any time upon 30 days written notice. The notice shall specify the reason for early termination and may permit the Grantee or the Department to rectify any deficiency(ies) prior to the early termination date. The Grantee shall submit any requested documents to the Department within 30 days of the early termination notice.
- E. A strong implementation component for the funded activity through this Program is required, including, where appropriate, agreement by Grantee and its subcontractors to formally adopt or complete a planning or other activity consistent with the NOFA. The Grantee must carry out provisions to ensure the adoption or completion of activities in accordance with the NOFA, including activities subcontracted to localities. Grantee may be subject to repayment of the grant should the Grantee or any of its subcontractors under this agreement fail to adopt or complete activities set forth in its application, this Agreement or any amendments to this Agreement.
- F. The following shall each constitute a breach of this Agreement:
- 1) Grantee's failure to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.
 - 2) Use of, or permitting the use of, grant funds provided under this Agreement for any ineligible costs or for any activity not specified and approved under this Agreement.
 - 3) Any failure to comply with the deadlines set forth in this Agreement unless approved by the Program Manager in writing.
- G. In addition to any other remedies that may be available to the Department in law or equity for breach of this Agreement, the Department may at its discretion, exercise a variety of remedies, including but not limited to:
- 1) Revoke existing REAP award(s) to the Grantee;
 - 2) Require the return of unexpended REAP funds disbursed under this Agreement;
 - 3) Require repayment of REAP Funds disbursed and expended under this agreement;
 - 4) Seek a court order for specific performance of the obligation defaulted upon, or the appointment of a receiver to complete the obligations in accordance

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with the REAP Program requirements; and

- 5) Other remedies available at law, by and through this agreement. All remedies available to the Department are cumulative and not exclusive.
- 6) The Department may give written notice to the Grantee to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than 15 days.

H. The Grantee may be subject to amendment of this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.

5. Indemnification

Neither the Department nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, its contractors, its sub-recipients or its subcontractors under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the Grantee under this Standard Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the Grantee shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the Department and all of the Department's staff from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortuous, contractual, inverse condemnation or other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents contractors, sub-recipients, or subcontractors under this Standard Agreement.

6. Waivers

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. The failure of the Department to enforce at any time the provisions of this Agreement, or to require at any time, performance by the Grantee of these provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions nor to affect the validity of this Agreement or the right of the Department to enforce these provisions.

7. Relationship of Parties

It is expressly understood that this Standard Agreement is an agreement executed by and between two independent governmental entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association, or any other relationship whatsoever other than that of an independent party.

8. Third-Party Contracts

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- A. All state-government funded procurements must be conducted using a fair and competitive procurement process. The Grantee may use its own procurement procedures as long as the procedures comply with all City/County laws, rules and ordinances governing procurement, and all applicable provisions of California state law.
- B. Any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this Agreement and shall be applicable to the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors. Copies of all agreements with sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors shall be submitted to the Department's program manager.
- C. The Department does not have a contractual relationship with the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, or subcontractors, and the Grantee shall be fully responsible for monitoring and enforcement of those agreements and all work performed thereunder.

9. **Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Rules, Guidelines and Regulations**

- A. The Grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations that pertain to construction, health and safety, labor, fair employment practices, equal opportunity, and all other matters applicable to the grant, the Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors, and any other grant activity.
- B. During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee assures that no otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from participation or employment, denied program benefits, or be subjected to discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, age, disability, handicap, familial status, religion, or belief, under any program or activity funded by this contract, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-20) and all implementing regulations, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and all implementing regulations.
- C. The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all agreements with its sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, and shall include a requirement in all agreements that each of them in turn include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this

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clause in all contracts and subcontracts they enter into to perform work under REAP.

- D. The Grantee shall, in the course of performing project work, fully comply with the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
- E. The Grantee shall adopt and implement affirmative processes and procedures that provide information, outreach and promotion of opportunities in the REAP project to encourage participation of all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. This includes, but is not limited to, a minority outreach program to ensure the inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of minorities and women, and entities owned by minorities and women, as required by 24 CFR 92.351.

10. Litigation

- A. If any provision of this Agreement, or an underlying obligation, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, at the sole discretion of the Department, shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Therefore, the provisions of this Agreement are, and shall be, deemed severable.
- B. The Grantee shall notify the Department immediately of any claim or action undertaken by or against it, which affects or may affect this Agreement or the Department, and shall take such action with respect to the claim or action consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interests of the Department.

11. Changes in Terms/Amendments

- A. The Grantee may be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.
- B. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of both parties.

12. State-Owned Data

- A. Definitions

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1) Work:

The work to be directly or indirectly produced by the Grantee, its employees, or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement.

2) Work Product:

All deliverables created or produced from Work under this Agreement including, but not limited to, all Work and Deliverables conceived or made, either solely or jointly with others during the term of this Agreement, which relates to the Work commissioned or performed under this Agreement. Work Product includes all deliverables, inventions, innovations, improvements, or other works of authorship Grantee and/or Grantee's contractor subcontractor and/or sub-recipient may conceive of or develop in the course of this Agreement, whether or not they are eligible for patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other legal protection.

3) Inventions:

Any ideas, methodologies, designs, concept, technique, invention, discovery, improvement or development regardless of patentability made solely by the Grantee or jointly with the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or sub-recipient and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor, and/or sub-recipient's employees with one or more employees of the Department during the term of this Agreement and in performance of any Work under this Agreement, provided that either the conception or reduction to practice thereof occurs during the term of this Agreement and in performance of Work issued under this Agreement.

B. Ownership of Work Product and Rights

- 1) All work Product derived by the Work performed by the Grantee, its employees or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement, shall be owned by the Department and shall be considered to be works made for hire by the Grantee and the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient for the Department. The Department shall own all copyrights in the work product.
- 2) Grantee, its employees and all of Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and sub-recipient's employees agree to perpetually assign, and upon creation of each Work Product automatically assign, to the Department, ownership of all United States and international copyrights in each and

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every Work Product, insofar as any such Work Product, by operation of law, may not be considered work made for hire by the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient from the Department. From time to time upon the Department's request, the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipients, and/or its employees, shall confirm such assignments by execution and delivery of such assignment, confirmations or assignment or other written instruments as the Department may request. The Department shall have the right to obtain and hold in its name all copyright registrations and other evidence of rights that may be available for Work Product under this Agreement. Grantee hereby waives all rights relating to identification of authorship restriction or limitation on use or subsequent modification of the Work.

- 3) Grantee, its employees and all Grantee's contractors, subcontractors and sub-recipients hereby agree to assign to the Department all Inventions, together with the right to seek protection by obtaining patent rights therefore and to claim all rights or priority thereunder and the same shall become and remain the Department's property regardless of whether such protection is sought. The Grantee, its employees and Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and /or subrecipient shall promptly make a complete written disclosure to the Department of each Invention not otherwise clearly disclosed to the Department in the pertinent Work Product, specifically noting features or concepts that the Grantee, its employees and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient believes to be new or different.
- 4) Upon completion of all work under this Agreement, all intellectual property rights, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications and estimates, produced as part of this Agreement shall automatically vest in the Department and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to the Department.

13. **Special Conditions**

The State reserves the right to add any special conditions to this Agreement it deems necessary to assure that the policy and goals of the Program are achieved, in consultation with the Grantee.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing

This memorandum of understanding ("**MOU**") is made this 19th day of November 2020 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between the agencies ("**Members**") comprising the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing ("**Committee**") set forth below:

Fresno Council of Governments

2035 Tulare Street Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
Email: tboren@fresnocog.org

Kern Council of Governments

1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, California 93301
Email: ahakimi@kerncog.org

Kings County Association of Governments

339 W D Street
Lemoore, CA 93245
Email: terri.king@co.kings.ca.us

Madera County Transportation Commission

2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637
Email: patricia@maderactc.org

Merced County Association of Governments

369 W 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
Email: stacie.guzman@mcagov.org

San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 E Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202
Email: achesley@sjcog.org

Stanislaus Council of Governments

1111 "I" Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354
Email: rpark@stancog.org

Tulare County Association of Governments

210 N Church Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291
Email: tsmalley@tularecog.org

RECITALS

- A. Under section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development ("**HCD**") has made available one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) in local government planning support grants to regional entities and working groups as outlined by the statute.
- B. The Committee is one of the working groups identified in section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code.
- C. On June 26, 2020, the Members approved submission of an application for grant funding ("**Application**") to HCD by Fresno Council of Governments ("**FCOG**") as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Committee.

- D. On August 14, 2020, HCD approved the Application and an allocation of \$10,218,830.75 in grant funds (the “**Initial Grant**”) to the Members through FCOG.
- E. On August 20, 2020, FCOG and HCD executed grant funding agreement number 19-REAP-14029 (“**Agreement**”). A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”
- F. This MOU is intended to reflect the Members’ understanding of the distribution of the Initial Grant and to facilitate the subsequent implementation of activities by the Members in furtherance of the purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD.

The Members therefore agree as follows:

1. Allocation of Initial Grant. The Members agree to allocate the \$10,218,830.75 of the Initial Grant as follows:
 - a. FCOG will retain \$5,475,000 of the Initial Grant to perform the following tasks:
 - i. FCOG shall prepare a comprehensive housing report and policy recommendations for implementation, as stated in the Application. FCOG may enter into agreements as necessary to perform its obligations under this provision of the MOU and under the Application and Agreement.
 - ii. FCOG shall conduct regional planning and coordination, and provide technical assistance, as stated in the Application. FCOG may enter into agreements as necessary to perform its obligations under this term of the MOU and under the Application and Agreement.
 - iii. FCOG shall administer of the Application, Agreement, this MOU, and the Initial Grant, as stated in the Application.
 - b. FCOG shall distribute the remaining \$4,743,830.75 of the Initial Grant directly to each of the Members, as more particularly described in “Exhibit B,” in proportion to each Member’s relative population using California Department of Finance population estimates updated as of January 2020.
2. Compliance with the Agreement and MOU. Each Member hereby acknowledges its cognizance of and its understanding of its obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and MOU. Each Member agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and to undertake all actions requested by FCOG pursuant to the Agreement or MOU, in order to facilitate FCOG’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
3. Compliance with the Law. Each Member agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws in the performance of its obligations under this MOU.

4. Sub-Agreements. Copies of all agreements between any Member and any sub-recipient, contractor or subcontractor shall be submitted to FCOG, so that they then may be provided to HCD's Program Manager as required by Exhibit D, section 8, paragraph B of the Agreement.
5. Quarterly Reports. Each Member also shall deliver to FCOG, on a quarterly basis, status reports and accounting records reflecting any expenditure of the Initial Grant by that Member or by a sub-recipient of that Member. Each Member shall deliver its status reports and accounting records within thirty (30) days following the end of the period covered by the document. Each member's quarterly status reports shall, at a minimum, include discussion of any allocations or sub-allocations of the Initial Grant, a description of any project initiated in whole or in part with the Initial Grant and a description of the progress made on any such project.
6. Retention of Records. Each Member shall maintain public records (as that term is defined in Government Code section 6252) (collectively, "**Records**") required under the Agreement, relating to any matter contained in this MOU, or demonstrating that the Initial Grant was used in a manner consistent with the Agreement. Each Member shall make the Records available to FCOG, HCD or the State Auditor upon demand. Each Member shall maintain the Records and make them available for inspection for a period of at least one (1) year following the termination of this MOU or the time specified in Government Code section 8546.7, whichever is later. Records relating to any audit or litigation relevant to this MOU or the Agreement shall be retained by each Member for five years after the conclusion or final resolution of such matter, as required by Exhibit D, section 3, paragraph E of the Agreement.
7. Disallowed Costs. Each Member shall return to FCOG any funds which HCD has disallowed within 90 days following notice to the Member.
8. Indemnity.
 - a. Each Member shall indemnify FCOG, along with FCOG's officers, directors, and employees, for any costs or liabilities (including without limitation for damages, court costs, attorneys' fees, and expert witness fees) arising from, resulting from, or in connection with that Member's actions with respect to subject matter of this MOU or relating in any way to the use of the Initial Grant proceeds by that Member or any sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor of that Member.
 - b. Notwithstanding, the obligation to indemnify shall not apply to any costs or liabilities caused solely by the active negligence or willful misconduct of FCOG or any of its officers, directors, and employees.
9. Duration of MOU. This MOU shall be in effect from the Effective Date until December 31, 2024 unless its term is extended by written modification in accordance with the provisions of section 12, paragraph c of this MOU.

10. Subsequent MOUs. The Members understand and agree that subsequent MOUs may be necessary to facilitate the distribution of further grant funding from HCD under section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code. The Members hereby commit to negotiate the terms and conditions of such subsequent MOUs in good faith, in order to achieve concurrence and ensure execution of same in a timely fashion.
11. Notices. All notices provided for or permitted under this MOU must be in writing and delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by an overnight commercial courier service, or as a PDF attachment to an email sent to the addresses provided for the Members above. Any Member may change its address for receipt of notice by providing notice of that change as provided in this section 11.
 - a. A notice delivered by personal service is effective upon service to the recipient.
 - b. A notice delivered by first-class United States mail is effective three business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient.
 - c. A notice delivered by an overnight commercial courier service is effective one County business day after deposit with the overnight commercial courier service, delivery fees prepaid, with delivery instructions given for next day delivery, addressed to the recipient.
 - d. A notice delivered by email is effective when sent, if the email is sent between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day. If sent outside the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day, a notice delivered by email becomes effective on the first business day following.
12. General Provisions.
 - a. This MOU is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successors or assigns of the Members.
 - b. This MOU represents the entire understanding of the Members as to those matters contained in this MOU. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered in this MOU.
 - c. This MOU may not be modified or altered except by writing signed by all Members.
 - d. No Member may assign, delegate or transfer its rights and duties in this MOU without the written consent of all other Members, except that any Member may enter into one or more sub-agreements with any sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor to implement activities in furtherance of the

purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD without the necessity of obtaining such consent.

- e. Any dispute arising under this MOU, which is not resolvable by informal mediation between or among the Members, shall be adjudicated in a court of law under the laws of the State of California.
- f. For all claims arising from or related to this MOU, nothing in this MOU establishes, waives, or modifies any claims presentation requirements or procedures provided by law, including the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code, beginning with section 810).
- g. This MOU shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this MOU shall only be in California. Any action brought to interpret or enforce this MOU, or any of the terms or conditions hereof, shall be brought and maintained in the Fresno County Superior Court.
- h. If any part of this MOU is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the balance of this MOU remains in full force and effect, and the Members shall make best efforts to replace the unlawful or unenforceable part of this MOU with lawful and enforceable terms intended to accomplish the Members' original intent.
- i. Section headings are provided for convenience only and are not part of this MOU.
- j. This MOU does not and is not intended to create any rights or obligations for any person or entity except for the Members.
- k. Each Member represents and warrants that the individual signing this MOU is duly authorized to do so and their signature on this MOU legally binds that Member to the terms of this MOU.
- l. This MOU may be signed in counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute this MOU.

[Signature pages follow.]

The Members have caused this MOU to be executed as of the date and year first above written.

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Exhibit A

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Exhibit B

Pro-rata Initial Allocations to Each Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Based on January 2020 California Department of Finance Population Estimates

REAP PLANNING GRANT INITIAL ALLOCATIONS			MPO
			DISTRIBUTION
MPO Share by Population*			
Fresno Council of Governments	1,032,227	23.50%	\$1,114,737.62
Kern Council of Governments	927,251	21.11%	\$1,001,370.41
Kings County Association of Governments	156,444	3.56%	\$168,949.28
Madera County Transportation Commission	160,089	3.64%	\$172,885.65
Merced County Association of Governments	287,420	6.54%	\$310,394.79
San Joaquin Council of Governments	782,545	17.81%	\$845,097.40
Stanislaus Council of Governments	562,303	12.80%	\$607,250.45
Tulare County Association of Governments	484,423	11.03%	\$523,145.14
Total	4,392,702	100.00%	\$4,743,830.75

LEAP Grant Funding

As of 01/25/21

City	Amount	Use
Arvin	\$150,000	ADUs Creation of an Ordinance
Bakersfield *	Amount not Designated on Map	Use not designated on map.
Delano	\$150,000	Update residential sections of zoning ordinance; Update subdivision and Housing database.
Maricopa	\$65,000	Rezone to Permit by Right; Density Bonuses
McFarland	\$65,000	Specific Plans; Innovative Housing Finance.
Ridgecrest	\$150,000	Rezone to Perit by Right; Housing Element Update.
Taft	\$65,000	Municipal Code Update; Rezone to Permit by Right; ADUs; Plan Adaptation.
Tehachapi	\$65,000	Expedited Processing; Innovative Housing Finance; CEQA Streamlining.
Wasco	\$150,000	ADUs; Housing Elemnt & Zoning Code Update.
California City		Did Not Apply.
Kern County		Did Not Apply.
Shafter		Did Not Apply.



February 3, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration
Rochelle Invina, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V.
RHNA/Housing Element Process Update and Accessory Dwelling Units

DESCRIPTION:

The 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 2023.

DISCUSSION:

RHNA/RTP/SCS

Legislative changes have linked the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) and the RHNA. The RHNA is updated every 8 years relative to the RTP update. The next RHNA, the 6th Cycle, is due with the 2022 RTP which is tentatively due in Summer 2022. The 6th Cycle RHNA Projection Period is June 30, 2023 – February 15, 2032. The RHNA process will begin at least one year before the RTP and RHNA due date which will be this Spring. New sources of funding are being made available to assist in the planning for the low-income housing need. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are one of several promising strategies to help member agencies meet this need. Below is a tentative timeline of the RHNA development:

Tentative Kern COG Regional Housing Needs Assessment Development Timeline

Spring 2021-Summer 2022	RHNA development process commenced. Regular RHNA updates will be provided during RPAC meetings
Summer 2021 – Fall 2021	HCD and Kern COG consultation process
Fall 2021	HCD determines Kern County Regional Housing Need
Winter 2021	1 st Public Workshop and Kern COG proposes Draft RHNA Methodology (Start 60-day public comment period)
Early Spring 2022	Public hearing held for Draft RHNA Methodology
Spring 2022	Kern COG approves Final Methodology
Spring 2022	2 nd Public Workshop and Kern COG releases Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation to local jurisdictions for 60-day comment period
Late Spring 2022	55-day Public Review of Draft 2023 FTIP, Draft RTP/SCS with Draft RHNA Plan and Draft EIR, Draft Conformity Analysis

Late Spring 2022	Public Hearings held in 2 cities for the Draft 2023 FTIP, Draft RTP with Draft RHNA Plan and Draft EIR, Draft Conformity Analysis
Summer 2022	Kern COG adopts Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan
Winter 2022	HCD reviews Proposed Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan
February 15, 2024*	Local Governments complete Housing Element Revisions

*Estimated Housing Element Planning Period is February 15, 2024 – February 15, 2032

FUNDING

Local and regional planning grants (LEAP and REAP) – established for the purpose of providing regions and jurisdictions with one-time funding, including grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of RHNA and spur affordable housing production.

LEAP - The Local Action Planning Grants (LEAP), provides over-the-counter grants complemented with technical assistance to local governments for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements that: Accelerate housing production and Facilitate compliance to implement the sixth-cycle RHNA.

Applications will be submitted on an over-the-counter basis. Jurisdictions must submit their applications **by January 31, 2021** to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

LEAP information: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml>

REAP - This program allows councils of governments (COGs) and other regional entities to collaborate on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. Grant funding is intended to help regional entities and governments facilitate local housing production that will assist local governments in meeting their Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA).

Kern COG is part of the San Joaquin Valley Working Group with the other seven central valley COGs. The past year, the Working Group developed a Master Agreement with HCD for the REAP funding. Fresno COG is the designated fiscal agent of the Working Group. Of the first \$10.2 million in funding, \$6 million is set aside for tasks, activities and products with a Valleywide scope and impact, such as housing and land inventories, identifying common obstacles to housing construction and a composite of best practices to encourage housing development. Most of the other \$4.2 million will be distributed on a pro-rata basis to the eight Valley COGs, which are expected to pass their share of the funding to their member jurisdictions, either directly or indirectly. Below is the REAP timeline:

Expenditure Deadline: December 31, 2023

Technical Assistance: April 2020 – 2023

REAP Information: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/reap.shtml>

Other Funding

HCD administers several funding programs such as Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homekey, Housing for a Healthy California (HHC), and SB 2 Planning Grants Program.

For more information on these funding programs and other available housing grants visit: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/get-funding/index.shtml>

HCD Website: Planning Grants and Local Housing Strategies Map shows planning grant funding and distribution and technical assistance details.

<https://cahcd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=c0b0f1f398774e9c805ef0ebcf4ebd45>

Strategic Growth Council (SGC) also administer grant programs funded through California Climate Investments - a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions while providing a variety of other benefits - particularly in disadvantaged communities. The programs include Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) and Health in All Policies (HiAP).

For more information on these funding programs visit:

<https://sgc.ca.gov/>

PRESENTATION

Accessory Dwelling Units

An ADU is an accessory dwelling unit with complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and has a few variations:

- Detached: The unit is separated from the primary structure.
- Attached: The unit is attached to the primary structure.
- Converted Existing Space: Space (e.g., master bedroom, attached garage, storage area, or similar use, or an accessory structure) on the lot of the primary residence that is converted into an independent living unit.
- Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU): A specific type of conversion of existing space that is contained entirely within an existing or proposed single-family residence.

ADUs tend to be significantly less expensive to build and offer benefits that address common development barriers such as affordability and environmental quality. Since ADUs must be built on lots with existing or proposed housing, they do not require paying for new land, dedicated parking or other costly infrastructure required to build a new single-family home. ADUs can be counted towards a local agency's RHNA but must be addressed in the Housing Element.

HCD staff will provide a presentation on ADUs and discuss the new ADU Handbook and minor revisions to ADU statute of the recently approved AB 3182.

ADU Handbook: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/docs/adu-ta-handbook-final.pdf>

Bakersfield ADU Ordinance: <https://bakersfield.municipal.codes/Code/17.65.010>

ACTION: Information.

Attachment: Kern RHNA Annual Progress Report Status Table

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Planning Period December 31, 2015 - December 31, 2023

		Very Low RHNA			Low			Moderate			Above Moderate			Total RHNA	Total	Total
		Permits	Allocation	Progress	Permits	Allocation	Progress	Permits	Allocation	Progress	Permits	Allocation	Progress	Allocation	Permits/	Allocation
Kern RHNA Progress		294	16,851	1.7%	372	10,554	3.5%	5,062	11,234	45.1%	6,619	29,034	22.8%	67,673	13,235	19.6%
Based on APR ¹	Arvin	0	398	0.0%	56	239	23.4%	381	183	208.2%	0	349	0.0%	1,169	437	37.4%
	Bakersfield	185	9,706	1.9%	90	5,800	1.6%	4,392	6,453	68.1%	5,968	14,331	41.6%	36,290	10,635	29.3%
	Delano	0	396	0.0%	0	277	0.0%	118	243	48.6%	90	546	16.5%	1,462	208	14.2%
	Maricopa	0	11	0.0%	0	5	0.0%	0	6	0.0%	0	14	0.0%	36	0	0.0%
	McFarland	6	93	6.5%	6	73	8.2%	32	66	48.5%	7	79	8.9%	311	51	16.4%
	Taft	0	52	0.0%	0	26	0.0%	10	30	33.3%	45	146	30.8%	254	55	21.7%
	Tehachapi	0	127	0.0%	0	64	0.0%	0	88	0.0%	27	216	12.5%	495	21	4.2%
	Wasco	0	350	0.0%	86	275	31.3%	12	280	4.3%	349	521	67.0%	1,426	447	31.3%
	Unincorporated County	103	4,888	2.1%	134	3,107	4.3%	117	3,126	3.7%	133	10,462	1.3%	21,583	487	2.3%
No APR ¹ submitted; DOF Housing Units ²	California City	0	254	0.0%	0	131	0.0%	0	155	0.0%	0	726	0.0%	1,266	0	0.0%
	Ridgecrest	0	159	0.0%	0	131	0.0%	0	207	0.0%	0	848	0.0%	1,345	216	16.1%
	Shafter	0	417	0.0%	0	426	0.0%	0	397	0.0%	0	796	0.0%	2,036	678	33.3%

¹APR - Annual Progress Report Permit Summary reported to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), APRs from 2015-2019 (HCD, October 2020)

²Housing Units - E-5 City/County Population and Housing Estimates from Department of Finance (DOF), Housing unit net difference from January 2016- January 2020 (DOF, May 2020)



VI. RPAC

February 3, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VI.
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available online at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/kern-council-governments-kerncog>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – A 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado's Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals.

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220** participants) - **Complete**

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – Stakeholder roundtable working session to vet outreach and performance measures process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446** participants) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+** participants) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- Spring 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4
- Spring 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census block level population data available
- Spring-Fall 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted event
- September 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies
- Fall 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 5
- Winter 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – Adopt RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

ACTION:

Information.



VII. RPAC

February 3, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM VII.
GROWTH ALLOCATION MODEL – LAND USE MODEL

DESCRIPTION:

Update on Kern COG's process and progress generating growth allocation at the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level.

DISCUSSION:

Background

Growth Forecast – Kern COG adopted the 2020-2050 regional growth forecast at its March 19th Board meeting in 2020. The growth forecast is a long-range projection for countywide total population. The population total is used to develop housing, employment, school enrollment, and income forecasts. The forecast will serve as the growth assumption for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The countywide forecast is then distributed to Regional Statistical Areas (RSA) grouped into 12 subregions. The RPAC and Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC) are charged with overseeing changes to the growth forecast allocations at RSA subregion level and the transportation analysis zone (TAZ) level. The RSA subregion growth forecast was presented at the July RPAC meeting in 2020. Once the RSA subregion forecasts have been set, Kern COG utilizes a growth allocation model (Uplan) to distribute each subregions growth to the TAZ level.

Uplan Growth Model (land use model) – The Uplan model allocates growth based on latest land use and planning assumptions. This tool allows Kern COG to develop and present the public with scenarios as required for the development of Kern's SCS. Many input layers are used to represent latest planning assumptions in the land use model.

Some of the key input layers are: the general plan layer (generalized land use layer), existing urban mask, and growth attractors (infrastructure, tentative tracts, etc.).

Discussion

Generalized Land Use Layer – The generalized land use layer uses data from each member agency's general plan to determine what type of growth is allowed in each TAZ based land use classifications. In July, Kern COG contacted each member agency to collect the latest land use maps for each jurisdiction. The draft generalized land use layer was presented to the RPAC at the November 4th meeting and made available for review online. The generalized land use layer was finalized in December and is available at: <http://kerncog.maps.arcgis.com/>

Existing Urban Layer – In August, Kern COG staff created the existing urban layer which uses Kern's parcel data with year built and improvement value to determine areas that have existing development. Uplan uses the existing urban layer to mask areas where growth cannot be allocated.

Attraction Layers – The Uplan model can use multiple attraction layers to attract growth for each employment or housing category. In September, Kern COG staff contacted member agencies to collect and update attraction layer data based on each member agency's latest planning assumptions. Some of these data layers include: tentative tracts, transit access, reduce impact fee areas, sewers and other infrastructure, etc.

TAZ Growth Allocation Model Runs – The first land use model run will use all the updated planning assumptions above to generate a base TAZ growth allocation. Kern COG staff has been working to incorporate all the latest planning assumptions into the land use model and we are hoping to have a completed run in early February. We are anticipating draft TAZ data to ready at the March RPAC meeting.

ACTION: Information



VIII. RPAC

February 3, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball,
Deputy Director  Planning Director

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VIII.
Phase 1 - Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations (KARGO)
Sustainability Study

DESCRIPTION:

This study provides suggested updates to the region's goods movement strategies and transportation circulation in the Bakersfield, Shafter and surrounding County areas to better protect local communities and is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/goods-movement/>.

DISCUSSION:

In November 2019, Kern COG retained the services of Fehr & Peers and a team of subconsultants to develop and prepare the Phase 1 KARGO study. The Goal of the study is to provide suggested updates to transportation circulation in Metropolitan Bakersfield, Shafter and surrounding County areas, as well as propose strategies to mitigate the forecasted increase in goods movement for the region. The area is seeing new major distribution facilities such as Amazon and Walmart locating in the Corridor along 7th Standard Rd./Merle Haggard Dr. A project steering committee made of staff representatives from Kern County, Shafter, Bakersfield, Caltrans, and the High Speed Rail (HSR) Authority provided intensive oversight for the project. The transportation circulation plans were significantly impacted by the HSR project requiring major re-routing of planned future routes in this area.

The KARGO study built on the highly successful AB 617 for the Community of Shafter (<http://community.valleyair.org/selected-communities/shafter/>) which garnered significant public

outreach. The community emissions reduction program developed by the AB 617 outreach effort included strategies for Heavy Duty (HD) mobile sources such as trucks. Strategy HD 9 – Heavy Duty Truck Re-routing, was voluntarily taken on by Kern COG as part of this study, and proposes new truck routes that avoid populated areas such as the disadvantaged neighborhoods in and around the community of Shafter.

The study also includes recommendations for alternative fuel technology including electric charging for both trucks and yard equipment. The study also proposes diversion of truck shipments to via a network of intermodal rail facilities or inland ports to shipment via rail and air.

There is still some work that remains on the truck re-routing effort, related primarily to funding. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Phase 2 KARGO Sustainability Study is scheduled to be released in February and will include additional opportunities for public involvement. Both studies will be used to inform the update of the goods movement section in the 2022 RTP.

If you would like to participate in the Phase 2 KARGO Sustainability Study, please contact Rob Ball, rball@kerncog.org or Ben Raymond, braymond@kerncog.org.

Attachment – Phase 1 KARGO Sustainability Study Presentation

ACTION:

Recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to Receive and File.

Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations -

KARGO Sustainability Study -

Leveraging AB 617 Process

Phase I: Integrated Circulation Study

Modified 8/5/20 DRAFT PRESENTATION



Projected Land Use Employment



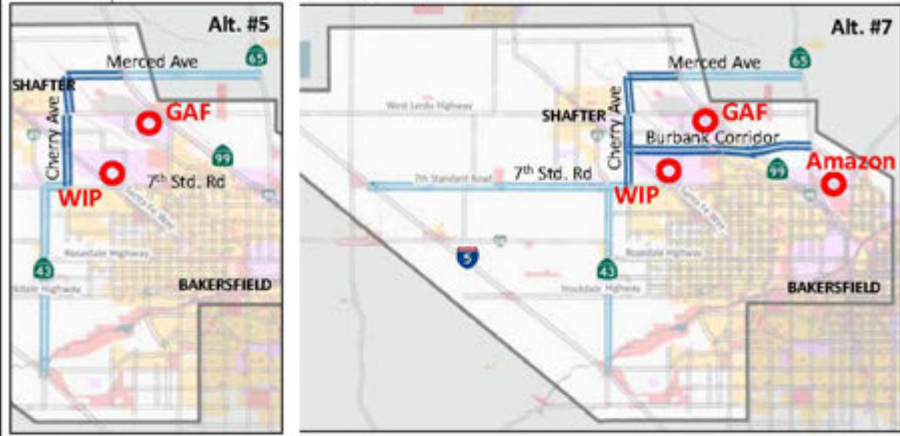
Truck Traffic growth



Options for Each Corridor Improvements



Promising Early Hybrid Alternative

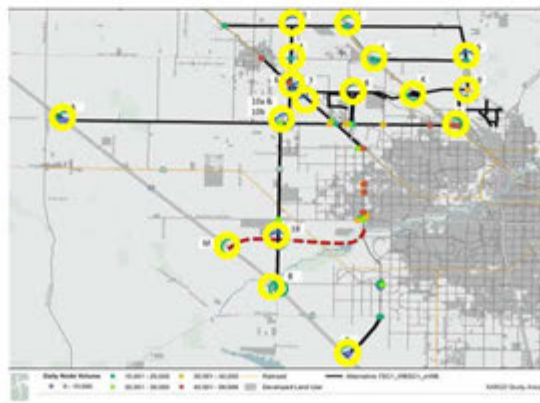


Summary of Alternatives*

#	Metric	Alt. WSC1	Alt. WSC1 & 75C1	Alt. 75C1 & WSC1 with West Bypass	Alt. 75C1 & WSC1 without West Bypass
1	Traffic Operation Improvement (number of miles LOS+)	L	M	M	H
2	VMT change	M	M	L	H
3	Truck VMT Change	M	L	M	H
4	HR Exposure Index Improvement	H	M	M	L
5	Access to Industrial Jobs Index Improvement	L	M	M	H
	Final score	9	9	9	13

* Independent of previous ranking

Interchange Sketch Layouts for Circulation Element Specific Plan Line Footprints



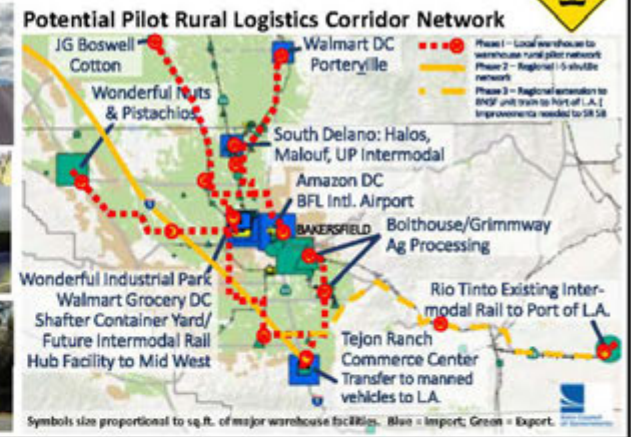
Sketch Footprints for the Interchanges/Intersections To Develop Specific Plan Lines to Preserve Future Rights of Way



Suggest Non Auto-Oriented Changes to Local Jurisdiction Circulation Plans



Proposed Kern SAFETEC Logistics Zone – Advanced Research Corridor Network – Safer Autonomous Freight Enhanced Testing Environmentally Clean (SAFETEC) Logistics Zone



Kern COG KARGO Sustainability Study – Phase II.

Research Funding Mechanisms

- Regional Warehousing Impact Fee on top of TIFs
- Regional Road Mileage Fee Pilot (on Autonomous Trucks)
- Incentive Fee Structure for Early Adopters (Rail, Autonomous Trucks, ZEV Tech, etc.)
- Sales/Property Tax Measures

Other clean-up tasks from Phase I.

RFP To Be Released Soon. Scheduled Completion Date: June 2022



IX. RPAC

February 3, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

By: Linda Urata
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM IX.
Mobility Innovations and Incentives Program - Status Report

DESCRIPTION:

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.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG staff have continued to address Mobility Innovations and Incentives Program elements while working remotely during COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place orders. This is a summary report and may not be comprehensive of all activities in November 1, 2020 through January 22, 2021.

Staff worked with the San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership (SJVEVP) to plan two webinars as a replacement to the in-person TRANSIT*ions* 2021 Symposium. After securing bids, InMotion Media was selected to produce the videos. Kern COG staff served as the producer and scouted locations, drafted the filming schedule, lined up the people to be interviewed, drafted the questions and coordinated with all of the parties for their input and participation. Two videos were produced for the webinars. The first webinar focused on GreenPower Motor Company's two manufacturing facilities in Porterville, CA and included an interview with GreenPower Motor Company President, Brendan Riley. The webinar was held on Thursday, January 21st and featured panelists Ryne Shetterly, VP of Marketing. Matt Bischoff of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District gave a presentation on the VW Mitigation Trust funding for School, Transit and Shuttle Buses. He also provided information on other grants and incentives. 33 people registered and 29 people attended.

The second webinar presented the City of Porterville Leads the Charge! This video featured the City of Porterville Transit General Manager Richard Tree. Locations included the Corporation Yard, the downtown Transit Center, City Hall, and public charging stations installed in a downtown public parking

lot. For the webinar, Mr. Tree was joined by city council members who discussed the vision, goals, and strategies for the City of Porterville to support the electrification of transportation to provide environmental and economic benefits to the entire community. More than 22 people registered for the event held on January 28, 2021.

More TRANSIT*ions* 2021 Transit Webinars are planned for the month of February.

On January 8, 2021, the California Energy Commission released its Notice of Proposed Awards for the EV Ready Communities Phase II-Blueprint Implementation Solicitation GFO-19-603. Kern Council of Governments responded to the solicitation on October 23, 2020. The request was for \$2.5 million. The amount awarded to Kern COG is \$707,515. Kern COG is working with its partners to reduce the scope of work to align with the amount awarded. The California Energy Commission is expected to approve the award during its business meeting on March 17, 2021.

The CALeVIP program has funding available for Level 2 charging stations. Applications and information are available at <https://calevip.org/incentive-project/san-joaquin-valley>.

Kern COG worked with the San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership to host two Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Safety Trainings for First Responders on November 24, 2020 and January 20, 2021.

Kern COG staff worked with Caltrans Districts 6 and 9 to review all of the highway corridors in Kern County to determine eligibility for FAST Corridor Designation. No requests for designation were submitted. This is an annual process.

Kern COG worked with the San Joaquin Valley Natural Gas Partnership to host a CNG Listening Session on January 21, 2021. An *Autogas Answers* webinar was held on January 20, 2021. This webinar was coordinated by the Propane Education and Research Council and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District provided information on grants and incentives.

Please find attached to this report an update to the EV Charging Space inventory, by Zip Code.

ACTION: Information.

Kern County Electric Vehicle Public Charging Spaces by Zip Code

January 2021 Report

Kern Council of Governments has set a goal of 4,000 electric vehicle charging spaces by 2025. This report shows a 55.3% increase (234 spaces) in the number of charging spaces compared to the baseline inventory established July 2016. Some of this change in inventory may simply be due to better reporting and not new chargers or disconnections. This change in inventory may also include station closings.

The number of parking spaces and station status are validated by telephone and occasionally in person. Stations are located on the Alternate Fuel Data Center Station Locator (www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations).

Level 1, Level 2, DC Fast Charging, Tesla Superchargers and wall plugs are counted. Note that some chargers may serve more than one parking space. This reports charging *spaces*, not the *charging stations*. This follows along with the expression to move cords, not cars. Public transit charging is not counted in this inventory.

In January 2019, the Center for Sustainable Energy (Kern COG's EV Charging Station Blueprint consultant) projected 655 stations would be installed by December 2020. The actual count is 657.

Zip Code	Charging Spaces December 2020	Baseline July 2016
93203	31	0
93206	28	22
93215	17	2
93238	139	123
93240	5	5
93241	4	0
93243	42	13
93249	21	20
93268	5	0
93276	60	60
93280	2	0
93285	1	1
93301	46	19
93303	6	6
93304	4	0
93307	45	40
93308	33	9
93309	17	0
93311	13	7
93313	15	14
93314	10	0
93501	19	7
93505	4	0
93523	4	0
93527	8	4
93555	41	40
93560	2	2
93561	35	29
Total Spaces	657	423

New significant locations this report:

Electrify America Station
Openings in communities and
at Medical Office Buildings

Denny's at Tehachapi and
several other ChargePoint DC
Corridor stations completed

Rancho Lindo Apartment
Complex in Lamont

School District sites

NOTE: Tejon Outlets have a
93203 Zip Code, the same as
the City of Arvin



X.
RPAC

February 3, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration
Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Joseph Stramaglia, Regional Planner
Raquel Pacheco, Regional Planner *RP*
Rochelle Invina, Regional Planner
Vincent Liu, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: X.
APPROVAL: 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENT
NO. 1; 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP);
AND CORRESPONDING CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION:

The Draft 2018 RTP Amendment No. 1, Draft 2021 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis 30-day public review period closed on January 22, 2021. A summary response to comments has been prepared. All 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 concurrent 30-day public review period closed on January 22, 2021. Comments were received and a summary response to comments was prepared. Final consideration of all documents is scheduled for February 18, 2021. 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

Kern COG staff recommends approval.

All documents can be viewed at www.kerncog.org

ACTION: Recommend approval of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and corresponding Conformity Analysis to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Attachment: Summary of Comments and Responses

2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1 Summary of Comments and Responses

As part of the development of the RTP, stakeholders, technical staff, and the general public were given the opportunity to comment. The public review period was held December 23, 2020 to January 22, 2021.

Troy Hightower – email dated 1/22/21

1. Has the modeling been run to determine if Amendment 1 will still meet the CARB GHG target for Kern?

Response: Amendments such as these typically do not have an effect on GHG output, as they do not make significant changes to the RTP goals, revenue assumptions, or SCS implementation. The contents of this amendment would make technical modifications to projects already included in the 2018 RTP/SCS. Further, it should be noted that the only remaining future year to be targeted for SB 375 is 2035 and the amendment does not affect the modeling network in that year. Analysis of SB 375 SCS Targets are made once every 4 years (at plan adoption) and are not required for RTP amendments.

2. Will amendments to a RTP/SCS trigger the updated CARB target?

Response: No – as noted, Amendments such as these typically do not have an effect on GHG output, as they do not make significant changes to the RTP goals, revenue assumptions, or SCS implementation. Further, the new SCS guidelines apply to the 3rd cycle RTP/SCS. Per the guidelines (https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/SB375_Final_Target_Staff_Report_%202018_Resolution_18-12.pdf), new targets would apply to newly adopted plans after October 2018. For Kern that is the 2022 RTP/SCS.

3. This item was not reviewed by the RPAC because the recent Jan 6th RPAC meeting was not held.

Response: The Kern COG adopted Public Information Policies and Procedures only require a public meeting for the draft FTIP and Conformity. An RTP amendment does not require a public workshop. However, consistent with Kern COG's open and inclusive public outreach process (recognized in the 2017 RTP guidelines as a best practice), we routinely go above and beyond the minimum requirements when it comes to public outreach. To that end, a public workshop was also held on January 13th. In addition, non-required public meetings were held at the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Planning Policy Committee meetings in January.

4. The Kern COG webpage for RPAC Agendas lists the Jan 6th meeting as Dark. The link goes to a cancellation notice. However, there is an "Information Item" link. The link goes to what appears to be an agenda staff report for this amendment. I regularly participate in RPAC meetings. I have never seen a case where there was a link to an "Information Item" separate from the agenda. Normally, any/all information items are part of an agenda. Can you explain what this is all about?

Response: The link to the amendment was provided to the RPAC and the public as a courtesy, consistent with our above-and-beyond, open and inclusive public outreach efforts.

2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Summary of Comments and Responses

As part of the development of the TIP, stakeholders, technical staff, and the general public were given the opportunity to comment. The public review period was held December 23, 2020 to January 22, 2021.

State Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Office of Federal Programming and Data Management (OFPDM) – email dated 12/31/20

General Comments

1. Page 11, Financial Plan: Operations and Maintenance Value: This section identifies shortfall in available revenues. Please describe plans to deal with the shortfall.

Response: Kern COG will continue to encourage member jurisdictions to make the best use of federal-aid funding to deal with the shortfall. As stated in the third paragraph of page 11: "In addition to local funds, the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding is used to achieve a state of good repair via maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads."

2. Expedited Project Selection Procedures – Include a statement "Projects from the 2021 FTIP have been selected based on the project selection procedures adopted by KCOG".

Response: The Expedited Project Selection Procedure statement requested is in the text of the 2021 FTIP on page 13 – "Projects from the first four years of the 2021 FTIP have been selected using the approved project selection procedures." No revision needed.

3. Clarify if public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment for the FTIP satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the FTA Section 5307 Program.

Response: Yes, the public involvement activities for the FTIP satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the FTA Section 5307 Program. The public notice includes the statement – "The public participation efforts for the 2021 FTIP satisfies the program of project (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for applicable funds. If no comments are received on the proposed POP, the proposed transit program will be the final program."

Financial Summary

1. Highway Safety Improvement Program: Update the revenue and programming per information transmitted on December 15, 2020.

Response: The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) listing transmitted on December 15, 2020 included duplicate information. Kern COG contacted the Caltrans HSIP coordinator to confirm the revisions needed (see attached email correspondence). The revenue and programming in the 2021 FTIP are consistent with the revised listing. No revision needed to the 2021 FTIP financial summary.

Project Listings:

1. CTIPS Id 20400000927: Verify planning studies (non-transportation capital) are included in the Overall Work Program. Planning studies do not need to be listed in the FTIP.

Response: This project is Kern COG's Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funding as approved through the State Transportation Improvement Program by the California Transportation Commission. The specific activity associated with the PPM funding is included in the Overall Work Program. No revision needed.

Summary of Comments and Responses Continued

2. CTIPS Id 20400000710: Update the programming per Highway Safety Improvement Program information transmitted on December 15, 2020.

Response: *The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) listing transmitted on December 15, 2020 included duplicate information. Kern COG contacted the Caltrans HSIP coordinator to confirm the revisions needed (see attached email correspondence). The revenue and programming in the 2021 FTIP are consistent with the revised listing. No revision needed to the project listing.*

Project Listings:

3. CTIPS Id 20400000911, 20400000909, 20400000838, 20400000847: Please provide detailed information on the project scope.

Response:

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0911: *The Regional Traffic Count Program is a non-infrastructure project that consists of motorized and non-motorized traffic counts taken throughout Kern County.*

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0909: *The Golden Empire Transit District's preventive maintenance project provides funds to service and maintain the agency's bus fleet and maintenance facility.*

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0838: *The Rosamond Boulevard Pedestrian Path project consists of the construction of sidewalks, curb ramps, drive approaches and higher visibility crossings to ensure a safe ADA accessible environment.*

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0847: *The Virginia Street Pedestrian Path project consists of the construction of sidewalks, curb ramps, drive approaches and higher visibility crossings to ensure a safe ADA accessible environment.*

4. CTIPS Id 20400000915: Clarify which components are included under "Reconstruction".

Response: *This project will include the reconstruction of existing Zerker Road in the City of Shafter. The project will include recompacting the subgrade as well as installing new road base and pavement.*

5. CTIPS Id 20400000904: Clarify if toll credits are used.

Response: *Toll credits are not used. This operating assistance project is 100% funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars. "CARES Act" is noted in the CTIPS comments section for this project.*

6. CTIPS Id 20400000907, 20400000908, 20400000935: Provide details for the type of bus (e.g. length of the bus, passenger capacity).

Response:

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0907: *The Golden Empire Transit District's 21 replacement CNG buses are 40 ft and have a seating capacity of 45.*

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0908: *The Golden Empire Transit District's 4 replacement Hydrogen buses are 40 ft and have a seating capacity of 45.*

CTIPS ID 204-0000-0935: *The Golden Empire Transit District's 18 CNG GAL (or GET-A-Lift) buses are 21 ft buses that have a seating capacity of 6 and have the capability to safely fit 3 wheelchairs.*

Caltrans District 9 – email dated 1/22/21

1. P 84 – the Caltrans Ex-officio member is listed as Gail Miller – should it not list the new D9 and D6 members?

Response: *Page 84 refers to the "Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2019" document that was completed in December 2019. Gail Miller was the member at that time. No revision needed.*

Raquel Pacheco

From: Raquel Pacheco
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Liu, Chiu@DOT
Cc: Bagde, Abhijit J@DOT
Subject: RE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update - Request for Programming

Good day:

Thank you Chiu for your quick response to my questions regarding the 12/15/20 HSIP listing.

1. I will move HSIP6-06-001 \$498,175 HSIP to FY 22/23;
- 2a. I will keep the combo H9-06-010&013 listing for the 2021 FTIP; and
- 2b. I will delete the individual listings for H9-06-010 and H9-06-013 (KCOG spreadsheet rows 8 and 12)

Thanks,
Raquel

From: Liu, Chiu@DOT <chiu.liu@dot.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Raquel Pacheco <RPacheco@kerncog.org>
Subject: RE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update - Request for Programming

Hi Raquel:
Good PM!

1. Just leave HSIP6-06-001 there because D06 from time to time run into various issues with this project; for sure this project will not be listed in 2023 FTIP (2 years from now).
2. Please continue using the combo tag H9-06-010&013 because there is only one HSIPL-# for H9-06-010 & H9-06-013.

Chiu

From: Raquel Pacheco <RPacheco@kerncog.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Liu, Chiu@DOT <chiu.liu@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: FW: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update - Request for Programming

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

Good day:

Thank you for providing an updated HSIP listing.

After my review of the KCOG listing, I have the following comments:

1. H6-06-001: This project received E-76 approval for the \$498,175 on 11/3/20. Should I still move the programming to FY 22/23 as noted in the KCOG listing?

2. H9-06-010&013: This combination listing is redundant since there are already individual listings for H9-06-010 and H9-06-013. Should I keep the combination listing or keep the individual listings?

Thanks,
Raquel

From: Bagde, Abhijit J@DOT <abhijit.bagde@dot.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:06 AM

Subject: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update - Request for Programming

Dear MPO FTIP Coordinator,

Attachment includes an update to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). This listing supersedes the listing that was transmitted to you on August 24, 2020.

Please program these projects in your **2019 FTIP** and in **2021 FTIP**. Use the fund type below when programming these projects.

As mentioned at the May 28th, 2019 CFPG meeting, **Caltrans Division of Transportation Programming no longer posts project lists on its website** due to ADA compliance. The lists will only be made available via email.

Please contact Chiu Liu, HSIP Program Coordinator, at (916) 653-8640 should you have any questions.

Thank you.

Fund Table Manager - Google Chrome

ctips-prod.dot.ca.gov/ctips/BrowseAllFundsForm.do

Edit Fund Type

Fund Type Details

Fund ID: Fund1 Name:

☒ Blended Fund Type

Match %: Match Fund:

Type: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local

☐ Archived Fund Type ☐ State Highway Account

Detailed Fund Description ('Huh?' Button)

Program purpose:

The FAST Act continues the Highway a significant reduction in traffic fatalities including non-State-owned public road data-driven, strategic approach to improve focuses on performance.

Program Category(s) Containing this Fund Type

Other Fed

Select Category to Add:

Add Delete

MPO Filter - This Fund Type Applies

☒ AMBAG ☒ BCAG
☒ MTC ☒ SACOG
☒ Shasta ☒ SJCOG
☒ Kings ☒ TRPA

Delete Fund Type Add Fund Type Top

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Conformity Analysis Summary of Comments and Responses

As part of the development of the Conformity Analysis, stakeholders, technical staff, and the general public were given the opportunity to comment. The public review period was held December 23, 2020 to January 22, 2021.

State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 – email dated 1/22/21

1. With the new federal administration are you having to rewrite or add to the content to reflect potential changes?

Response: This comment refers to the highlighted section on the first page of the Executive Summary (see “Comment 1” attached).

To date, there have been no changes to the conformity analysis and transportation planning requirements due to the new federal administration, and no changes to the application of SAFE Rule adjustment factors for EMFAC0214 modeling. However, certain EPA final actions on SIP-related items have been delayed and to account for this uncertainty, KCOG included “upcoming budget test” in our conformity demonstration.

2. Is this correct or are the table titles switched? The population for East Kern is larger than West Kern when comparing the tables on p 39 - 40.

Tables: Traffic Network Comparison for Horizon Years Evaluated in Conformity Analysis for Mojave Desert (Eastern Kern)

and

Traffic Network Comparison for Horizon Years Evaluated in Conformity Analysis for San Joaquin Valley PM-10 (Kern APCD Portion)

Response: The titles for both tables are correct. The Mojave Desert, Eastern Kern traffic network information refers to the 8-hour ozone nonattainment area, while the PM-10 Kern APCD information refers to the “PM10 sliver area”, a small nonattainment area for PM10, which is also located within Eastern Kern region. For more information, please see pages 3-4 of Attachment 3.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Conformity Analysis for the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2021 FTIP) and 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #1 (2018 RTP Amendment #1). Kern Council of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Kern County, California, and is responsible for regional transportation planning.

On September 27, 2019, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published the “Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule Part One: One National Program” (effective November 26, 2019). The Part One Rule revoked California’s authority to set its own greenhouse gas emissions standards, which were incorporated in EMFAC2014 emissions model. On November 20, 2019, California Air Resources Board (CARB) released “EMFAC Off-Model Adjustment Factors to Account for the SAFE Vehicles Rule Part One” for use in regional conformity analyses. On March 12, 2020, EPA concurred on the use of CARB’s EMFAC off-model adjustment factors in conformity demonstrations. On April 30, EPA and NHTSA published SAFE Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (Final SAFE Rule) rolling back federal fuel economy standards. On June 26, 2020 CARB issued a public notice stating that EMFAC adjustments released in November continue to be suitable for conformity purposes. The conformity analysis for the 2021 FTIP and the 2018 RTP Amendment #1 incorporates these emissions modeling adjustments.

The 2018 PM2.5 Plan addressing 1997, 2006 and 2012 PM2.5 standards was adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Air District on November 15, 2018 and California Air Resources Board on January 24, 2019 and subsequently submitted for EPA review. On March 27, EPA published a proposed rule approving portions of the 2018 PM2.5 Plan, including the 2006 PM2.5 conformity budgets and trading mechanism. Final rule on sections that pertain to 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard Serious area nonattainment was released on July 22, 2020 therefore this conformity analysis incorporates new 2018 PM2.5 SIP budgets for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standards. The remaining components of the 2018 PM2.5 Plan addressing the 1997 and 2012 PM2.5 standards are currently undergoing EPA review. In addition, Eastern Kern’s 2017 Ozone SIP, inclusive of transportation conformity budgets, has been proposed to be approved on October 28, 2020. Final action on the 2017 Ozone SIP is expected in spring of 2021. Should EPA act on these additional SIP elements, this conformity analysis includes an “upcoming budget test” in case the new transportation conformity budgets become available prior to federal approval of the 2021 FTIP conformity analysis.

This analysis demonstrates that the criteria specified in the transportation conformity regulations for a conformity determination are satisfied by the 2021 FTIP and the 2018 RTP Amendment #1; a finding of conformity is therefore supported. The 2021 FTIP, 2018 RTP Amendment #1, and the corresponding Conformity Analysis were approved by Kern Council of Governments Policy Board on February 18, 2021. Federal approval is anticipated on or before April 30, 2021. FHWA/FTA last issued a finding of conformity for the 2021 FTIP and the 2018 RTP, as amended if applicable, on May 9, 2019.



February 22, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) scheduled for **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 has been cancelled.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (April Meeting). Agenda materials will be mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Thank you.

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
March 31, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Public Participation and Accessibility
March 31, 2021 Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, Kern Council of Governments hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- The meeting scheduled for **March 31, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Masks will be required to attend the meeting in person.
- Consistent with the Executive Order, Committee/Board Members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.
- The public may participate in the meeting and address the Committee in person under Public Comments.
- If the public does not wish to attend in person, they may participate in the meeting and address the Committee as follows:

If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to feedback@kerncog.org **no later than 1:00 p.m. March 31, 2021**. Please clearly indicate which agenda item number your comment pertains to. If you wish to make a general public comment not related to a specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to feedback@kerncog.org **no later than 1:00 p.m. March 31, 2021**.

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I. ROLL CALL:

- 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.**

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. RPAC Meeting of February 3, 2021. VOICE VOTE

IV. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT SUB-ALLOCATION PROGRAM (Napier)

Comment: Discussion of the Sub-Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Funds to Kern COG Member Agencies.

Action: Request that the Kern COG Board of Directors approve the REAP Sub-Allocation Package for use by the COG and its Member Agencies. VOICE VOTE.

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

Comment: 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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Action: Information.

VI. REGIONAL GROWTH ALLOCATION (Raymond)

Comment: Draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast by Regional Statistical Area (RSA) and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ).

Action: Information.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be May 5, 2021

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
February 3, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christine Viterelli	Arvin
	Paul Johnson	Bakersfield
	Shawn Monk	California City
	Larry Ronk	McFarland
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
	Vincent Lieu	Kern COG
	Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
OTHERS:	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	Jose Ayala	HCD
	Sohab Mehmood	HCD
	Paul McDougall	HCD
	David Berggren	Caltrans
	Emma De La Rosa	Leadership Council
	Blanca Escobedo	LCIA
	Renee Applegate	
	Polina	

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to approve the discussion summary for November 4, 2020, seconded by Committee Member Cobb with all in favor.

IV. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT SUB-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (Napier)

Kern COG is part of the San Joaquin Valley Multi-agency Working Group with the other seven central valley COGs. The Working Group developed a Master Agreement with HCD for the REAP funding. To date, 25% of the valley funding or \$10.2 million has been received by Fresno COG. The Multi-Agency Working Group approved retention of \$5,475,000 for tasks, activities and products with a Valley-wide scope and impact, such as housing and land inventories, identifying common obstacles to housing construction and composite of best practices to encourage housing development. The remaining funds will be distributed to the valley COGs for development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and sub-allocation to member agencies. Kern COG is expecting to receive \$1,001,370.41. A proposed sub-allocation spreadsheet is provided for discussion.

Each represented member agency discussed the Local Early Action Planning Program funds that they applied for directly to HCD and what they propose to fund with REAP Funding.

The Committee directed staff to move forward with agreements with the member agencies for sub-allocation of the REAP funding.

V. RHNA/HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
(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 2023. Jose Ayala of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) presented a PowerPoint on Accessory Dwelling Units. Representative of HCD answered various questions from the Committee.

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)

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This was an information item.

VII. GROWTH ALLOCATION MODEL – LAND USE MODEL (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond requested this item be table to the next RPAC meeting when data will be available.

This item was tabled by the Committee.

STAFF REQUESTED ITEM VIII. BE MOVED TO AFTER ITEM X.

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. APPROVAL: 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENT NO. 1; 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP); AND CORRESPONDING CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)

Ms. Pacheco stated that the concurrent 30-day public review period for the documents closed on January 22. No changes were made to the draft documents posted on the Kern COG website. The summary response to comments will be incorporated into the final documentation as appropriate.

The action requested is that the Regional Planning Advisory Committee recommend approval of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No.1, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and corresponding Conformity Analysis to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Committee Member Monk made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and corresponding Conformity Analysis; seconded by Committee Member Perez with all in favor.

VIII. PHASE 1 – KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS-MOVEMENT OPERATIONS (KARGO) SUSTAINABILITY STUDY (Ball)

Mr. Ball presented a PowerPoint re: Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations Sustainability Study Phase 1.

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee receive and file the Phase 1 KARGO Study Report; seconded by Committee Member Monk with all in favor.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

Chairman Staples requested that the Committee distribute the invitation of the Small Town and Rural Communities Planning Division of the American Planning Association Awards Program.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Cobb with all in favor. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is March 3, 2021.



IV. RPAC

March 31, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.
Regional Early Action Planning Grant Sub-Allocation Program

DESCRIPTION:

Discussion of the Sub-Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Funds to Kern COG Member Agencies.

DISCUSSION:

This item was discussed during the February Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) meeting and the Committee was provided the following documents:

1. Proposed Sub-allocation Spreadsheet.
2. Standard Agreement between Fresno COG and HCD.
3. MOU between the seven valley COGs and Fresno COG.
4. Draft MOU between Kern COG and its member agencies.

Attached for Committee review include (REAP Sub-Allocation Package):

1. REAP Guidelines
2. REAP Concept Letter
3. Member Agency Resolution
4. Memorandum of Understanding between Kern COG and the Member Agency
5. Standard Agreement between HCD and Fresno COG
6. Memorandum of Understanding between the 8 Valley COG's and Fresno COG

The items above were emailed to each RPAC member during the week of March 17 to allow time for thorough review prior to the RPAC meeting.

Outlined below are the eligible uses, ineligible uses and reporting requirements for use of REAP funds.

Uses of REAP Sub-Allocation funds require:

- Funds must be used for housing planning activities.
- Activities must demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing and accelerating housing production.
- Eligible activities under Sub-allocations may be coordinated or combined with LEAP pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.03.
- Eligible activities under Sub-allocations may be used to establish Pro-housing Policies pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9.
- Sub-allocation for housing-related planning activities shall include but are not limited to:
 - Technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools.
 - Establishing regional or countywide housing trust funds for affordable housing (e.g. planning activities and processes, guidelines, charters).
 - Performing infrastructure planning, including sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents.
 - Performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Government Code sections 65040.1 (State Planning Priorities) and 65080 (regional transportation plans).
 - Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities.
 - Providing jurisdictions and other local agencies with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production.

Ineligible Activities:

- Activities unrelated to accelerating housing production.
- Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production.
- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes.
- Capital financing, operation or funding related to programs of individual housing development projects.
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities.

Reporting Requirements for Kern COG and its member agencies per MOU with Fresno COG:

- Quarterly Reports. Each Member also shall deliver to FCOG, on a quarterly basis, status reports and accounting records reflecting any expenditure of the Initial Grant by that Member or by a sub-recipient of that Member. Each Member shall deliver its status reports and accounting records within thirty (30) days following the end

of the period covered by the document. Each member's quarterly status reports shall, at a minimum, include discussion of any allocations or sub-allocations of the Initial Grant, a description of any project initiated in whole or in part with the Initial Grant and a description of the progress made on any such project.

- Retention of Records. Each Member shall maintain public records (as that term is defined in Government Code section 6252) (collectively, "**Records**") required under the Agreement, relating to any matter contained in this MOU, or demonstrating that the Initial Grant was used in a manner consistent with the Agreement. Each Member shall make the Records available to FCOG, HCD or the State Auditor upon demand. Each Member shall maintain the Records and make them available for inspection for a period of at least one (1) year following the termination of this MOU or the time specified in Government Code section 8546.7, whichever is later. Records relating to any audit or litigation relevant to this MOU or the Agreement shall be retained by each Member for five years after the conclusion or final resolution of such matter, as required by Exhibit D, section 3, paragraph E of the Agreement.
- Disallowed Costs. Each Member shall return to FCOG any funds which HCD has disallowed within 90 days following notice to the Member.

ACTION: Request that the Kern COG Board of Directors approve the REAP Sub-Allocation Package for use by the COG and its Member Agencies.

REAP GUIDELINES

Initial Kern COG Allocation \$1,001,370.41

These guidelines outline how Kern COG proposes to utilize the initial allocation of \$1,001,370.41 from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program. The guidelines outline regional and local planning activities that are eligible for funding and that help to advance Kern COG's Regional Housing Needs Allocation process. Ultimately, REAP funds should be used to plan and accelerate housing production throughout the region, specifically more infill housing, more housing product choices, and to better leverage future funding opportunities.

BACKGROUND

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has made available \$125,000,000 in local government planning support grants to regional entities and working groups. The San Joaquin Valley Multi-Agency Working Group (Committee), comprised of the eight Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), is one of the working groups identified in statute. On June 26, 2020, the Committee approved submission of an application for initial grant funding to HCD. On August 14, 2020, HCD approved the application and an allocation of \$10,218,830.75 in grant funds to the members through Fresno COG, the fiscal agent on behalf of the Committee.

The member agencies comprising the Committee are allocated the Initial Grant as follows:

- Fresno COG will retain \$507,500 to lead the preparation of a comprehensive San Joaquin Valley housing report and policy recommendations for implementation, conduct regional planning, coordination, and technical assistance, and grant administration.
- Fresno COG will distribute the remaining \$9,711,330 of the Initial Grant directly to each member agency in proportion to each member's relative population.

Accordingly, Kern COG's initial allocation of REAP funds will be in the amount of \$1,001,370.41.

Pending HCD approval, a second and final round of funding allocations is expected in Spring 2021 and is anticipated to make additional REAP funds available to the Kern COG region.

The Committee has recommended that each MPO receiving its share of the Initial Funding Application allocate funds accordingly:

1. Allocate funds to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.
2. Sub-allocate funds to its County and Cities.

Furthermore, according to HCD guidelines, a council of governments that receives an allocation of REAP funds shall establish priorities and use those funds consistent with priorities. Funds must be used for housing planning activities and demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing planning and accelerating housing production.

Kern COG staff developed these guidelines and budget allocations in accordance with Committee recommendations.

ELIGIBLE/ INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible Activities

- Activities must demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing and accelerating housing production.
- Suballocation of moneys directly and equitably to jurisdictions or other subregional entities in the form of grants for planning that will accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure that will accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals
- Suballocations may include sustainable communities strategies implementation related to housing planning and accelerating housing production.
- Suballocations may be coordinated or combined with LEAP pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.03.
- Suballocations may be used to establish Prohousing Policies pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9.
- Suballocations for housing-related planning activities shall include but are not limited to:
 - Technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools.
- Suballocations for performing infrastructure planning including sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents.
- Suballocations for performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Government Code sections 65040.1 (State Planning Priorities) and 65080 (regional transportation plans).
- Suballocations for covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities.
- Providing jurisdictions and other local agencies with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production.
- Covering the costs of administering any programs described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.02. I.
- Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out the eligible activities are “activity costs” and not “administrative costs.”
- Outreach, education, priority setting, and other related activities in consultation with the Department to carry out the overall program consistent with statutory objectives.

Ineligible Activities

- Activities unrelated to accelerating housing production.
- Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production.
- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes.
- Capital financing, operation or funding related to programs of individual housing development projects.
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities.

REGIONAL HOUSING ACTIVITIES

REAP Grant Administration

1. Costs of administering any programs described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.0.
 - a. Recipients shall use no more than 5% of the allocation for costs related to the administration of the activity(ies) for which the allocation was made. Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out the eligible activities are 'activity costs' and not 'administrative costs'.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Process

1. Develop an improved methodology for the distribution of the sixth-cycle RHNA, to further the objectives described in subdivision (d) section 65584 of the Government Code.
 - a. Activities under this category must demonstrate a nexus to an improved methodology that furthers the RHNA Objectives.
 - b. Activities under this category may include implementation measures associated with an improved methodology that furthers RHNA Objectives.

LOCAL GRANT TIMING AND PROCESS

In order for a local jurisdiction to receive an allocation of REAP funds, the following is required to be submitted to Kern COG:

- Letter outlining concept proposal for funds ("Exhibit 1").
- A signed council resolution ("Exhibit 2").

The purpose of this letter is to provide Kern COG with enough information to determine whether the project meets the requirements of the program. The letter must be accompanied by a signed council resolution. Kern COG will review and respond to concept proposal letters within **30**

business days of receipt. Prior to initiating work on REAP funded activities, Kern COG and local jurisdiction staff shall execute an agreement ("Attachment A").

This grant application period is tentatively targeted to begin in April 2021.

Timely Use of Funds

REAP funds are one-time housing planning funds made available to the region with an expenditure deadline of December 31, 2023 in statute. HCD has advised that all invoices will be due no later than August 31, 2023 for payment prior to the December 31, 2023 deadline. Kern COG reserves the right to reprogram funds in order to minimize the risk of losing funds that are intended to benefit the region.

To ensure timely use of funds, Kern COG requests that each grantee submit invoicing and progress reports on a quarterly basis.

Additionally, Kern COG staff will monitor expenditures according to the following schedule:

- December 1, 2021: Approximately 1/3 of allocated funds expended
- December 1, 2022: Approximately 2/3 of allocated funds expended
- July 1, 2023: Approximately 90% of allocated funds expended

According to the schedule, Kern COG staff will notify recipients who have not met the expenditure milestone and discuss potential solutions.

Technical Assistance Resource

- <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/docs/best-practices-5-12-2020.pdf>
- Contact Information
 - HCD: Marisa Prasse, Marisa.Prasse@hcd.ca.gov
 - SJV REAP Committee: Robert Phipps, rphipps@fresnocog.org
 - Kern COG: Becky Napier, bnapier@kerncog.org

TABLE 1: KERN COG INITIAL REAP ALLOCATION \$1,001,370.41

			Initial Allocation
Kern COG Regional Housing Activities			
		Estimate	
Grant Administration < 5%		\$ 50,000	
RHNA Consultant		90,000	
Visualizations/Modeling		35,000	
Salaries/Benefits/Supplies Directly Related to Carrying Out Eligible Activities		128,031.32	
Sub-total		\$303,031.32	\$ 303,031.32
Local Jurisdiction Formula Distribution			
City	Population	Percent	REAP Funds
Arvin	22,178	2.45%	\$ 16,609
Bakersfield	389,211	42.97%	291,476
Cal City	11,000	1.18%	11,233
Delano	53,386	5.85%	40,392
Maricopa	1,200	0.13%	10,000
McFarland	15,212	1.68%	11,415
Ridgecrest	29,712	3.28%	22,251
Shafter	9,400	1.03%	15,641
Taft	6,000	0.66%	10,000
Tehachapi	13,668	1.51%	10,236
Wasco	318,006	35.11%	238,151
Sub-total	916,464	100%	\$ 698,339.09
Total Initial Allocation			\$1,001,370.41

“EXHIBIT 1”
REAP CONCEPT LETTER

(Please Put on Agency Letterhead)

DATE:
CONTACT NAME/TITLE:
ADDRESS:

RE: CONCEPT LETTER INTENDING TO FULFILL REAP REQUIREMENTS

Section 1:

Please describe and outline tasks.

Draft

Section 2:

Please describe which category the above tasks fall under.

Eligible activities must be related to housing planning and facilitate the streamlining and acceleration of housing production. Eligible activities conducted by applicants must fall under one or more of the following main categories:

1. Developing an improved methodology for the distribution of the sixth cycle regional housing needs assessment (RHNA).
2. Sub-allocating funds directly and equitably to jurisdictions or sub-regional entities in the form of planning grants that will accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure that accelerate housing production.

3. Providing jurisdictions and other local agencies with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production.
4. Administrative costs related to the three main categories listed above.

Section 3:

Please describe the amount of funds that will be used.

Draft

Section 4:

Please provide schedule of tasks.

Section 5:

Please provide contact information for project manager/lead staff person.

Section 6:

Authorized Signature and date:

Draft

Signature
Title

ate

“EXHIBIT 2”

RESOLUTION

(Name of Metropolitan Planning Organization)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT (REAP) FUNDS AWARDED TO KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE KERN COUNTY MEMBER AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Department (HCD) have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the provided funds by HCD have been made available through the San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee on behalf of Fresno Council of Governments, Kern Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Merced County Association of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments, and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG); and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley REAP Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate the regional sub-allocations; and

WHEREAS, Kern Council of Governments (COG) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant allocation, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) awarded the allocation to Kern County on behalf of Kern County member agencies (City of Arvin, City of Bakersfield, City of California City, City of Delano, City of Lancaster, City of Maricopa, City of Mendota, City of Ridgecrest, City of Shafter, City of Tehama, City of Taft, City of Wasco and the County of Kern); and

WHEREAS, the COG and participating member agencies will conduct planning activities that will accelerate housing production and housing-related initiatives and

WHEREAS, the technical assistance provided by the participating Valley MPOs represents staffing for the program that is reimbursable to the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE [INSERT LOCAL AGENCY]:

1. Conducts activities consistent with the grant requirements; and
2. Commits to providing documentation of work completed and other deliverables consistent with the grant requirements, and;
3. Total invoicing shall not exceed the allotted share as stipulated in Table 1 of Kern COG REAP Grant Guidelines.

Approved and adopted the ____ of _____, 2021, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

(Insert Signature Block)

“Attachment A”

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND **MEMBER AGENCY NAME**
FOR
SUB-ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING FUNDS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, “**Effective Date**” by and between the **Kern Council of Governments** (Kern COG) and the **Member Agency Name hereinafter** “Sub-Recipient”, for sub-allocation of Regional Early Action Planning funds. Kern COG and the Sub-Recipient are individually referred to herein as “Party” and may be collectively referred to herein as “Parties.”

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, a Joint Powers Authority pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement of November 4, 1980, creating Kern COG and the amended Joint Powers Agreement of May 1, 1982;

WHEREAS, Kern COG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kern County, California; as an MPO, Kern COG is primarily responsible for the development of the Regional Transportation Planning Products and Services Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the County of Kern;

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”), Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) is authorized to provide up _____ to the San Joaquin Valley Multi-Agency Working Group consisting of Fresno Council of Governments, Kern Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Merced County Association of Governments, San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, and Tulare County Association of Governments under the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program;

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2020, HCD approved the Application and an allocation of \$10,218,830.75 in grant funds (the “**Initial Grant**”) to the Members of the San Joaquin Valley Multi-Agency Working Group through Fresno Council of Governments acting as the Fiscal Agent;

WHEREAS, On August 20, 2020, Fresno Council of Governments and HCD executed grant funding agreement number 19-REAP-14029 (“**Agreement**”). A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as “**Exhibit A.**”

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2020 the Kern COG Board approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Fresno Council of Governments (COG) to distribute a portion of the Initial Grant in the amount of \$1,001,370.41 to Kern COG to facilitate the subsequent implementation of activities to further the purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD. A true and correct copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached hereto as **“Exhibit B.”**;

WHEREAS, based on Kern COG’s Board action at its **Date** meeting, approximately **\$698,339** will be sub-allocated to fund sub-regional projects for planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing the Sixth Cycle of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA);

WHEREAS, the Sub-Recipient developed and submitted their proposal consistent with the REAP Guidelines and Kern COG reviewed and approved the proposal;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to describe the responsibilities of the Parties, which includes Kern COG to provide funding for the proposed activities;

WHEREAS, the Sub-Recipient’s designated project manager, in coordination with Kern COG’s designated project manager, will ensure the Scope of Work is performed by the Sub-recipient;

WHEREAS, subject to the conditions described in the Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines, reimbursable activities by the Sub-Recipient will begin on **Date** and shall be completed by **June 30, 2023**;

WHEREAS, this shall supersede and void any previous agreements or negotiations between Kern COG and the Sub-Recipient related to the proposed activities described herein; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG’s Fiscal Year is from July 1 through June 30.

AGREEMENT:

This MOU is comprised of these terms and conditions and any attached **Exhibits**, and may be amended only by written agreement between Kern COG and the Sub-Recipient. Such terms and conditions may be subject to change. The Recitals to this Agreement are also incorporated herein by this reference.

I. Contract Organization and Content

This contract is fully comprised of these terms and the attached exhibits: “Exhibit A” Grant Funding Agreement (19-REAP-14029); “Exhibit B” Memorandum of Agreement between Kern COG and Fresno COG; “Exhibit C” Scope of Work, “Exhibit D” Schedule; “Exhibit E” Budget/Cost Proposal; and “Exhibit F” Debarment and Suspension Certification; all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

II. Statement of Work

The work to be conducted by Sub-recipient as specified in the Scope of Work identified in the Sub-recipient's proposal, dated _____, for the delivery of products as specified in the Scope of Work, attached hereto as "Exhibit C," according to the Schedule, attached hereto as "Exhibit D," and Budget/Cost Proposal, attached hereto as "Exhibit E." During the performance of this contract, the representative project managers for Kern COG and ~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant will be:

Kern COG: _____

~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant: _____

Kern COG shall only be obligated to make payments to the Sub-Recipient for work performed as part of the Scope of Work regarding the proposed activities, up to the maximum amount of xxx Dollars. Kern COG intends to use state funds to meet its funding obligations described herein.

The Sub-recipient shall use the Grant Funds in accordance with the approved Scope of Work, as contained in the timeline, and the budget and related information.

The Sub-recipient shall provide Kern COG with quarterly reports and a final report as specified in ~~Section 6 of this MOU~~ which shall include an accounting of Grant Fund expenditures. The Sub-Recipient shall retain a copy of payment records, invoices, receipts, and any other documentation requested by Kern COG for all Grant Fund expenditures.

The Sub-Recipient shall permit Kern COG, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this MOU. All such material shall be kept and maintained by the Sub-recipient and shall be made available to Kern COG during the term of this Agreement unless Kern COG's advance written permission is given to dispose of any such material.

III. Term

Time is of the essence in this contract. The term of this MOU shall begin on the "Effective Date" of this MOU and continue until June 30, 2023, hereinafter referred to as the "Completion Date", unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The various phases involved in this project shall be completed as indicated in "Exhibit D," Schedule.

IV. Assignability

~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant shall not assign any interest in this contract, and shall not transfer the same, without the prior written consent of Kern COG.

V. Contract Changes

No alteration or deviation of the terms of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties.

Kern COG may request, at any time, amendments to this contract and will notify Sub-recipientConsultant in writing regarding changes. Upon a minimum of ten (10) days notice, Sub-recipientConsultant shall determine the impact on both time and compensation of such changes and notify Kern COG in writing. Upon agreement between Kern COG and Sub-recipientConsultant as to the extent of these impacts on time and compensation, an amendment to this contract shall be prepared describing such changes. Such amendments shall be binding on the parties if signed by Kern COG and Sub-recipientConsultant, and shall be effective as of the date of the amending document, unless otherwise indicated.

VI. Contract Costs and Reimbursements

A. Maximum Contract Amount/Budget Amendments:

For services rendered, Sub-recipientConsultant may bill and receive up to XXXXXX, to be billed in accordance with "Exhibit E," Costs. The total sum billed under this contract may not exceed the specified amount, including all costs, overhead, and indirect fee expenses. Such billings, up to the specified amount, shall constitute full and complete compensation for Sub-recipient services. Any amendments to the individual categories within the budget must be approved in writing in advance by Kern COG.

B. Progress Payments/Reports:

Progress payments are authorized under this contract. Progress billings in arrears may be submitted as often as monthly. Written progress reports shall accompany each billing and shall specify, by task, the percentage of contract work completed to date and since the date of the preceding billing, if any. Sub-recipientConsultant shall be paid within 30 days following the receipt and approval of each billing by Kern COG. If Kern COG disputes any portion of a request for payment, Kern COG shall pay the undisputed portion of such request as provided herein and shall promptly notify Sub-recipientConsultant of the amount in dispute and the reason therefore.

C. Billing Format and Content:

Requisitions for payment shall refer to Work Element number XXXX as identified on the FY 20-21 Overall Work Program, or as may be specified in a written notice by Kern COG. Specific budget category detail is given below:

1. Direct Labor and Fringe Benefits: All direct labor charges should be billed by class of employee, rate per hour and number of hours. (Anticipated personnel cost-of-living or merit increase, if any, should be reflected in the budget).

2. Other Direct Costs: All direct costs billed must be specifically identified. Any travel costs may not exceed the per diem (XXXX/day meals; XXXXX/day accommodations) and mileage rates shall be reimbursed at the IRS established standard mileage rate. Any other direct costs not specifically identified in the contract budget cannot be reimbursed

D. Funding

1. Kern COG's contribution to the Project is funded wholly with state funds, up to \$ _____. Kern COG shall not be obligated to make payments for any Project costs that exceed \$ _____. Kern COG shall not be obligated to pay for any increase in Project costs which exceeds Kern COG's obligated funding amount.
2. Kern COG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to discontinue funding the Program and terminate the contract as described in this MOU.
3. Any costs for which the Sub-recipient receives reimbursement or credit that is determined by a subsequent audit or other review by either Kern COG, the Department or other State authorities to be ineligible or otherwise unallowable, are to be repaid by the Sub-recipient within thirty (30) calendar days of the Sub-recipient receiving notice of audit findings and a penalties or related fees, as determined by the Department or other State authorities. Should the Sub-recipient fail to reimburse or otherwise pay the costs due to Kern COG within thirty (30) calendar days of demand, or within such other period as may be agreed between both parties hereto, Kern COG is authorized to withhold future payments due to the Sub-recipient.

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E. Allowable Cost and Documentation

All costs charged to this contract by ~~Sub-recipient~~ ~~Consultant~~ shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, and vouchers, evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges, and shall be costs allowable as determined by Title 48 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 31 (Contract Cost Principles and Procedures), Subpart 31.2 (Contracts with Commercial Organizations), as modified by Subpart 31.103. ~~Sub-recipient~~ ~~Consultant~~ shall also comply with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 18, (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments) in the procurement of services, supplies or equipment.

F. Allowable Uses of Grant Funds

1. Kern COG shall not award or disburse funds unless it determines that the Grant Funds shall be expended in compliance with the terms and provisions of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFA) for the REAP Grant Program pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Health and Safety Code (Sections 50515 to 50515.05)

(Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019), which includes associated forms and guidelines and this Agreement.

2. Grant Funds shall only be used by the Sub-recipient for project activities approved by Kern COG that involve planning activities in accordance with the NOFA published by the Department.
3. Grant Funds may not be used for administrative costs of persons employed by the Sub-recipient for activities not directly related to eligible activities.
4. The Sub-recipient shall use no more than 5 percent of the total Grant Funds for administrative costs related to the Project. For purposes of this MOU, administrative costs are defined as: preparing invoices and supporting documentation; preparing quarterly progress reports; and participating in project management meetings. Additional funds may be used from other sources solely contributed by the Sub-recipient to support the Sub-recipient's administration of the Project.
5. The Sub-recipient shall be accountable to Kern COG and the Department to ensure Sub-recipient Consultants' performance. The agreements with the any Sub-recipient Consultants shall provide for compliance with all applicable requirements of the MOU as determined by Kern COG.
6. Kern COG will provide reimbursement only for approved and eligible costs incurred after "Execution Date".
7. There must be strong implementation component for the funded activity through the MOU, including, where appropriate, agreement by the Sub-recipient to formally adopt the completed planning document. The Sub-recipient that does not formally adopt the funded activity could be subject to repayment of the Grant Funds.
8. In the event that it is determined, at the sole discretion of Kern COG, that the Sub-recipient is not meeting the terms and conditions of the MOU, immediately upon receiving a written notice from Kern COG to stop work, the Sub-recipient shall cease all work under the MOU. Kern COG has the sole discretion to determine that the Sub-recipient meets the terms and conditions after a stop work order, and to deliver a written notice to the Sub-recipient to resume work under the MOU.

VII. Progress Reports

Sub-recipient shall submit progress reports, as described in Exhibit "A" and Paragraph VI-B. above. The purpose of the reports is to allow Kern COG to determine if Sub-recipients Consultant is completing the activities identified in the Work Program in accordance with the agreed upon schedule, and to afford occasions for airing difficulties or special problems encountered so remedies can be developed.

Sub-recipient's Project Manager shall meet with Kern COG's Project Manager, as identified under Section II, as needed to discuss work progress.

VIII. Inspection of Work

Sub-recipient, and any contractors, shall permit Kern COG, Fresno COG and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and other participating agencies, the opportunity to review and inspect the project activities at all reasonable times during the performance period of this contract, including review and inspection on a daily basis.

IX. Staffing

There shall be no change in ~~Sub-recipients~~~~Consultant's~~ Project Manager, or members of the project team, without prior written approval by Executive Director of Kern COG. The Project Manager shall be responsible for keeping Kern COG informed of the progress of the work and shall be available for no less than four (4) meetings with Kern COG.

X. Subcontracting

~~Sub-recipient~~~~Consultant~~ shall perform the work with resources available within its own organization, unless otherwise specified in this contract. No portion of the work included in this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by Kern COG. In no event shall ~~Sub-recipient~~~~Consultant~~ subcontract or work in excess of fifty (50) percent of the contract amount, excluding specialized services. Specialized services are those items not ordinarily performed by a ~~sub-recipient~~ performing this particular type of work. All authorized subcontracts shall contain the same applicable provisions specified in this contract.

XI. Termination of Contract

A. Termination for Convenience of Kern COG:

Kern COG may terminate this contract at any time by giving notice to ~~Sub-recipient~~~~Consultant~~ of such termination, and the effective termination date, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials shall, at the option of Kern COG, become its property. If this contract is terminated by Kern COG, as provided herein, ~~Sub-recipient~~~~Consultant~~ shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to the termination date, in accordance with the cost provisions of this contract. ~~Sub-recipient~~~~Consultant~~ will also be allowed a proportion of any fixed fee that is equal to the same proportion of the project completed by ~~Sub-recipient~~~~Consultant~~ on the date of termination of this contract.

B. Termination for Cause:

If through any cause, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this contract, or if ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, Kern COG shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate the contract by giving written notice to ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. Kern COG shall provide an opportunity for consultation with ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ and a ten-day cure period prior to termination. In such an event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ under this contract shall, at the option of Kern COG, become the property of Kern COG. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall be entitled to receive compensation for all satisfactory work completed prior to the effective date of termination.

XII. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

All services performed by the ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ pursuant to this contract shall be performed in accordance and full compliance with all applicable federal, state or local statutes, rules, and regulations.

XIII. Conflict of Interest

A. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ and the agents and employees of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~, shall act in an independent capacity in the performance of this contract, and not as officers, employees or agents of Kern COG.

B. No officer, member or employee of Kern COG or other public official of the governing body or locality in which the work pursuant to this contract is being carried out, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of the aforesaid work shall:

1. Participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he has, directly or indirectly, any interest; or
2. Have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof during his tenure or for one year thereafter.

~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ hereby covenants that it has, at the time of the execution of this contract, no interest, and that it shall not acquire any interest in the future, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed pursuant to this contract. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ further covenants that in the performance of this work, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

XIV. Contingency Fees

~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ warrants, by execution of this contract, that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, Kern COG has the right to terminate this contract without liability, allowing payment only for the value of the work actually performed, or to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee.

XV. Copyrights

~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall be free to copyright material developed under this contract with the provision that Kern COG reserve a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, distribute, and to authorize others to use, and distribute for fee or otherwise, the work for any purpose. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ is subject to the duties of agency relating to rights in data and copyrights as set forth in 48 CFR 52.227-14.

XVI. Publication

A. No report, information, or other data given to or prepared or assembled by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ pursuant to this contract, shall be made available to any individual or organization by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ without the prior written approval of Kern COG.

B. ~~The following acknowledgment of FTA's participation must appear on the cover or title page of all products:~~

~~"The preparation of this report has been financed, in part, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, under the authority of the 49 USC Chapter 43 #5313(b) of the Federal Transit Laws."~~

XVII. Disputes

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact which is not disposed of by mutual agreement, shall be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction.

XVIII. Hold Harmless

~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Kern COG and Kern COG's agents, board members, elected and appointed officials and officers, employees, volunteers and authorized representatives from any and all losses, liabilities, charges, damages, claims, liens, causes of action, awards, judgments, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees of County Counsel and other counsel retained by Kern COG, expert fees, costs of staff time, and investigation costs) of whatever kind or nature, which arise out of or are in any way connected with any act or

omission of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ or ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~'s officers, agents, employees, independent contractors, sub-contractors of any tier, or authorized representatives. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the same shall include bodily and personal injury or death to any person or persons; damage to any property, regardless of where located, including the property of Kern COG; and any workers' compensation claim or suit arising from or connected with any services performed pursuant to this Agreement on behalf of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ by any person or entity.

XIX. Insurance

~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~, in order to protect Kern COG and its board members, officials, agents, officers, and employees against all claims and liability for death, injury, loss and damage as a result of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~'s actions in connection with the performance of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~'s obligations, as required in this Agreement, shall secure and maintain insurance as described below. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall not perform any work under this Agreement until ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ has obtained all insurance required under this section and the required certificates of insurance and all required endorsements have been filed with Kern COG's authorized insurance representative. Receipt of evidence of insurance that does not comply with all applicable insurance requirements shall not constitute a waiver of the insurance requirements set forth herein. The required documents shall be signed by the authorized representative of the insurance company shown on the certificate. Upon request, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall supply proof that such person is an authorized representative thereof, and is authorized to bind the named underwriter(s) and their company to the coverage limits and termination provisions shown thereon. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall promptly deliver Kern COG a certificate of insurance, and all required endorsements, with respect to each renewal policy, as necessary to demonstrate compliance of the required insurance and coverage for the term specified herein. Such certificates and endorsements shall be delivered to Kern COG not less than 30 days prior to the expiration date of any policy and bear a notation evidencing payment of the premium thereof if so requested. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall immediately pay any deductibles and self-insured retentions under all required insurance policies upon the submission of any claim by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ or Kern COG as an additional insured.

Without limiting Kern COG's right to obtain indemnification from the ~~sub-recipientconsultant~~ or any third parties, the ~~sub-recipientconsultant~~, at its sole expense, shall maintain in full force and affect the following insurance policies throughout the term of the contract:

- A. Comprehensive general liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. Comprehensive general liability insurance policies shall name Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees, individually and collectively, as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under the terms of the contract are concerned. Such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance or self-insurance and any other insurance, maintained by Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be given excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the ~~sub-recipientconsultant~~'s policies herein.

- B. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance against claims of Personal Injury (including bodily injury and death) and Property Damage covering any vehicle and/or all owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement with coverage equal to the policy limits, which shall be at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence.
- C. Professional liability insurance of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate.
- D. Worker's compensation insurance as required by law.

This insurance shall not be canceled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice given to Kern COG. The ~~sub-recipient~~consultant shall provide certification of said insurance to Kern COG within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the execution of the contract. Such certification shall show, to Kern COG's satisfaction, that such insurance coverages have been obtained and are in full force; that Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees will not be responsible for any premiums on the policies; that as and if required such insurance names Kern COG, its officers agents, and employees individually and collectively as additional insured (comprehensive and general liability only), but only insuring as to operations under the contract concerned; that such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance and as to other insurance, or self-insurance maintained by Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the ~~sub-recipient~~consultant's policies herein and that this insurance shall not be canceled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance, written notice given to Kern COG.

In the event the ~~sub-recipient~~consultant fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, Kern COG may, in addition to other remedies it may have, suspend or terminate the contract upon the occurrence of such event.

~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant shall require any sub-contractors to provide workers' compensation for all of the sub-contractors' employees, unless the sub-contractors' employees are covered by the insurance afforded by ~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant. If any class of employees engaged in work or services performed under this Agreement is not covered by Labor Code section 3700, ~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant shall provide and/or require each sub-contractor to provide adequate insurance for the coverage of employees not otherwise covered.

- A. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance required in sub-paragraph A and B. shall include an endorsement naming Kern COG and Kern COG's board members, officials, officers, agents and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement and any operations related thereto. Said endorsement shall be provided on ISO form CG 20 10 Edition date 11/85 or such other forms which provide coverage at least equal to or better than form CG 20 10 11 85.

- B. Any self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 must be declared on the Certificate of Insurance or other documentation provided to Kern COG and must be approved by Kern COG.
- C. If any of the insurance coverages required under this Agreement is written on a claims-made basis, Sub-recipientConsultant, at Sub-recipientConsultant's option, shall either (i) maintain said coverage for at least three (3) years following the termination of this Agreement with coverage extending back to the effective date of this Agreement; (ii) purchase an extended reporting period of not less than three (3) years following the termination of this Agreement; or (iii) acquire a full prior acts provision on any renewal or replacement policy.
- D. Cancellation of Insurance -- The above stated insurance coverages required to be maintained by Sub-recipientConsultant shall be maintained until the completion of all of Sub-recipientConsultant's obligations under this Agreement except as otherwise indicated herein. Each insurance policy supplied by the Sub-recipientConsultant must be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or reduced in coverage or in limits except after ten (10) days written notice in the case of non-payment of premiums, or thirty (30) days written notice in all other cases. Such notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. This notice requirement does not waive the insurance requirements stated herein. Sub-recipientConsultant shall immediately obtain replacement coverage for any insurance policy that is terminated, canceled, non-renewed or whose policy limits have been exhausted upon insolvency of the insurer that issued the policy.
- E. All insurance to be issued by a company admitted to do business in California and listed in the current "Best's Key Rating Guide" publication with a minimum of a "A-;VII" rating. Any exception to these requirements must be approved by the Kern COG.
- F. If Sub-recipientConsultant is, or becomes during the term of this Agreement, self-insured or a member of a self-insurance pool, Sub-recipientConsultant shall provide coverage equivalent to the insurance coverages and endorsements required above. The Kern COG will not accept such coverage unless Kern COG determines, in its sole discretion and by written acceptance, that the coverage proposed to be provided by Sub-recipientConsultant is equivalent to the above-required coverages.
- G. All insurance afforded by Sub-recipientConsultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be primary to and not contributing to all insurance or self-insurance maintained by Kern COG. An endorsement shall be provided on all policies, except professional liability/errors and omissions, which shall waive any right of recovery (waiver of subrogation) against Kern COG.
- H. Insurance coverages in the minimum amounts set forth herein shall not be construed to relieve Sub-recipientConsultant for any liability, whether within, outside, or in excess of such coverage, and regardless of solvency or insolvency of the insurer

that issues the coverage; nor shall it preclude Kern COG from taking such other actions as are available to it under any other provision of this Agreement or otherwise in law.

- I. Failure by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ to maintain all such insurance in effect at all times required by this Agreement shall be a material breach of this Agreement by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~. Kern COG, at its sole option, may terminate this Agreement and obtain damages from ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ resulting from said breach. Alternatively, Kern COG may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~, Kern COG shall deduct from sums due to ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ any premiums and associated costs advanced or paid by Kern COG for such insurance. If the balance of monies obligated to ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ pursuant to this Agreement are insufficient to reimburse Kern COG for the premiums and any associated costs, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ agrees to reimburse Kern COG for the premiums and pay for all costs associated with the purchase of said insurance. Any failure by Kern COG to take this alternative action shall not relieve ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ of its obligation to obtain and maintain the insurance coverages required by this Agreement.

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~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and with the provisions contained in 49 CFR 21 through Appendix C and 23 CFR 170.405(b). During the performance of this contract, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~, for itself, its assigns and successors in interest, agrees as follows:

A. Compliance with Regulations: ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter DOT) Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

Prior to any performance under this agreement, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ must review, sign and return to Kern COG a copy of the Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29 Debarment and Suspension Certifications ("Certifications") attached and incorporated here as Exhibit D, "Debarment and Suspension Certification." The signed copy of the Certifications shall be incorporated by this reference into the Agreement as if set forth in full herein.

B. Nondiscrimination: ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin in the selection or retention of subcontractors, including the procurement of materials and leases of equipment. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of

the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

C. Solicitations for Subcontractors, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiations made by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ for work to be performed under a subcontract, including the procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~'s obligations under this contract, and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin.

D. Information and Reports: ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by ~~Fresno COG, Kern COG or HCD, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA~~ to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall so certify to ~~Fresno COG, Kern COG or HCD, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA~~, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

E. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~'s noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, Kern COG shall impose such contract sanctions as it, ~~HCD, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA~~ may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

1) Withholding payments to ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ under this contract until ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ complies; and/or 2) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

F. Incorporation of Provisions: ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall include the provisions of Paragraphs A through F of this Section XX in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt from the regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as ~~Fresno COG, Kern COG, or HCD Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA~~ may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. However, in the event ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ may request Kern COG to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of Kern COG, and in addition, ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

XXI. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

It is the policy of Kern COG, the California State Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation, that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as

defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with local, state or federal funds.

~~The Caltrans annual DBE Program goal is 4.8 percent with a split of 3.7% race neutral and 1.1% race-conscious for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) fund recipients. Failure to comply with the DBE Program may result in the suspension or termination of federal funds until deficiencies are remedied as discussed in Title 49 CFR Part 26.101 and the MFTA Article IV, Section 2.~~

Title 49 CFR, Part 26, entitled, Participation by DBEs in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs, describes a race neutral measure or program as one that is, or can be, used to assist all small businesses. Race-neutral includes gender-neutrality. On the other hand, a race-conscious measure or program is one that is focused specifically on assisting only DBEs, including women-owned DBEs.

The contractor, subrecipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of United States Department of Transportation assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as recipient deems appropriate, which may include but is not limited to:

- Withholding monthly progress payments.
- Assessing penalties.
- Liquidated damages.
- Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsive.

The contractor must make available to the Caltrans contract manager a copy of all DBE subcontracts upon request.

The contractor must utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains authorization from Caltrans. Unless the Department provides prior authorization approving a request for termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or materials unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBEs.

Prompt Payment Clauses

Prompt Progress Payment to Subcontractors – The Local Agency shall require contractors and subcontractors to pay their subcontractors within seven (7) days for construction contracts, and within fifteen (15) days for ~~sub-recipient/consultant~~ contracts, after receiving each progress payment. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions and remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contract, and Section 3321 of the CCC for ~~sub-recipient/consultant~~ contract. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the

contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subcontractors – The Local Agency shall ensure prompt and full payment of retainage from the prime contractor to the subcontractor within seven (7) days for construction contracts, or within fifteen (15) days for ~~sub-recipient~~ ~~consultant~~ contracts after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed and accepted. This shall be accompanied by including; either (1), (2), or (3) of the following provisions [Local Agency equivalent will need Caltrans approval] in their federal-aid contracts to ensure prompt and full payment of retainage [withheld funds] to subcontractors in compliance with 49 CFR 26.29.

1. No retainage will be held by the Local Agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Prime contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from holding retainage from subcontractors. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contracts, and Section 3321 of the CCC for ~~sub-recipient~~ ~~consultant~~ contracts. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

2. No retainage will be held by the Local Agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Any retainage kept by the prime contractor or by a subcontractor must be paid in full to the earning subcontractor within seven (7) days for construction contracts, or within fifteen (15) days for ~~sub-recipient~~ ~~consultant~~ contracts after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contracts, and Section 3321 of the CCC for ~~sub-recipient~~ ~~consultant~~ contracts. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

3. The Local Agency shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the Local Agency of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within seven (7) days for construction contracts, or within fifteen (15) days for ~~sub-recipient~~ ~~consultant~~ contracts after receiving payment for work

satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the Local Agency. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contracts, and Section 3321 of the CCC for ~~sub-recipient~~consultant contracts. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of: a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance; and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified therein. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the prime contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime contractor, deficient subcontract performance, or noncompliance by a subcontractor

XXII. Audits

At any time during normal business hours, and as often as Kern COG, Kern COG's participating agencies, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Labor, the Comptroller General of the United States, or other appropriate state and federal agencies or any duly authorized representatives may deem necessary, the Consultant shall make available for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this contract for purposes of audit, examination, or to make copies or transcripts of such records, including, but not limited to, contracts, invoices, payrolls, personnel records, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this contract. Project costs are subject to audit and approval for payment according to the eligibility requirements of the funding agencies. However, Kern COG shall not have the right to audit ~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant's fixed rates or fees, percentage multipliers, or standard charges. All project records shall be retained and access to the facilities and premises of ~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant shall be made available during the period of performance of this contract, and for three years after Kern COG makes final payment under this contract.

XXIII. Clean Air Act/Clean Water Act Requirements

~~Sub-recipient~~Consultant, in carrying out the requirements of this contract, shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857[h]), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Presidential Executive Order 11738, and those Environmental Protection Agency regulations contained in 40 CFR Part 15.

XXIV. Notice

Any notice or notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this contract may be personally served on the other party by the party giving such notice, or may be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

Mr. Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, California 93301

OR

XXXXXXXXXX
Principal
XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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XXV. Venue

If any party to this contract institutes any legal or equitable action to enforce the terms of this contract, to declare the rights of the parties under the contract or which relates to this contract in any manner, Kern COG and ~~Sub-recipient Consultant~~ agree that the proper venue for any such action is the Superior Court of the State of California of and for the County of Kern.

XXVI. California Law

Kern COG and ~~Sub-recipient Consultant~~ agree that the provisions of this contract will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XXVII. No Authority to Bind Kern COG

It is understood that ~~Sub-recipient Consultant~~, in its performance of any and all duties under this contract, has no authority to bind Kern COG to any agreements or undertakings with respect to any and all persons or entities with whom ~~Sub-recipient Consultant~~ deals in the course of its business.

XXVIII. Nonwaiver

No covenant or condition of this contract to be performed by ~~Sub-recipient Consultant~~ can be waived except by the written consent of Kern COG. Forbearance or indulgence by Kern COG in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of any covenant or condition to be performed by ~~Sub-recipient Consultant~~. Kern COG shall be entitled to invoke any

remedy available to it under this contract or by law or in equity despite any such forbearance or indulgence.

XXIX. Independent Contractor

Nothing in this contract shall be construed or interpreted to make ~~Sub-recipient~~ ~~Consultant~~, its officers, agents, employees or representatives anything but independent contractors and in all their activities and operations pursuant to this contract, ~~Sub-recipient~~ ~~Consultant~~, its officers, agents, employees and representatives shall for no purposes be considered employees or agents of Kern COG.

XXX. Partial Invalidity

Should any part, term, portion, or provision of this contract be finally decided to be in conflict with any law of the United States or the State of California, or otherwise be unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, portions, or provisions shall be deemed severable and shall not be effected thereby, provided such remaining portions or provisions can be construed in substance to constitute the agreement which the parties intended to enter into in the first instance.

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XXXI. Signature Authority

Each person executing this contract on behalf of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ represents and warrants that he or she is authorized by ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ and that this contract is binding on ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ in accordance with the terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Kern Council of Governments and ~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~ have executed this agreement as of the date first above written.

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED
AS TO CONTENT:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Smith, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

Brian Van Wyk, Deputy
Kern County Counsel

~~SUB-RECIPIENTCONSULTANT~~

~~Sub-recipientConsultant~~

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
STANDARD AGREEMENT
STD 213 (Rev. 03/2019)

AGREEMENT NUMBER
19-REAP-14029

PURCHASING AUTHORITY NUMBER (if applicable)

1. This Agreement is entered into between the Contracting Agency and the Contractor named below:

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CONTRACTOR'S NAME
Fresno Council of Governments

2. The term of this Agreement is:

START DATE

Upon HCD Approval

THROUGH END DATE

12/31/2024

3. The maximum amount of this Agreement is:

\$10,218,830.75

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits, which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

EXHIBITS	TITLE	PAGES
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Exhibit E	Special Conditions	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES ATTACHED		15

Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto.

These documents can be viewed at <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES HERETO

CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR NAME (if other than individual, state whether corporation, partnership, etc.)

Fresno Council of Governments

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS ADDRESS

2035 Tulare St., #201

Fresno

STATE
CA

ZIP
93721

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

TONY BOREN

TITLE

EX. DIRECTOR

CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Tony Boren

DATE SIGNED

8/20/20

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME

Department of Housing and Community Development

CONTRACTING AGENCY ADDRESS

2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 130

CITY

Sacramento

STATE

CA

ZIP

95833

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

Shaun Singh

TITLE

Contracts Manager,
Business & Contract Services Branch

CONTRACTING AGENCY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Shaun Singh

DATE SIGNED

9/3/2020

California Department of General Services Approval (or exemption, if applicable)

Exempt per; SCM Vol. 1 4.04.A.3 (DGS memo dated 6/12/1981)

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AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

1. Authority

The Local Government Planning Support Grants Program is established for the purpose of providing regions and jurisdictions with one-time funding, including grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment. Up to two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be distributed under the program in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 50515.02 and 50515.03. Of this amount, approximately one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) is available to councils of governments and other regional entities. The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department or HCD) shall administer the Program (referred to herein as the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program, or "REAP") to councils of governments and other regional entities in accordance with the Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (f).

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (d)(3), a council of governments or a local agency or a multi-agency working group, as defined in section 50515.02, may request up to 25 percent of the available funding in this Standard Agreement authorizes the disbursement of full funds available to the applicant pursuant to the NOFA, subject to all statutory requirements and all applicable provisions including the NOFA, initial application and award for advance payment, subsequent advance payment application and award, application and award for the full remaining fund amount and amendment to this agreement.

The Grantee shall consult with the Department on any amendment or other provision related to the implementation of the Program. The Department decisions related to the administration of the Program shall be final pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (g).

2. Purpose

In accordance with the authority cited above, the Grantee has been awarded financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Program. The Department has agreed to make the grant for planning activities pursuant to the NOFA and this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement and thereby accepting the award of the Program funds, the Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions

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of the NOFA, this Agreement, subsequent amendments to this Agreement, the representations contained in the initial advance payment and subsequent full application(s), and the requirements of the authority cited above. Based on all representations made by the Grantee, the Department shall encumber the full amount pursuant the NOFA and provide advance payment and subsequent payments in accordance with Exhibit B. All terms, conditions and other relevant provisions will be subject to amendments as a result of subsequent applications and awards for remaining funds after the initial application up to 25 percent of the full amount described in Exhibit B.

3. **Definitions**

Terms herein shall have the same meaning as defined by the NOFA.

4. **Scope of Work**

Grantee shall use awarded funds in accordance with the approved Scope of Work as contained in the timeline and budget and related information outlined in the application for 25 percent advance payment and subsequent applications for partial or full funding. The Scope of Work may be amended in compliance with statutory requirements subject to approval by the Department.

5. **Monitoring**

- A. The Grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence that demonstrates the funding was used for the appropriate purposes, as described in the Scope of Work, approved application, subsequent approved applications and all other pertinent documents. These books, records, documents and other evidence shall be made available for audit and inspection by the Department at any point during the term of the agreement and subject to any amendments to this agreement.
- B. The Department may request additional information, as needed, to meet the statutory requirements of the Program and facilitate amendments to this agreement, including but not limited to reporting or audit requirements, progress in implementing advance payment(s), or award of the full amount available to the Grantee.

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- C. The Department may monitor expenditures and activities of an applicant, as the Department deems necessary, to ensure compliance with statutory or Department requirements.
- D. The Department may, as it deems appropriate or necessary, request the repayment of funds from an applicant, or pursue any other remedies available to it by law for failure to comply with statutory or Department requirements.
- E. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application or request for funding pursuant to the Program, and its determination of the amount of funding to be provided, shall be final.
- F. Monitoring provisions may be amended and are subject to additional provisions in accordance with this agreement or subsequent amendments.

6. Department Contract Coordinator

The Contract Coordinator of this Agreement is the Department of Housing Policy Development Manager or the Manager's designee. Unless otherwise informed, any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first class mail to the Department Contract Coordinator at the following address:

Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing Policy Development Division
Land Use Planning Unit
Attention: REAP Program Manager
2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833
P. O. Box 952050
Sacramento, CA 94252-2050

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BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. Application for Funds

- A. The Department is entering into this Agreement on the basis of, and in reliance on facts, information, assertions and representations contained in any application and award and any subsequent modifications or additions thereto approved by the Department. All awarded applications for funding and any approved modifications and additions thereto are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. The Grantee warrants that all information, facts, assertions and representations contained in any approved application and approved modifications and additions thereto are true, correct, and complete to the best of the Grantee's knowledge. In the event that any part of an application and any approved modification and additions thereto is untrue, incorrect, incomplete, or misleading, such a breach would substantially affect the Department's approval, disbursement, or monitoring of the funding and the grant activities governed by this Agreement, the Department may declare a breach hereof and take such action or pursue such remedies as are provided for breach hereof.

2. Grant and Reimbursement Limit

- A. The maximum total amount encumbered to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed \$10,218,830.75.
- B. This Agreement authorizes an initial advance payment(s) for eligible activities as described in the application.
- C. This Agreement authorizes subsequent award amounts or advance payment up to the total award amount as described in Section 2A, of this Exhibit, and subject to Department approval.
- D. The Grantee shall submit and follow a schedule for the expenditure of the advance payment, any subsequent payment and the total amount prior to

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disbursement of funds. The schedule is subject to Department approval and may be revised as the Department deems necessary.

3. Grant Timelines

- A. This Agreement is effective upon approval by the Department representative's signature on page one of the fully executed Standard Agreement, STD 213, (the "Effective Date").
- B. All Grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2023 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04(c)(1).
- C. The Grantee shall deliver to the Department all final invoices for reimbursement on or before November 1, 2023, to ensure the Department meets the December 31, 2023 expenditure deadline. Under special circumstances, approved by the Department, the Department may modify the November 2023 deadline and may provide exception, including, but not limited to, advance payment to meet the needs of this agreement.
- D. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to monitor the project and timeliness of draws within the specified dates.

4. Allowable Uses of Grant Funds

- A. The Department shall not award or disburse funds unless it determines that the grant funds shall be expended in compliance with the terms and provisions of the NOFA which includes associated forms and guidelines and this Agreement.
- B. Grant funds shall only be used by the Grantee for project activities approved by the State that involve planning activities in accordance with the NOFA.
- C. Grant funds may not be used for administrative costs of persons employed by the Grantee for activities not directly related to eligible activities.
- D. The Grantee shall use no more than 5 percent of the total grant amount for costs related to administration of the project.

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- E. A Grantee that receives funds under this Program may use a subcontractor and Grantee shall be accountable to the Department to ensure subcontractor's performance. The subcontract shall provide for compliance with all the requirements of the Program. The subcontract shall not relieve the Grantee of its responsibilities under the Program.
- F. After the contract has been executed by the Department and all parties, approved and eligible costs for eligible activities may be reimbursed for the project(s) upon completion of deliverables or paid in advance in accordance with the scope of work and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- G. Only approved and eligible costs incurred for work after October 1, 2019, continued past the date of execution and acceptance of the Standard Agreement and completed during the grant term, shall be reimbursable.

5. Performance

The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of future applications and awards.

6. Fiscal Administration

- A. The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards, in consultation with the Grantee.
- B. It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall immediately terminate and be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State and Contractor shall be relieved of any and all obligations under this Grant Agreement.
- C. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the sole discretion to cancel this Agreement without cause, no liability occurring to the State, or amend the current Grant Agreement and amount allocated to Contractor.

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REAP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Reporting

- A. During the term of the Standard Agreement the Grantee shall submit, upon request of the Department, a performance report that demonstrates satisfaction of all requirements identified in this Standard Agreement.
- B. The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.

2. Accounting Records

- A. The Grantee, its staff, contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and reports that properly accumulate incurred project costs by line. The accounting system shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices.
- B. The Grantee shall establish a separate budget account for receipts and expenditures of grant funds and maintain expenditure details in accordance with the scope, project timeline and budget. Separate budget accounts are not required.
- C. The Grantee shall maintain documentation of its normal procurement policy and competitive bid process (including the use of sole source purchasing), and financial records of expenditures incurred during the course of the project in accordance with GAAP.
- D. The Grantee agrees that the State or designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the Standard Agreement.
- E. Subcontractors employed by the Grantee and paid with moneys under the terms of this Standard Agreement shall be responsible for maintaining accounting records as specified above.

3. Audits

- A. At any time during the term of the Standard Agreement, the Department may
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perform or cause to be performed a financial audit of any and all phases of the award. At the Department's request, the Grantee shall provide, at its own expense, a financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. The State of California has the right to review project documents and conduct audits during and over the project life.

- 1) The Grantee agrees that the Department or the Department's designee shall have the right to review, obtain, and copy all records and supporting documentation pertaining to performance of this Agreement.
 - 2) The Grantee agrees to provide the Department or the Department's designee, with any relevant information requested.
 - 3) The Grantee agrees to permit the Department or the Department's designee access to its premises, upon reasonable notice, during normal business hours for the purpose of interviewing employees who might have information related to such records and inspecting and copying such books, records, accounts, and other material that may be relevant to a matter in which the Department is engaged for the purpose of determining compliance with statutes, Program guidelines, and this Agreement.
- B. If a financial audit is required by the Department, the audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant. Selection of an independent audit firm shall be consistent with procurement standards contained in Exhibit D, Section 8 subsection A. of this Standard Agreement.
- 1) The Grantee shall notify the Department of the auditor's name and address immediately after the selection has been made. The contract for the audit shall allow access by the Department to the independent auditor's working papers.
 - 2) The Grantee is responsible for the completion of audits and all costs of preparing audits.
 - 3) If there are audit findings, the Grantee shall submit a detailed response acceptable to the Department for each audit finding within 90 days from the date of the audit finding report.
- C. The Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit after final payment pursuant to Exhibit D, Section 3, subsection E. below, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated.

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- 1) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection or other action has been started before the expiration of the required record retention period, all records must be retained by the Grantee, contractors and sub-contractors until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it. The Grantee shall include in any contract that it enters into in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00, the Department's right to audit the contractor's records and interview their employees.
- 2) The Grantee shall comply with the caveats and be aware of the penalties for violation of fraud and for obstruction of investigation as set forth in California Public Contracts Code section 10115.10.

D. The determination by the Department of the eligibility of any expenditure shall be final.

E. The Grantee shall retain all books and records relevant to this Agreement for a minimum of (3) three years after the end of the term of this Agreement. Records relating to any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement shall be retained for five years after the conclusion or resolution of the matter.

4. **Remedies of non-performance**

- A. Any dispute concerning a question arising under this Standard Agreement that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager, or the Manager's designee, who may consider any written or verbal evidence submitted by the Grantee. The decision of the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager or Designee shall be the Department's final decision regarding the dispute, not subject to appeal.
- B. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by the Department will excuse the Grantee from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this Standard Agreement.
- C. In the event that it is determined, at the sole discretion of the Department, that the Grantee is not meeting the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement, immediately upon receiving a written notice from the Department to stop work, the Grantee shall cease all work under the Standard Agreement. The Department has the sole discretion to determine that the Grantee meets the terms and conditions after a stop work order, and to deliver a written notice to the grantee to resume work under the Standard Agreement.

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- D. Both the Grantee and the Department have the right to terminate the Standard Agreement at any time upon 30 days written notice. The notice shall specify the reason for early termination and may permit the Grantee or the Department to rectify any deficiency(ies) prior to the early termination date. The Grantee shall submit any requested documents to the Department within 30 days of the early termination notice.
- E. A strong implementation component for the funded activity through this Program is required, including, where appropriate, agreement by Grantee and its subcontractors to formally adopt or complete a planning or other activity consistent with the NOFA. The Grantee must carry out provisions to ensure the adoption or completion of activities in accordance with the NOFA, including activities subcontracted to localities. Grantee may be subject to repayment of the grant should the Grantee or any of its subcontractors under this agreement fail to adopt or complete activities set forth in its application, this Agreement or any amendments to this Agreement.
- F. The following shall each constitute a breach of this Agreement:
- 1) Grantee's failure to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.
 - 2) Use of, or permitting the use of grant funds provided under this Agreement for any ineligible cost or for any activity not specified and approved under the Agreement.
 - 3) Any failure to comply with the deadlines set forth in this Agreement unless approved by the Program Manager in writing.
- G. In addition to any other remedies that may be available to the Department in law or equity for breach of this Agreement, the Department may at its discretion, exercise a variety of remedies, including but not limited to:
- 1) Revoke existing REAP award(s) to the Grantee;
 - 2) Require the return of unexpended REAP funds disbursed under this Agreement;
 - 3) Require repayment of REAP Funds disbursed and expended under this agreement;
 - 4) Seek a court order for specific performance of the obligation defaulted upon, or the appointment of a receiver to complete the obligations in accordance

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with the REAP Program requirements; and

- 5) Other remedies available at law, by and through this agreement. All remedies available to the Department are cumulative and not exclusive.
- 6) The Department may give written notice to the Grantee to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than 15 days.

H. The Grantee may be subject to amendment of this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.

5. Indemnification

Neither the Department nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, its contractors, its sub-recipients or its subcontractors under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the Grantee under this Standard Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the Grantee shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the Department and all of the Department's staff from all claims, suits or actions, of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation or other theories of assertion of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, sub-recipients or subcontractors under this Standard Agreement.

6. Waivers

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. The failure of the Department to enforce at any time the provisions of this Agreement, or to require at any time, performance by the Grantee of these provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions nor to affect the validity of this Agreement or the right of the Department to enforce these provisions.

7. Relationship of Parties

It is expressly understood that this Standard Agreement is an agreement executed by and between two independent governmental entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association, or any other relationship whatsoever other than that of an independent party.

8. Third-Party Contracts

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- A. All state-government funded procurements must be conducted using a fair and competitive procurement process. The Grantee may use its own procurement procedures as long as the procedures comply with all City/County laws, rules and ordinances governing procurement, and all applicable provisions of California state law.
- B. Any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this Agreement and shall be applicable to the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors. Copies of all agreements with sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors shall be submitted to the Department's program manager.
- C. The Department does not have a contractual relationship with the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, or subcontractors, and the Grantee shall be fully responsible for monitoring and enforcement of those agreements and all work performed thereunder.

9. Compliance with State and Federal Laws and Government Regulations

- A. The Grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations that pertain to construction, health and safety, labor, fair employment practices, equal opportunity and all other matters applicable to the grant, the Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors, and any other grant activity.
- B. During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee assures that no otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from participation or employment, denied program benefits, or be subjected to discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, age, disability, handicap, familial status, religion, or belief, under any program or activity funded by this contract, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-20) and all implementing regulations, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and all implementing regulations.
- C. The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all agreements with its sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, and shall include a requirement in all agreements that each of them in turn include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this

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clause in all contracts and subcontracts they enter into to perform work under REAP.

- D. The Grantee shall, in the course of performing project work, fully comply with the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
- E. The Grantee shall adopt and implement affirmative processes and procedures that provide information, outreach and promotion of opportunities in the REAP project to encourage participation of all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. This includes, but is not limited to, a minority outreach program to ensure the inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of minorities and women, and entities owned by minorities and women, as required by 24 CFR 92.351.

10. Litigation

- A. If any provision of this Agreement, or an underlying obligation, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, at the sole discretion of the Department, shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Therefore, the provisions of this Agreement are, and shall be, deemed severable.
- B. The Grantee shall notify the Department immediately of any claim or action undertaken by or against it, which affects or may affect this Agreement or the Department, and shall take such action with respect to the claim or action consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interests of the Department.

11. Changes in Terms/Amendments

- A. The Grantee may be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.
- B. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of both parties.

12. State-Owned Data

- A. Definitions

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1) Work:

The work to be directly or indirectly produced by the Grantee, its employees, or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement.

2) Work Product:

All deliverables created or produced from Work under this Agreement including, but not limited to, all Work and Deliverables conceived or made, either solely or jointly with others during the term of this Agreement, which relates to the Work commissioned or performed under this Agreement. Work Product includes all deliverables, inventions, innovations, improvements, or other works of authorship Grantee and/or Grantee's contractor subcontractor and/or sub-recipient may conceive of or develop in the course of this Agreement, whether or not they are eligible for patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other legal protection.

3) Inventions:

Any ideas, methodologies, designs, concepts, technique, invention, discovery, improvement or development regardless of patentability made solely by the Grantee or jointly with the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or sub-recipient and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or sub-recipient's employees, one or more employees of the Department during the term of this Agreement and in performance of any Work under this Agreement, provided that either the conception or reduction to practice thereof occurs during the term of this Agreement and in performance of Work issued under this Agreement.

B. Ownership of Work Product and Rights

- 1) All work Product derived by the Work performed by the Grantee, its employees or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement, shall be owned by the Department and shall be considered to be works made for hire by the Grantee and the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient for the Department. The Department shall own all copyrights in the work product.
- 2) Grantee, its employees and all of Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and sub-recipient's employees agree to perpetually assign, and upon creation of each Work Product automatically assign, to the Department, ownership of all United States and international copyrights in each and

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every Work Product, insofar as any such Work Product, by operation of law, may not be considered work made for hire by the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient from the Department. From time to time upon the Department's request, the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipients, and/or its employees, shall confirm such assignments by execution and delivery of such assignment, confirmations or assignment or other written instruments as the Department may request. The Department shall have the right to obtain and hold in its name all copyright registrations and other evidence of rights that may be available for Work Product under this Agreement. Grantee hereby waives all rights relating to identification of authorship restriction or limitation on use or subsequent modification of the Work.

- 3) Grantee, its employees and all Grantee's contractors, subcontractors and sub-recipients hereby agree to assign to the Department all Inventions, together with the right to seek protection by obtaining patent rights therefore and to claim all rights or priority thereunder and the same shall become and remain the Department's property regardless of whether such protection is sought. The Grantee, its employees and Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient shall promptly make a complete written disclosure to the Department of each Invention not otherwise clearly disclosed to the Department in the pertinent Work Product, specifically noting features or concepts that the Grantee, its employees and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient believes to be new or different.
- 4) Upon completion of all work under this Agreement, all intellectual property rights, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications and estimates, produced as part of this Agreement shall automatically vest in the Department and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to the Department.

13. Special Conditions

The State reserves the right to add any special conditions to this Agreement it deems necessary to assure that the policy and goals of the Program are achieved, in consultation with the Grantee.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing

This memorandum of understanding ("**MOU**") is made this 19th day of November 2020 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between the agencies ("**Members**") comprising the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing ("**Committee**") set forth below:

Fresno Council of Governments

2035 Tulare Street Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
Email: tboren@fresnocog.org

Kern Council of Governments

1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, California 93301
Email: ahakimi@kerncog.org

Kings County Association of Governments

339 W D Street
Lemoore, CA 93245
Email: terri.king@co.kings.ca.us

Madera County Transportation Commission

2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637
Email: patricia@maderactc.org

Merced County Council of Governments

369 W 18th Street
Merced, CA 95351
Email: stacie.guzman@mcagov.org

San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 E Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95210
Email: adesley@sjcog.org

Stanislaus Council of Governments

1111 "I" Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354
Email: rpark@stancog.org

Tulare County Association of Governments

210 N Church Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291
Email: tsmalley@tularecog.org

RECITALS

- A. Under section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development ("**HCD**") has made available one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) in local government planning support grants to regional entities and working groups as outlined by the statute.
- B. The Committee is one of the working groups identified in section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code.
- C. On June 26, 2020, the Members approved submission of an application for grant funding ("**Application**") to HCD by Fresno Council of Governments ("**FCOG**") as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Committee.

- D. On August 14, 2020, HCD approved the Application and an allocation of \$10,218,830.75 in grant funds (the “**Initial Grant**”) to the Members through FCOG.
- E. On August 20, 2020, FCOG and HCD executed grant funding agreement number 19-REAP-14029 (“**Agreement**”). A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”
- F. This MOU is intended to reflect the Members’ understanding of the distribution of the Initial Grant and to facilitate the subsequent implementation of activities by the Members in furtherance of the purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD.

The Members therefore agree as follows:

1. Allocation of Initial Grant. The Members agree to allocate the \$10,218,830.75 of the Initial Grant as follows:
 - a. FCOG will retain \$5,475,000 of the Initial Grant to perform the following tasks:
 - i. FCOG shall prepare a comprehensive housing report and policy recommendations for implementation, as stated in the Application. FCOG may enter into agreements as necessary to perform its obligations under this provision of the MOU and under the Application and Agreement.
 - ii. FCOG shall conduct regional planning and coordination, and provide technical assistance, as stated in the Application. FCOG may enter into agreements as necessary to perform its obligations under this term of the MOU and under the Application and Agreement.
 - iii. FCOG shall administer of the Application, Agreement, this MOU, and the Initial Grant, as stated in the Application.
 - b. FCOG shall distribute the remaining \$4,743,830.75 of the Initial Grant directly to each of the Members, as more particularly described in “Exhibit B,” in proportion to each Member’s relative population using California Department of Finance population estimates updated as of January 2020.
2. Compliance with the Agreement and MOU. Each Member hereby acknowledges its cognizance of and its understanding of its obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and MOU. Each Member agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and to undertake all actions requested by FCOG pursuant to the Agreement or MOU, in order to facilitate FCOG’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
3. Compliance with the Law. Each Member agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws in the performance of its obligations under this MOU.

4. Sub-Agreements. Copies of all agreements between any Member and any sub-recipient, contractor or subcontractor shall be submitted to FCOG, so that they then may be provided to HCD's Program Manager as required by Exhibit D, section 8, paragraph B of the Agreement.
5. Quarterly Reports. Each Member also shall deliver to FCOG, on a quarterly basis, status reports and accounting records reflecting any expenditure of the Initial Grant by that Member or by a sub-recipient of that Member. Each Member shall deliver its status reports and accounting records within thirty (30) days following the end of the period covered by the document. Each member's quarterly status reports shall, at a minimum, include discussion of any allocations or sub-allocations of the Initial Grant, a description of any project initiated in whole or in part with the Initial Grant and a description of the progress made on any such project.
6. Retention of Records. Each Member shall maintain public records (as that term is defined in Government Code section 6252) (collectively, "**Records**") required under the Agreement, relating to any matter contained in this MOU, or demonstrating that the Initial Grant was used in a manner consistent with the Agreement. Each Member shall make the Records available to FCOG, HCD or the State Auditor upon demand. Each Member shall maintain the Records and make them available for inspection for a period of at least one (1) year following the termination of this MOU or the time specified in Government Code section 8546.7, whichever is later. Records relating to any action or litigation relevant to this MOU or the Agreement shall be retained by each Member for five years after the conclusion or final resolution of such matter, as required by Exhibit D, section 3, paragraph b of the Agreement.
7. Disallowed Costs. Each Member shall return to FCOG any funds which HCD has disallowed within 90 days following notice to the Member.
8. Indemnity.
 - a. Each Member shall indemnify FCOG, along with FCOG's officers, directors, and employees, for any costs or liabilities (including without limitation for damages, court costs, attorneys' fees, and expert witness fees) arising from, resulting from, or in connection with that Member's actions with respect to subject matter of this MOU or relating in any way to the use of the Initial Grant proceeds by that Member or any sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor of that Member.
 - b. Notwithstanding, the obligation to indemnify shall not apply to any costs or liabilities caused solely by the active negligence or willful misconduct of FCOG or any of its officers, directors, and employees.
9. Duration of MOU. This MOU shall be in effect from the Effective Date until December 31, 2024 unless its term is extended by written modification in accordance with the provisions of section 12, paragraph c of this MOU.

10. Subsequent MOUs. The Members understand and agree that subsequent MOUs may be necessary to facilitate the distribution of further grant funding from HCD under section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code. The Members hereby commit to negotiate the terms and conditions of such subsequent MOUs in good faith, in order to achieve concurrence and ensure execution of same in a timely fashion.
11. Notices. All notices provided for or permitted under this MOU must be in writing and delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by an overnight commercial courier service, or as a PDF attachment to an email sent to the addresses provided for the Members above. Any Member may change its address for receipt of notice by providing notice of that change as provided in this section 11.
- a. A notice delivered by personal service is effective upon service to the recipient.
 - b. A notice delivered by first-class United States mail is effective three business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient.
 - c. A notice delivered by an overnight commercial courier service is effective one business day after deposit with the overnight commercial courier service, delivery fees prepaid, with delivery instructions given for next day delivery addressed to the recipient.
 - d. A notice delivered by email is effective when sent, if the email is sent between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day. If sent outside the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day, a notice delivered by email becomes effective on the first business day following.
12. General Provisions.
- a. This MOU is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successors or assigns of the Members.
 - b. This MOU represents the entire understanding of the Members as to those matters contained in this MOU. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered in this MOU.
 - c. This MOU may not be modified or altered except by writing signed by all Members.
 - d. No Member may assign, delegate or transfer its rights and duties in this MOU without the written consent of all other Members, except that any Member may enter into one or more sub-agreements with any sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor to implement activities in furtherance of the

purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD without the necessity of obtaining such consent.

- e. Any dispute arising under this MOU, which is not resolvable by informal mediation between or among the Members, shall be adjudicated in a court of law under the laws of the State of California.
- f. For all claims arising from or related to this MOU, nothing in this MOU establishes, waives, or modifies any claims presentation requirements or procedures provided by law, including the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code, beginning with section 810).
- g. This MOU shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this MOU shall only be in California. Any action brought to interpret or enforce this MOU, or any of the terms or conditions hereof, shall be brought and maintained in the Fresno County Superior Court.
- h. If any part of this MOU is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the balance of this MOU remains in full effect, and the Members shall make best efforts to replace the unlawful or unenforceable part of this MOU with lawful and enforceable terms intended to accomplish the Members' objectives.
- i. Section headings are provided for convenience only and are not part of this MOU.
- j. This MOU does not and is not intended to create any rights or obligations for any person or entity except for the Members.
- k. Each Member represents and warrants that the individual signing this MOU is duly authorized to do so and their signature on this MOU legally binds that Member to the terms of this MOU.
- l. This MOU may be signed in counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute this MOU.

[Signature pages follow.]

The Members have caused this MOU to be executed as of the date and year first above written.

Fresno Council of Governments

By:

Tony Boren, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

Print:

Kern Council of Governments

By:

Ahron Hakimi, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By

: _____

Print:

Brian Van Wyk, County Counsel

**Kings County Association of
Governments**

By:

Terri King, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

Print:

**Madera County Transportation
Commission**

By:

Patricia Taylor, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

Print:

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Merced County Association of Governments

By:

Stacie Dabbs, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

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San Joaquin Council of Governments

By:

Andrew Chesley, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

Print:

Stanislaus Council of Governments

By:

Rosa Park, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

Print:

Tulare County Association of Governments

By:

Ted Smalley, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

By:

Print:

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Exhibit A

Grant funding agreement number 19-REAP-14029

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL
SERVICES
STANDARD AGREEMENT
STD 213 (Rev. 03/2019)

AGREEMENT NUMBER
19-REAP-14029

PURCHASING AUTHORITY NUMBER (if applicable)

1. This Agreement is entered into between the Contracting Agency and the Contractor named below:

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CONTRACTOR'S NAME
Fresno Council of Governments

2. The term of this Agreement is:

START DATE

Upon HCD Approval

THROUGH END DATE

12/31/2024

3. The maximum amount of this Agreement is:

\$10,218,830.75

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits, which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES ATTACHED		15

Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto.

These documents can be viewed at <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES HERETO

CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR NAME (if other than individual, state whether corporation, partnership, etc.)

Fresno Council of Governments

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS ADDRESS

2035 Tulare St., #201

STATE
CA

ZIP
93721

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

TONY BOREN

TITLE

EX. DIRECTOR

CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Tony Boren

DATE SIGNED

8/20/20

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME

Department of Housing and Community Development

CONTRACTING AGENCY ADDRESS

2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 130

CITY

Sacramento

STATE

CA

ZIP

95833

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

Shaun Singh

TITLE

Contracts Manager,
Business & Contract Services Branch

CONTRACTING AGENCY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Shaun Singh

DATE SIGNED

9/3/2020

California Department of General Services Approval (or exemption, if applicable)

Exempt per; SCM Vol. 1 4.04.A.3 (DGS memo dated 6/12/1981)

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AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

1. Authority

The Local Government Planning Support Grants Program is established for the purpose of providing regions and jurisdictions with one-time funding, including grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment. Up to two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be distributed under the program in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 50515.02 and 50515.03. Of this amount, approximately one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) is available to councils of governments and other regional entities. The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department or HCD) shall administer the Program (referred to herein as the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program, or "REAP") to councils of governments and other regional entities in accordance with the Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (f).

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (d)(3), a council of governments or a local agency or a multi-agency working group, as defined in section 50515.02, may request up to 25 percent of the available funding in this Standard Agreement. The agreement authorizes the disbursement of full funds available to the applicant pursuant to the NOFA, subject to all statutory requirements and all applicable provisions including the NOFA, initial application and award for advance payment, subsequent advance payment application and award, application and award for the full remaining fund amount and amendment to this agreement.

The Grantee shall consult with the Department on any amendment or other provision related to the implementation of the Program. The Department decisions related to the administration of the Program shall be final pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04, subdivision (g).

2. Purpose

In accordance with the authority cited above, the Grantee has been awarded financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Program. The Department has agreed to make the grant for planning activities pursuant to the NOFA and this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement and thereby accepting the award of the Program funds, the Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions

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of the NOFA, this Agreement, subsequent amendments to this Agreement, the representations contained in the initial advance payment and subsequent full application(s), and the requirements of the authority cited above. Based on all representations made by the Grantee, the Department shall encumber the full amount pursuant the NOFA and provide advance payment and subsequent payments in accordance with Exhibit B. All terms, conditions and other relevant provisions will be subject to amendments as a result of subsequent applications and awards for remaining funds after the initial application up to 25 percent of the full amount described in Exhibit B.

3. **Definitions**

Terms herein shall have the same meaning as defined by the NOFA.

4. **Scope of Work**

Grantee shall use awarded funds in accordance with the approved Scope of Work as contained in the timeline and budget and related information outlined in the application for 25 percent advance payment and subsequent applications for partial or full funding. The Scope of Work may be amended in compliance with statutory requirements subject to approval by the Department.

5. **Monitoring**

- Draft**
- A. The Grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence that demonstrates the funding was used for the appropriate purposes, as described in the Scope of Work, approved application, subsequent approved applications and all other pertinent documents. These books, records, documents and other evidence shall be made available for audit and inspection by the Department at any point during the term of the agreement and subject to any amendments to this agreement.
 - B. The Department may request additional information, as needed, to meet the statutory requirements of the Program and facilitate amendments to this agreement, including but not limited to reporting or audit requirements, progress in implementing advance payment(s), or award of the full amount available to the Grantee.

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- C. The Department may monitor expenditures and activities of an applicant, as the Department deems necessary, to ensure compliance with statutory or Department requirements.
- D. The Department may, as it deems appropriate or necessary, request the repayment of funds from an applicant, or pursue any other remedies available to it by law for failure to comply with statutory or Department requirements.
- E. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application or request for funding pursuant to the Program, and its determination of the amount of funding to be provided, shall be final.
- F. Monitoring provisions may be amended and are subject to additional provisions in accordance with this agreement or subsequent amendments.

6. Department Contract Coordinator

The Contract Coordinator of this Agreement is the Department of Housing Policy Development Manager or the Manager's designee. Unless otherwise informed, any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first class mail to the Department Contract Coordinator at the following address:

Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing Policy Development Division
Land Use Planning Unit
Attention: REAP Program Manager
2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833
P. O. Box 952050
Sacramento, CA 94252-2050

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BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. Application for Funds

- A. The Department is entering into this Agreement on the basis of, and in reliance on facts, information, assertions and representations contained in any application and award and any subsequent modifications or additions thereto approved by the Department. All awarded applications for funding and any approved modifications and additions thereto are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. The Grantee warrants that all information, facts, assertions and representations contained in any approved application and approved modifications and additions thereto are true, correct, and complete to the best of the Grantee's knowledge. In the event that any part of an application and any approved modification and additions thereto is untrue, incorrect, incomplete, or misleading, such a breach would substantially affect the Department's approval, disbursement, or monitoring of the funding and the grant activities governed by this Agreement, the Department may declare a breach hereof and take such action or pursue such remedies as are provided for breach hereof.

2. Grant and Reimbursement Limit

- A. The maximum total amount encumbered to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed \$10,218,830.75.
- B. This Agreement authorizes an initial advance payment(s) for eligible activities as described in the application.
- C. This Agreement authorizes subsequent award amounts or advance payment up to the total award amount as described in Section 2A, of this Exhibit, and subject to Department approval.
- D. The Grantee shall submit and follow a schedule for the expenditure of the advance payment, any subsequent payment and the total amount prior to

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disbursement of funds. The schedule is subject to Department approval and may be revised as the Department deems necessary.

3. Grant Timelines

- A. This Agreement is effective upon approval by the Department representative's signature on page one of the fully executed Standard Agreement, STD 213, (the "Effective Date").
- B. All Grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2023 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04(c)(1).
- C. The Grantee shall deliver to the Department all final invoices for reimbursement on or before November 1, 2023, to ensure the Department meets the December 31, 2023 expenditure deadline. Under special circumstances, approved by the Department, the Department may modify the November 1, 2023 deadline and may provide exception, including, but not limited to, advance payment to meet the needs of this agreement.
- D. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to monitor the project and timeliness of draws within the specified dates.

4. Allowable Uses of Grant Funds

- A. The Department shall not award or disburse funds unless it determines that the grant funds shall be expended in compliance with the terms and provisions of the NOFA which includes associated forms and guidelines and this Agreement.
- B. Grant funds shall only be used by the Grantee for project activities approved by the State that involve planning activities in accordance with the NOFA.
- C. Grant funds may not be used for administrative costs of persons employed by the Grantee for activities not directly related to eligible activities.
- D. The Grantee shall use no more than 5 percent of the total grant amount for costs related to administration of the project.

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- E. A Grantee that receives funds under this Program may use a subcontractor and Grantee shall be accountable to the Department to ensure subcontractor's performance. The subcontract shall provide for compliance with all the requirements of the Program. The subcontract shall not relieve the Grantee of its responsibilities under the Program.
- F. After the contract has been executed by the Department and all parties, approved and eligible costs for eligible activities may be reimbursed for the project(s) upon completion of deliverables or paid in advance in accordance with the scope of work and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- G. Only approved and eligible costs incurred for work after October 1, 2019, continued past the date of execution and acceptance of the Standard Agreement and completed during the grant term, shall be reimbursable.

5. Performance

The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of future applications and awards.

6. Fiscal Administration

- A. The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards, in consultation with the Grantee.
- B. It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall immediately terminate and be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State and Contractor shall be relieved of any and all obligations under this Grant Agreement.
- C. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the sole discretion to cancel this Agreement without cause, no liability occurring to the State, or amend the current Grant Agreement and amount allocated to Contractor.

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REAP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Reporting

- A. During the term of the Standard Agreement the Grantee shall submit, upon request of the Department, a performance report that demonstrates satisfaction of all requirements identified in this Standard Agreement.
- B. The Grantee will be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.

2. Accounting Records

- A. The Grantee, its staff, contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and reports that properly accumulate incurred project costs by line. The accounting system shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices.
- B. The Grantee shall establish a separate budget account for receipts and expenditures of grant funds and maintain expenditure details in accordance with the scope, project timeline and budget. Separate budget accounts are not required.
- C. The Grantee shall maintain documentation of its normal procurement policy and competitive bid process (including the use of sole source purchasing), and financial records of expenditures incurred during the course of the project in accordance with GAAP.
- D. The Grantee agrees that the State or designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the Standard Agreement.
- E. Subcontractors employed by the Grantee and paid with moneys under the terms of this Standard Agreement shall be responsible for maintaining accounting records as specified above.

3. Audits

- A. At any time during the term of the Standard Agreement, the Department may
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perform or cause to be performed a financial audit of any and all phases of the award. At the Department's request, the Grantee shall provide, at its own expense, a financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. The State of California has the right to review project documents and conduct audits during and over the project life.

- 1) The Grantee agrees that the Department or the Department's designee shall have the right to review, obtain, and copy all records and supporting documentation pertaining to performance of this Agreement.
- 2) The Grantee agrees to provide the Department or the Department's designee, with any relevant information requested.
- 3) The Grantee agrees to permit the Department or the Department's designee access to its premises, upon reasonable notice, during normal business hours for the purpose of interviewing employees who might have information related to such records and inspecting and copying such books, records, accounts, and other material that may be relevant to a matter in investigation for the purpose of determining compliance with statutes, Program guidelines, and this Agreement.

B. If a financial audit is required by the Department, the audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant. Selection of an independent audit firm shall be consistent with procurement standards contained in Exhibit D, Section 8 subsection A. of this Standard Agreement.

- 1) The Grantee shall notify the Department of the auditor's name and address immediately after the selection has been made. The contract for the audit shall allow access by the Department to the independent auditor's working papers.
- 2) The Grantee is responsible for the completion of audits and all costs of preparing audits.
- 3) If there are audit findings, the Grantee shall submit a detailed response acceptable to the Department for each audit finding within 90 days from the date of the audit finding report.

C. The Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit after final payment pursuant to Exhibit D, Section 3, subsection E. below, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated.

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- 1) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection or other action has been started before the expiration of the required record retention period, all records must be retained by the Grantee, contractors and sub-contractors until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it. The Grantee shall include in any contract that it enters into in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00, the Department's right to audit the contractor's records and interview their employees.
- 2) The Grantee shall comply with the caveats and be aware of the penalties for violation of fraud and for obstruction of investigation as set forth in California Public Contracts Code section 10115.10.

D. The determination by the Department of the eligibility of any expenditure shall be final.

E. The Grantee shall retain all books and records relevant to this Agreement for a minimum of (3) three years after the end of the term of this Agreement. Records relating to any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement shall be retained for five years after the conclusion or resolution of the matter.

4. **Remedies of non-performance**

- A. Any dispute concerning a question arising under this Standard Agreement that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager, or the Manager's designee, who may consider any written or verbal evidence submitted by the Grantee. The decision of the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager or Designee shall be the Department's final decision regarding the dispute, not subject to appeal.
- B. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by the Department will excuse the Grantee from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this Standard Agreement.
- C. In the event that it is determined, at the sole discretion of the Department, that the Grantee is not meeting the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement, immediately upon receiving a written notice from the Department to stop work, the Grantee shall cease all work under the Standard Agreement. The Department has the sole discretion to determine that the Grantee meets the terms and conditions after a stop work order, and to deliver a written notice to the grantee to resume work under the Standard Agreement.

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- D. Both the Grantee and the Department have the right to terminate the Standard Agreement at any time upon 30 days written notice. The notice shall specify the reason for early termination and may permit the Grantee or the Department to rectify any deficiency(ies) prior to the early termination date. The Grantee shall submit any requested documents to the Department within 30 days of the early termination notice.
- E. A strong implementation component for the funded activity through this Program is required, including, where appropriate, agreement by Grantee and its subcontractors to formally adopt or complete a planning or other activity consistent with the NOFA. The Grantee must carry out provisions to ensure the adoption or completion of activities in accordance with the NOFA, including activities subcontracted to localities. Grantee may be subject to repayment of the grant should the Grantee or any of its subcontractors under this agreement fail to adopt or complete activities set forth in its application, this Agreement or any amendments to this Agreement.
- F. The following shall each constitute a breach of this Agreement:
- 1) Grantee's failure to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.
 - 2) Use of, or permitting the use of grant funds provided under this Agreement for any ineligible cost or for any activity not specified and approved under the Agreement.
 - 3) Any failure to comply with the deadlines set forth in this Agreement unless approved by the Program Manager in writing.
- G. In addition to any other remedies that may be available to the Department in law or equity for breach of this Agreement, the Department may at its discretion, exercise a variety of remedies, including but not limited to:
- 1) Revoke existing REAP award(s) to the Grantee;
 - 2) Require the return of unexpended REAP funds disbursed under this Agreement;
 - 3) Require repayment of REAP Funds disbursed and expended under this agreement;
 - 4) Seek a court order for specific performance of the obligation defaulted upon, or the appointment of a receiver to complete the obligations in accordance

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with the REAP Program requirements; and

- 5) Other remedies available at law, by and through this agreement. All remedies available to the Department are cumulative and not exclusive.
- 6) The Department may give written notice to the Grantee to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than 15 days.

H. The Grantee may be subject to amendment of this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.

5. Indemnification

Neither the Department nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, its contractors, its sub-recipients or its subcontractors under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the Grantee under this Standard Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the Grantee shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the Department and all of the Department's staff from all claims, suits or actions, of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation or other theories of assertion of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, sub-recipients, or subcontractors under this Standard Agreement.

6. Waivers

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. The failure of the Department to enforce at any time the provisions of this Agreement, or to require at any time, performance by the Grantee of these provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions nor to affect the validity of this Agreement or the right of the Department to enforce these provisions.

7. Relationship of Parties

It is expressly understood that this Standard Agreement is an agreement executed by and between two independent governmental entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association, or any other relationship whatsoever other than that of an independent party.

8. Third-Party Contracts

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- A. All state-government funded procurements must be conducted using a fair and competitive procurement process. The Grantee may use its own procurement procedures as long as the procedures comply with all City/County laws, rules and ordinances governing procurement, and all applicable provisions of California state law.
- B. Any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this Agreement and shall be applicable to the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors. Copies of all agreements with sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors shall be submitted to the Department's program manager.
- C. The Department does not have a contractual relationship with the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, or subcontractors, and the Grantee shall be fully responsible for monitoring and enforcement of those agreements and all work performed thereunder.

9. Compliance with State and Federal Laws and Government Regulations

- A. The Grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations that pertain to construction, health and safety, labor, fair employment practices, equal opportunity and all other matters applicable to the grant, the Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors, and any other grant activity.
- B. During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee assures that no otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from participation or employment, denied program benefits, or be subjected to discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, age, disability, handicap, familial status, religion, or belief, under any program or activity funded by this contract, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-20) and all implementing regulations, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and all implementing regulations.
- C. The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all agreements with its sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, and shall include a requirement in all agreements that each of them in turn include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this

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clause in all contracts and subcontracts they enter into to perform work under REAP.

- D. The Grantee shall, in the course of performing project work, fully comply with the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
- E. The Grantee shall adopt and implement affirmative processes and procedures that provide information, outreach and promotion of opportunities in the REAP project to encourage participation of all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. This includes, but is not limited to, a minority outreach program to ensure the inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of minorities and women, and entities owned by minorities and women, as required by 24 CFR 92.351.

10. Litigation

- A. If any provision of this Agreement, or an underlying obligation, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, at the sole discretion of the Department, shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Therefore, the provisions of this Agreement are, and shall be, deemed severable.
- B. The Grantee shall notify the Department immediately of any claim or action undertaken by or against it, which affects or may affect this Agreement or the Department, and shall take such action with respect to the claim or action consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interests of the Department.

11. Changes in Terms/Amendments

- A. The Grantee may be subject to amendments to this section as a result of subsequent applications and awards.
- B. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of both parties.

12. State-Owned Data

- A. Definitions

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1) Work:

The work to be directly or indirectly produced by the Grantee, its employees, or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement.

2) Work Product:

All deliverables created or produced from Work under this Agreement including, but not limited to, all Work and Deliverables conceived or made, either solely or jointly with others during the term of this Agreement, which relates to the Work commissioned or performed under this Agreement. Work Product includes all deliverables, inventions, innovations, improvements, or other works of authorship Grantee and/or Grantee's contractor subcontractor and/or sub-recipient may conceive of or develop in the course of this Agreement, whether or not they are eligible for patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other legal protection.

3) Inventions:

Any ideas, methodologies, designs, concepts, technique, invention, discovery, improvement or development regardless of patentability made solely by the Grantee or jointly with the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or sub-recipient and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or sub-recipient's employees, one or more employees of the Department during the term of this Agreement and in performance of any Work under this Agreement, provided that either the conception or reduction to practice thereof occurs during the term of this Agreement and in performance of Work issued under this Agreement.

B. Ownership of Work Product and Rights

- 1) All work Product derived by the Work performed by the Grantee, its employees or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement, shall be owned by the Department and shall be considered to be works made for hire by the Grantee and the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient for the Department. The Department shall own all copyrights in the work product.
- 2) Grantee, its employees and all of Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and sub-recipient's employees agree to perpetually assign, and upon creation of each Work Product automatically assign, to the Department, ownership of all United States and international copyrights in each and

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every Work Product, insofar as any such Work Product, by operation of law, may not be considered work made for hire by the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient from the Department. From time to time upon the Department's request, the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipients, and/or its employees, shall confirm such assignments by execution and delivery of such assignment, confirmations or assignment or other written instruments as the Department may request. The Department shall have the right to obtain and hold in its name all copyright registrations and other evidence of rights that may be available for Work Product under this Agreement. Grantee hereby waives all rights relating to identification of authorship restriction or limitation on use or subsequent modification of the Work.

- 3) Grantee, its employees and all Grantee's contractors, subcontractors and sub-recipients hereby agree to assign to the Department all Inventions, together with the right to seek protection by obtaining patent rights therefore and to claim all rights or priority thereunder and the same shall become and remain the Department's property regardless of whether such protection is sought. The Grantee, its employees and Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient shall promptly make a complete written disclosure to the Department of each Invention not otherwise clearly disclosed to the Department in the pertinent Work Product, specifically noting features or concepts that the Grantee, its employees and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient believes to be new or different.
- 4) Upon completion of all work under this Agreement, all intellectual property rights, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications and estimates, produced as part of this Agreement shall automatically vest in the Department and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to the Department.

13. Special Conditions

The State reserves the right to add any special conditions to this Agreement it deems necessary to assure that the policy and goals of the Program are achieved, in consultation with the Grantee.

Exhibit B

Pro-rata Initial Allocations to Each Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Based on January 2020 California Department of Finance Population Estimates

REAP PLANNING GRANT INITIAL ALLOCATIONS			MPO
			DISTRIBUTION
MPO Share by Population*			
Fresno Council of Governments	1,032,227	23.50%	\$1,114,737.62
Kern Council of Governments	927,251	21.11%	\$1,001,370.41
Kings County Association of Governments	156,444	3.56%	\$168,949.28
Madera County Transportation Commission	160,089	3.64%	\$172,885.65
Merced County Association of Governments	287,420	6.54%	\$310,394.79
San Joaquin Council of Governments	782,545	17.81%	\$845,097.40
Stanislaus Council of Governments	52,333	1.21%	\$607,250.45
Tulare County Association of Governments	44,423	1.03%	\$523,145.14
Total	4,313,702	100.00%	\$4,743,830.75



V.
RPAC

March 31, 2021

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V.
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events.

February 17, 2021 – California Air Resources Board (ARB) provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021 meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology. The letter is attached.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available online at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/kern-council-governments-kerncog>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – A 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado's Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals.

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220** participants) - **Complete**
- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – Stakeholder roundtable working session to vet outreach and performance measures process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446** participants) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+** participants) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- Spring 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4
- Spring 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census block level population data available
- Spring-Fall 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted event
- September 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies
- Fall 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 5
- Winter 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – Adopt RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

Attachment: ARB February 17, 2021 Letter on Kern COG SCS Methodology

ACTION:

Information.

February 17, 2021

Mr. Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments
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RE: CARB Review of Kern Council of Government's 2022 RTP/SCS Senate Bill 375
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Technical Methodology

Dear Mr. Hakimi:

California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff appreciate Kern Council of Governments' (Kern COG) December 7, 2020 Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) technical methodology submittal pursuant to requirements under California Government Code section 65080 (b) (2) (I). CARB staff has reviewed Kern COG's summary of proposed technical methods and planning analysis tools for estimating SB 375 transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from its 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). On January 5, 2021, CARB and Kern COG met to discuss CARB's questions, concerns, and feedback on the technical methodology (TM).

Below is a summary of CARB staff's concerns with Kern COG's TM along with CARB staff's suggested remedies including information that CARB staff requests Kern COG provide for review prior to releasing quantification of its SCS strategies publicly. We appreciate Kern COG staff's expressed willingness to continue to work with CARB staff on its quantification methods. CARB staff and Kern COG should reach agreement on Kern COG's technical methodology early in SCS development to avoid the risk of quantification issues arising during CARB's final SCS review.

SCS strategies

SB 375 creditable strategies: The Kern COG technical methodology includes strategies that do not appear related to land use and transportation as required for credit under SB 375. These strategies may help California achieve our overall goals of reducing the effects of climate change. However, the purpose of the technical methodology is to refine the quantification of strategies that are SB 375 creditable. Thus, when including strategies for review to CARB, Kern COG should only include strategies that are creditable under SB 375 statute that reduce passenger vehicle GHG emissions through land use and transportation.

Quantification detail: The technical methodology lacks detail on what each strategy will do to reduce GHG emissions and what tools and or calculation methods Kern

COG proposes to use for estimating strategy emissions reductions. For each strategy, Kern COG should briefly identify what each strategy does to reduce SB 375 GHG emissions and whether it will quantify the strategy on-model or off-model. Kern COG should also note whether the strategy is a carryover from previous SCSs and whether it was previously quantified, or whether the strategy is entirely new to this SCS.

For strategies that will be quantified off-model, CARB staff requests Kern COG provide detail on the quantification methods for each off-model strategy based on [Appendix E of the CARB Final Sustainable Communities Strategy Program and Evaluation Guidelines](#). This should include information on how each strategy will reduce GHG emissions, why a given strategy requires an off-model estimation, key assumptions, data sources, and step-by-step emission calculation methodology. In addition, Kern COG should include a discussion of how it intends to address potential double counting among any strategies that will include overlap of off-model and travel demand model quantification. CARB staff requests that Kern COG provide this information in advance of releasing any quantification of SCS strategies for public consideration.

COVID-19 impact and plan base year

Kern COG's technical methodology lists January 1, 2020, as the plan base year. In the January 5, 2021 meeting, Kern COG clarified that it will be using 2019 and early 2020 (pre-COVID-19) traffic count data, 2019 employment figures, and 2020 census data as the starting point for its projections. Kern COG stated it is not planning to make COVID-19-specific adjustments to demographic or economic forecasts or travel behavior assumptions at this time, though this may change as the plan development process proceeds.

Given the potential significant impact that any adjustments would have to GHG quantification of the SCS, if Kern COG decides it will pursue adjustments for COVID-19 impacts in this SCS, CARB staff requests that Kern COG notify CARB staff and provide documentation of its proposed adjustments, methodology, and supporting data sources in advance of releasing any quantification of SCS strategies for public consideration.

Induced travel

Kern COG provided a brief description of the proposed induced travel analysis in its technical methodology and additional explanation in the January 5, 2021 meeting. Kern COG will use an iterative process between its land use model (Uplan) and travel demand model to capture long-term induced travel. In this approach, roadway expansion projects will increase the accessibility to various locations, which influences where people live and work in the land use model. In turn, the land use model's new growth forecast will be fed back into the travel demand model to estimate vehicle miles traveled (VMT). This approach can

estimate the magnitude of VMT change with and without the roadway expansion projects. It is not clear how Kern COG is planning to validate the model results in terms of growth allocation and VMT estimates.

CARB staff requests Kern COG provide their selection criteria and process for the roadway expansion projects that Kern COG is planning to use in their plan. In addition, please discuss how the iterative process between the land use and the travel demand model will work and what variables (e.g. location of households, jobs, accessibility metrics, congestion level) feedback between the land use model and the travel demand model, time periods between iterations, and validation criteria. As part of the SCS submittal, Kern COG should provide changes in residential, employment, development location choices and accessibility measures from one iteration to another at the sub-regional level.

Sensitivity analysis

CARB will evaluate the need for a sensitivity analysis based on updates Kern COG provides in response to comments in the SCS Strategies section above. If Kern COG is proposing on-model SCS strategies that were not quantified in the previous SCS, CARB may request additional sensitivity tests.

EMFAC version

The Kern COG technical methodology notes that for GHG quantification it will use the “appropriate version of EMFAC.” Kern COG should use the same version of EMFAC (EMFAC2014) used in the last SCS and keep the same adjustment factors of +12.5 percent for 2020 and +12.7 percent for 2035 in accordance with CARB’s [Final Sustainable Communities Strategy Program and Evaluation Guidelines](#).

Incremental progress

Table 3 in the technical methodology lists the exogenous variables for the incremental progress analysis. However, it is unclear whether Kern COG is planning to illustrate the incremental progress analysis through a modeling approach or using an alternative approach. An important part of the third SCS will be identification of the incremental progress between Kern COG’s second and third SCSs as illustrated in Figure 3 of the [Final Sustainable Communities Strategy Program and Evaluation Guidelines](#). CARB staff seek to evaluate what strategies have changed or been added since the last RTP/SCS and the incremental progress achieved through strategies in this RTP/SCS as compared to the last RTP/SCS.

CARB staff requests Kern COG provide further details on how it will use the variables listed in table 3 to complete the analysis. Kern COG should make clear the use of the modeling approach or an alternative approach, the step-by-step

processes for conducting the analysis (especially how land use and socioeconomic characteristics will be normalized between SCS2 and SCS3), and any new factors, assumptions, or strategies that will be included.

CARB staff's final technical evaluation will take place once Kern COG submits its final SCS to CARB. CARB staff will review and make a final determination based on Kern COG's final applied technical methodology, as well as the overall review methodology identified in CARB's updated guidelines.¹ The guidelines are intended to clarify the scope of CARB's updated strategy-based evaluation process. CARB's evaluation of MPO SCSs will focus on changes to land use and transportation strategies and investments that MPOs are making from one SCS to the next. As part of the final review process, CARB staff may request additional information to conduct and support our final evaluation pursuant to SB 375.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Kern COG as it finalizes and adopts its 2022 SCS. If you have any questions, please contact me at nicole.dolney@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nicole Dolney, Branch Manager
Transportation Systems Planning Branch

cc: See next page

¹ CARB. *Final Sustainable Communities Strategy Program and Evaluation Guidelines* (November 2019)

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March 31, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VI.
REGIONAL GROWTH ALLOCATION

DESCRIPTION:

Draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast by Regional Statistical Area (RSA) and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ).

DISCUSSION:

Background

Growth Forecast – Kern COG adopted the 2020-2050 regional growth forecast at its March 19th Board meeting in 2020. The growth forecast is a long-range projection for countywide total population. The population total is used to develop housing, employment, school enrollment, and income forecasts. The forecast will serve as the growth assumption for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The countywide forecast is then distributed to Regional Statistical Areas (RSA) grouped into 12 subregions. The RPAC and Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC) are charged with overseeing changes to the growth forecast allocations at RSA subregion level and the transportation analysis zone (TAZ) level. The RSA subregion growth forecast was presented at the July RPAC meeting in 2020. Once the RSA subregion forecasts have been set, Kern COG utilizes a growth allocation model (Uplan) to distribute each subregions growth to the TAZ level.

Uplan Growth Model (land use model) – The Uplan model allocates growth based on latest land use and planning assumptions. This tool allows Kern COG to develop and present the public with scenarios as required for the development of Kern's SCS. Many input layers are used to represent latest planning assumptions in the land use model. Some of the key input layers are: the general plan layer (generalized land use layer),

existing urban mask, and growth attractors (infrastructure, tentative tracts, etc.). Kern COG's latest land use model documentation is available under the "Additional Documents" section at: <https://www.kerncog.org/model-documentation/>

Growth Distribution

Kern COG has generated a draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast at the transportation analysis zone level. This draft distribution represents a base for developing scenarios for the 2022 RTP/SCS. Kern COG has worked with its member agencies to update land use data and local infrastructure data for generating the base TAZ distribution. Kern COG will be refining the growth distribution over the next month. The data has been mapped for member agencies to provide feedback and comments, due April 15th. The interactive map of the draft TAZ growth distribution is available at: <https://arcg.is/HaDWu0>

Attachment A provides a summary of the distribution by RSA subregion.

ACTION: Information.

Attachment A - RSA Subregion Summary Tables

HOUSEHOLDS GROWTH BY RSA Subregion	2022 RTP (2020-35)	2018 RTP (2015-35)
	Number of	Number of
	Households	Households
Greater Arvin	610	1,672
Greater Delano	458	1,593
Greater Cal City/Rosamond	3,163	8,289
Greater Frazier Park	1,782	3,379
Greater Lake Isabella	280	2,034
Greater McFarland	323	1,176
Greater Metro Bakersfield	27,957	78,079
Greater Ridgecrest	589	2,361
Greater Shafter	2,834	8,012
Greater Taft/Maricopa	676	2,089
Greater Tehachapi	5,038	12,837
Greater Wasco	1,546	3,879
	45,256	125,400

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Annualized	Annualized
Households	Households
41	84
31	80
211	414
119	169
19	102
22	59
1,864	3,904
39	118
189	401
45	104
336	642
103	194
3,017	8,360

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Annualized	Annualized
Growth Rate	Growth Rate
Households	Households
0.8%	1.8%
0.3%	0.7%
1.4%	2.8%
3.3%	4.8%
0.2%	1.3%
0.6%	1.9%
1.0%	2.2%
0.3%	0.8%
2.6%	6.3%
0.7%	1.7%
2.8%	5.5%
1.5%	3.1%
1.1%	3.2%

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH BY RSA Subregion	2022 RTP (2020-35)	2018 RTP (2015-35)
	Number of	Number of
	Employment	Employment
Greater Arvin	712	2,159
Greater Delano	704	4,042
Greater Cal City/Rosamond	2,049	9,818
Greater Frazier Park	1,229	1,884
Greater Lake Isabella	137	1,826
Greater McFarland	437	1,246
Greater Metro Bakersfield	15,933	56,490
Greater Ridgecrest	965	6,708
Greater Shafter	5,477	14,735
Greater Taft/Maricopa	896	3,010
Greater Tehachapi	4,133	8,910
Greater Wasco	1,084	3,339
County Total	33,757	114,169

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Number of	Number of
Annualized	Annualized
Employment	Employment
47	108
47	202
137	491
82	94
9	91
29	62
1,062	2,825
64	335
365	737
60	151
276	446
72	167
2,250	7,611

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Annualized	Annualized
Growth Rate	Growth Rate
Employment	Employment
0.7%	1.3%
0.2%	1.2%
0.9%	3.2%
3.1%	3.1%
0.3%	3.3%
0.3%	0.8%
0.5%	1.4%
0.5%	3.0%
1.5%	3.9%
0.7%	1.2%
2.7%	4.4%
0.6%	1.2%
0.7%	2.4%

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
May 5, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Public Participation and Accessibility
May 5, 2021 Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, Kern Council of Governments hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- The meeting scheduled for **May 5, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Masks will be required to attend the meeting in person.
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I. ROLL CALL:

- 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.**

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. RPAC Meeting of March 31, 2021. VOICE VOTE

IV. THE HOUSING PLANNING HUB SITE LOCATED ON THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S WEBSITE (Napier)

Comment: The Housing Planning Hub Site located on the California Housing and Community Development's (HCD) website is a statewide clearinghouse for resources and tools on key housing policy areas.

Action: Information.

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

Comment: 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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Action: Information.

VI. REGIONAL GROWTH ALLOCATION – THIRD REVIEW (Raymond)

Comment: Draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast by Regional Statistical Area (RSA) and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ).

Action: Information.

VII. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Comment: To help meet stringent air quality standards, Kern COG promotes deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

Action: Information.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Self-Help Enterprises ADU Program available in Kern County
<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/buy-an-adu-in-clovis/>

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be June 2, 2021

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
March 31, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Susanna Kormendi	Bakersfield
	Shawn Monk	California City
	Brianna DeLeon	McFarland
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
	Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
OTHERS:	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	Hanson Hom	APA
	Emma De La Rosa	Leadership Council

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- Hanson Hom discussed the American Planning Association's (APA) Community Assistance Program and encouraged agencies to review the information on the APA website.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Monk made a motion to approve the discussion summary for February 3, 2021, seconded by Committee Member Forrest with all in favor.

IV. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT SUB-ALLOCATION PROGRAM (Napier)

Ms. Napier discussed the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Sub-Allocation Program and recapped what was presented to the Committee at the last meeting. She then went over the following items:

- REAP Guidelines
- REAP Concept Letter
- Member Agency Resolution
- Memorandum of Understanding between Kern COG and the Member Agency
- Standard Agreement between HCD and Fresno COG
- Memorandum of Understanding between the 8 Valley COG's and Fresno COG

Chairman Staples asked if agencies could submit a letter requesting the funds as long as the letter included the information outlined in the Concept Letter. Ms. Napier explained that she was trying to provide information that may be useful to the member agencies, but as long as the information provided included information outlined in the Concept Letter and that the funds were going to be used for an eligible use, Kern COG would accept it.

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to request that the Kern COG Board of directors approve the REAP Sub-Allocation Package for use by the COG and its member Agencies; seconded by Committee Member Cobb with all in favor.

V. 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. This item is a regular update provided to the RPAC.

Mr. Hightower, Consultant, asked about the status of the model. Mr. Ball commented that a consultant had been retained to revalidate the model using January 2020 traffic counts. Mr. Hightower also made several comments about the letter from HCD, provided with the staff report, and encouraged the Committee to review it thoroughly.

This was an information item.

VI. REGIONAL GROWTH ALLOCATION (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond discussed the distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast. He stated that Kern COG has generated a draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast at the transportation analysis zone level. This draft distribution represents a base for developing scenarios for the 2022 RTP. Kern COG has worked with its member agencies to update land use data and local infrastructure data for generating the base TAZ distribution. Kern COG will be refining the growth distribution over the next month. The data has been mapped for member agencies to provide feedback and comments, due April 15th. The interactive map of the draft TAZ growth distribution is available at: <https://arcg.is/HaDWu0>.

This item was an information item.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

Chairman Staples requested that the Committee distribute the invitation of the Small Town and Rural Communities Planning Division of the American Planning Association Awards Program.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is May 5, 2021.



IV. RPAC

May 5, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.
The Housing Planning Hub Site Located on the California Housing and
Community Development's Website

DESCRIPTION:

The Housing Planning Hub Site located on the California Housing and Community Development's (HCD) website is a statewide clearinghouse for resources and tools on key housing policy areas.

DISCUSSION:

The HCD Technical Assistance Team will continually update the site as statewide and regional tools are created through the Technical Assistance Team program on accelerating Housing for the SB 2 Planning Grants.

TA Program Objective: Build and continually update a repository of statewide tools (with regional customization), resources, and guidance such as model ordinances, toolkits, factsheets, staff reports, and guidance on key housing policy areas such as by-right zoning, objective design and development standards, housing elements, CEQA, ADUs, expedited processing, etc.,

The housing hub site will live on HCD's website for Technical Assistance:

- HCD TA Page: [Accelerating Housing Production \(ca.gov\)](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/technical-assistance/)
- Direct link to the housing hub site: [Housing Planning Hub Site \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/housing-planning-hub-site/)
- Transparency Portal for Housing Elements:
<https://housingelements.hcd.ca.gov/HousingElements/>

Current and upcoming resources:

Model Ordinances (template and/or checklist)	Reasonable accommodation ordinance and checklist, parking for historic projects, emergency shelters, zoning code definitions	By-right zoning, AB 2162 supportive housing, TOD, inclusionary housing, ADU, Developer incentive zoning <i>Additional ordinances will be developed based on the feedback received by regional TA plans</i>
Toolkits	Housing Toolkit by ILG, Objective design and development standards guide (will be posted towards the end of the week)	Planning Commissioners handbook, ADU toolkit for homeowners and local govts. <i>Additional toolkits will be developed based on the feedback received by regional TA plans</i>
Checklists, guides, and factsheets	Planning cost guide, OPR – HCD integrated planning concepts, AFFH Checklist for HE, Public Engagement checklist for housing elements	Housing Element RFP and Budget assumptions, Housing Element Video(s), factsheet and slide decks on new housing laws for staff to share with elected officials. <i>Additional tools will be developed based on the feedback received by regional TA plans</i>
Online trainings		Training for planning commissioners and city council members. Training on how to implement key housing policy areas including by-right zoning, objective standards, CEQA, etc.,

ACTION: Information.



V.
RPAC

May 5, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V.
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events.

April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the Kern Transportation Foundation on regional freight efforts to be incorporated into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

February 17, 2021 – California Air Resources Board (ARB) provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021 meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available online at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/kern-council-governments-kerncog>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – A 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado's Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals.

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220** participants) - **Complete**
- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – Stakeholder roundtable working session to vet outreach and performance measures process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446** participants) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+** participants) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- April 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
- April 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4 on Accessory Dwelling Units - **Complete**
- June 2021 – Third RTP/SCS/RHNA Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting
- Summer-Fall 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census block level population data available
- Summer 2021 – RTP Public Outreach – Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 zoom meetings
- Summer 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities
- Fall 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Community Based Organization Engagement – Med/Heavy-Duty Truck Zero Emissions Infrastructure event
- Fall 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted event
- September 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies
- Fall 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 5
- Winter 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – Adopt RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

To be added to the RTP/SCS email notification list for up-coming events, please email Becky Napier BNapier@kerncog.org.

ACTION: Information



VI. RPAC

May 5, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VI.
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DISCUSSION:

Background

Growth Forecast – Kern COG adopted the 2020-2050 regional growth forecast at its March 19th Board meeting in 2020. The growth forecast is a long-range projection for countywide total population that was developed with this assistance of an economist from the California Economic Forecast and with oversight by the RPAC. The population total is used to develop housing, employment, school enrollment, and income forecasts. The forecast is available at: <https://www.kerncog.org/estimates-and-projections/> and will serve as the growth assumption for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The countywide forecast is then distributed to Regional Statistical Areas (RSA) grouped into 12 subregions. The RPAC and Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC) are charged with overseeing changes to the growth forecast allocations at RSA subregion level and the transportation analysis zone (TAZ) level. The RSA subregion growth forecast was presented at the July RPAC meeting in 2020. Once the RSA subregion forecasts have been set, Kern COG utilizes a growth allocation model (Uplan) to distribute each subregions growth to the TAZ level.

Uplan Growth Model (land use model) – The Uplan model allocates growth based on latest land use and planning assumptions. This tool allows Kern COG to develop and present the public with scenarios as required for the development of Kern’s SCS. Many input layers are used to represent latest planning assumptions in the land use model. Some of the key input layers are: the general plan layer (generalized land use layer), existing urban mask, and growth attractors (infrastructure, tentative tracts, etc.). Kern COG’s latest land use model documentation is available under the “Additional Documents” section at: <https://www.kerncog.org/model-documentation/>

Growth Distribution

Kern COG has generated a draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast at the transportation analysis zone level. This draft distribution represents a base for developing scenarios for the 2022 RTP/SCS. Kern COG has worked with its member agencies to update land use data and local infrastructure data for generating the base TAZ distribution. At the RPAC’s last meeting held on March 31st, Kern COG presented the draft distribution. Kern COG staff has continued to make refinements to the growth distribution based on comments submitted by member agencies. An updated version of the draft TAZ growth distribution map is available for review at: <https://arcg.is/1Ganbu>

Attachment A provides a summary of the distribution by RSA subregion.

ACTION: Information

Attachment A - RSA Subregion Summary Tables

HOUSEHOLDS GROWTH BY RSA Subregion	2022 RTP (2020-35)	2018 RTP (2015-35)
	Number of	Number of
	Households	Households
Greater Arvin	610	1,672
Greater Delano	458	1,593
Greater Cal City/Rosamond	3,163	8,289
Greater Frazier Park	1,782	3,379
Greater Lake Isabella	280	2,034
Greater McFarland	323	1,176
Greater Metro Bakersfield	27,957	78,079
Greater Ridgecrest	589	2,361
Greater Shafter	2,834	8,012
Greater Taft/Maricopa	676	2,089
Greater Tehachapi	5,038	12,837
Greater Wasco	1,546	3,879
	45,256	125,400

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Annualized	Annualized
Households	Households
41	84
31	80
211	414
119	169
19	102
22	59
1,864	3,904
39	118
189	401
45	104
336	642
103	194
3,017	8,360

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Annualized	Annualized
Growth Rate	Growth Rate
Households	Households
0.8%	1.8%
0.3%	0.7%
1.4%	2.8%
3.3%	4.8%
0.2%	1.3%
0.6%	1.9%
1.0%	2.2%
0.3%	0.8%
2.6%	6.3%
0.7%	1.7%
2.8%	5.5%
1.5%	3.1%
1.1%	3.2%

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH BY RSA Subregion	2022 RTP (2020-35)	2018 RTP (2015-35)
	Number of	Number of
	Employment	Employment
Greater Arvin	712	2,159
Greater Delano	704	4,042
Greater Cal City/Rosamond	2,049	9,818
Greater Frazier Park	1,229	1,884
Greater Lake Isabella	137	1,826
Greater McFarland	437	1,246
Greater Metro Bakersfield	15,933	56,490
Greater Ridgecrest	965	6,708
Greater Shafter	5,477	14,735
Greater Taft/Maricopa	896	3,010
Greater Tehachapi	4,133	8,910
Greater Wasco	1,084	3,339
County Total	33,757	114,169

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Number of	Number of
Annualized	Annualized
Employment	Employment
47	108
47	202
137	491
82	94
9	91
29	62
1,062	2,825
64	335
365	737
60	151
276	446
72	167
2,250	7,611

2022 RTP	2018 RTP
Annualized	Annualized
Growth Rate	Growth Rate
Employment	Employment
0.7%	1.3%
0.2%	1.2%
0.9%	3.2%
3.1%	3.1%
0.3%	3.3%
0.3%	0.8%
0.5%	1.4%
0.5%	3.0%
1.5%	3.9%
0.7%	1.2%
2.7%	4.4%
0.6%	1.2%
0.7%	2.4%



VII. RPAC

May 5, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

By: Linda Urata *LAU*
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM VII,
Mobility Innovations and Incentives Program - Status Report

DESCRIPTION:

To help meet stringent air quality standards, Kern COG promotes deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG staff carry out Mobility Innovations and Incentives Program elements while telecommuting for COVID-19 compliance. This summary report from January 25, 2021 to April 30, 2021.

In April, the Kern COG Board of Directors and the California Energy Commission each approved moving forward with an agreement to award \$700,515 to Kern COG for the Phase II-Blueprint Implementation (Solicitation GFO-19-603). The Kern COG Board also approved establishing Memorandums of Understanding with seven electric vehicle charging station site hosts as follows: the Kern Community College District (Bakersfield College) and the cities of Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, McFarland, Shafter, and Wasco. The CEC agreement terminates on June 30, 2024. Kern COG staff is working to have the agreements fully executed by June 30, 2021. Of this funding 89.3% will be passed to the site hosts (\$604,000) who provide matching funds (\$198,808) and \$21,508 is budgeted for electric bicycles. Kern COG will dedicate part of its WE 603.3 Mobility Innovations outreach budget over 2 years as matching funds. The total project budget is \$943,356.

Kern COG met with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) to discuss how to coordinate projects funded through the CEC agreement and the District's ChargeUp! incentive program.

Kern COG also met separately with the District, and the statewide Advanced Transportation and Logistics program of the Community College System to coordinate District grant funding and local certification testing for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training (EVITP) program for state certified electricians based in the San Joaquin Valley with training and certification offered by EVITP.org. The CEC attended

the San Joaquin Valley EV Partnership Meeting on April 8th to gain input to their fiscal year 2021-2022 of \$17.9 million investment in Light Duty EV Infrastructure. The CEC seeks to develop “rural resiliency” for charging, TNC operations, and Multi-Unit Dwelling Charging.

The CALeVIP program funding in the San Joaquin Valley have all been provisionally reserved. For information, visit <https://calevip.org/incentive-project/san-joaquin-valley>.

On April 8th, the California Energy Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Awards for its Solicitation GFO-20-601: Blueprints for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure. Kern COG partnered with Gladstein, Neandross, and Associates to secure this grant of \$199,929. For more information about the solicitation, visit [GFO-20-601 - Blueprints for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure \(ca.gov\)](https://www.energy.ca.gov/2020/04/08/gfo-20-601-blueprints-for-medium-and-heavy-duty-zero-emission-vehicle-infrastructure).

Please find attached to this report an update to the EV Charging Space inventory, by Zip Code.

ACTION: INFORMATION

https://www.bakersfield.com/news/bakersfield-looks-to-add-30-electric-vehicle-charging-stations-throughout-city/article_b4a0cdb4-a22a-11eb-9cf4-c73267a32dd6.html

FEATURED

Bakersfield looks to add 30 electric vehicle charging stations throughout city

By SAM MORGEN smorgen@bakersfield.com

Apr 21, 2021



In this file photo, multiple ChargePoint charging stations are located on the campus of Cal State Bakersfield.

Alex Horvath / The Californian

The Bakersfield City Council is poised to dramatically expand the number of electric vehicle charging stations available on public property.

At Wednesday's meeting, the council is scheduled to vote on an agreement that would add 30 ChargePoint charging stations to six city-owned areas of Bakersfield, including the 18th Street and Eye Street parking structure. That's a big jump from the four city-operated charging stations currently operating out of the Amtrak Station downtown.

There are 71 charging locations throughout Kern County, with 42 in Bakersfield, meaning the six proposed locations would increase the total by around 15 percent. However, those locations are in places like hospital parking lots and car dealerships, potentially unavailable to the general public.

If approved, the new charging stations would be installed at The Park at Riverwalk, the parking lot across the street from Cal State Bakersfield on Stockdale Highway, City Hall South, Mechanics Bank Arena, McMurtrey Aquatic Center, and the downtown parking structure.

Unlike the Amtrak electric vehicle charging stations downtown, the new additions will be Level 2 chargers, which charge faster than Level 1.

The city is taking advantage of funds provided by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the California Energy Commission to complete the proposal. The \$266,000 combined will fund around 80 percent of the project.

The funding is just one part of a state plan to put more electric vehicles on the road. California has a goal of 5 million zero emission vehicles on the road by 2030 and 250,000 charging stations by 2025.

As more and more funding becomes available for zero transmission projects, these proposed charging stations could be just the beginning.

"It's going to really expand. We are talking with different privately-owned gas stations that are interested in putting them in," said Linda Urata, a regional planner for Kern Council of Governments who focuses on electric vehicles. "You're going to see huge growth in the next two years."

Lately, charging options have increased for electric vehicle owners. In January, the state Department of Transportation opened nine new stations throughout the Central Valley, including one at the Tejon Pass and in Delano and the city of McFarland recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new station.

More are planned for cities such as Arvin, Wasco and Shafter.

But questions remain about how popular the charging stations will be. Kern COG Executive Director Ahron Hakimi described demand for the products as a “chicken and egg” scenario. Consumers may be more liable to buy an electric vehicle if more charging stations were available, but more charging stations might not be built without the purchase of more vehicles.

“In the three years that I owned the Chevy Volt, I think I charged it, other than home, less than five times. That gives you an example of how many chargers are out there,” he said. “If we want as a society more EVs, than we absolutely have to invest in more places to charge.”

The city plans to watch how often each charging station is used to determine if more are necessary.

“It’s a trial project,” said Assistant Public Works Director Stuart Patteson. “I’m sure they will get used. The intent is for them to be entered into whatever databases exist that direct people to EV charging stations, but until we have them in place for a while, it’s hard to say how well they will be utilized.”

You can reach Sam Morgen at 661-395-7415. You may also follow him on Twitter @smorgenTBC.

How to participate

The City Council meeting is scheduled to take place at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Due to the novel coronavirus, public participation in the meeting is limited. The city of Bakersfield has provided the following instructions for those who would like to watch or comment on the proceedings:

To view a livestream of the meeting, visit <https://bakersfield.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/>

The meeting is available on the local government channel, KGOV 2.

Those who would like to submit comments may email City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us no later than 1 p.m. Wednesday. The city asks commenters to clearly indicate the agenda item number their comment pertains to, but general comments will also be accepted.

Alternatively, the public can comment by calling 661-326-3100 and leaving a voicemail of no more than three minutes no later than 4 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the council meeting. Callers must clearly indicate whether their comment relates to a particular agenda item or is a general comment.

Those who wish to make a comment during the meeting can email City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us. Comments received during the meeting may not be read, but will be included as part of the permanent public record of the meeting.

Kern County Electric Vehicle Public Charging Spaces by Zip Code

April 2021 Report

Kern Council of Governments has set a goal of 4,000 electric vehicle charging spaces by 2025. This report shows a 63.4% increase (268 spaces) in the number of charging spaces compared to the baseline inventory established July 2016. Some of this change in inventory may simply be due to better reporting and not new chargers or disconnections. This change in inventory may also include station closings. This is the first time that Zip Code 93623 (Shafter) has appeared on this inventory. The City of Wasco added a station at City Hall. Caltrans Districts 6 and 9 have opened several stations in the past 3 months. ChargePoint has completed several DC Corridor installations in Kern County.

The number of parking spaces and station status are validated by telephone and occasionally in person. The primary resource for identifying stations is the Alternate Fuel Data Center Station Locator (www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations). Plugshare.com and charging station networks are also used to update the inventory.

Level 1, Level 2, DC Fast Charging, Tesla Superchargers and wall plugs are counted. Note that some chargers may serve more than one parking space. This reports charging *spaces*, not the *charging stations*. This follows along with the expression to move cords, not cars. Public transit charging is not counted in this inventory.

Zip Code	# of Charging Spaces	Baseline July 2016
93203	35	0
93206	28	22
93215	17	2
93238	139	123
93240	5	5
93241	4	0
93243	47	13
93249	21	20
93263	2	0
93268	5	0
93276	60	60
93280	6	0
93285	1	1
93301	46	19
93303	6	6
93304	4	0
93307	49	40
93308	33	9
93309	17	0
93311	13	7
93313	15	14
93314	10	0
93501	23	7
93505	4	0
93523	4	0
93527	15	4
93555	41	40
93560	2	2
93561	39	29
TOTAL	691	423

Nine new locations identified in this reporting period, adding 34 charging spaces:

Caltrans Locations:

- Tejon Pass Rest Area I5 South;
- Weedpatch Park & Ride;
- Delano Maintenance Station

City of Wasco: City Hall

Walmart Store 8852 in Shafter

Southern California Edison in Tehachapi

ChargePoint Locations:

- DC Corridor DC 2 at 1631 Comanche Drive, Arvin
- DC Corridor DC 2 at 16262 Sierra Hwy, Mojave
- DC Corridor DC 7 at 4467 US 395 in Inyokern

NOTE 1: This report reflects a gain of 12 Level 2 charging stations and a net gain of 17 DC Fast Charging Stations.

NOTE 2: Tejon Outlets have a 93203 Zip Code, the same as the City of Arvin

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Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, and General Services Administration
Announce New Actions to Accelerate Deployment of Electric Vehicles and Chargers

Today, the White House announced new progress on the Administration's goal to accelerate and deploy electric vehicles and charging stations, create good-paying, union jobs, and enable a clean transportation future. This includes actions by federal agencies:

- The Department of Transportation announced guidance on how grants can be used to deploy charging infrastructure and newly designated alternative fuel corridors;
- The Department of Energy announced new funding and partnerships for charger-related research and development; and
- The General Services Administration announced progress on the goal to transition the federal fleet to zero-emission vehicles.

In March, the United States passed the milestone of 100,000 public chargers (as recorded by the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuel Data Center) and these new actions will accelerate deployment to make driving an electric vehicle convenient in every part of the country.

To discuss today's announcements, National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg visited new, fast-charging facility near Union Station in Washington, DC. The charging stations were installed by an American-based company EVGo and enable EV users to recharge rapidly when away from home.

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Most electric vehicle drivers will charge at home and work. One of the perks of driving an electric vehicle is never needing to go to the gas station. But public charging infrastructure will provide a key role for people without off-street parking and for longer trips. A robust, convenient, and affordable network of public chargers will increase confidence for drivers that they will always have a charging option when they need it.

President Biden’s American Jobs Plan includes a transformational \$15 billion investment to fund this vision and build a national network of 500,000 charging stations. Through a combination of grant and incentive programs for state and local governments and the private sector, it will support a transformational acceleration in deployment of a mix of chargers in apartment buildings, in public parking, throughout communities, and as a robust fast charging along our nation’s roadways.

Charger installation and maintenance creates good-paying, union jobs right here in America that cannot be outsourced, and the American Jobs Plan also includes incentives to bring more charging equipment manufacturing to the United States. Every element of the plan will promote strong labor, training, and installation standards. The Biden Administration is committed to promoting high quality jobs, fair wages, and safe working conditions through its investments. This means holding both public and private recipients of federal funding accountable to create and support good middle-class jobs. Industry, unions, state, and local governments, higher education institutions like community colleges, and nonprofits will need to work together to prepare workers for the job opportunities these investments will create.

[Supporting a Nationwide Charging Network](#)

- Today, the Department of Transportation [announced](#) the 5th round of “Alternative Fuel Corridors” designations. This program, created by the FAST Act in 2015, recognizes highway segments that have infrastructure plans to allow travel on alternative fuels, including electricity. The first four rounds of designations included portions of 119 Interstates and 100 US highways and state roads.

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Round 5 includes nominations from 25 states for 51 interstates and 50 US highways and state roads.

- The cumulative designations (Rounds 1-5) for all fuel types (electric, hydrogen, propane, natural gas) include 134 Interstates and 125 US highways/State roads, covering almost 166,000 miles of the NHS in 49 States plus DC. Of that total, the FHWA has designated EV corridors on approximately 59,000 miles of the NHS in 48 States plus DC. South Dakota and Mississippi are the only two states without an EV corridor designation.



- The DOT also [issued](#) a new report clarifying how its programs can be used for EV charging infrastructure. Many existing programs have this as an eligible use and this guidance can expand how many funded entities take advantage of that. This could increase the use for EV charging infrastructure of \$41.9 billion in federal grant funding in 15 specific programs.

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DOT Funding and Financing Programs with EV Eligibilities*

LEGEND

Construction and installation of EV charging infrastructure including parking facilities and utilities.	Workforce development and training related to EV infrastructure.	EV acquisitions and engine conversions - cars or trucks.	Planning for EV charging infrastructure and related projects.	Construction and installation of EV charging infrastructure to support operational, resiliency, national energy security, environmental, and community goals for freight transportation.	Installation of EV charging infrastructure as part of transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.

	FY 2021 AMOUNT						
FORMULA PROGRAMS							
National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	\$23.1 B						
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)	\$10.2 B						
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)	\$2.4 B						
National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)	\$1.5 B						
State Planning and Research (SPR)	\$641.5 M						
Metropolitan Planning (PL)	\$357.9 M						
DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS							
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) (formerly known as BUILD)	\$1.0 B						
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program	\$889.0 M						
Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD)	\$53.3 M						
OTHER ALLOCATED PROGRAMS							
Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Program (FLTTP)	\$1.0 B						
Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) (other than for bridges)	\$644.0 M						
Puerto Rico Highway Program (PRHP)	\$74.9 M						
Territorial Highway Program (THP)	\$37.3 M						
INNOVATIVE FINANCE PROGRAMS							
State Infrastructure Banks (SIBs)	Varies						
Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	Varies						

Disclaimer: Many of these programs are oversubscribed, and EV charging infrastructure competes with many other types of eligible projects.

* All eligibility determinations are fact specific. Limitations may apply. Additional low and zero-emission fuel types also may be eligible under these programs.

Note: Total (in millions and billions, rounded to one decimal place)

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Technology and Business Model Innovation

- The Department of Energy announced [new research funding opportunities](#) on three EV charging related topics:
 - \$10 million to research, develop, and demonstrate innovative technologies and designs to significantly reduce the cost of electric vehicle supply equipment for DC Fast Charging that will be needed in large number to support high volumes of EVs.
 - \$20 million to accelerate the adoption of commercially-available plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and supporting infrastructure through community-based public-private partnerships that demonstrate PEV technologies (for cars, buses, school buses, trucks) and infrastructure in various innovative applications and share resulting data, lessons learned and best practices with a broader audience. Projects that demonstrate the ability to accelerate clean energy jobs or provide new electric transportation solutions to under-served communities are of interest.
 - \$4 million to encourage strong partnerships and new programs to increase workplace charging regionally or nationally which will help increase the feasibility of PEV ownership for consumers in underserved communities (e.g., demographics that currently have minimal access to home charging).
- DOE and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) also announced a national EV charging technical blueprint including fast charging and grid interaction. This blueprint will assess needs in terms of connectivity, communication, protocols from utility down to vehicle, to support electrification of the full vehicle fleet.
- DOE announced that Idaho National Laboratory (INL) is partnering with global and domestic Automakers to analyze anonymous vehicle charging data that describe market-level trends of operation and charging behavior for a large sample of U.S. consumer EVs. To guide this work, DOE, INL, and Automakers formed a working group to provide feedback on INL analysis and modeling efforts.

The White House
Briefing Room
April 21, 2021

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Progress on Federal Leadership

The Council on Environmental Quality and the General Services Administration are announcing early progress in response to the Executive Order directing the federal government to transition to a zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) fleet. Since inauguration day, the administration has acquired more ZEVs than in the whole previous fiscal year. Additionally, we are on track to triple the number of total ZEVs added to the fleet this year compared to last. Installing EV charging infrastructure at federal facilities is a key component of the transition to a zero-emission fleet.

These actions are a set of initial steps on the path the President's goal of a national network of 500,000 chargers to support convenient and affordable travel by drivers of zero emission vehicles across the whole country.

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May 21, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) scheduled for **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 has been cancelled.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021 (July Meeting). Agenda materials will be mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Thank you.

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
June 30, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Public Participation and Accessibility
June 30, 2021 Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, Kern Council of Governments hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- The meeting scheduled for **June 30, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Masks will be required to attend the meeting in person.
- Consistent with the Executive Order, Committee/Board Members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.
- The public may participate in the meeting and address the Committee in person under Public Comments.
- If the public does not wish to attend in person, they may participate in the meeting and address the Committee as follows:

If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to feedback@kerncog.org **no later than 1:00 p.m. June 30, 2021**. Please clearly indicate which agenda item number your comment pertains to. If you wish to make a general public comment not related to a specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to feedback@kerncog.org **no later than 1:00 p.m. June 30, 2021**.

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I. ROLL CALL:

- 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.**

Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee may request assistance at 1401 19th Street, Suite 300; Bakersfield CA 93301 or by calling (661) 635-2910. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made at least three (3) working days in advance whenever possible.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. RPAC Meeting of May 5, 2021. VOICE VOTE

IV. FUNDING FOR “ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION APPROACHES” (Napier)

Comment: Governor Newsom’s \$267 budget proposal included funding for “*Alternative Housing Production Approaches*”.

Action: RPAC discussion of potential activities in Kern.

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

Comment: 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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Action: Information.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. MEMBER ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be August 4, 2021.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
May 5, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Susanna Kormendi	Bakersfield
	Shawn Monk	California City
	Craig Murphy	Kern County
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Christine Viterelli	Arvin
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
	Stephanie Rambo	Tejon Indian Tribe
	Scott Lau	Caltrans
STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
OTHERS:	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
	John Beutler	ARB

- 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.**

None

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to approve the discussion summary for March 31, 2021, seconded by Committee Member Monk with all in favor.

IV. THE HOUSING PLANNING HUB SITE LOCATED ON THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S WEBSITE (Napier)

Ms. Napier stated that the Housing Planning Hub Site located on the California Housing and Community Development's (HCD) website is a statewide clearinghouse for resources and tools on key housing policy areas. The HCD Technical Assistance Team will continually update the site as statewide and regional tools are created through the Technical Assistance Team program on accelerating Housing for the SB 2 Planning Grants.

This was an information item.

V. 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. This item is a regular update provided to the RPAC.

Mr. Hightower asked for updates on the following items:

- The 6 items requested by CARB in the February letter
- The Clean Mobility Options meetings and whether the 13 communities have been selected yet
- Status of the Model

Mr. Ball provided comments on each item Mr. Hightower wanted updated.

This was an information item.

VI. REGIONAL GROWTH ALLOCATION – THIRD REVIEW (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond discussed the distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast. He stated that Kern COG has generated a draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast at the transportation analysis zone level. This draft distribution represents a base for developing scenarios for the 2022 RTP. Kern COG has worked with its member agencies to update land use data and local infrastructure data for generating the base TAZ distribution.

This item was an information item.

VII. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – SATUS 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.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Self-Help Enterprises ADU Program available in Kern County
<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/buy-an-adu-in-clovis/>

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is June 2, 2021.



IV. RPAC

June 30, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.
FUNDING FOR "ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION APPROACHES"

DESCRIPTION:

Governor Newsom's \$267 budget proposal included funding for "*Alternative Housing Production Approaches*".

DISCUSSION:

FUNDING FOR "ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION APPROACHES"

The budget proposes \$750 million one-time federal ARPA funds for HCD to provide additional planning and implementation grants to regional entities for infill developments, targeted towards the state's climate goals and reducing vehicle miles traveled. It's a one-time, \$500 million program to support Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to implement one of the state's landmark climate laws, SB 375, by funding infill housing and other actions that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). According to one Administration fact sheet, the funds will provide grants "*for transformative and innovative projects that implement a region's sustainable communities strategy and help achieve goals of more housing and transportation options that give Californians the opportunity to get around without having to rely on a car. These funds would leverage the Governor's other proposed investments in housing, transit, zero-emission vehicles, and climate resilience.*"

LEVERAGING REAP FOR A NEW SCS BLOCK GRANT

The next step was to figure out what state agency could administer the program. A good solution was the Regional Early Action Program (REAP), which operates like a regional block grant. REAP was created by the Governor in the 2018 budget. It provides grants to councils of governments (COGs) that made housing determinations (RHNA) to encourage more housing. Since most COGs are also MPOs, leveraging the existing REAP structure improves the speed in which these funds can be placed on actual projects. That is why some are calling it REAP 2.0. It is believed the funds will be focused more on implementation than planning, and the sub-allocation eligibility will be expanded

to include transportation and transit agencies. In addition, transit, multi-modal connectors, and programs that will reduce reliance on single auto-mobile travel should all be eligible projects.

But REAP 2.0 will retain an important check. MPOs must submit their proposals to the state for approval. This assures that the investments will be transformational and accelerate the GHG reductions needed to achieve state goals for 2035 (the SB 375 target year).

POTENTIAL PROJECT EXAMPLES

Source: Bill Higgins, CALCOG, May 28, 2021

- **Active Transportation Projects.** There is no shortage of good active transportation, pedestrian safety, and complete street projects.
- **Infill Infrastructure in Low VMT Areas.** Identify priority infill development areas that need improved sewer, water, and other infrastructure to realize new development in low VMT areas.
- **Electric Car Share.** A new, unique example is MioCar – a rural electric car share program with charging stations at affordable housing developments.
- **Mobility Hubs.** Integrate with complete corridors to ensure walking and biking are safe experiences while prioritizing pooled ride options over single-occupant vehicles.
- **Standing Up VMT Mitigation Banks.** With the implementation of SB 743, developers are increasingly looking for ways to mitigate a potential VMT growth. Mitigation banks can be used to consolidate funds and focus on the most effective mitigation strategies.
- **Enhance Bus Transit Reliability.** Many regions have “quick build” projects throughout their bus transit network that would reduce travel time, attract and recover riders, and reduce congestion.
- **Accelerating the Best Projects.** Significant change can occur by just accelerating the time in which a key project is completed, which can free up funds in the out years for even more quality projects.
- **Local travel Demand Ordinances.** Funding can also support local travel demand management ordinances (and technical assistance) like lifting parking minimums and assuring curb access that can affect the choice to use single occupancy vehicles.
- **Specific and Capital Improvement Plans.** Land use remains a critical element to achieving climate goals. Many cities still need to develop the capital improvement plans and development densities that will be needed going forward. Block grants can be used to encourage transformative plans and provide technical assistance to local communities.

PENDING ACTIONS

1. Writing and Adoption of Budget Trailer Bill
2. HCD Prepares Guidelines

ACTION

RPAC discussion of potential activities in Kern.




V.
RPAC

June 30, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 
Ben Raymond, Regional Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: V.
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events.

June 11, 2021 – Kick-off meeting for the Kern Area Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study phase 2. Public outreach meeting tentatively schedule for October 28, 2021.

May 20, 2021 – Kern Quality of Life Survey results <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

May 10, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 – Public comment period on the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the Kern Transportation Foundation on regional freight efforts to be incorporated into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

February 17, 2021 – ARB provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021 meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available online at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/kern-council-governments-kerncog>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – A 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado’s Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox’s Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds

Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals.

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
 - Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
 - Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
 - September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
 - September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220** participants) - **Complete**
 - Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
 - January 22, 2020 – Stakeholder roundtable working session to vet outreach and performance measures process - **Complete**
 - January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446** participants) - **Complete**
 - Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents) - **Complete**
 - March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
 - Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
 - September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
 - September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+** participants) - **Complete**
 - September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
 - January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
 - April 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents), results available at - **Complete**
 - **April 2021** – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey on **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** (**1,200+** residents) **34% would consider building/renting out an ADU** – **Complete**
 - May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 - Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS - **Complete**
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- August 4, 2021 at 1:30PM – Second RTP/SCS/RHNA Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room.
 - Summer-Fall 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census population data available
 - Summer 2021 – RTP Public Outreach – Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 online Zoom meetings, for info contact eflickinger@kerncog.org :
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogroadsafetyplans.com/>
 - June 22, 2021, 5–6pm, **Shafter** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 24, 2021, 4–5pm, **Delano** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29-July 2, 2021, 5–6pm, **Arvin** – online Zoom meeting (1 meeting to be determined)
 - June 29, 2021, 5:30-6:30pm, **Bakersfield** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 12, 2021, 4–5pm, **Wasco** – online Zoom meeting
 - August 4, 2021, 4–5pm, **Taft** – online Zoom meeting (tentative)
 - July 2021, **California City** – online Zoom meeting (to be determined)

- July/August 2021, **Maricopa** – online Zoom meeting (to be determined)
- July 2021, **Tehachapi** – online Zoom meeting (to be determined)
- Summer 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities, for info contact SCampbell@kerncog.org –
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogcleanmobilityoptions.com/>
 - April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the **Shafter** Rotary Club
 - Summer, 2021 – Potential In-person outreach at Farmers Markets in **Delano, Lake Isabella, Wasco, Lamont** (to be determined)
 - Mid-July, 2021 – **Shafter** - Door-to-door survey
 - Summer, 2021 – Door-to-door survey or other public outreach events at **Tejon Tribe, Tubatulabal Tribe, Delano, McFarland, Lost Hills, Wasco, Taft, Arvin, Lamont, Buttonwillow** (to be determined)
- Summer 2021 - Mini-grant stakeholder application process for hosting RTP/SCS outreach events with preference for hosted events in **Ridgecrest/Inyokern, Mojave/Rosamond/Boron, Bakersfield** areas, and all outlying Kern communities (possibly web-enabled-Zoom type events)
- September 6 – October 6, 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies.
- September – November 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted events (possibly Zoom events)
- October 28-29, 2021 – Coordinated RTP Public Outreach – Community Based Organization Engagement on Freight
 - October 28, 2021, 9am-3pm Kern Transportation Foundation (KTF) Freight Conference at Hodels, in **Bakersfield**
 - October 28, 2021 3-5pm - Kern Area Regional Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study at Hodels in **Bakersfield** (tentative)
 - October 29, 2021 Community Based Organization Engagement - Trucking with Clean Fuels Conf Zero Emissions Infrastructure event & I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Project Presentation at B&N Trucking in **Wasco** (tentative)
- Winter/Spring 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – **Adopt** RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September-October 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

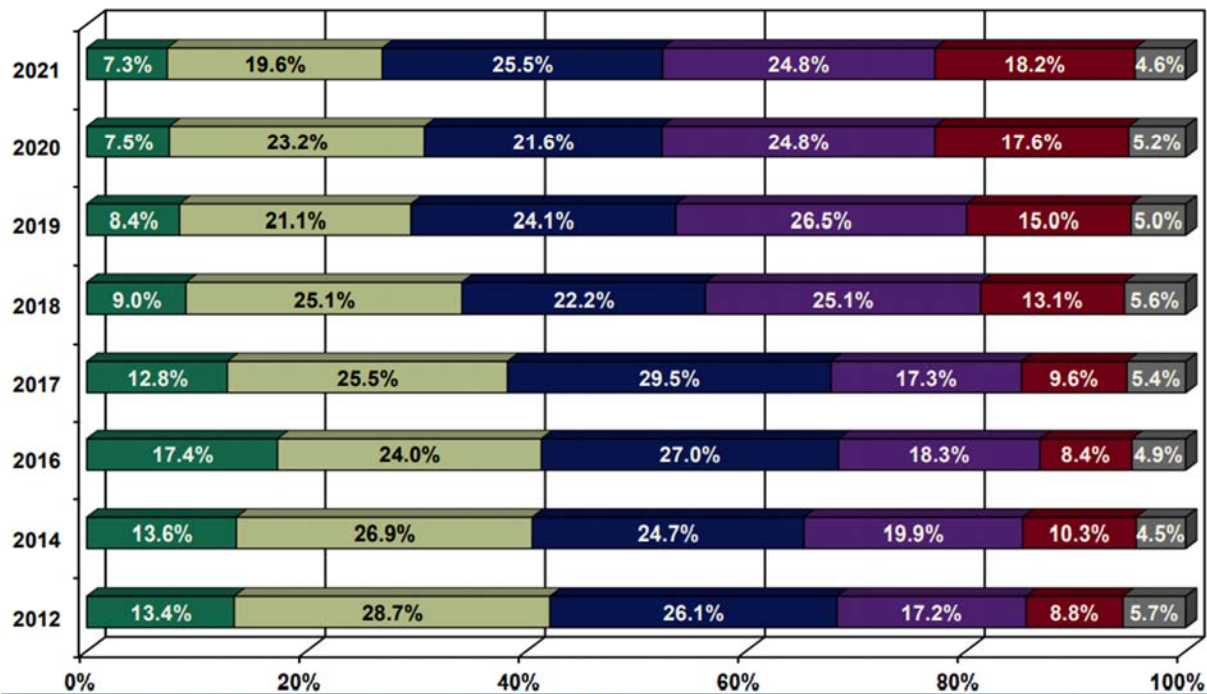
To be added to the RTP/SCS email notification list for up-coming events, please email Becky Napier BNapier@kerncog.org.

ACTION: Information.

Attachment: Kern 2021 Quality of Life Survey Results – Housing Preference Survey Question

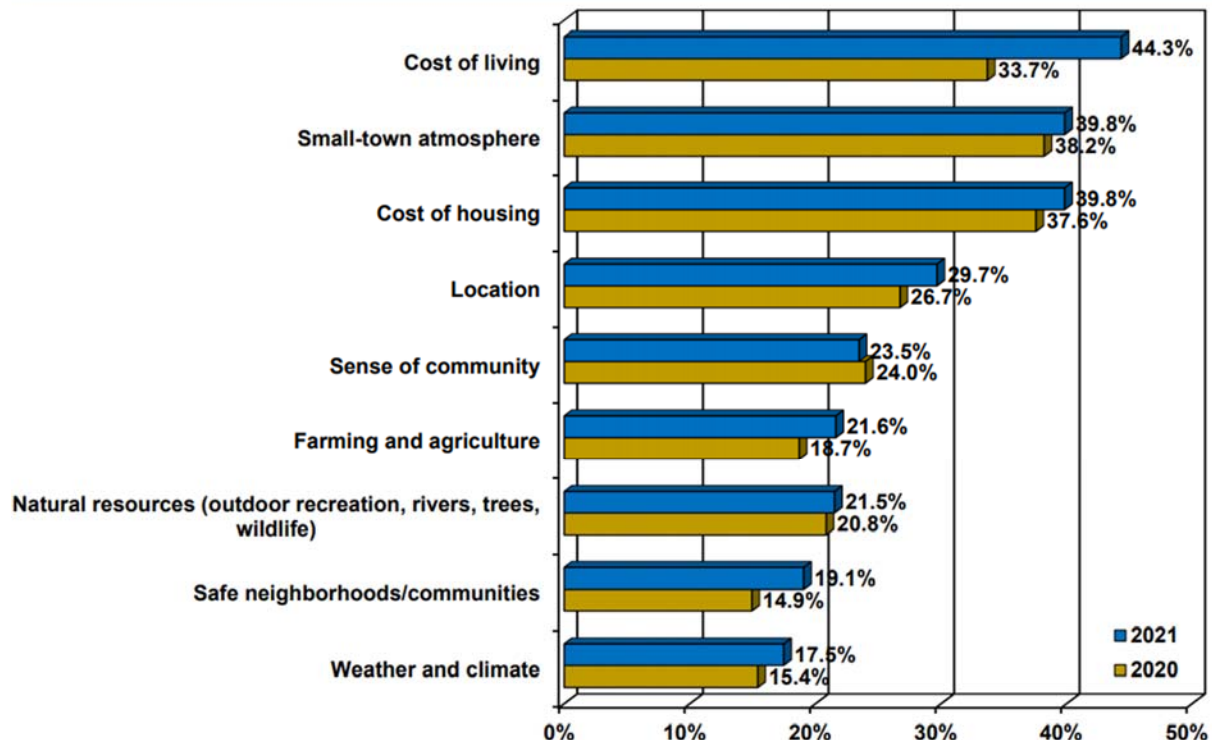
Q3. Outlook on Future Quality of Life (1,515) Continued

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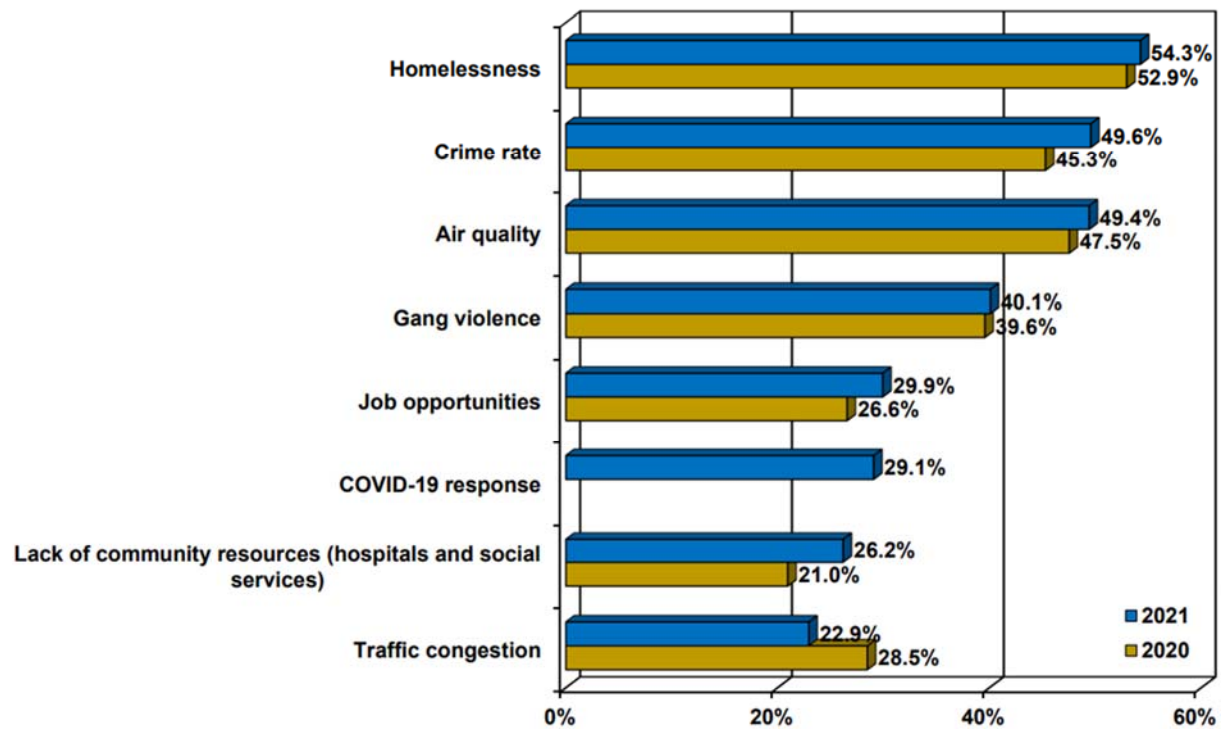
Q4. Most Liked Features of City or Town (n=1,515) Continued

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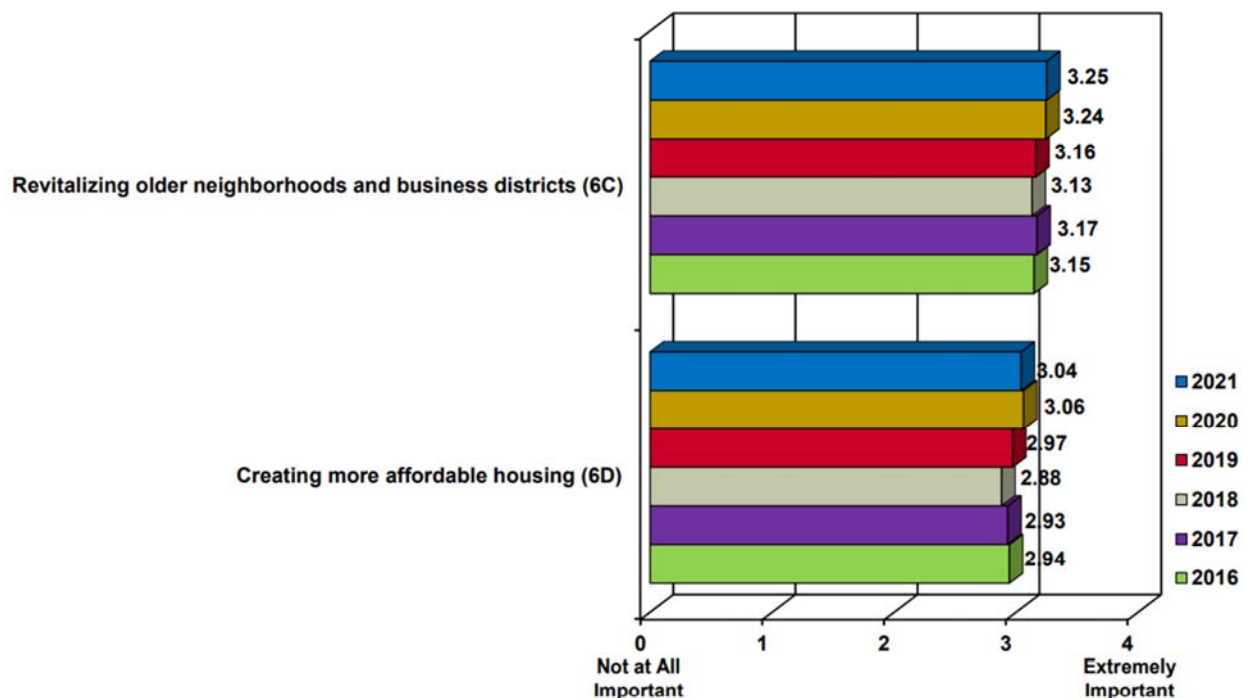
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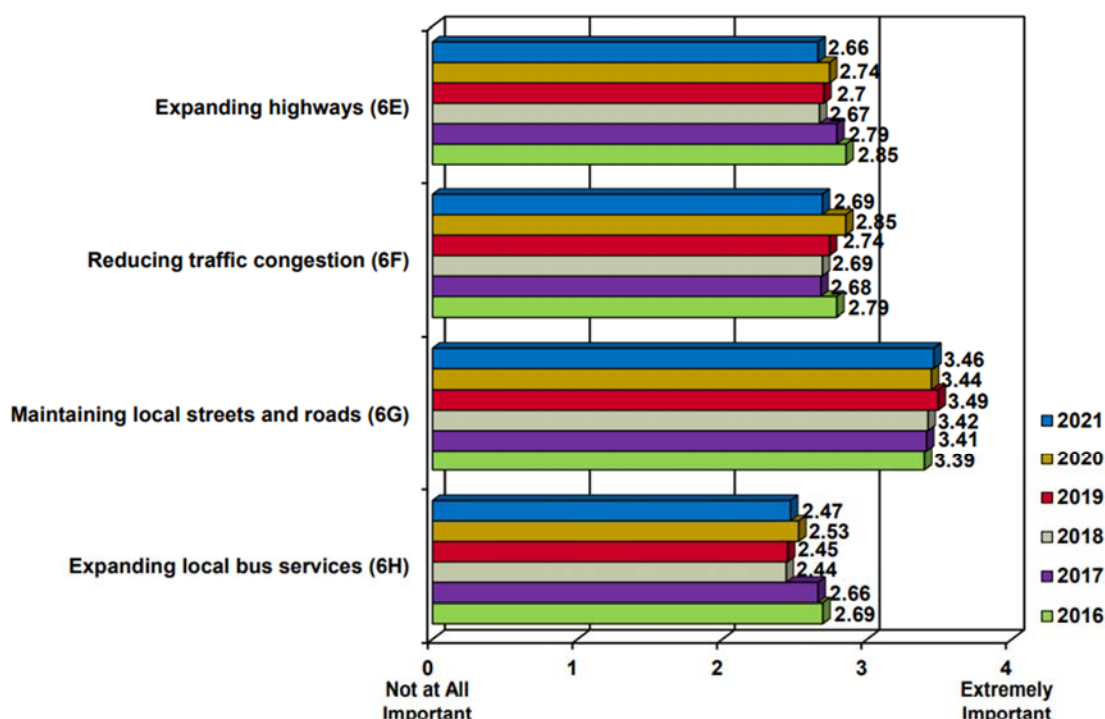
Q6. Community Assets and Infrastructure (n=1,515) Continued

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Q6. Transportation Choices (n=1,515) Continued

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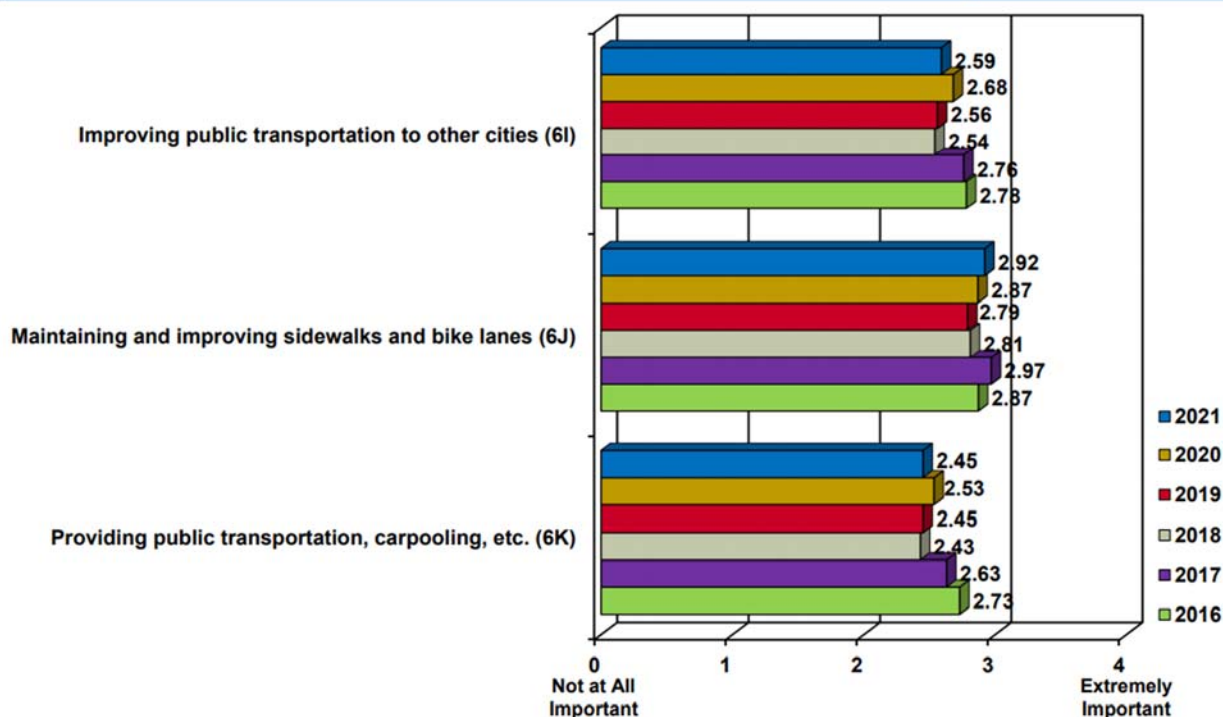


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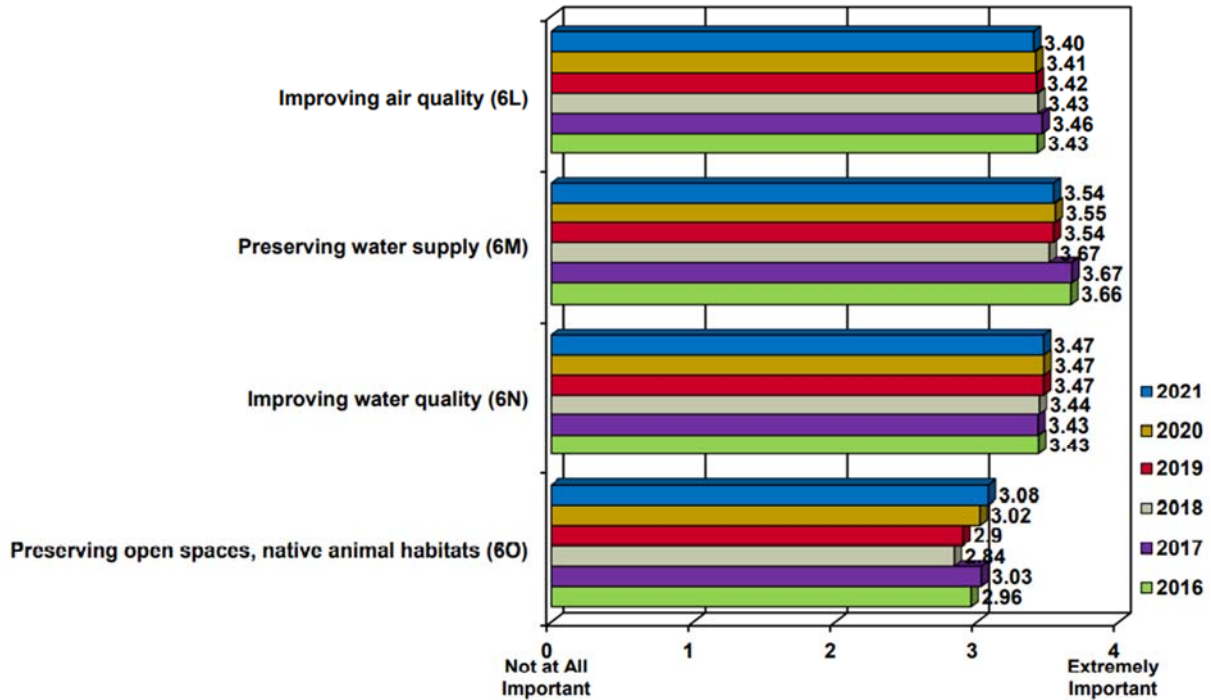
Q6. Transportation Choices (n=1,515) Continued

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Q6. Conserve Undeveloped Land and Natural Resources (n=1,515) Continued

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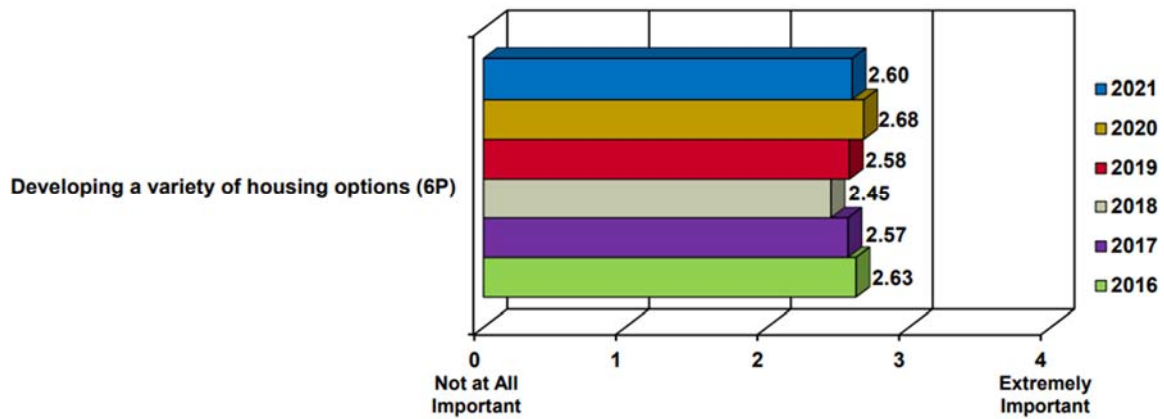


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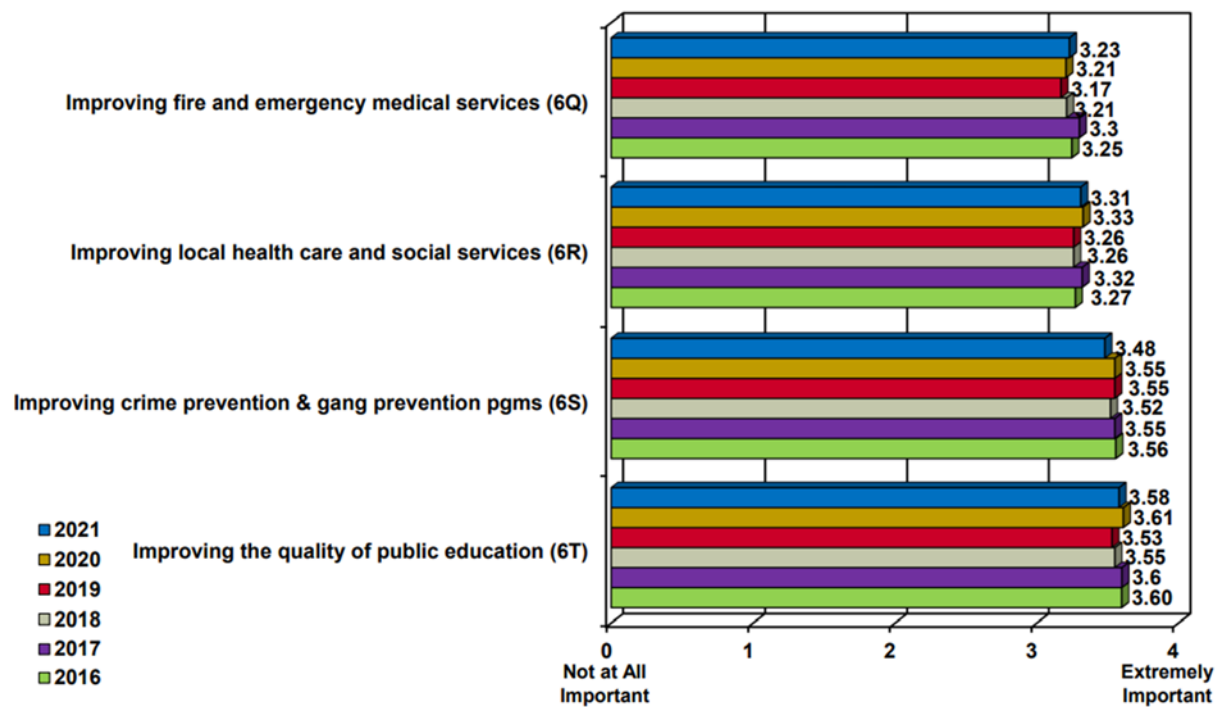
Q6. Use Compact, Efficient Development Where Appropriate and Provide a Variety of Housing Choices (n=1,515) Continued

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Q6. Services, Safety and Equity (n=1,515) Continued

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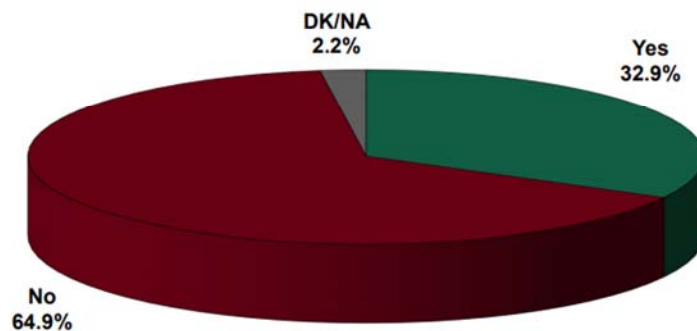
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Q8. Began Telecommuting or Working From Home With COVID-19 Crisis (n=1,515)

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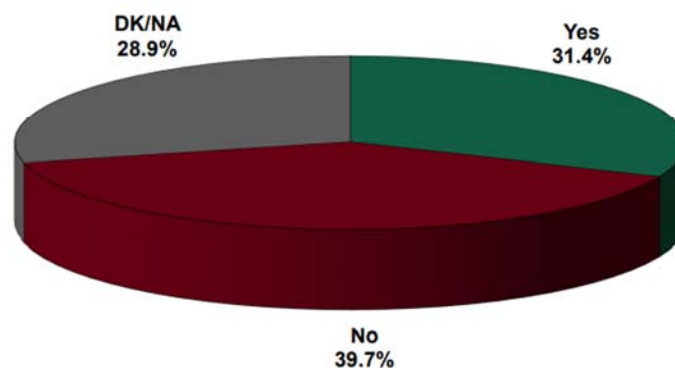
A new question was added to the 2021 survey, to better understand the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic on residents' commute behavior. Approximately one-third of residents indicated they began telecommuting or working from home as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Conversely, about two-thirds of residents said they did not change their commute behavior in this way.



Q9. Will Continue Telecommuting or Working From Home Post-COVID-19 Crisis (n=498)

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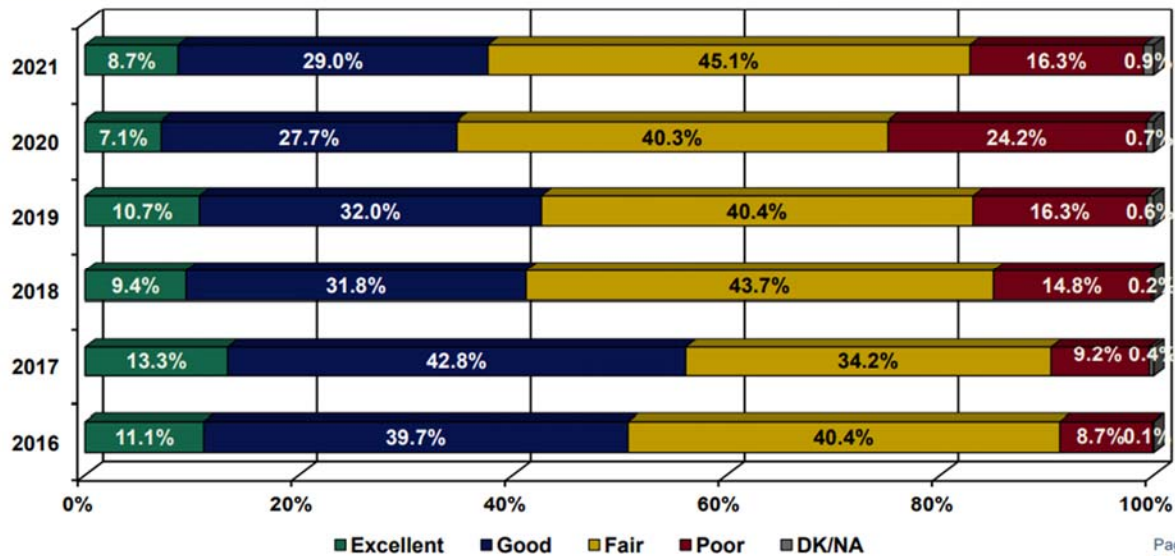
When the respondents who indicated they began telecommuting or working from home with the COVID-19 crisis were asked if they would continue the practice after the crisis, about a third said they would. Slightly more residents said they would not, and about a quarter of residents either did not know or had no answer for this question.



Q11. Rating of Traffic Flow in City or Town (n=1,515)

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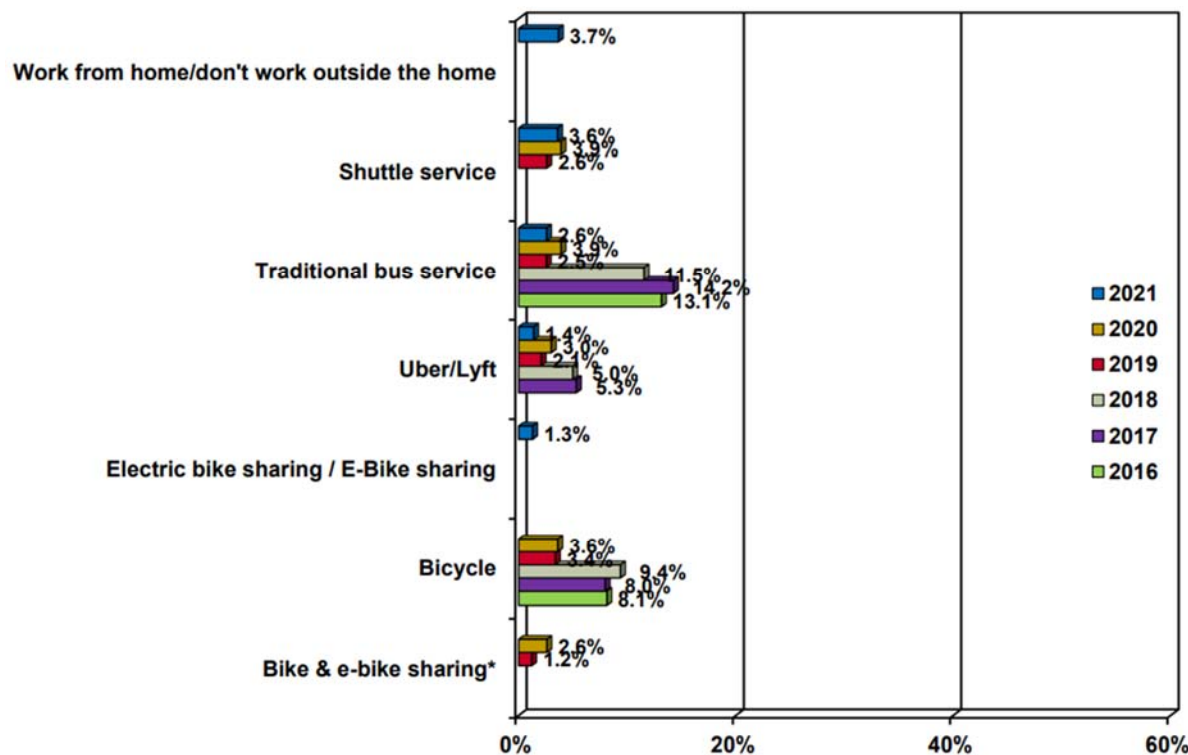
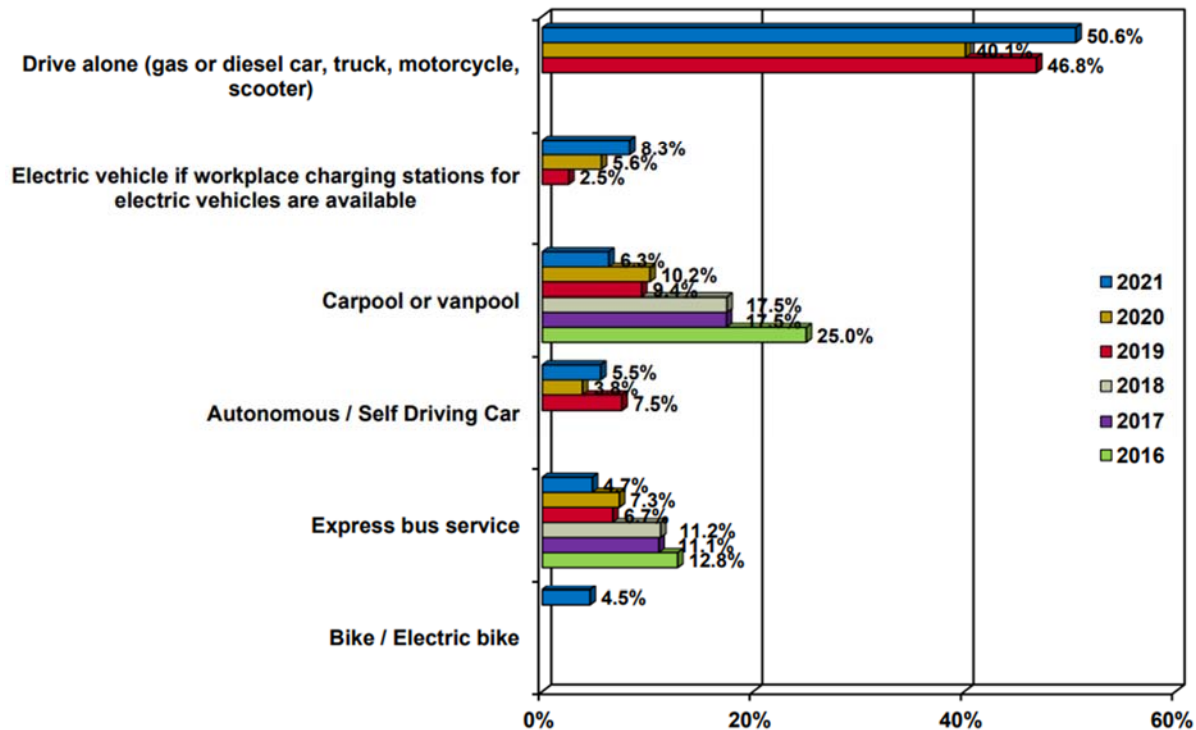
In the next question, residents rated the flow of traffic in their city or town. The current results point toward a more optimistic outlook, with slight (but statistically insignificant) increases in those who responded "Excellent" (8.7% in 2021 vs. 7.1% in 2020) and "Good" (29.0% in 2021 vs. 27.7% in 2020). These increases, combined with more people who gave the rating "Fair" (45.1% in 2021 vs. 40.3% in 2020) appear to be balanced with a significant decrease in the number of respondents who rated traffic flow as "Poor" (16.3% in 2021 vs. 24.2% in 2020).



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Q12. Most Likely Alternative Transportation (drive alone only from Q7) (n=1,033) Continued

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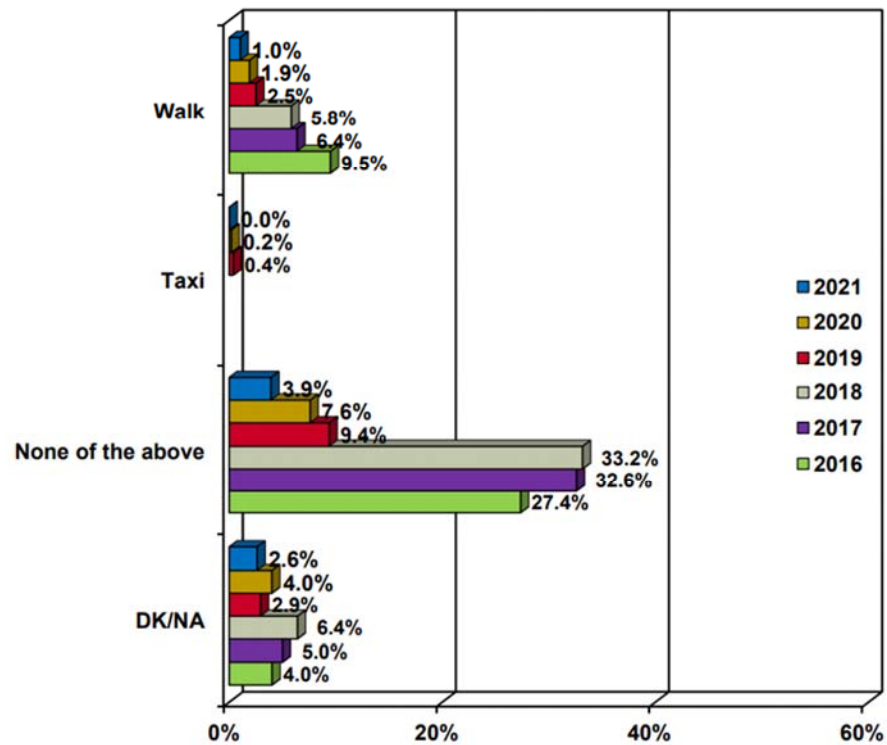


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Q12. Most Likely Alternative Transportation (drive alone only from Q7) (n=1,033) Continued

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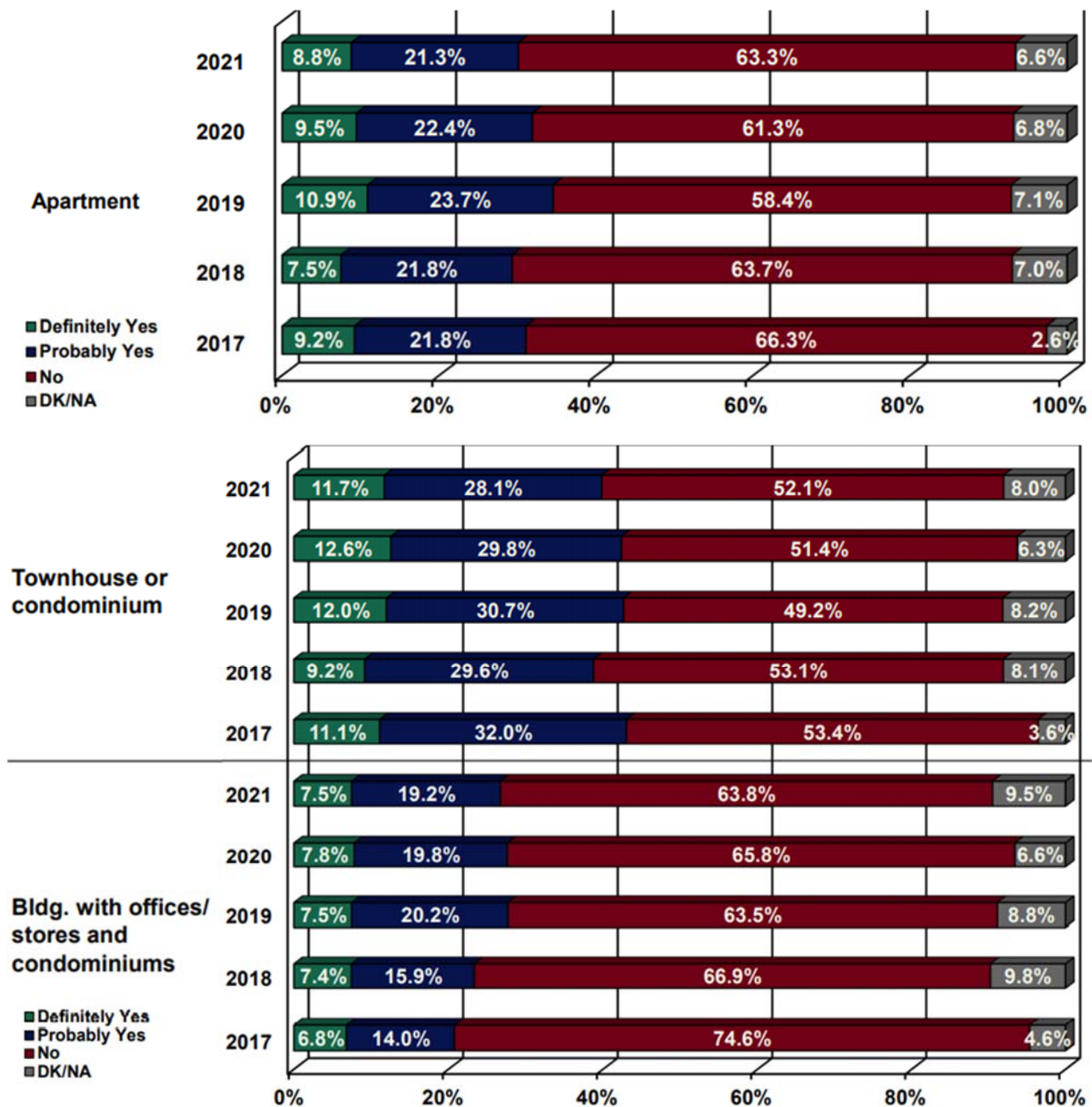


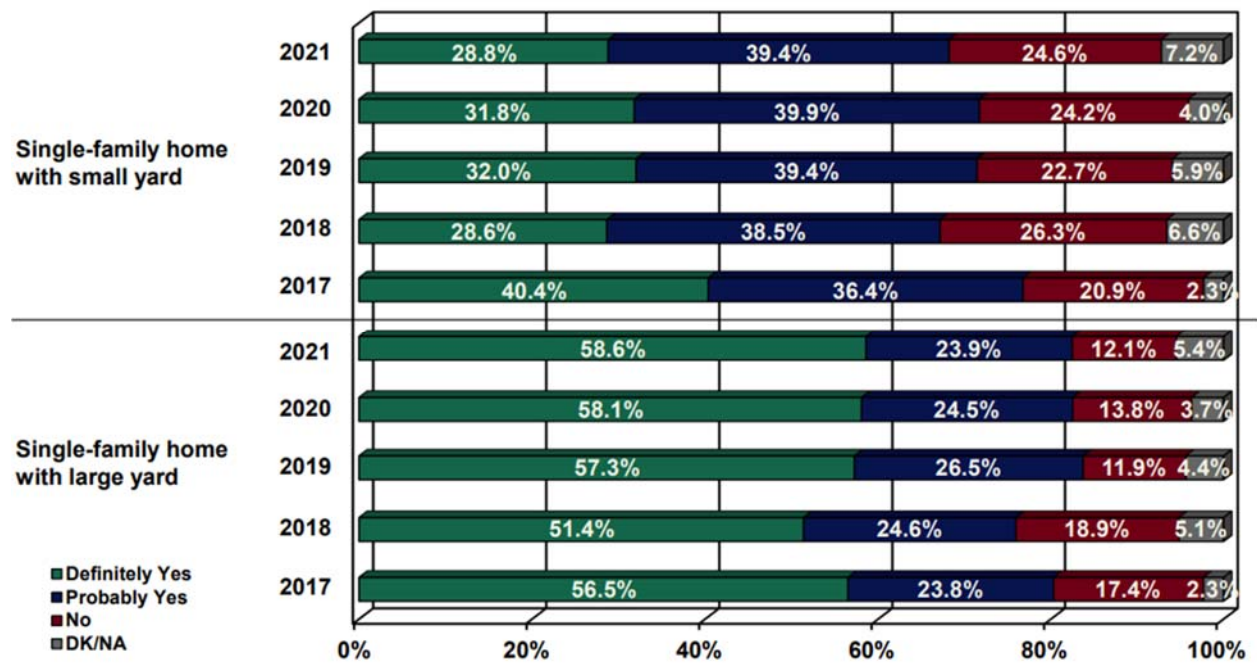
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Q16. Housing Option Preferences (n=1,515)

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Next, residents were asked to consider the possible housing options and state a preference of housing type if they were to relocate within Kern County in the next ten years. The current survey results essentially mirror those of 2020, with the exception that slightly fewer residents would not choose a single-family home with a small yard. The results are illustrated on this and the following two pages.

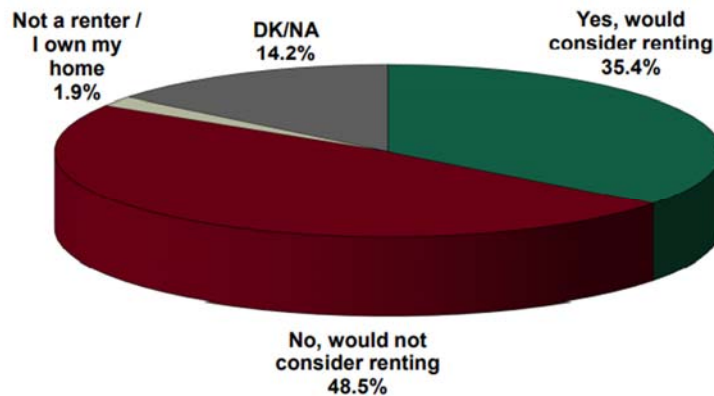




Q19. Consider Renting “Accessory Dwelling Units” as Principal Residence (n=596)

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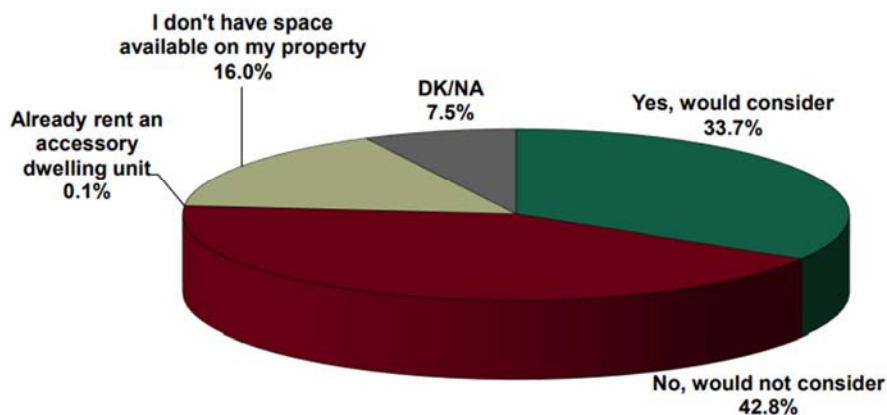
Next, residents who indicated in Question 17 that they rent their home were asked if they would consider renting an accessory dwelling unit as their principal residence. About a third of respondents said they would consider this housing option, while nearly half indicated they would not. More than one in ten respondents either said they did not know or had no answer for this question.



Q20. Consider Building/Renting Out “Accessory Dwelling Units” (n=879)

GODBE RESEARCH
Gain Insight

Similar to the previous question, residents who said they own their home were asked if they had space available on their property, and if so, would they consider building and renting or renting already built out space as an accessory dwelling unit. One third of respondents said they would consider doing this, while two out of five respondents indicated they would not. About one in six residents said they did not have the space available on their property for this endeavor, and less than one percent of respondents reported they already rent an accessory dwelling unit. Less than ten percent of respondents either said they did not know or had no answer for this question.



KERN COG ANNOUNCES ROUNDTABLE STAKEHOLDER MEETING #2:

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Kern Council of Governments Board Room

1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor

Bakersfield, CA 93301

We need your input on ways to improve public outreach for :

Kern Transportation Planning, Building Sustainable Communities,
Regional Housing Development, Roadway Safety, and More.

Who Should Attend: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
representing local environmental, social equity, business & industry, as
well as representatives of local governments, RPAC members and any
other interested Kern County residents.

RSVP scampbell@kerncog.org

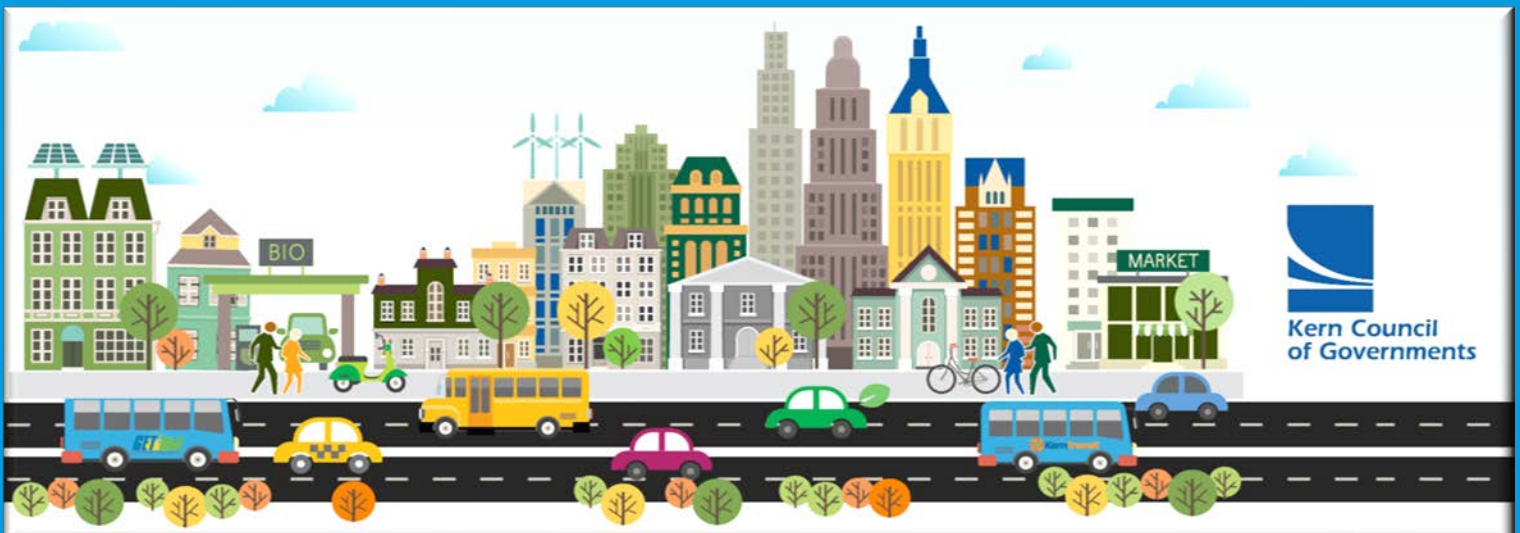
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KERN COG ANUNCIA REUNIÓN DE MESA REDONDA DE PARTES INTERESADAS #2:

miércoles, 4 de agosto de 2021

1:30 a 3:30 p.m.

Kern Council of Governments Board Room

1401 19th Street, tercer piso

Bakersfield, CA 93301

Necesitamos su opinión sobre las formas de mejorar el alcance público para : Planificación del transporte de Kern, construcción de comunidades sostenibles, desarrollo de viviendas regionales, seguridad vial, y más. **Quién debe asistir:** Organizaciones no-gubernamentales (NGOs) que representan el medio ambiente, la equidad social, las empresas y la industria locales, así como representantes de gobiernos locales, miembros del RPAC y cualquier otro residente del condado de Kern interesado.

Confirme su asistencia a scampbell@kerncog.org

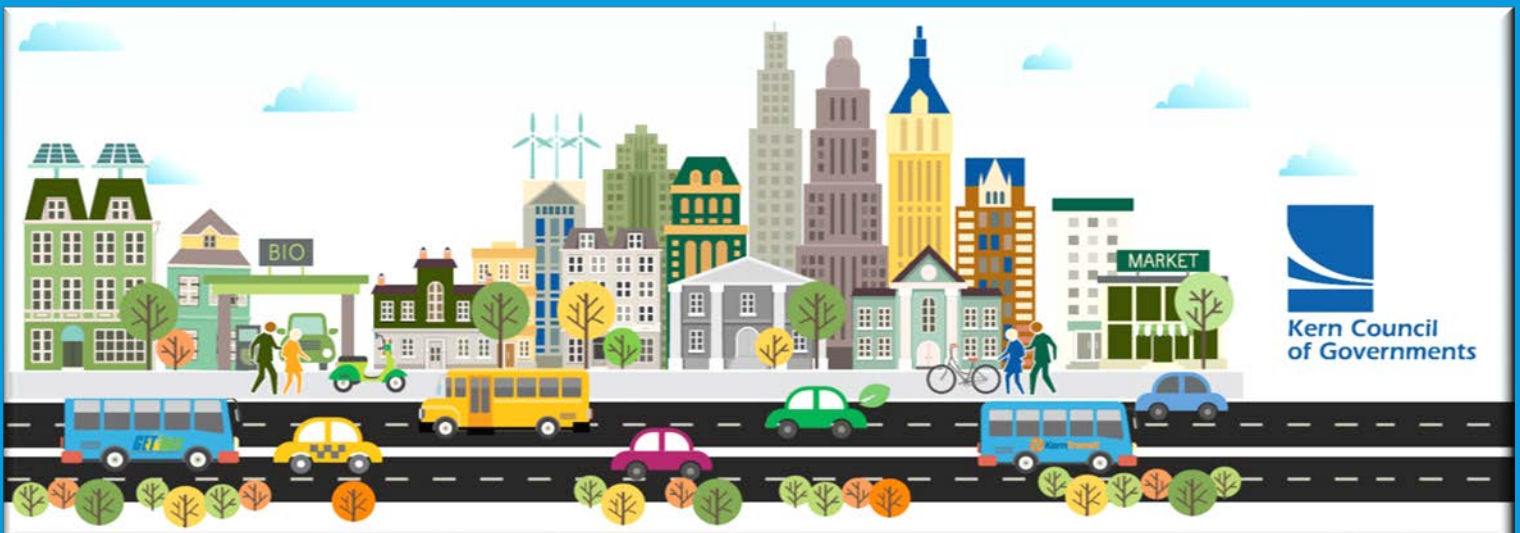
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AGENDA

Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2

Improving Public Outreach for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

August 4, 2021 1:30-3:30 PM

Kern COG Board Room

1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor

Free parking available in the lot at the SW corner of 20th & K and timed parking spaces on the street.

(Meeting being held in lieu of the monthly Regional Planning Advisory Committee meeting, same time/location)

Who should attend: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) representing local environmental, social equity, business, & industry, as well as representatives of local governments, RPAC members, and any other interested Kern County residents. **Everyone is encouraged to participate in person if possible.**

- I. Introductions/Sign-in Sheet
- II. RTP/SCS/RHNA Performance Measures and Public Outreach Requirements/Status Since COVID – Rob Ball
- III. RHNA Process/Status – Rochel Invina
- IV. Public Outreach/Mini Grant Program Roll-out – Becky Napier
- V. Comments/Feedback Session: How can we improve the Public Outreach? Summarize feedback
- VI. Adjourn

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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August 4, 2021

TO: RPAC/RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 
Ben Raymond, Regional Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022
RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events.

July 10, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

June 30, 2021 – RTP/SCS update to RPAC and announcement of numerous Summer/Fall events.

June 11, 2021 – Kick-off meeting for the Kern Area Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study phase 2. Public outreach meeting tentatively schedule for October 28, 2021.

May 20, 2021 – Kern Quality of Life Survey results <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

May 10, 2021 – Check-in call with ARB staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 – Public comment period on the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the Kern Transportation Foundation on regional freight efforts to be incorporated into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

February 17, 2021 – ARB provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021 meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available online at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/kern-council-governments-kerncog>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – A 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado's Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals (pre-COVID event).

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm>. Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf. Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (1,200+ Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220 participants**) - **Complete**
- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – Stakeholder roundtable working session to vet outreach and performance measures process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446 participants**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+ participants**) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- April 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,500+ residents**), results available at - **Complete**
- April 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4 on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (**144 participants**) shows nearly half of respondents interested in ADUs – **Complete**
- May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 - Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS - **Complete**

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- August 4, 2021 at 1:30PM – Second RTP/SCS/RHNA Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room
 - Summer-Fall 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census population data available
 - Summer 2021 – RTP Public Outreach – Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 online Zoom meetings (**100+ participants so far**), for info : contact eflickinger@kerncog.org
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogroadsafetyplans.com/>
 - June 22, 2021, 5–6pm, **Shafter** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 24, 2021, 4-5pm, **Delano** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 10–11am, **Arvin** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 4-5pm, **Tehachapi** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 5:30-6:30pm, **Bakersfield** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 1, 2021, 11:00 am to Noon, **California City** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 12, 2021, 4–5pm, **Wasco** – online Zoom meeting

- August 4, 2021, 5-6pm, **Taft** – online Zoom meeting (tentative)
- July 15-August 15, 2021, **Maricopa** – online Zoom meeting (to be determined)
- Summer 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities, (**500+ participants so far**) for info contact SCampbell@kerncog.org –
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogcleanmobilityoptions.com/>
 - April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the **Shafter** Rotary Club
 - Social media posts of survey February - August, 2021 targeted to reach the following zip codes: **Tejon Tribe, Tubatulabal Tribe, Delano, McFarland, Lost Hills, Wasco, Taft, Arvin, Lamont, Buttonwillow, Shafter, California City, Ridgecrest, Maricopa**
 - **Tubatulabal Tribe** July newsletter promotion of survey with link.
 - July 20, 2021 exhibitor participation in United Way of Kern County's Community Development Conference
- Summer 2021 - Mini-grant Program application process for hosting RTP/SCS outreach events. For application: <https://www.kerncog.org/rtp-mini-grant-application/>
- September 6 – October 6, 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies.
- October 28 & November 17, 2021 – Coordinated RTP Public Outreach – Community Based Organization Engagement on Freight
 - October 28, 2021, 9am-5pm Kern Transportation Foundation (KTF) Freight Conference - Kern Area Regional Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study at Hodels in **Bakersfield** (tentative)
 - November 17, 2021 Trucking Fleet and Community Based Organization Engagement - I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Project Presentation at TBD in **Bakersfield** (tentative)
- Winter/Spring 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Publicly meetings with 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – **Adopt** RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September-October 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

To be added to the RTP/SCS email notification list for up-coming events, please email Becky Napier BNapier@kerncog.org.

ACTION: Information

COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

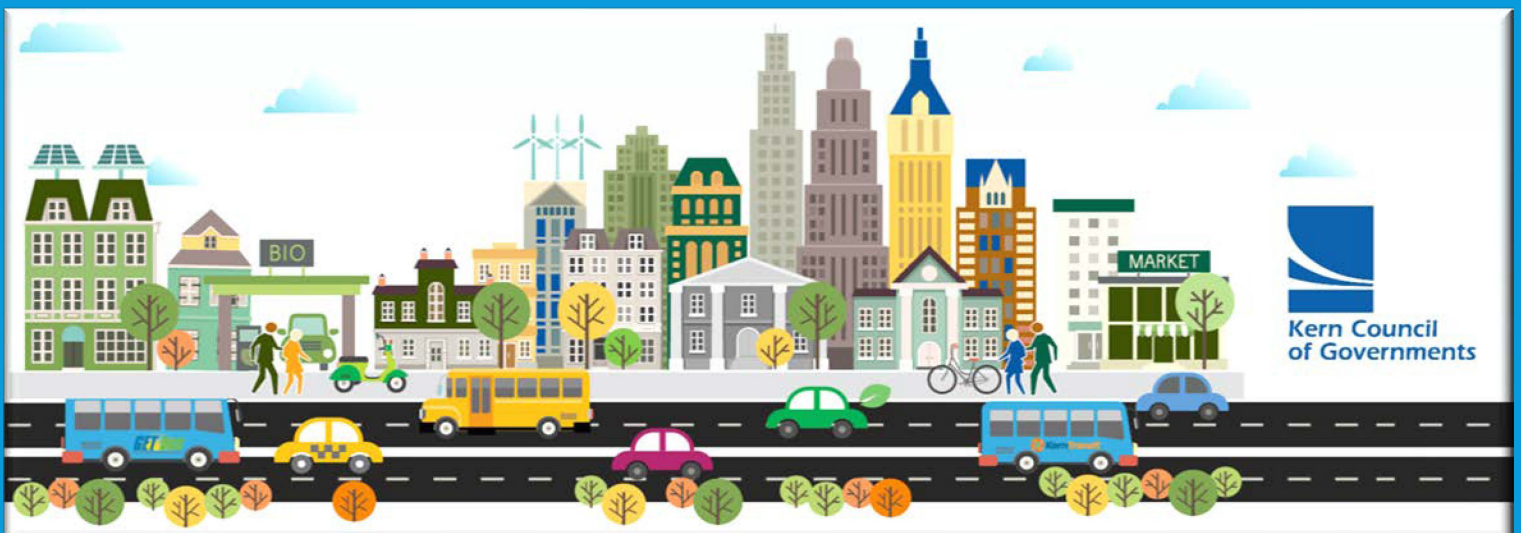
RELEASE DATE: JULY 23, 2021
PROPOSALS DUE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021
BY: 12:00 NOON

We Need Your Help:

Kern Council of Governments is seeking assistance from community-based organizations to solicit public input into key activities associated with the preparation of its 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy

Who Should Apply:

Mini Grants up to \$2,500 will be provided to community based organizations with existing community contacts to ensure diverse and extensive input by further expanding community outreach activities.





DATE: July 23, 2021

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH MINI-GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Overview:

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is seeking assistance from community-based organizations, etc. to solicit public input into key activities associated with the preparation of its **2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**. Kern COG is requesting help with ensuring diverse and extensive input by further expanding community outreach activities.

Kern COG will provide mini grants up to \$2,500 to community organizations with existing community contacts. Successful applicants will reach out to residents of the Kern County region, include them in the RTP and SCS transportation planning process via workshop and online participation and obtain defined input regarding their perceived transportation needs.

This program is designed to ensure that interested members of the public have ample opportunity to understand and provide meaningful input on these plans during the planning process. All mini grant recipients will be tasked with providing factual information to their contacts. Any attempts to influence a participant's responses or comments regarding any aspect of the RTP outreach is prohibited and is grounds for termination of a mini grant contract by Kern COG.

These activities will coordinate with other public involvement activities conducted by Kern COG. Kern COG will have a defined set of questions and/or types of feedback for all mini-grant recipients to use while reaching out on the RTP/SCS. All answers/input/data collected will be combined and used as input into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

Grant-awarded organizations will receive a detailed orientation about Kern COG, the RTP/SCS and the associated projects. Kern COG will also provide information and necessary materials in English to assist in outreach efforts. All written materials must be translated by mini-grant recipients and approved by Kern COG. Kern COG may provide some staff assistance with graphics and/or formatting documents to accommodate non-English translations.

Estimated Timeline:

Please review the attached background materials and respond with a letter of interest and completed application by **Friday, August 20, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**. No applications will be accepted after that date and time.

If needed, organizations whose responses meet Kern COG's outreach needs will be contacted to set up a face-to-face interview with representatives from your organization tentatively scheduled for **Friday, August 27, 2021**. Applicant acceptance and the associated funding level approved will be announced by **Thursday, September 2, 2021**.

Kern COG's goal is to empower each of the grant recipients to begin implementing the RTP/SCS outreach strategies right away. Staff will meet with mini-grant recipients between **September 7 – 10, 2021**, to refine each recipient's scope of work and discuss contract terms. All mini-grant recipients will participate in an orientation on **September 15, 2021**. All outreach should be completed and a final report submitted to Kern COG with each mini-grant recipient's findings and final community input summary by **December 1, 2021**.

Estimated Timeline:

Date	Activity
Friday, July 23, 2021	Release Mini-Grant Application Packets
Friday, August 20, 2021	Mini-Grant Application Packet and Proposals due to Kern COG by 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Friday, August 27, 2021	Applicant Interviews if needed (SAVE THE DATE)
Thursday, September 2, 2021	Applicants notified of acceptance
September 7 - 10, 2021	Finalizing Scopes of Work and signing contracts.
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	Mandatory Orientation Meeting for all recipients (Kern COG)
September 22 – November 4, 2021	Workshops/meetings held
December 1, 2021	Final outreach report due to Kern COG by 4:00 p.m. with all invoices, receipts and documentation.

Scope of Work:

Initially, Kern COG will require each mini-grant recipient to organize a workshop or public meeting specifically for those community members with whom they already have a working relationship. The goal is to obtain community input on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Kern COG staff will attend the meetings and make presentations; however, each recipient is responsible for organizing the meeting/workshop; making all the arrangements; inviting attendees; translating and duplicating materials, providing translation services during the meeting if needed, and arranging all needed workshop transportation, food, child care, etc. for attendees. All meetings must also be open to the public. Awardees must facilitate the workshop or meeting while Kern COG staff acts as presenter.

Each mini-grant recipient will then gather all participant input and submit it to Kern COG electronically and via a reproducible hard copy by the established deadline. Kern COG will supply a reporting format.

Kern COG does not have exact materials at this time; however, recipients will receive them by the orientation meeting.

Mini-grants will be awarded based upon the following criteria:

1. Outreach strategy and goals.
2. Comprehensiveness of the application packet.
3. The specific community demographics and the geographic area the organization will reach. Note that Kern COG is looking to reach a variety of non-traditional participants.
4. The expected number of people who will attend meetings/workshops and submit feedback. This should be based on experience with a target of at least 15 - 20 participants.
5. Experience with previous outreach activities to targeted audiences. How established are the organizational contacts?
6. Grant funding (up to \$2,500) requested and the justification for receiving that amount of money.

Kern COG reserves the right to award the mini-grants as it deems appropriate at funding levels warranted by each applicant's individual outreach strategy. Grant recipients will be required to submit receipts, time cards and other proof of expenses for reimbursement.

What is a Regional Transportation Plan?

Regional Transportation Plans are planning documents developed by a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) such as Kern COG in cooperation with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Caltrans and other stakeholders including system users. Following the passage of Senate Bill 375, MPOs also need to work closely with the California Air resources Board (ARB) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). MPOs are required to prepare these long-range plans per federal statute (Title 23 U.S.C. Section 134). The purpose of the RTP is to establish regional goals, identify present and future needs, deficiencies and constraints, analyze potential solutions, estimate available funding, and propose investments.

Pursuant to Title 23 CFR Part 450.324 et seq. FHWA describes the development and contents of RTPs as follows:

"The transportation plan is the Statement of the ways the region plans to invest in the transportation system. The plan shall 'include both long-range and short-range program strategies/actions that lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods.' The plan has several elements, for example: Identify policies, strategies, and projects for the future; Determine project demand for transportation services over 20 years; Focus at the systems level, including roadways, transit, non-motorized transportation, and intermodal connections; Articulate regional land use, development, housing, and employment goals and plans; Estimate costs and identify reasonably available financial sources for operation, maintenance, and capital investments); Determine ways to preserve existing roads and facilities and make efficient use of the existing system; be consistent with the Statewide transportation plan; and Be updated every five years or four years in air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas. MPOs should make special efforts to engage interested parties in the development of the plan. In cases where a metropolitan area is designated nonattainment or maintenance area, the plan must confirm to the SIP for air quality."

The regional transportation planning led by the MPO is a collaborative process that is widely participated by the federal, state, local and tribal governments/agencies, as well as other key stakeholders and the general public. The process is designed to foster involvement by all interested parties, such as the business community, California Tribal Governments, community groups, environmental organizations, the general public, and local jurisdictions through a proactive public participation process conducted by the MPO in coordination with the state and transit operations. It is essential to extend public participation to include people who have been traditionally underserved by the transportation system and services in the region. Neglecting public involvement early in the planning stage can result in delays during the project stage.

Questions may be directed to Rob Ball rball@kerncog.org or Becky Napier bnapier@kerncog.org or by calling 661-635-2900.

Community-Based Outreach Mini-Grant Program

Application Form

Organization/Agency: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Organization/Agency Website (not required) _____

(Please make responses as concise as possible; applications will not be judged on length of response.
Attach a separate sheet with the following questions and your answers.)

1. Please list and describe the outreach activities that the organization proposes to carry out in order to facilitate community-based outreach and public involvement on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Note: Proposed costs for all activities described in response to this question must be included on the project budget sheet.

2. List the staff members or other individuals who will be implementing the Mini-Grant RTP/SCS Outreach program.
3. Please describe the specific demographic of the community targeted and the geographic area the program would reach (please include ZIP codes). What stakeholders would the program reach from specific communities who traditionally may not normally be involved in the regional transportation planning processes (i.e. seniors, youth, low income, minorities, and other)?
4. How many people do you commit to reach while implementing the public outreach strategy? (Validate your numbers – i.e. submit a list of contacts with your application).
5. Please describe the organization's experience working with these particular people or communities.
6. Describe any similar types of projects that your organization has undertaken.
7. How much funding (up to \$2,500) do you wish to apply for? What is your justification for the amount?

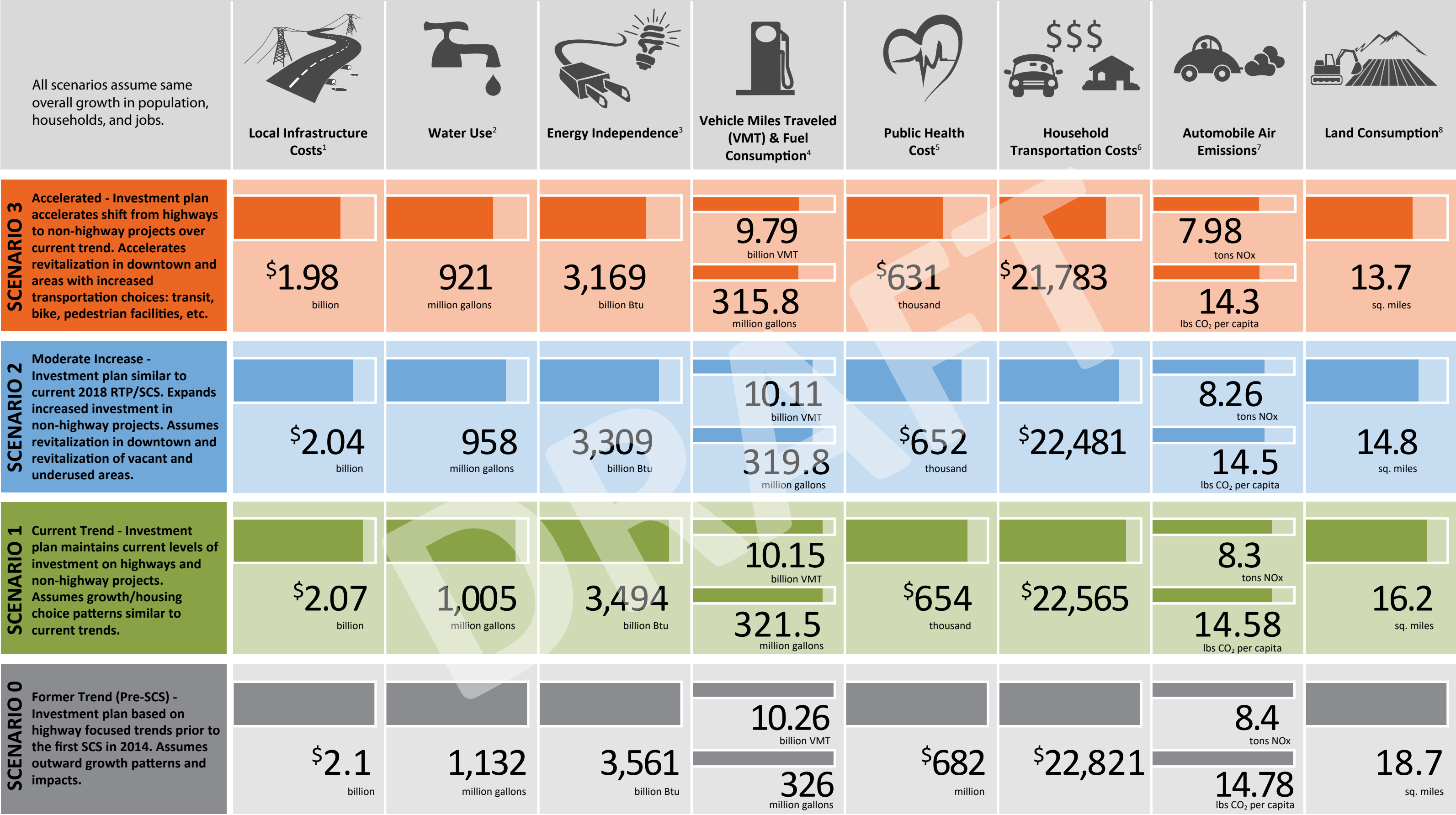
Community-Based Outreach Mini-Grant Program

Proposed Project Budget Worksheet

Name of Organization/Agency: _____

Proposed Operational Expense Breakdown: Includes costs associated with: telephone and postage expenses directly related to the project, use of in-house copier (amount per copy) and external printing and copying jobs, etc. Overhead can be no more than 15 percent of Contract total.			
TOTAL PART A. PROPOSED OPERATIONAL EXPENSES			\$
B. Proposed Staff Costs: Includes staff who will work on the project and their costs with hourly rates required to complete project.			
Staff Member	Hourly Rate	Hours	
TOTAL PART B. PROPOSED STAFF COSTS			\$
C. Other Proposed Direct Cost Breakdown: May include refreshments, signage, translation equipment, and other appropriate meeting and promotion expenses.			
TOTAL PART C. OTHER PROPOSED DIRECT COSTS			\$

METRO BAKERSFIELD – 2035 COUNTYWIDE SCENARIO OUTCOMES



¹ Highway Capital in 2020 dollars (cumulative to 2035)

² 2035 Daily water usage from new growth

³ Annual in 2035

⁴ Annual in 2035

⁵ Health-related costs due to transportation-related pollutant emissions

⁶ In 2020 dollars (annual in 2035)

⁷ Based on a weekday in 2035

⁸ Cumulative to 2035

METRO BAKERSFIELD – 2035 COUNTYWIDE SCENARIO CHARACTERISTICS

SCENARIO 3

Accelerated - Investment plan accelerates shift from highways to non-highway projects over current trend. Accelerates revitalization in downtown and areas with increased transportation choices: transit, bike, pedestrian facilities, etc.

SCENARIO 2

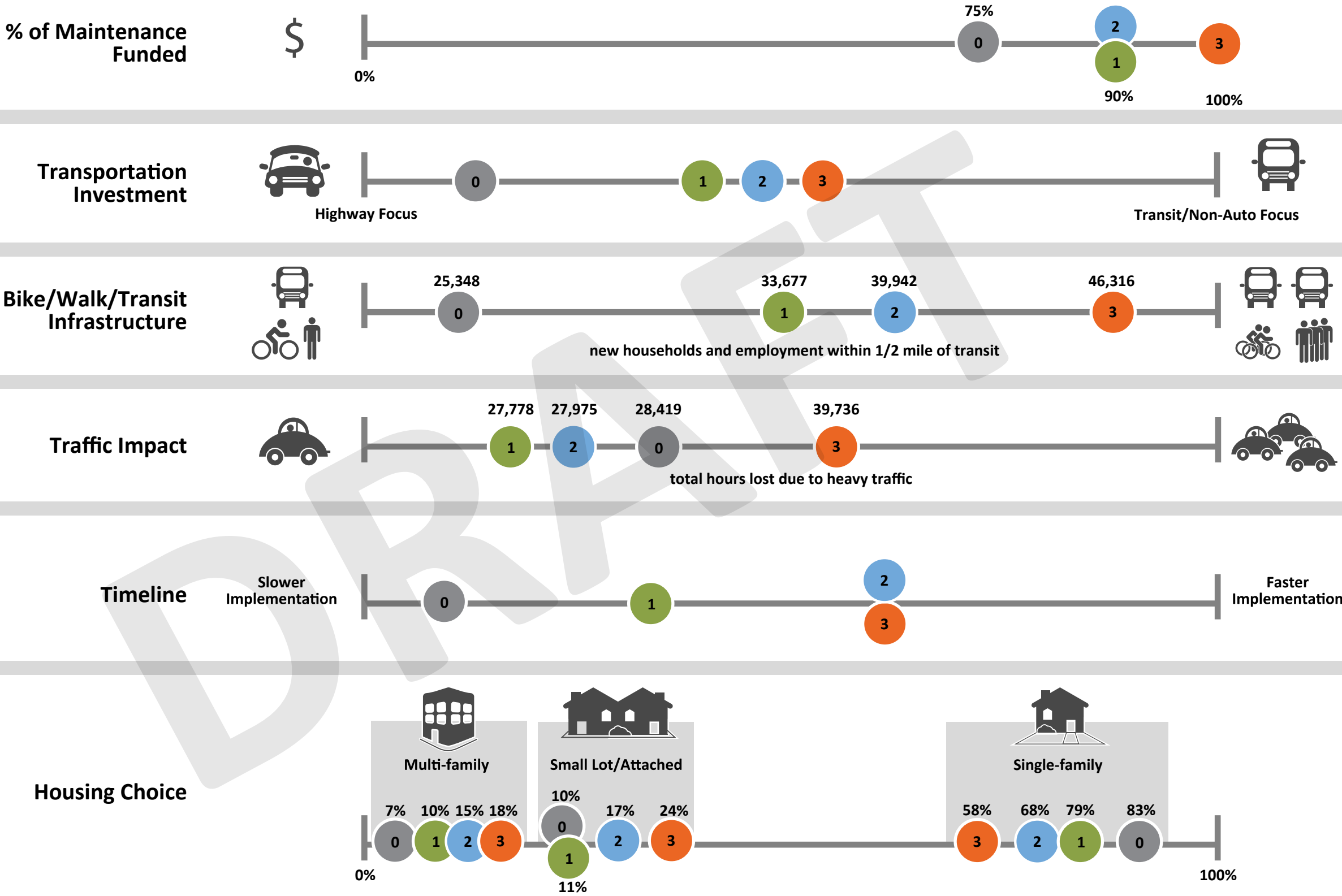
Moderate Increase - Investment plan similar to current 2018 RTP/SCS. Expands increased investment in non-highway projects. Assumes revitalization in downtown and revitalization of vacant and underused areas.

SCENARIO 1

Current Trend - Investment plan maintains current levels of investment on highways and non-highway projects. Assumes growth/housing choice patterns similar to current trends.

SCENARIO 0

Former Trend (Pre-SCS) - Investment plan based on highway focused trends prior to the first SCS in 2014. Assumes outward growth patterns and impacts.



All scenarios assume growth to **1.08 million people; 318,200 households; and 374,800 jobs** in Kern County by 2035. Approximately **2/3** of this growth is within Metropolitan Bakersfield. Scenarios analyze changes in Metro growth using Kern Council of Governments' land use and transportation modeling tools. Modeling documentation is available online at: <http://www.kerncog.org/transportation-modeling>

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
September 1, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Public Participation and Accessibility
September 1, 2021 Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, Kern Council of Governments hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

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I. ROLL CALL:

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. RPAC Meeting of May 5, 2021 and June 30, 2021. VOICE VOTE

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

Comment: 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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Action: Information.

V. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANT/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA – EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN COG THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (Ball)

Comment: The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This is an annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC.

Action: Information. Technical assistance/grant writing assistance requests from member agencies are due to Kern COG by September 30, 2021.

VI. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (Invina)

Comment: The Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), acting in the capacity as the state-designated Regional Planning Agency, prepares the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The 6th Cycle RHNA Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022.

Recommendation: Member jurisdiction Planning Departments to complete Member Jurisdiction Online Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KernCOG-RHNA6>) by Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

VII. 2020 CENSUS UPDATE – 2022 RTP DEVELOPMENT (Raymond)

Comment: Information about 2020 Census data released August 12th to be incorporated in 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Development.

Action: Information.

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

Comment: To help meet stringent air quality standards, Kern COG promotes deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

Action: Information.

IX. TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES (Flickinger)

Comment: The Kern COG Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC), a subcommittee of the TTAC and RPAC, met on August 4, 2021.

Action: Information.

X. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM OF 2021 (Napier)

Comment: Assembly Bill 140 was approved by the Governor on July 19, 2021. This bill established the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (sometimes referred to as REAP 2.0) for the purpose of providing regions with funding, including grants, for transformative planning and implementation activities.

Action: Committee discuss potential activities in Kern.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mini-Grant Application Process. (Napier)

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be October 6, 2021.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
May 5, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Susanna Kormendi	Bakersfield
	Shawn Monk	California City
	Craig Murphy	Kern County
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Christine Viterelli	Arvin
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
	Stephanie Rambo	Tejon Indian Tribe
	Scott Lau	Caltrans
STAFF:	Becky Napier	Kern COG
	Ben Raymond	Kern COG
	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
	Linda Urata	Kern COG
OTHERS:	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
	John Beutler	ARB

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None

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to approve the discussion summary for March 31, 2021, seconded by Committee Member Monk with all in favor.

IV. THE HOUSING PLANNING HUB SITE LOCATED ON THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S WEBSITE (Napier)

Ms. Napier stated that the Housing Planning Hub Site located on the California Housing and Community Development's (HCD) website is a statewide clearinghouse for resources and tools on key housing policy areas. The HCD Technical Assistance Team will continually update the site as statewide and regional tools are created through the Technical Assistance Team program on accelerating Housing for the SB 2 Planning Grants.

This was an information item.

V. 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. This item is a regular update provided to the RPAC.

Mr. Hightower asked for updates on the following items:

- The 6 items requested by CARB in the February letter
- The Clean Mobility Options meetings and whether the 13 communities have been selected yet
- Status of the Model

Mr. Ball provided comments on each item Mr. Hightower wanted updated.

This was an information item.

VI. REGIONAL GROWTH ALLOCATION – THIRD REVIEW (Raymond)

Mr. Raymond discussed the distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast. He stated that Kern COG has generated a draft distribution of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast at the transportation analysis zone level. This draft distribution represents a base for developing scenarios for the 2022 RTP. Kern COG has worked with its member agencies to update land use data and local infrastructure data for generating the base TAZ distribution.

This item was an information item.

VII. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – SATUS 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.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Self-Help Enterprises ADU Program available in Kern County
<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/buy-an-adu-in-clovis/>

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is June 2, 2021.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
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BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY
June 30, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Suzanne Forrest Mark Staples Ricardo Perez Eric Dhanens	Shafter Taft GET Community Member
STAFF:	Becky Napier Rob Ball Rochelle Invina Linda Urata	Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG
OTHERS:	Troy Hightower Joanna Coronado John Beutler Emma De La Rosa	TDH Associates TDH Associates ARB Leadership Council

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Mr. Hightower stated that it was nice to be able to come to the RPAC meeting in person.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

This item was tabled to the next regular meeting.

IV. FUNDING FOR "ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION APPROACHES" (Napier)

On June 28, the adopted budget included \$600 million one-time federal ARPA funds. The funding will be included in the housing trailer bill that is being developed – hopefully by the end of this week for HCD to provide additional planning and implementation grants to regional entities for infill developments, targeted towards the state's climate goals and reducing vehicle miles traveled. It's a one-time, program to support Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to implement one of the state's landmark climate laws, SB 375, by funding infill housing and other actions that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

It is believed the funds will be focused more on implementation than planning, and the sub-allocation eligibility will be expanded to include transportation and transit agencies. In addition, transit, multi-modal connectors, and programs that will reduce reliance on single

auto-mobile travel should all be eligible projects. The Committee was asked to begin thinking about projects that will assist in implementation of the RTP/SCS.

This was an information item.

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Mr. Hightower asked for an update on a letter to CARB about the proposed methodology. Ms. De La Rosa asked about the RHNA Roundtable and Mini Grant Applications.

Mr. Ball provided comments related to Mr. Hightower's question and stated that the Roundtable meeting is scheduled for August 4 and will include information about the Mini Grant process.

This was an information item.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is August 4, 2021.




IV. RPAC

September 1, 2021

TO: RTP/SCS/RHNA Roundtable

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 
Ben Raymond, Regional Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events.

August 23, 2021 - California Housing Community Development Department (HCD) issued Kern's low-income housing need determination for June 30, 2023 – December 31, 2031. RHNA process to allocate that determination to each jurisdiction. That allocation must be incorporated into each jurisdiction's housing element update.

August 20, 2021 – Community Based Outreach Mini-grants applications were due.

August 5, 2021 – Conference call with HCD Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) staff, California Department of Finance (DOF) forecasting staff, Kern COG consulting economist, on 2032 forecast of household formation rates. DOF agreed to revise rates to be closer to Kern COG's adopted forecast as developed by our consulting economist.

August 4, 2021 – 2022 RTP/SCS Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2 - On Improving Public Outreach. Attendees: Tubatulabal Tribe, City of Maricopa City Councilmember, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Leadership Council for Justice & Accountability, Bike Bakersfield, California Trucking Association/CPT, Downtown Business Association, TDH Associates, Upside Productions, Cal Centre Logistics Park, Kern County Library, City of Taft Planning Director, Kern County Public Works, Federal Highways Administration, California Air Resources Board, Caltrans District 6, RGS Consulting. Ways participants suggested to improve public input – 1) More meetings like this, 2) Keep sending out more information to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) so they can pass it on, 3) Virtual meetings via PublicInput software, 4) Newsletter announcements (including Tribal newsletters), and 5) NGOs may propose use of phone banks with mini-grant.

July 28, 2021 - Community Based Outreach Mini-grants Application released for fall outreach events for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

July 10, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

June 30, 2021 – RTP/SCS update to RPAC and announcement of numerous Summer/Fall events.

June 11, 2021 – Kick-off meeting for the Kern Area Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study phase 2. Public outreach meeting tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2021.

May 20, 2021 – Kern Quality of Life Survey results <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

May 10, 2021 – Check-in call with ARB staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 – Public comment period on the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the Kern Transportation Foundation on regional freight efforts to be incorporated into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

February 17, 2021 – ARB provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021 meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available online at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/kern-council-governments-kerncog>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable #1 was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado's Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals (pre-COVID event).

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220 participants**) - **Complete**
- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – Stakeholder roundtable working session to vet outreach and performance measures process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446 participants**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+ participants**) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- April 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,500+ residents**), results available at - **Complete**
- April 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4 on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (**144 participants**) shows nearly half of respondents interested in ADUs – **Complete**
- May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 - Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS - **Complete**

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- August 4, 2021 at 1:30PM – Third RTP/SCS/RHNA Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room
 - Summer-Fall 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census population data available
 - Summer 2021 – RTP Public Outreach – Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 online Zoom meetings (**100+ participants so far**), for info contact eflickinger@kerncog.org :
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogroadsafetyplans.com/>
 - June 22, 2021, 5–6pm, **Shafter** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 24, 2021, 4–5pm, **Delano** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 10–11am, **Arvin** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 4–5pm, **Tehachapi** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 5:30–6:30pm, **Bakersfield** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 1, 2021, 11:00 am to Noon, **California City** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 12, 2021, 4–5pm, **Wasco** – online Zoom meeting
 - August 4, 2021, 5–6pm, **Taft** – online Zoom meeting (tentative)
 - July 15–August 15, 2021, **Maricopa** – online Zoom meeting (to be determined)
 - Summer 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities, (**500+ participants so far**) for info contact SCampbell@kerncog.org –
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogcleanmobilityoptions.com/>

- April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the **Shafter** Rotary Club
- Social media posts of survey February - August, 2021 targeted to reach the following zip codes: **Tejon Tribe, Tubatulabal Tribe, Delano, McFarland, Lost Hills, Wasco, Taft, Arvin, Lamont, Buttonwillow, Shafter, California City, Ridgecrest, Maricopa**
- **Tubatulabal Tribe** July newsletter promotion of survey with link.
- July 20, 2021 exhibitor participation in United Way of Kern County's Community Development Conference
- Summer 2021 - Mini-grant stakeholder application process for hosting RTP/SCS outreach events with preference for hosted events in **Ridgecrest/Inyokern, Mojave/Rosamond/Boron, Bakersfield** areas, and all outlying Kern communities (possibly web-enabled and/or in-person type events)
- September 6 – October 6, 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies.
- September – November 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted events (possibly Zoom events)
- October 28 & November 17, 2021 – Coordinated RTP Public Outreach – Community Based Organization Engagement on Freight
 - October 28, 2021, 9am-5pm Kern Transportation Foundation (KTF) Freight Conference - Kern Area Regional Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study at Hodels in **Bakersfield** (tentative)
 - November 17, 2021 Trucking Fleet and Community Based Organization Engagement - I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Project Presentation at TBD in **Bakersfield** (tentative)
- Winter/Spring 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – **Adopt** RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September-October 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

To be added to the RTP/SCS email notification list for up-coming events, please email Becky Napier BNapier@kerncog.org .

ACTION: Information.

8/4/21 Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2 Flyers in English & Spanish

KERN COG ANNOUNCES ROUNDTABLE STAKEHOLDER MEETING #2:

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Kern Council of Governments Board Room
1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

We need your input on ways to improve public outreach for :

Kern Transportation Planning, Building Sustainable Communities,
Regional Housing Development, Roadway Safety, and More.

Who Should Attend: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
representing local environmental, social equity, business, & industry, as
well as representatives of local governments, RPAC members, and any
other interested Kern County residents.

RSVP scampbell@kerncog.org

Materials will be available at kerncog.org Friday, July 30, 2021

<https://www.gotomeet.me/KernCOG/rpacmeeting>

You can also dial in using your phone but you will miss the presentation graphics.

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KERN COG ANUNCIA REUNIÓN DE MESA REDONDA DE PARTES INTERESADAS #2:

miércoles, 4 de agosto de 2021

1:30 a 3:30 p.m.

Kern Council of Governments Board Room
1401 19th Street, tercer piso
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Necesitamos su opinión sobre las formas de mejorar el alcance público para :

Planificación del transporte de Kern, construcción de
comunidades sostenibles, desarrollo de viviendas regionales, seguridad vial, y
más. **Quién debe asistir:** Organizaciones no-gubernamentales (NGOs) que
representan el medio ambiente, la equidad social, las empresas y la industria
locales, así como representantes de gobiernos locales, miembros del RPAC y
cualquier otro residente del condado de Kern interesado.

Confirme su asistencia a scampbell@kerncog.org

Los materiales estarán disponibles en kerncog.org el viernes 30 de julio de 2021

<https://www.gotomeet.me/KernCOG/rpacmeeting>

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AGENDA



Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2

On Improving Public Outreach for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

August 4, 2021 - 1:30-3:30 PM

Kern COG Board Room – KRESS Bldg., 1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor

Free parking available in the lot at the SW corner of 20th & K—timed parking spaces on street.

(Meeting being held in place of canceled monthly Regional Planning Advisory Committee meeting, same time/location)

Who should attend: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) representing local environmental, social equity, business, & industry, as well as representatives of local governments, RPAC members, and any other interested Kern County residents.

- I. Introductions/Sign-in Sheet
- II. RTP/SCS/RHNA Performance Measures and Public Outreach Requirements/Status Since COVID – Rob Ball
- III. RHNA Process/Status – Rochel Invina
- IV. Public Outreach/Mini Grant Program Roll-out – Becky Napier
Mini-Grant Application: <https://www.kerncog.org/rtp-mini-grant-application/>
- V. Comments/Feedback Session: How can we improve the Public Outreach?
Summarize feedback
- VI. Adjourn

We encourage everyone to attend in person but if you want to participate online please use the following Gotomeeting webinar link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/586617702>

MEETING NOTES

Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2

Improving Public Outreach for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

August 4, 2021 1:30-3:30 PM

Kern COG Board Room

1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor

Bakersfield, CA

Attendance:	Robert Gomez	Tubatulabal Tribe
	Dick Albright	City of Maricopa City Councilmember
	Nick Hill	Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce
	Cassi Love	Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce
	Lois Watson	League of Women Voters
	Emma De La Rosa	Leadership Council for Justice & Accountability
	Asha Chandy	Bike Bakersfield
	Tom Davis	California Trucking Association/CPT
	Melanie Farmer	Downtown Business Association
	Johanna Coronado	TDH Associates
	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	T Johnson	Upside Productions
	Daniel Rudnick	Cal Centre Logistics Park
	Sherry Wade	Kern County Library
	Mark Staples	City of Taft Planning Director
	Chris Carrillo	Kern County Public Works
	Michael Morris	FHWA
	John Beutler	Air Resources Board
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans District 6
	Steve Flint	RGS (COG RHNA consultant)
	Brad Evanson	RGS (COG RHNA consultant)
	Jeff Schwab	RGS (COG RHNA consultant)

- I. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
Background/Requirements – Rob Ball
- II. RHNA Process/Status – Rochelle Invina
- III. Public Outreach/Mini Grant Program – Becky Napier
- IV. Comments/Questions/Feedback
 - Email out 13 Disadvantaged Communities that were part of the CMO Program

- RHNA Process – Tribal coordination? Staff will look into HCD requirements
 - Mini Grant is \$2,500 maximum
 - Off Model Adjustments discussion postponed to September 1 RPAC meeting
 - Bakersfield RHNA contact? RPAC committee members. Paul Johnson from Bakersfield.
 - Will RHNA address housing strategies for homelessness? Will be discussed in local housing elements.
 - Clarify there is enough land for all housing types. Yes.
 - Is all very low & low-income housing multi-family? No.
 - How to improve public outreach?
 - More meetings like this
 - Keep sending out more information to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) so they can pass it on
 - Virtual meetings via PublicInput
 - Newsletter announcements (including Tribal newsletters)
 - NGOs may propose use of phone banks with mini-grant
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- RTP Outreach Online Surveys will be via PublicInput and will be sent out to the mass Email database
 - Will there be paper copies of the RTP Outreach Surveys to send out to residential addresses? Addressed in mini-grant outreach program and virtual.
 - Can an organization present other information? Kern COG will have to review and approve. RTP/SCS workshop presentations may be held in concert with other events and presentations.

Outreach Efforts: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) / Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

Roundtable Stakeholders Meeting #2



Presentation Overview

GOAL: Refine RTP/SCS/RHNA Outreach With Input from Local Stakeholders

- Welcome/Introductions
- Background: RTP/SCS Requirements - Ball
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment - Invina
- 2022 RTP/SCS Outreach/Public Input – Napier
- Comments Questions
- Adjourn



Welcome/Introductions

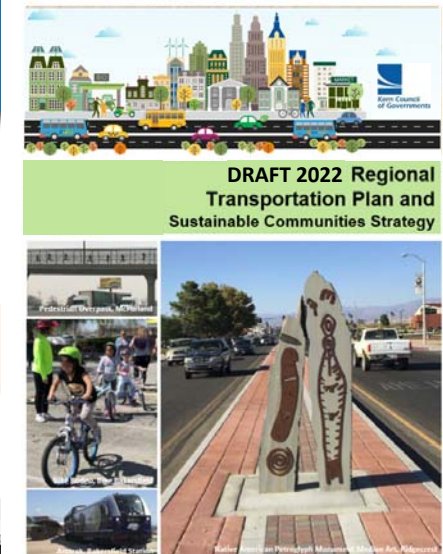
- Instructions (masks/social distancing voluntary, restrooms, emergency exits, parking, mute your devices...especially if you are online, push button on mic to speak, questions?)
- Around the Room
 - Name
 - Organization, Agency, Interested Public
- Online participants
 - Host will read off/welcome names of web participants
 - Who has dialed in by phone?



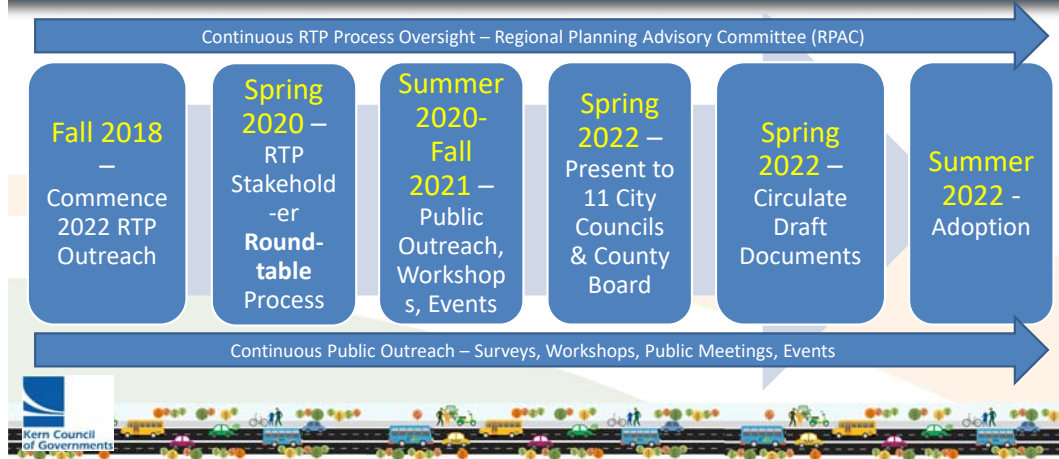
What is the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)?

- Long-Term Plan of Transportation Projects
- Key Chapters / Appendices include:
 - Planning Goals / Policies - Actions
 - Growth Forecast Assumptions
 - Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)
 - Action Element / Project List
 - Financial Element / Fiscally Constrained
 - Public Outreach Summary
 - Integrated EJ Performance Measure Analysis
 - Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

<https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>



RTP/SCS/RHNA/Performance Meas. 4 Year Cycle



RTP/SCS Requirements: Ensuring The 4 Cs by Balancing Performance Measures & Public Outreach

Federal/State Transportation Planning Requirements

Continuous, Comprehensive, Collaborative (Fed. Title 23 §135(a)(3))

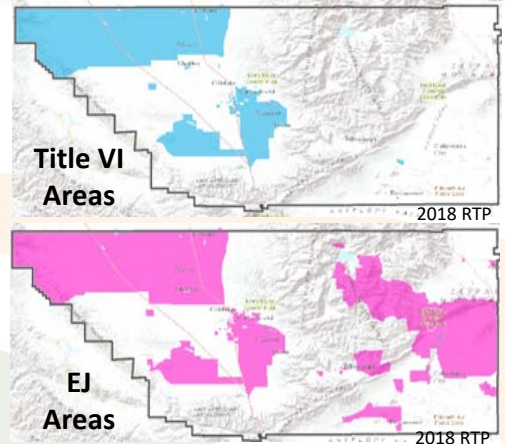
& Consistent (2017 CTC RTP Guidelines)

- Environmental Justice/Title VI Outreach, Analysis, Integrated Performance Measures
- Growth Forecast Requirements
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment (New Requirements)
- Pro-active Bottoms-up Public Outreach
- Performance Measures/Outreach Provided to Decision Makers

Integrated Performance Measure Analysis

Uses U.S. EPA EJ Screen Tool <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

- **Title VI – Predominantly Minority Areas** – Title VI, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq. 1964 Civil Rights Act. No person, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, is ... subjected to discrimination under any program ... receiving Federal financial assistance.
- **Environmental Justice (EJ) – Predominantly Minority and/or Low Income Areas** – 1994 Executive Order 12898 purpose is to focus attention on the env. and human health effects of federal actions on minority and low-income populations ONLY with the goal of achieving env. protection for all communities.

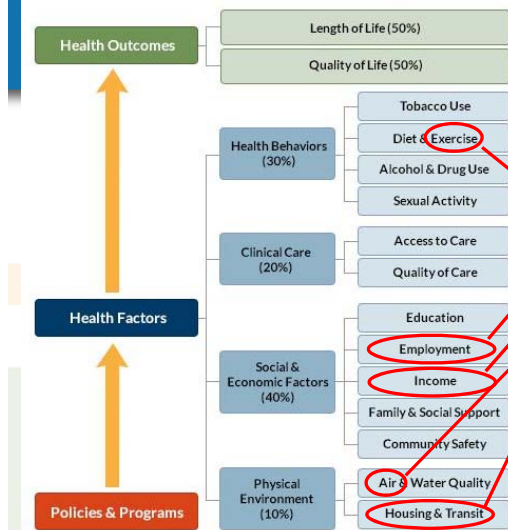


RTP/SCS Data Driven Measures Correspond to RTP Goals

8 out of 10 Measures have State Required Health Equity Component

1. **Mobility/Health Equity** (transit) – Improve the mobility of people and freight;
2. **Accessibility/Economic Being/Health Equity** (transit) – Improve accessibility to, and the economic well being of, major employment and other regional activity centers;
3. **Efficiency/Cost Effectiveness/Health Equity** (transit) – Maximize the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the existing and future transportation system;
4. **Livability/Customer Satisfaction** – Promote livable communities and satisfaction of consumers with the transportation system;
5. **Environment/Health Equity** – Improve Local and Regional Air Quality
6. **Sustainability/Preservation** – Provide for preservation and expansion of the system while minimizing effects on the environment;
7. **Equity/Health Equity** (transit) – Ensure an equitable distribution of the benefits among various demographic and user groups.
8. **Land Consumption/Health Equity** – Promote walking and biking through more compact development options
9. **Health Equity** – Promote Health Care Cost Savings
10. **Reliability/Safety/Health Equity** – Improve the reliability and safety of the transportation system;

RWJ Foundation – County Health Ranking Methodology



San Joaquin Valley Counties Health Ranking Consistently at or Near State's Worst Since 2010

Transportation Related Factors affect less than 30% of the region's health ranking:

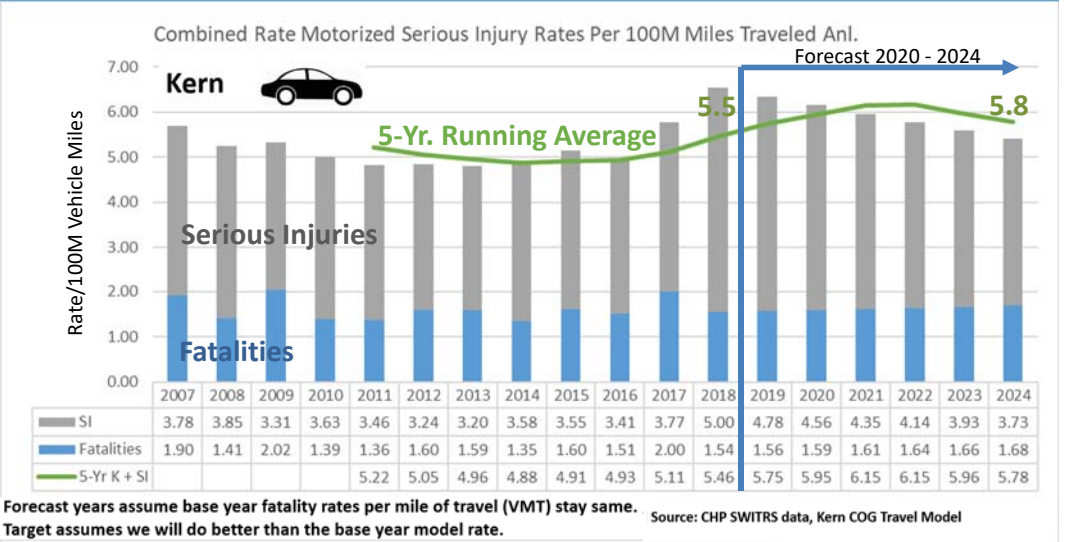
- 4% - Exercise (walking, biking)
- 8% - Employment (economic growth)
- 8% - Income (economic growth)
- 2.5% - Air (vehicle emissions)
- 5% - Housing & Transit (job access, walking)

More than half of the Transportation Related Factors are **economic growth** related.

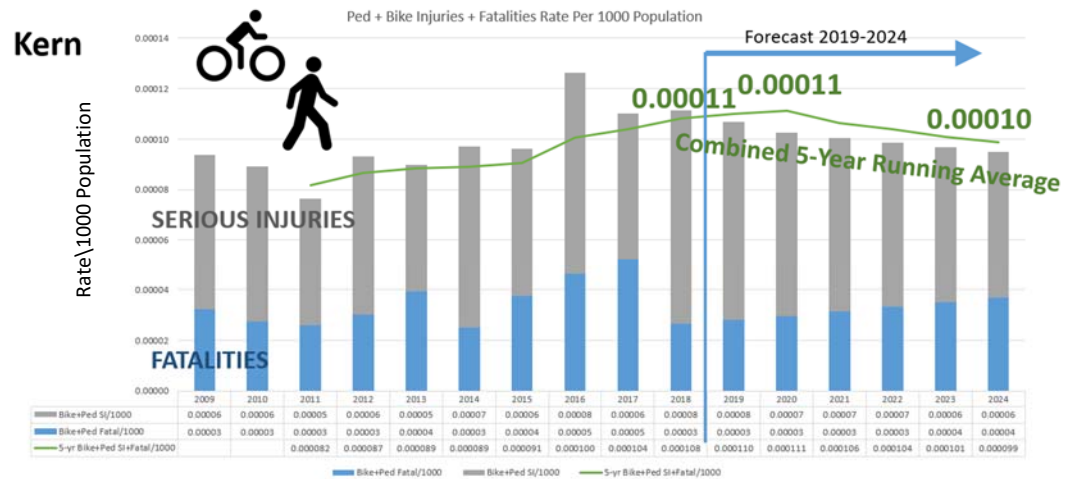
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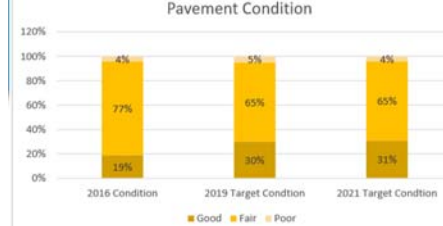
Federal Vehicle Safety Performance Measures



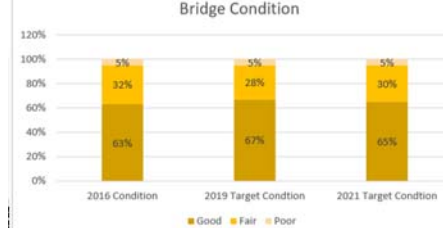
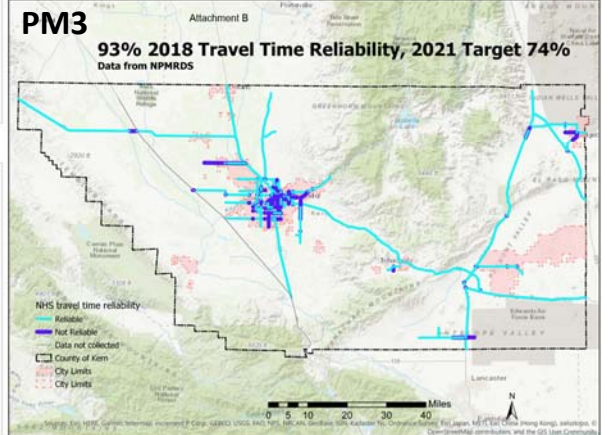
PRELIMINARY – Optional Measure (not federally required)



PM2



PM2

PM2 Pavement Condition
PM3 Travel Time Reliability

Balancing Environmental Justice Analysis with Meaningful Opportunities for Public Involvement



Federal Environmental Justice (EJ)

- Executive Order 12898 issued by President Clinton in 1994, in **2012, U.S. DOT Order 5610.2(a), clarified EJ procedures for federal transportation planning processes.**
- EJ principles are to be considered throughout planning and decision-making process
- EJ Procedures shall provide meaningful opportunities for public involvement during the planning and development of programs, policies, and activities, including potential effects, alternatives, and mitigation measures.**



Balancing Meaningful Opportunities for Public Involvement



Levels of Meaningful/Educational Opportunities

- 1) Statistically Valid Phone Surveys
- 2) Interactive Online Surveys
- 3) Door to Door Surveying
- 4) Event Booth 1 on 1 contact
- 5) In Person Workshop

More Interactive

Over 5,750 Have Already Participated in Meaningful Opportunities for Public Involvement (translation where appropriate)

2022 RTP/SCS/RHNA



Over 50 Public Outreach Opportunities Over the 4-Yr. Process

- 3,900 - 3 Annual Phone/Text Surveys – statistically valid, over-sampled in outlying disadvantaged areas <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>
- 1,100 – 4 Interactive Online Surveys using MetroQuest
- 271 – 4 Safety Planning Zoom mtgs (4-more planned) & 1-Safety online survey tool <https://www.kerncogroadsafetyplans.com/>
- 500+ - Clean Mobility Options door-to-door outreach in 13 Disadvantaged Comm., & online survey tool <https://www.kerncogcleanmobilityoptions.com/>
- 20 Public Regional Planning Advisory Committee meetings
- 8+ Planned Stakeholder Hosted Mini-Grant Workshops (planned)
- 4 Festivals, Fairs, and Other Events
- 2 Environment/Social Equity; Business/Ind. Roundtable Mtgs.

Kern is the **ONLY** Small/Medium MPO in 2017 State RTP Guidelines as an **“Exemplary Planning Practice”** For Educational Outreach.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tp/offices/qaip/mtdocs/2017RTPGuidelinesforMPOs.pdf>

Bottom Up Approach to Outreach Resulting in Success Stories Benefiting Disadvantaged Communities (2018)

- Strong Public Input Helped Streamlined Inclusion of over 50 SCS Strategies in the RTP/SCS – Unanimous Adoption
- Most strategies help **disadvantaged communities** due to bottom-up input
- Performance measure analysis indicated that we will not negatively impact Title VI and EJ communities with this plan
- Balancing performance measure analysis with aggressive, bottom-up public input streamlines final adoption



Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories Benefiting Disadvantaged Communities in Kern

In order to help demonstrate the Kern region's extensive efforts to comply with state climate change goals, Kern COG has identified related member agency activities. All of the following success stories benefit the disadvantaged communities by improving emissions, however the highlighted strategies benefit Kern's disadvantaged communities directly.

NEW STRATEGIES	ENHANCED STRATEGIES (continued)
1. Bakersfield High Speed Rail Station Area Plan - Specific/General Plan Update	26. Lost Hills Wonderful Park and Community Improvements
2. Kern COG 4,000+ Workplace Charging Spaces	29. Grapevine Specific and Community Plan and Specific Plan
3. Improvements to 51 Bus Stops - Metro Bakersfield/Disadvantaged Neighborhoods	30. New Taft Transit Center / Regional Transit Hub
4. Bakersfield Disadvantaged Communities Bike Share & Downtown Bicycle Connectivity Project	31. Early Delivery of Visalia Disadvantaged Community Active Transportation Projects
5. Kern Highway Projects Advancing Complete Streets	32. Kern COG Intelligent Transportation System Plan Update
6. Kern Regional Active Transportation Plan Including Disadvantaged Communities	33. City of Tehachapi General Plan (Form-Based Code, Transit Zone, Mobility Element, Town Form Element)
7. SJV Rural Transit Shared Mobility Study for Disadvantaged Communities	34. Infill Incentive Zone - Lower Transportation Impact Fee Core Area
8. SR 184 Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements	35. City of Taft General Plan - Sustainability Principles
9. SR 184 and 155 Roundabouts in Disadvantaged Communities of Delano and Wasco	36. City of Ridgecrest General Plan and Multi-Modal Circulation Element
10. Kern County General Plan Update - Land Use, Conservation, Open Space, Circulation, Housing, and other key elements	37. Metro Bakersfield General Plan Sewer Policy - Hook-up required for parcels less than 6 acres
11. Early Deployment Pricing Policies for Parking and Fast Trak HOT Lanes	38. City of Bakersfield Required Lot Area Zoning Strategies
12. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Project	39. San Joaquin Valley Air District's Indirect Source Review to Mitigate Off-Site Impacts of Development
ENHANCED STRATEGIES	EXISTING/CONTINUING STRATEGIES
13. City of Bakersfield Redevelopment Projects - Mill Creek and Baker Street	40. Transit Priority Areas in the Kern COG SCS
14. Commuter Rail Feasibility Study - Amtrak Improvements	41. Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan Centers Concept - Transit Priority & Strategic Employment Place Types
15. Rideshare Program - Commute Kern	42. GET Short-Term Service Plan (2017-2020)
16. Expanding Park and Ride Lots	43. GET X-92 Commuter Express bus service to Tejon Industrial Complex
17. Dial-A-Ride and Local Transportation Services	44. Kern511 - Traveler Information System
18. Kern County Bicycle Master Plan & Complete Streets Recommendations/City of Tehachapi Bicycle Master Plan	45. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Integration Project
19. City of Bakersfield Bicycle Facilities	46. Caltrans Vehicle Detection System - State Route 43 Intersection Improvements and East Bakersfield Vehicle Detection Systems
20. Westside Station Multi-modal Transit Center	47. California Highway Patrol's Safety Corridor
21. San Joaquin Valley Vapour Program (CalVap)	48. Purchase of CHSRING Buses (80+ bus fleet)
22. Kern County Wind Farm Areas (Largest in U.S.)	49. The Electric Cab Company of Delano
23. City of Shafter Container Yard and Intermodal Rail Facility Expansion	50. Downtown Elementary School Expansion (Bakersfield)
24. Intersection Signalization/Synchronization	51. Traffic Control Devices
25. City of Bakersfield 4 New Downtown Infill Housing Projects	52. Kern Region Energy Action Plans (Kern REAP) and Kern Energy Watch Goal 3
26. Cities of McFarland and Shafter - Conversion of Transit fleet to electric vehicles	53. Tejon Ranch Conservation and Land Use Agreement
27. Golden Empire Transit - Purchase of 2 Electric Buses	54. Kern County Community Revitalization Program
	55. Kern Transit - Route Connection with Antelope Valley Transit Authority
	56. CSU Bakersfield - Public Transit Center

2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable Stakeholders Meeting #2

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment/REAP



Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

The Purpose of RHNA

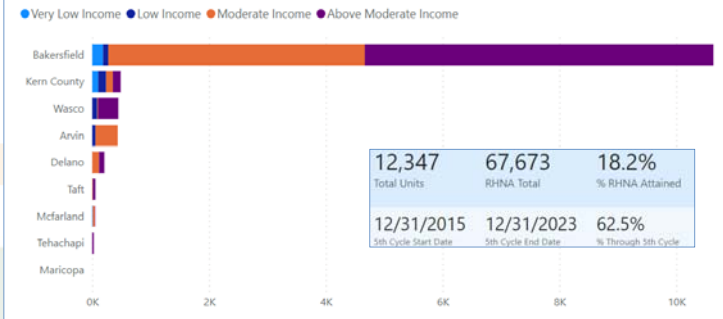
- State requirement: Address the housing needs at the local and regional level
- A measurement of future housing needs for all income levels
- NOT a building quota
- Local government must revise its Housing Element to show how it plans to accommodate its allocation

REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ALLOCATION	
Income Category	
Very Low (0-50% of AMI)	
Low (51-80% of AMI)	
Moderate (81-120% of AMI)	
Above Moderate (over 120% of AMI)	
TOTAL UNITS	



5th Cycle RHNA – Performance

5th Cycle Permits by Jurisdiction



12,347	67,673	18.2%
Total Units	RHNA Total	% RHNA Attained
12/31/2015	12/31/2023	62.5%
5th Cycle Start Date	5th Cycle End Date	% Through 5th Cycle

Very Low Income		
294	16,851	1.7%
5th Cycle Permits	5th Cycle RHNA	% Attained
Low Income		
372	10,554	3.5%
5th Cycle Permits	5th Cycle RHNA	% Attained
Moderate Income		
5,062	11,234	45.1%
5th Cycle Permits	5th Cycle RHNA	% Attained
Above Moderate Income		
6,619	29,034	22.8%
5th Cycle Permits	5th Cycle RHNA	% Attained
12/31/2015	12/31/2023	62.5%
Start Date	End Date	Percent Through 5th Cycle

Source: HCD Annual Progress Report Dashboard
<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/annual-progress-reports.shtml>



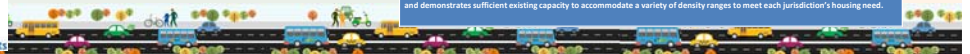
Vacant Land Capacity for Housing Units by Jurisdiction

5th Cycle Regional Housing Need Determination by Income Category for Projection Period: December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2023

Income Category	Percent (minimum)	Housing Units (rounded)
Very – Low	24.9	16,850
Low	15.6	10,555
Moderate	16.6	11,235
Above-Moderate	42.9	29,035
Total	100.0	67,675

Jurisdiction	Existing Housing Units (2013)	Residential Units Capacity* (Vacant)		
		Medium, High, and Mixed Use Density	Very-Low and Low Density	Total
Arvin	4,568	702	2,517	3,219
Bakersfield	123,066	26,791	94,112	120,903
California City	5,226	51,264	38,300	89,564
Delano	10,831	741	5,472	6,213
Maricopa	464	168	644	812
McFarland	2,755	413	877	1,290
Ridgecrest	12,088	2,239	3,511	5,750
Shafter	4,612	1,085	19,452	20,537
Taft	2,522	978	4,443	5,421
Tehachapi	3,622	1,254	2,702	3,956
Wasco	5,649	382	4,203	4,585
Unincorporated County	113,221	65,993	344,204	410,197
County Total	288,624	152,010	520,437	672,447

*The residential units capacity used a GIS analysis of each jurisdiction's latest general plan information outside urban/built-up areas, and demonstrates sufficient existing capacity to accommodate a variety of density ranges to meet each jurisdiction's housing need.



2022 RHNA Schedule

- June 2021**
 - Notify HCD and Caltrans of RTP adoption date
 - Begin HCD consultation
- August 2021**
 - August 4th - Community Stakeholder Meeting to provide RHNA overview and receive community input
 - Begin RHNA methodology development
 - Conduct survey of member jurisdictions regarding factors in 65584.04(d)
- September 2021**
 - September 1st RPAC – RHNA adjustment factors and objectives
- November 2021**
 - Complete HCD-COG consultation
- Dec 2021-Jan 2022**
 - HCD determines Kern County Regional Housing Determination
 - Kern COG proposes Draft RHNA Methodology (Start 60-day public comment period) and submit to HCD for review
 - Community Stakeholder Meeting to present Draft RHNA Methodology



2022 RHNA Schedule

- January 2022**
 - Public hearing held for Draft RHNA Methodology
- March 2022**
 - Kern COG adopts Final Methodology
- April-May 2022**
 - Kern COG releases Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation to local jurisdictions for 60-day comment period
 - Community Stakeholder Meeting to provide draft RHNA allocation overview and receive community input
- July 2022**
 - Kern COG adopts Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan
 - HCD reviews Proposed Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan
- December 2023**
 - Local Governments complete Housing Element Revisions



RHNA Development Updates: <https://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing-needs/>

Regional Early Action Planning Program

The Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program

- A State of California grant program to help regions and jurisdictions with planning activities to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment, and to spur affordable housing production.
- Funds must be used for housing planning activities and demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing planning and accelerating housing production.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Process

- Develop an improved methodology for the distribution of the sixth-cycle RHNA, to further the objectives described in subdivision (d) section 65584 of the Government Code.
 - Activities under this category must demonstrate a nexus to an improved methodology that furthers the RHNA Objectives.
 - Activities under this category may include implementation measures associated with an improved methodology that furthers RHNA Objectives.



SJV REAP Information and Updates: <https://sjvcogs.org/reap/>

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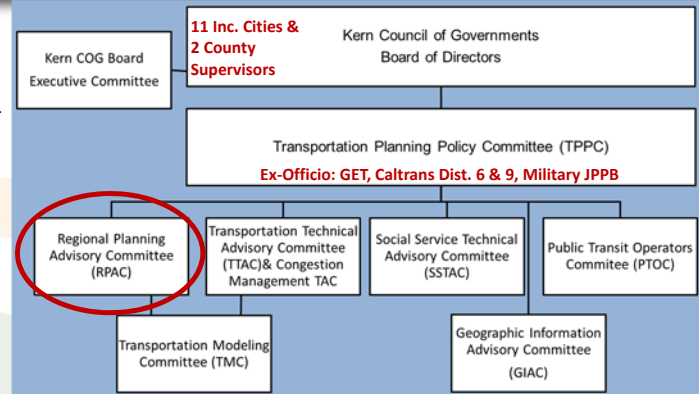
2022 RTP/SCS Outreach/Public Input



Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Oversight

RPAC Make-up

- **12 Planning Directors** - or designee from each of the 11 Cities and the County
- **3 Ex-Officios** – GET, LAFCO, KEDC
- **3 Community-At-Large Members** – Appointed by the COG Board



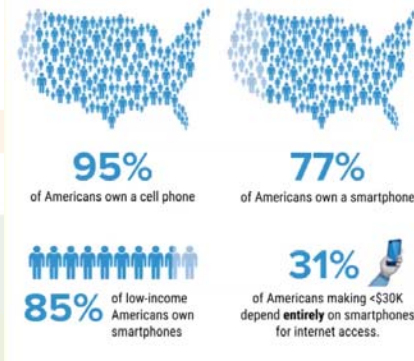
PublicInput Software

- Online Surveys
- Virtual Public Meetings
- Translation
- Live Polling

HYBRID PUBLIC MEETINGS
Reshaping the Future of Public Engagement



Lowering Barriers



Preferred methods of communication:

- Online Surveys
- Paper Surveys
- Text Surveys and open comments
- Kiosks In-Person Canvassing
- Email
- Online commenting
- Phone capabilities:
 - Listen to the meeting by phone
 - Live speaker Queue
 - Recorded & transcribed comments
 - Automatic meeting audio transcription

Stakeholder Group Hosted Mini-grant Program

Estimated Timeline:

Date	Activity
Friday, July 23, 2021	Release Mini-Grant Application Packets
Friday, August 20, 2021	Mini-Grant Proposals due to Kern COG by 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Friday, August 27, 2021	Applicant Interviews if needed (SAVE THE DATE)
Thursday, September 2, 2021	Applicants notified of acceptance
September 7 - 10, 2021	Finalizing Scopes of Work and signing contracts.
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	Mandatory Orientation Meeting for all recipients (Kern COG)
September 22 – November 4, 2021	Workshops/meetings held
December 1, 2021	Final outreach report due to Kern COG by 4:00 p.m. with all invoices, receipts and documentation.

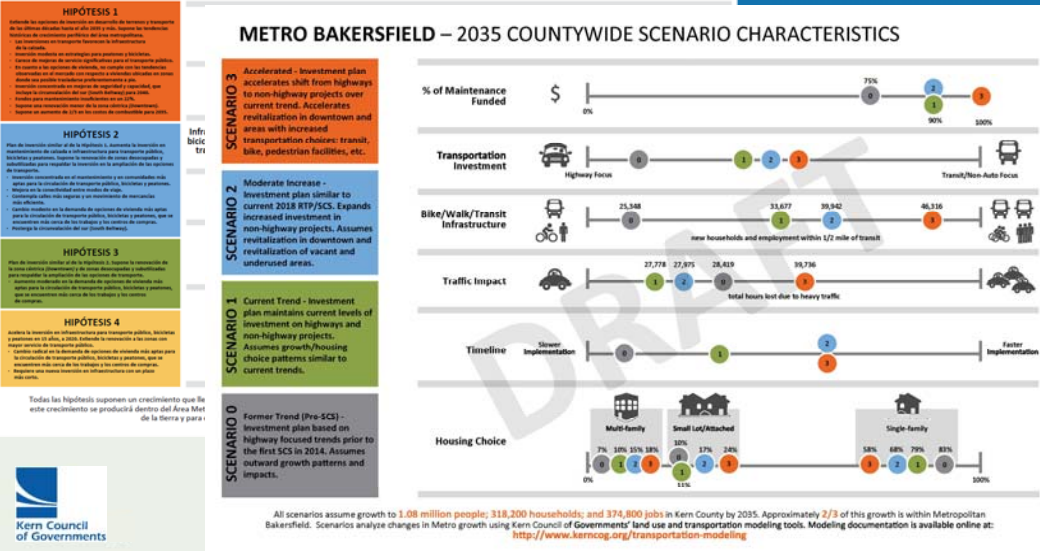
Additional Outreach Activities

- Annual 1,200 Person Statistically Valid Phone Survey – 2007-2021
- Kern County Fair and other Local Festivals
- Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 online Zoom meetings
- Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities
- City Council Meetings/Board of Supervisor Meeting – Outreach Results Presented to the Elected Officials



ÁREA METROPOLITANA DE BAKERSFIELD – CARACTERÍSTICAS DE LAS HIPÓTESIS DE TODO EL CONDADO PARA 2035

Characteristics Compared



ÁREA METROPOLITANA DE BAKERSFIELD – RESULTADOS DE HIPÓTESIS DE TODO EL CONDADO PARA 2035

Performance Measures

METRO BAKERSFIELD – 2035 COUNTYWIDE SCENARIO OUTCOMES									
	Local Infrastructure Costs*	Water Use†	Energy Independence‡	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) & Fuel Consumption§	Public Health Cost¶	Household Transportation Costs**	Automobile Air Emissions††	Land Consumption‡‡	
Scenario 0: Former Trend (Pre-SCS) - Investment plan based on highway focused trends prior to the first SCS in 2014. Assumes outward growth patterns and impacts.	\$2.1 billion	1,132 million gallons	3,561 million Btu	10.26 billion VMT 326 million gallons	\$682 thousand	\$22,821 thousand	8.4 tons CO2 per capita 14.78 tons CO2 per capita	18.7 sq. miles	
Scenario 1: Current Trend - Investment plan maintains current levels of investment in highways and non-highway projects. Assumes growth/housing choice patterns similar to current trends.	\$2.07 billion	1,005 million gallons	3,494 million Btu	10.15 billion VMT 321.5 million gallons	\$654 thousand	\$22,565 thousand	8.3 tons CO2 per capita 14.58 tons CO2 per capita	16.2 sq. miles	
Scenario 2: Moderate Increase - Investment plan similar to current 2018 RTP/SCS. Expands increased investment in non-highway projects. Assumes revitalization in downtown and revitalization of vacant and underused areas.	\$2.04 billion	958 million gallons	3,309 million Btu	10.11 billion VMT 319.8 million gallons	\$652 thousand	\$22,481 thousand	8.26 tons CO2 per capita 14.5 tons CO2 per capita	14.8 sq. miles	
Scenario 3: Accelerated - Investment plan accelerates shift from highways to non-highway projects over current trend. Accelerates revitalization in downtown and areas with increased transportation choices: transit, bike, pedestrian facilities, etc.	\$1.98 billion	921 million gallons	3,169 million Btu	9.79 billion VMT 315.8 million gallons	\$631 thousand	\$21,783 thousand	7.98 tons CO2 per capita 14.3 tons CO2 per capita	13.7 sq. miles	
Scenario 4: Accelerated - Investment plan accelerates shift from highways to non-highway projects over current trend. Accelerates revitalization in downtown and areas with increased transportation choices: transit, bike, pedestrian facilities, etc.	\$1.98 billion	921 million gallons	3,169 million Btu	9.79 billion VMT 315.8 million gallons	\$631 thousand	\$21,783 thousand	7.98 tons CO2 per capita 14.3 tons CO2 per capita	13.7 sq. miles	

* In millions of 2012 dollars (rounded to 2015)

† Highway Capital = 2012 dollars (rounded to 2015)

‡ 2012 daily water usage from new growth

§ Actual in 2015

¶ Health-related costs due to transportation-related pollutant emissions

** In 2015 dollars (annual in 2015)

†† Based on a weekday in 2015

‡‡ Cumulative to 2035

Other Ideas / Comments / Questions / Contacts

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September 1, 2021

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and
Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

BY: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Becky Napier, Deputy Director/Administration
Rochelle Invina, Regional Planner
Linda Urata, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND
FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA - **EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN
COG THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

DESCRIPTION:

The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This is an annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC.

DISCUSSION:

A new 2-part strategy was proposed in the 2014 RTP to help our member agencies voluntarily monitor their progress toward the region's air emission goals. The strategy also helps member agencies develop projects that will better compete under the new policies that emphasizes sustainability. Kern COG provides monitoring data along with technical assistance and grant writing assistance.

The monitoring data helps inform our member agencies on how they are doing related to the region's air emission goals. The data provides sub-regional monitoring feedback and helps prioritize assistance using the regional travel model as part of this process.

COG Technical Assistance

The 2014 RTP was the first to contain an SCS as required by the state Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375). Kern COG began work with member agencies on developing more sustainable projects and strategies immediately after the adoption of the 2008 Kern Regional Blueprint.

Since 2009, Kern COG has awarded over \$500,000 in technical assistance grants and/or staff time support to provide member agencies with resources to identify transportation projects that would further the goals of the Kern Regional Blueprint and now the SCS. This year there is \$30k budgeted for Kern COG technical assistance grants, and additional funding is available for staff time to assist member agencies in applying for the numerous grant resources. This program has helped fund:

- In kind staff-time match for sustainable community planning grants for modeling/public outreach
- Regional travel demand modeling and GIS mapping support

- community bike and complete street plans
- community visioning/design workshops
- 2D/3D community visualizations
- transportation impact fee programs
- general plan circulation element updates
- Early transportation project development planning studies

Member Agencies Email Sustainable Community Planning/Project Development Ideas to Kern COG by Thursday, September 30, 2020 - Under this Kern COG local government assistance program, staff can recommend that technical assistance resources be prioritized for agencies with the greatest potential need (see monitoring section below). Agencies must request technical assistance in writing by September 30, 2020 for consideration. Requests may be made by email and should include a brief preliminary scope and budget regarding the planning level work needed. Agencies are encouraged to contact COG staff for assistance in developing the request for sustainable community strategy and planning funds. Staff will provide assistance in deciding which grant resources (see attachment 1) are most appropriate. Please contact Rob Ball - 661-635-2902, rball@kerncog.org or Linda Urata - 661-635-2904, lurata@kerncog.org.

Member Agencies Provided with Free Access to GrantFinder.com - Kern COG has secured GrantFinder software licenses on behalf of its member agencies, and local public transit agencies for the period ending May 31, 2021, which may be extended. GrantFinder (<http://grantfinder.com>) is a real-time database of federal, state, and private grant opportunities tailored to municipalities and nonprofits. The program allows users to tailor their grant searches to their needs. To receive access, the member agency may designate up to two users on the attached form and return it to Linda Urata, Regional Planner. Currently all member agencies have access except for Shafter and the County (which reported maintains their own licenses). GrantFinder training is available by request; Kern COG hosted a workshop most recently on June 23, 2020. Program contact: Linda at 661-635-2904 or lurata@kerncog.org or Susanne Campbell scampbell@kerncog.org.

Prioritized Funding Policy for More Sustainable Projects - In November 2012 and most recently updated in March 2019, the Kern COG Board adopted the new project delivery policies and procedure (<https://www.kerncog.org/policies/>) to assist the region in promoting projects that better match the goals of the RTP/SCS. Dependent on the funding category, the procedure provides points for ranking projects for future funding. Based on the ranking, up to half of the points go to projects that promote more sustainable/livable communities and lower air emissions. Since this policy and procedure update, Kern COG has funded park & ride facilities in California City and South Bakersfield, the Golden Empire Transit District has implemented a new/more convenient rapid bus corridor/microtransit network, and the City of Tehachapi has adopted the first city-wide “form-based-code” General Plan in California. These types of projects are proliferating in the region in part because of new local project delivery policies.

Monitoring Data Feedback

The table in Attachment 2 shows the latest modeling of auto Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per person (household population + employment by place of work) from the adoption of the 2018 RTP. The total shows a 3.2 percent decrease in VMT. All regions show lower VMT per capita household population + employment by 2042 compared to 2017. The following regions have seen an increase in VMT compared to the prior RTP: Greater Arvin, Tehachapi, Ridgecrest, Maricopa, Frazier Park, Shafter, McFarland, Wasco, Lake Isabella, and Cal City/Mojave.

This technical and grant writing assistance program is a strategy in the 2018 RTP and will continue to be funded as planning funds and grants are available. Subject to the Board’s direction, Kern COG resources could be prioritized to communities that may be showing difficulty in making progress towards reducing emissions and passenger vehicle travel. Grants and incentives are subject to state and federal funding requirements.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources – September 2020
Attachment 2 – 2018 RTP/SCS Change in Daily Auto Miles Traveled
Attachment 3 - Kern Sub Area Index and Vehicle Miles Traveled Maps

ACTION:

Information. Technical Assistance/grant writing assistance requests from member agencies are due to Kern COG by September 30, 2021.

Attachment 1

Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources – September 2021

Kern Council of Governments

Technical Assistance Program – Email Request to Rob Ball rball@kerncog.org or Becky Napier bnapier@kerncog.org due by Thursday, 5PM September 30, 2021.

Requests may be made by email and should include a draft scope, budget and timeline regarding the planning need. Agencies are encouraged to contact COG staff for assistance in developing the request for planning resources and strategizing which sources are most appropriate. Awards are subject to available funding, need, and past geographic distribution of past awards. The awards will be used in developing the programming for next fiscal year's Kern COG Overall Work Program. Past awards have included:

- Travel modeling and GIS mapping support technical support
- In-kind staff time in data collection/outreach to help match a sustainable planning grant
- Grant writing assistance
- Community bike and complete street plans
- Community visioning/design workshops
- Transportation impact fee programs
- General plan circulation element updates
- Transportation project development planning studies

San Joaquin Valley Air District

Grants and Incentive Programs - <http://valleyair.org/grants/> - Some **applications accepted year-round.**

- **Bike Paths** provides funds to establish bicycle infrastructure such as Class I or Class II bicycle paths
- **E-Mobility Commerce** provides funds to develop or expand electronic telecommunication services
- **Public Benefit** provides funds to purchase new, alternative-fuel vehicles and infrastructure and develop advanced transit and transportation systems
- **Charge Up!** Provides funds for businesses and public agencies to purchase and install electric vehicle chargers for public use.
- **Plug in Electric Vehicle Resources Center** provides information about plug-in electric vehicles including available incentive funding, charging infrastructure and locations, and the District's activities to increase and sustain electric vehicles in the Valley
- **Public Transportation Subsidy and Park & Ride Lots** provides funds to subsidize transportation passes for bus, shuttle and commuter rail services. Funds are also available for the construction of park and ride lots
- **Alternate Fuel Mechanic Training - Heavy Duty Waste Haulers - School Bus Programs - more**

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District

DMV Grant and Voucher Program – www.kernair.org – Contact: Jeremiah Cravens: 661-862-5251.

- **DMV Vehicle Voucher Program** (\$1-\$4k) funding available ongoing for eligible low or no emission vehicles for residents, businesses, schools, organizations, government agencies, municipalities located within Eastern Kern County.

- **DMV Grant Program (\$50k max. per project)** EV Charging or CNG refilling stations, Alternative Fuel Mechanics Training, Public Education, and Innovative Vehicle-Related Emission Reduction Proposals accepted. . **Applications opened annually. 2020 program closed in February.**

Caltrans

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 2021-2022 - Applications scheduled to be released in early fall 2020 with a due date in mid-fall 2020. <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/regional-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants>

Active Transportation Program (ATP) – <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle5>

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP Cycle 5 Call for Projects on March 25, 2020. Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$440M in ATP funding made up of Federal funding, State SB1 and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding/programming years include the 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 fiscal years. Applications due for Quick-Build Projects July 15, 2020. All other project applications due September 15, 2020.

Transportation Planning Resources – <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

Strategic Growth Council (SGC)

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program make it easier for Californians to drive less by making sure housing, jobs, and key destinations are accessible by walking, biking, and transit. AHSC Round 6 is processing on schedule. <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/>

Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies, and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution. The SGC approved Round 3 awards on June 26, 2020. The TCC Program does not currently have funding allocated a fourth round of awards <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/>

California Housing and Community Development Department

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a list of housing programs that currently have funding available: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/index.shtml>

- **Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) Planning Grants** –provides one-time funding and technical assistance to all eligible local governments in California to adopt, and implement plans and process improvements that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production. To view where awards were made, you may visit the Planning Grants and Local Housing Strategies Map here: <http://cahcd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=c0b0f1f398774e9c805ef0ebcf4ebd45>
- **Regional Early Action Planning (REAP)** program helps council of governments (COGs) and other regional entities collaborate on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. Grant funding is intended to help regional governments and entities facilitate local housing production that will assist local governments in meeting their Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA). <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/reap.shtml>
- **Local Early Action Planning (LEAP)** program assist cities and counties to plan for housing through providing over-the-counter, non-competitive planning grants. <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml>

California Natural Resources Agency - <https://resources.ca.gov/grants>

The California Natural Resources Agency Bonds and Grant unit administers various programs. They offer listserv registration for some program notifications. For instance, the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program is an annual program offering grants to local, state and federal governmental agencies and to nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts caused by new or modified public transportation facilities. Visit the website to obtain information about the various programs, project eligibility requirements and application due dates.

California Air Resources Board – <https://www.arb.ca.gov/ba/fininfo.htm>

Air Pollution Incentives, Grants and Credit Programs - Multiple granting programs. Visit the website to obtain project eligibility requirements and application due dates.

California Energy Commission - <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities>

The California Energy Commission offers a variety of funding opportunities to advance the state's transition to clean energy and transportation through innovation, efficiency, and the development and deployment of advanced technologies.

United States Department of Energy | Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy | Alternative Fuels Data Center - <https://afdc.energy.gov/states/ca>

California Transportation Data for Alternative Fuels and Vehicles - Find transportation data and information about alternative fuels and advanced vehicles in California, including laws and incentives, fueling stations, fuel prices, and more.

UpLift California Resource Guide – <http://upliftca.org/resource-finder/> Whether you're a community group looking to plant trees or expand clean transit, or a family looking to cut your electricity bill, find electric car rebates or get help with energy conservation, find out how California's climate investments can help you.

Attachment 2 – How Sub Areas of Kern County are Doing on Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled.

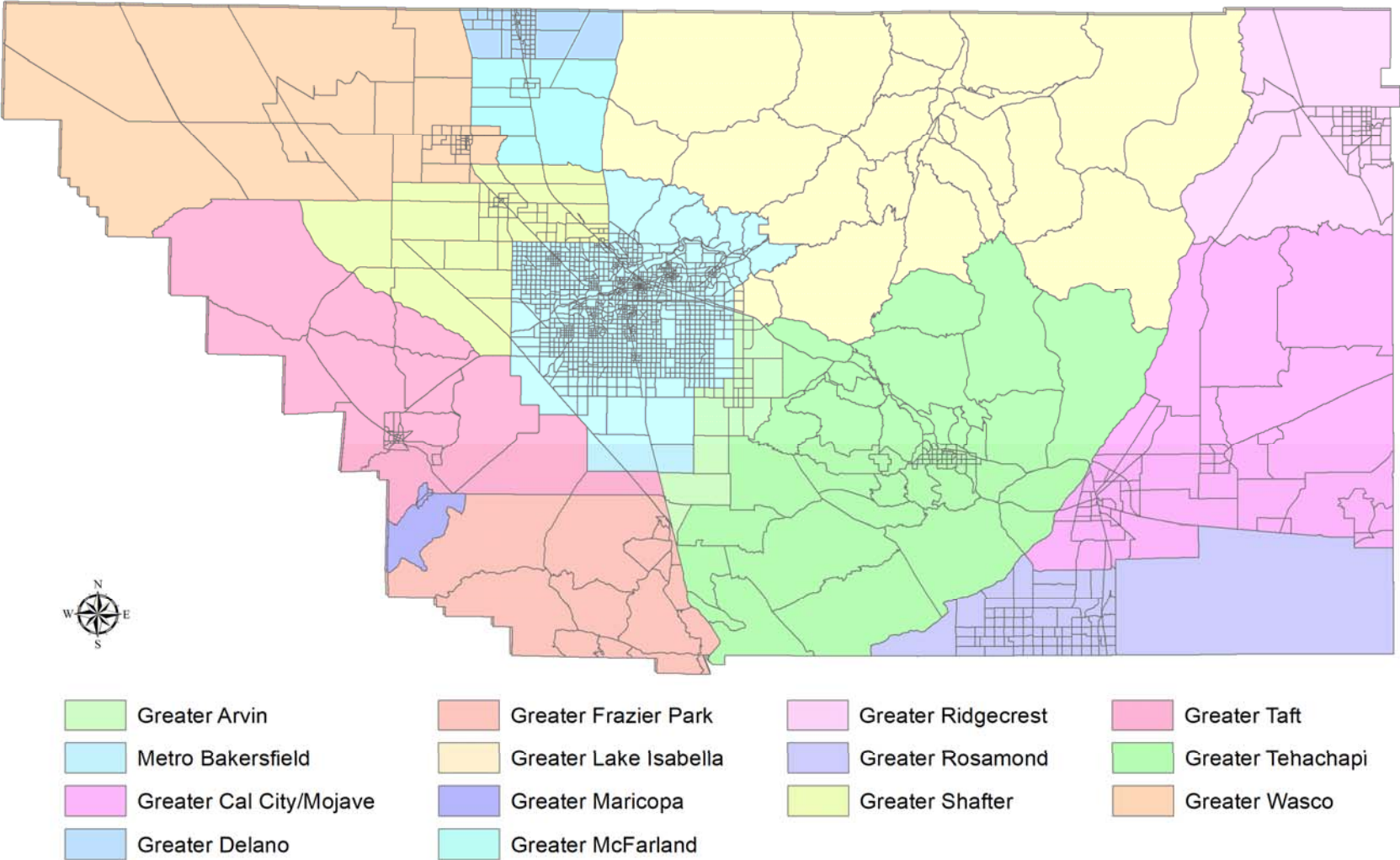
2018 RTP Change in Daily Auto Miles Traveled Compared to the Old Plan

	Auto Vehicle Miles Traveled within Kern (no pass thru travel)			Persons = Household Population + Employment (by place of work)			Auto Miles Traveled/Person			% Change from Base 2017		Progress Compared to Old Plan
	Base	Old Plan	Plan	Base	Old Plan	Plan	Base	Old Plan	Plan	2017 & Old Plan	2017 & Plan	
	2017	2042		2017	2042		2017	2042				
	(miles)			(persons)			(miles/person)			(percent)		
Greater Rosamond	1,424,287	2,857,622	1,926,427	32,986	80,062	48,509	43.18	39.71	35.69	-8.0%	-17.3%	-9.3%
Greater Delano	2,896,802	3,314,385	3,570,784	63,899	77,019	78,076	45.33	45.73	43.03	0.9%	-5.1%	-6.0%
Greater Taft	1,322,416	2,024,318	2,115,757	30,996	43,508	44,182	42.66	47.89	46.53	12.2%	9.1%	-3.2%
Metro Bakersfield	14,823,804	22,794,427	23,382,511	773,107	1,184,550	1,204,425	19.17	19.41	19.24	1.2%	0.4%	-0.9%
Greater Cal City/Mojave	1,390,083	3,053,367	2,966,993	26,837	59,127	57,995	51.80	51.16	51.64	-1.2%	-0.3%	0.9%
Greater Lake Isabella	727,496	1,357,489	1,167,005	20,366	33,158	28,940	35.72	40.32	40.94	12.9%	14.6%	1.7%
Greater Wasco	1,729,971	2,504,823	2,467,648	40,350	63,343	66,109	42.87	37.33	39.54	-12.9%	-7.8%	5.2%
Greater McFarland	1,027,697	1,306,578	1,405,134	21,585	27,256	31,270	47.61	44.94	47.94	-5.6%	0.7%	6.3%
Greater Shafter	2,044,258	4,362,884	4,148,898	45,996	102,333	107,422	44.44	38.62	42.63	-13.1%	-4.1%	9.0%
Greater Frazier Park	669,126	1,638,896	1,386,417	12,784	30,084	28,084	52.34	49.37	54.48	-5.7%	4.1%	9.8%
Greater Maricopa	54,688	73,434	62,391	1,523	1,685	1,621	35.90	38.50	43.59	7.3%	21.4%	14.2%
Greater Ridgecrest	1,066,753	2,137,742	1,734,660	48,158	71,568	66,669	22.15	26.02	29.87	17.5%	34.8%	17.4%
Greater Tehachapi	1,703,499	5,361,752	4,765,416	43,286	100,215	102,761	39.35	46.37	53.50	17.8%	36.0%	18.1%
Greater Arvin	870,717	1,400,931	1,455,938	29,633	34,694	42,537	29.38	34.23	40.38	16.5%	37.4%	20.9%
Total / Average:	31,751,596	54,188,649	52,555,979	1,191,506	1,908,604	1,908,600	26.65	28.39	27.54	6.5%	3.3%	-3.2%

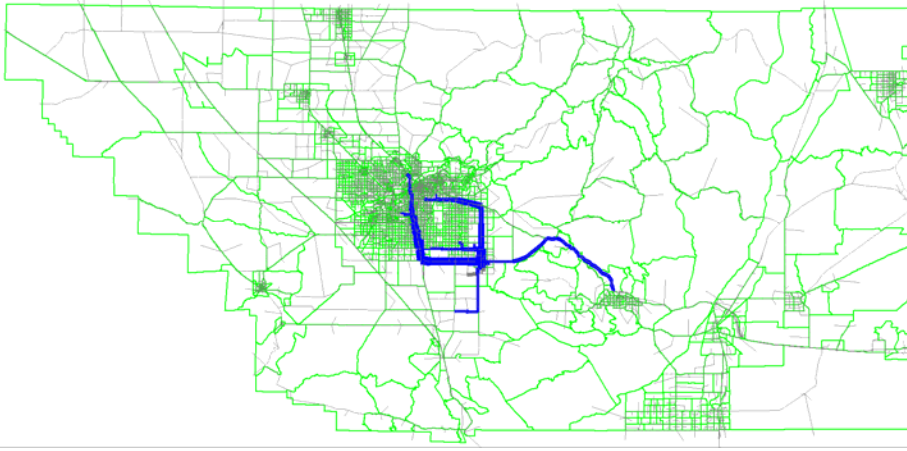
Note that this reporting is voluntary and for advisory purposes only. Future year values are estimated based on the latest land use assumptions and are updated every four years. These assumptions can vary widely from year to year based on recent changes in the local development activity and other variables. Although average travel per person includes areas outside each sub area (see spider diagram maps below), they do not include travel outside the county possibly skewing the results of sub areas nearer the edge of the County. This analysis is updated with the RTP once every 4 years. The analysis shows that Bakersfield and Ridgecrest have the lowest travel per person possibly because these regions are fairly self-contained having sufficient amenities such as hospitals.

Attachment 3 – Map of Sub Areas

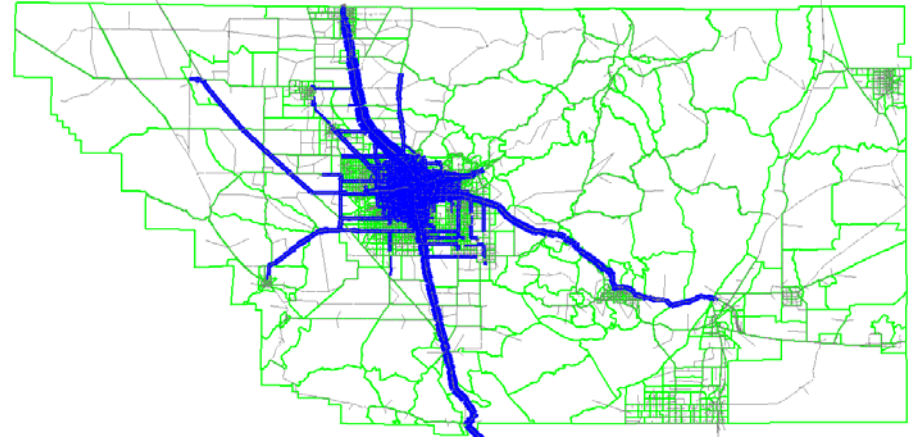
Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs) by Regional Statistical Areas (RSAs)



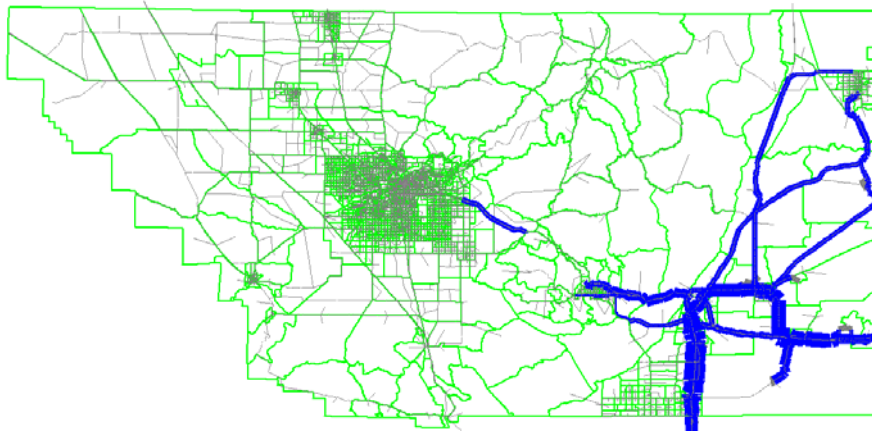
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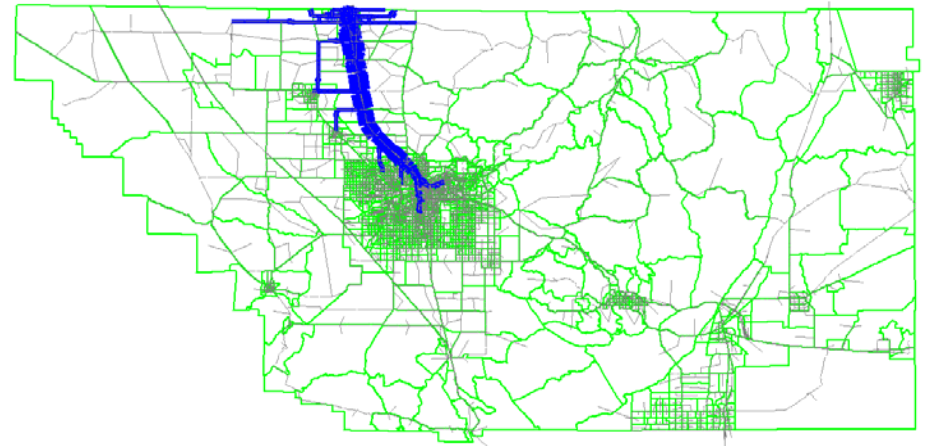
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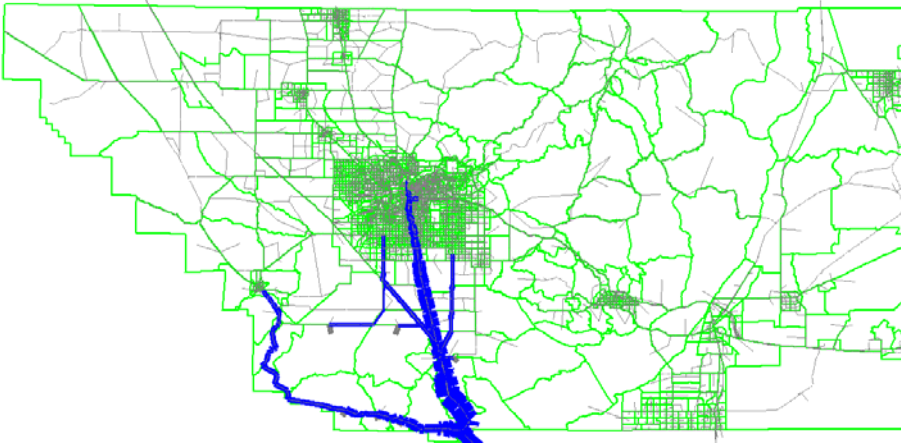
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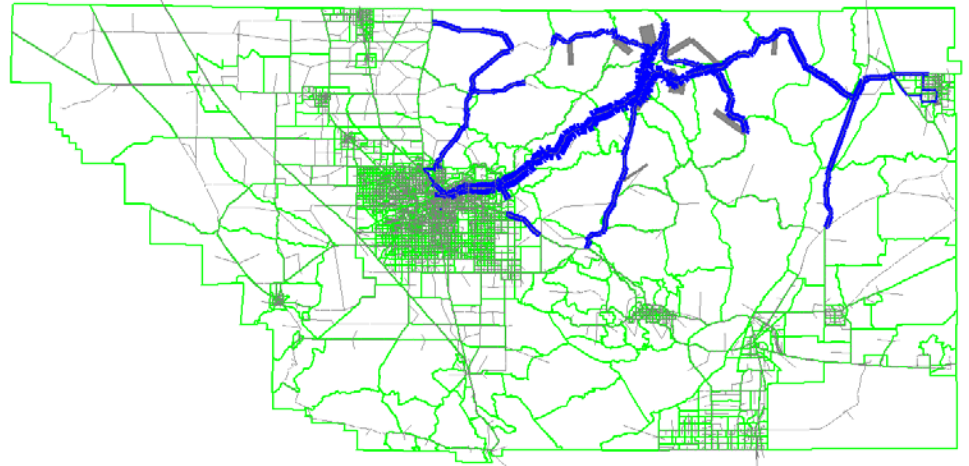
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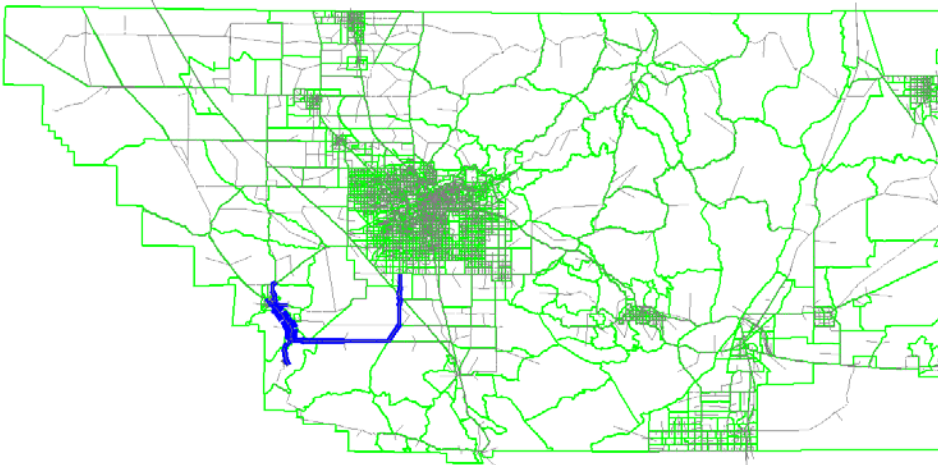
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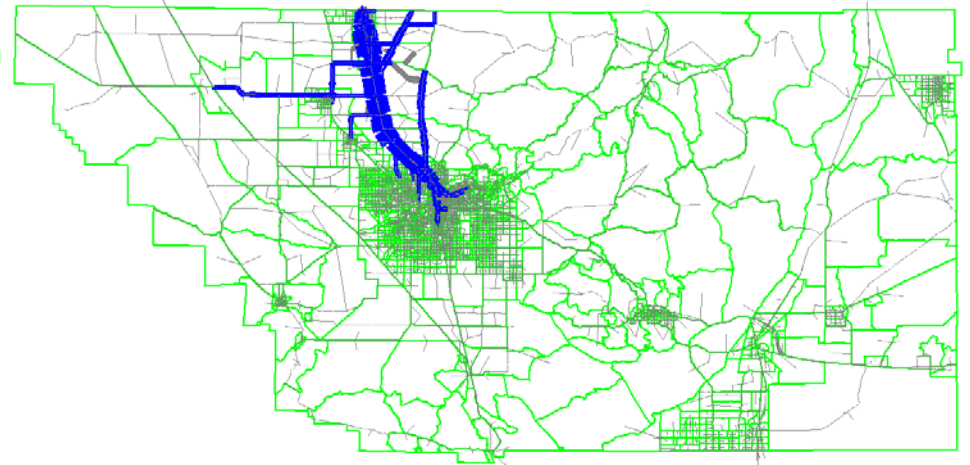
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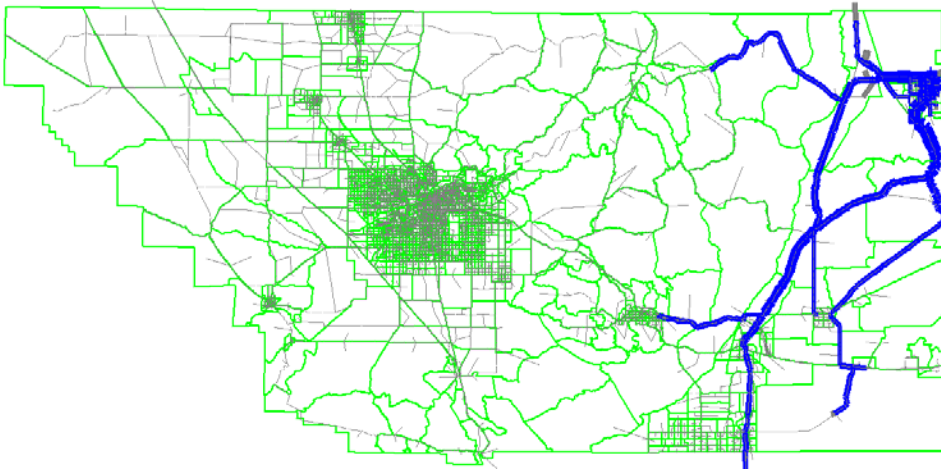
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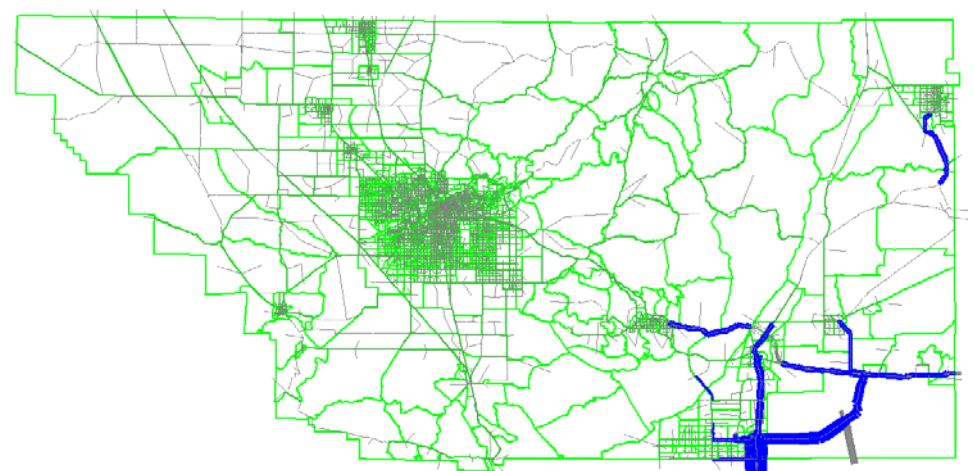
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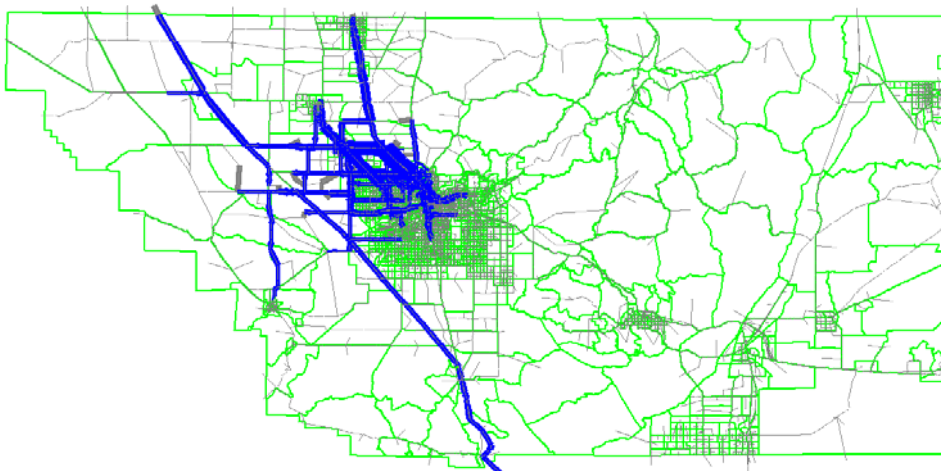
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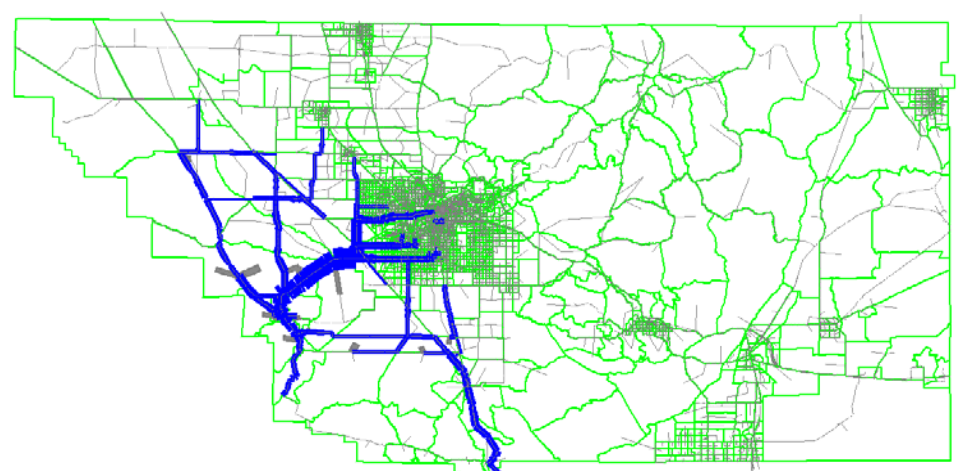
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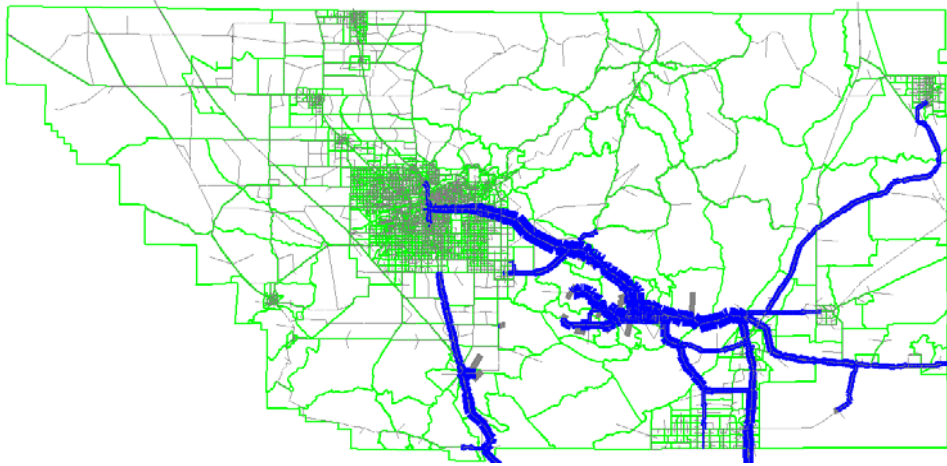
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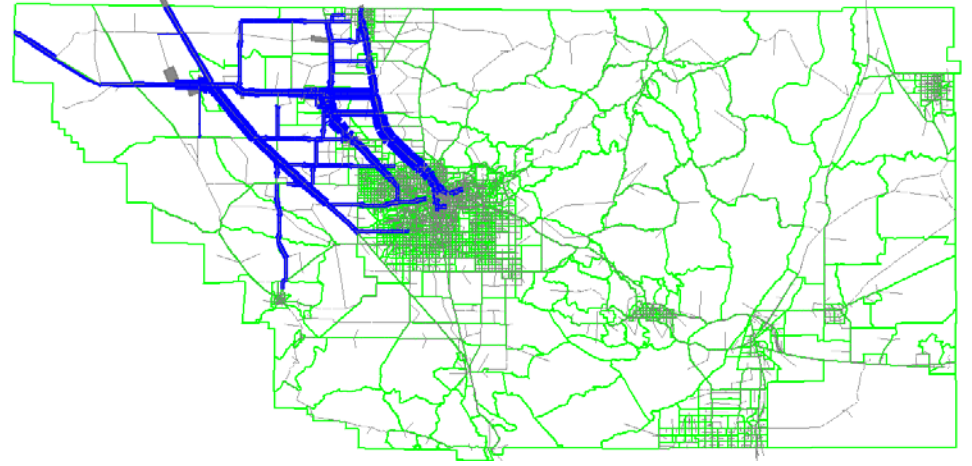
Greater Taft



Greater Tehachapi



Greater Wasco





VI. RPAC

September 1, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VI.
Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Development Update

DESCRIPTION:

The Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), acting in the capacity as the state-designated Regional Planning Agency, prepares the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The 6th Cycle RHNA Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to allocate the region's share of the statewide housing need to Councils of Governments (COG) based on Department of Finance (DOF) population projections and regional population forecasts used in preparing regional transportation plans. Kern COG has the responsibility of developing the state-mandated RHNA Plan.

The RHNA process will identify the number of housing units that each local government must accommodate in the Housing Element of its General Plan (Government Code §65584). As part of the region's planning efforts, Kern COG works with local governments and stakeholders on the RHNA Plan to identify areas within the region sufficient to house an eleven-year projection of the regional housing need. Additionally, the RHNA allocates housing units within the region consistent with the development pattern included in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and is part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The development of 6th Cycle RHNA Plan will happen in tandem with the Kern COG's 2022 RTP/SCS. The 6th Cycle RHNA Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022.

Activities

In June 2021, Kern COG began the RHNA determination consultation with HCD. In July 2021, Kern COG contracted with Regional Government Services Authority (RGS), Rincon Consultants, Inc. and Mintier Harnish Planning Consultants to assist with the development of the 6th Cycle RHNA Plan. On August 4th,

staff presented the RHNA development timeline (Attachment 1) during the RTP/SCS Community Stakeholder Meeting #2. In addition, Kern COG has requested an early RHNA determination

Draft RHNA Methodologies

One of the RHNA statutory tasks Kern COG is responsible for is to develop and propose a RHNA methodology for distributing the existing and projected housing regional housing need to the cities and counties within the region. There were several recent legislation changes in the development of the RHNA for this 6th cycle. One includes the addition of the 5th objective, the requirement of the RHNA plan to “affirmatively further fair-housing.” Which means “taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics... transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws,” (Government Code 65584(e)). The consultant team prepared a presentation comparing and analyzing the previous 5th cycle RHNA methodology and a draft RHNA methodology for this cycle (Attachment 2). In addition, Attachment 3 is a table of the Vacant Land Capacity for Housing Units based on the existing Land Use data. This table illustrates the vacant land designated for housing.

The following is the summary of RHNA objectives from Government Code 65584(d):

1. Increase housing supply and mix of housing types, with the goal of improving housing affordability and equity in all cities and counties within the region.
2. Promote infill development and socioeconomic equity; protect environmental and agricultural resources; encourage efficient development patterns; and achieve greenhouse gas reduction targets.
3. Improve intra-regional jobs-to-housing relationship, including the balance between low wage jobs and affordable housing units for low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.
4. Balance disproportionate household income distributions (more high-income allocation to lower-income areas, and vice-versa)
5. Affirmatively further fair housing

The following is the summary of RHNA factors from Government Code 65584.04(d):

1. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing
2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions outside a jurisdiction’s control
3. The availability of land suitable for urban development
4. Lands protected from urban development under existing federal or state programs
5. County policies to preserve prime agricultural land
6. The distribution of household growth assumed for regional transportation plans and opportunities to maximize use of public transportation and existing transportation infrastructure
7. Agreements between a county and cities in a county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county
8. The loss of units in assisted housing developments as a result of expiring affordability contracts.
9. The percentage of existing households paying more than 30 percent and more than 50 percent of their income in rent
10. The rate of overcrowding
11. The housing needs of farmworkers
12. The housing needs generated by the presence of a university within the jurisdiction
13. The housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness
14. The loss of units during a state of emergency that have yet to be rebuilt or replaced at the time of the analysis
15. The region’s greenhouse gas emissions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board

Member Jurisdiction Survey

In development of the RHNA methodology, Kern COG needs to survey each of the member jurisdictions to request information and compile information specified in the RHNA Objectives and Factors in Government Code as listed above. The consultant team has prepared a member jurisdiction survey via Survey Monkey that will be emailed to RPAC members and member jurisdiction planning staff on August 25, 2021. Staff requests member jurisdictions complete the survey by September 8, 2021. A PDF of the survey is included in this report (Attachment 4).

Kern COG RHNA development updates and information is available on:

<https://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing-needs/>

If you have any questions or comments regarding the survey or RHNA process, please contact Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri at rinvina@kerncog.org.

RECOMMENDATION: Member jurisdiction Planning Departments to complete Member Jurisdiction Online Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KernCOG-RHNA6>) by Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Attachment 1: RHNA Development Timeline

Attachment 2: Draft RHNA Methodology Presentation

Attachment 3 shows the Vacant Land Capacity for Housing Units

Attachment 4: Member Jurisdiction Survey

KERN COG REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

February 2021 – July 2022
RHNA

RHNA development process commenced. Regular updates will be provided during RPAC meetings

***July 21, 2022**

Proposed 2022 RTP Adoption Due Date

June 2021

- Notify HCD and Caltrans of RTP adoption date
- Begin HCD consultation

August 2021

- August 4th - Community Stakeholder Meeting to provide RHNA overview and receive community input
- Begin RHNA methodology development
- Conduct survey of member jurisdictions regarding factors in 65584.04(d)

September 2021

- September 1st RPAC – RHNA adjustment factors and objectives

November 2021

- Complete HCD-COG consultation

December 2021-January 2022

- HCD determines Kern County Regional Housing Determination
- Kern COG proposes Draft RHNA Methodology (Start 60-day public comment period) and submit to HCD for review
- Community Stakeholder Meeting to present Draft RHNA Methodology

January 2022

- Public hearing held for Draft RHNA Methodology

March 2022

- Kern COG adopts Final Methodology

April-May 2022

- Kern COG releases Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation to local jurisdictions for 60-day comment period
- Community Stakeholder Meeting to provide draft RHNA allocation overview and receive community input

July 2022

- Kern COG adopts Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan
- HCD reviews Proposed Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan

December 2023

- Local Governments complete Housing Element Revisions

Kern Council of Governments Draft 6th RHNA Cycle Methodology September 1, 2021

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Key Components of Kern COG's Draft 6th RHNA Cycle Methodology

<i>RHNA Objectives (rows)/ RHNA Adjustment Factors (columns)</i>	Baseline RTP/SCS Forecast	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Factor	Income Parity Factor	Jobs-Housing Fit Factor
Increasing the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability	Furthers	Supports	Supports	Supports
Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns	Furthers	Supports		Supports
Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing	Supports			Furthers
Balancing disproportionate household income distributions		Supports	Furthers	
Affirmatively furthering fair housing		Furthers	Supports	

RHNA Methodology Differences

- Differences in 6th RHNA Draft Methodology illustrated in table
- Jurisdiction's forecast population growth between 2024-2032 from RTP/SCS used to determine initial allocation in 6th RHNA Draft Methodology
- Each jurisdiction's initial allocation is then modified by three adjustment factors:
 - Jobs-Housing Fit
 - Income Parity
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Incorporation of the RTP along with these adjustment factors, necessary to address the five RHNA objectives for the 6th RHNA cycle

Illustrative Comparison of Allocations from Methodologies

	Actual 5th RHNA (2013-2023) Allocation	Illustrative 6 th RHNA (2024-2032) Allocation	Change in Allocation of Units	% Change in Allocation of Units
Arvin	1,168	1,708	540	46%
Bakersfield	36,290	41,739	5,449	15%
California City	1,268	683	-585	-46%
Delano	1,462	3,101	1,639	112%
Maricopa	35	10	-25	-70%
McFarland	311	527	216	70%
Ridgecrest	1,346	1,420	74	6%
Shafter	2,036	3,708	1,672	82%
Taft	254	497	243	96%
Tehachapi	496	1,053	557	112%
Wasco	1,426	1,660	234	16%
Unincorporated County	21,583	11,566	-10,017	-46%
County RHNA Allocation=>	67,675	67,675	0	0%

Note: The "6th RHNA Allocation" in this table is only for comparative purposes

An Illustration of RHNA Differences in terms of Affordable Housing Units

- Affordable housing units (combined Very Low & Low Income) separated from total in table to the right
- Differences by jurisdiction shows 6th RHNA Draft Methodology decreases some jurisdiction's affordable housing allocation (such as California City) while increasing the affordable housing allocation in others (such as Bakersfield).
- Overall, the 6th RHNA Draft Methodology increases the number of affordable housing units

Affordable Allocation (Combined Low + Very Low Income)				
	Actual 5th RHNA (2013-2023) Allocation	Illustrative 6 th RHNA (2024- 2032) Allocation	Change in Allocation of Units	% Change in Allocation of Units
Arvin	637	726	89	14%
Bakersfield	15,506	17,243	1,737	11%
California City	385	205	-180	-47%
Delano	673	1,500	827	123%
Maricopa	16	3	-13	-79%
McFarland	166	369	203	122%
Ridgecrest	290	538	248	86%
Shafter	843	1,908	1,065	126%
Taft	78	169	91	116%
Tehachapi	191	402	211	110%
Wasco	625	667	42	7%
Unincorporated County	7,995	4,426	-3,569	-45%
County RHNA Allocation=>	27,405	28,156	751	3%

Note: The "6th RHNA Allocation" in this table is only for comparative purposes

Differences in terms of Draft 6th RHNA Allocation

Illustrative Comparison of RHNA 6 DRAFT Allocation				
	Actual 5th RHNA (2013-2023) Allocation	Estimate of 6 th RHNA (2024-2032) Allocation	Change in Allocation of Units	% Change in Allocation of Units
Arvin	1,168	1,442	274	23%
Bakersfield	36,290	35,235	-1,055	-3%
California City	1,268	577	-691	-55%
Delano	1,462	2,618	1,156	79%
Maricopa	35	9	-26	-75%
McFarland	311	445	134	43%
Ridgecrest	1,346	1,199	-147	-11%
Shafter	2,036	3,130	1,094	54%
Taft	254	419	165	65%
Tehachapi	496	889	393	79%
Wasco	1,426	1,401	-25	-2%
Unincorporated County	21,583	9,764	-11,819	-55%
County RHNA Allocation=>	67,675	57,129	-10,546	-16%

Affordable Allocation (Combined Low + Very Low Income)				
	Actual 5th RHNA (2013-2023) Allocation	Estimate of 6 th RHNA (2024- 2032) Allocation	Change in Allocation of Units	% Change in Allocation of Units
Arvin	637	613	-24	-4%
Bakersfield	15,506	14,556	-950	-6%
California City	385	173	-212	-55%
Delano	673	1,266	593	88%
Maricopa	16	3	-13	-82%
McFarland	166	311	145	88%
Ridgecrest	290	455	165	57%
Shafter	843	1,611	768	91%
Taft	78	142	64	82%
Tehachapi	191	339	148	78%
Wasco	625	563	-62	-10%
Unincorporated County	7,995	3,736	-4,259	-53%
County RHNA Allocation=>	27,405	23,768	-3,637	-13%

Note: The “6th RHNA Allocation” is based on the draft RHNA number from HCD

Impact of RTP/SCS options on base 6th RHNA Allocations

Jurisdiction	Base Allocation 1: RTP Pop Growth to RHNA (2024-32)	Base Allocation 2: RTP Population in 2032	Base Allocation 3: RTP Pop Growth (2024-46)	Base Allocation 4: RTP HH Growth to RHNA (2024-32)	Base Allocation 5: RTP HHs in 2032	Base Allocation 6: RTP HH Growth (2024-2046)
Arvin	1,442	1,260	1,296	1,191	999	945
Bakersfield	35,235	26,466	38,573	36,740	26,785	37,918
California City	577	869	520	413	865	470
Delano	2,618	3,223	1,741	1,753	2,270	1,404
Maricopa	9	60	13	13	74	16
McFarland	445	855	880	2,372	860	487
Ridgecrest	1,199	1,674	1,466	1,407	2,171	1,719
Shafter	3,130	1,528	3,805	3,407	1,315	3,754
Taft	419	509	418	488	472	466
Tehachapi	889	831	814	905	742	841
Wasco	1,401	1,692	1,223	1,112	1,258	1,041
Unincorporated	9,764	18,161	6,381	7,327	19,319	8,067
Total	57,219					

Note: The “6th RHNA Allocation” is based on the draft RHNA number from HCD

Vacant Land Capacity for Housing Units by Jurisdiction (DRAFT)

Jurisdiction	Existing Housing Units (2020)	Residential Units Capacity (Vacant)		
		Medium, High, and Mixed Use Density	Very-Low and Low Density	Total
Arvin	4,884	536	1,025	1,561
Bakersfield	132,697	27,524	64,870	92,394
California City	5,196	48,354	34,947	83,301
Delano	11,572	1,303	3,493	4,796
Maricopa	3,412	-	253	253
McFarland	432	82	449	531
Ridgecrest	12,359	1,784	3,543	5,328
Shafter	5,412	1,303	19,713	21,015
Taft	2,596	1,065	4,289	5,354
Tehachapi	3,784	460	2,305	2,765
Wasco	6,366	242	3,029	3,272
Unincorporated County	301,009	229,230	147,711	376,940
County Total	112,299	311,883	285,627	597,511

The residential units capacity used a GIS analysis of each jurisdiction's latest general plan information (2020) outside urban/built-up areas, and demonstrates sufficient existing capacity to accommodate a variety of density ranges to meet each jurisdiction's housing need.

Kern COG_RHNA6_Survey

Introduction

California Government Code requires that each Council of Government must survey its member jurisdictions for information to inform development of the RHNA Methodology and Plan. This survey contains a series of questions related to these Objectives and Factors required for consideration. The Objective and Factors are described below:

Government Code specifies five Objectives all RHNA Plans must further:

1. Increase housing supply and mix of housing types, with the goal of improving housing affordability and equity in all cities and counties within the region.
2. Promote infill development and socioeconomic equity; protect environmental and agricultural resources; encourage efficient development patterns; and achieve greenhouse gas reduction targets.
3. Improve intra-regional jobs-to-housing relationship, including the balance between low-wage jobs and affordable housing units for low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.
4. Balance disproportionate household income distributions (more high-income allocation to lower-income areas, and vice versa)
5. Affirmatively further fair housing to promote fair housing choice and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination.

Additionally, Government Code identifies several Factors to be considered when developing the RHNA methodology:

1. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing.
2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions outside jurisdiction's control.
3. Availability of land suitable for urban development.
4. Lands protected from urban development under existing federal or State programs.
5. Policies to preserve or protect land from urban development.
6. Opportunities to maximize use of transit and existing transportation infrastructure.
7. Policies directing growth toward incorporated areas.
8. Existing or projected loss of units contained in affordable housing developments.
9. High housing cost burdens.
10. The rate of overcrowding.
11. Housing needs of farm-workers.
12. Housing needs generated by a university within the jurisdiction.
13. Housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
14. Units lost during a state of emergency that have yet to be replaced.
15. The region's SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets.

Please contact Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri at rinvina@kerncog.org with any questions about the survey or its relationship to the RHNA Methodology and Plan.

* 1. Please tell us which jurisdiction your responses are for:

Name of Jurisdiction

2. Please tell us about yourself and your jurisdiction

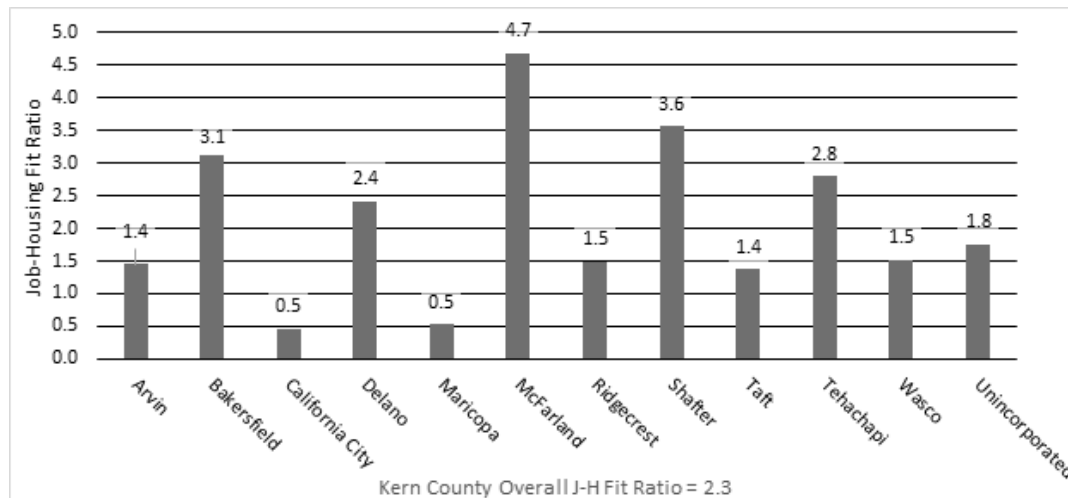
Your Name

Your Title

Please provide a contact email address

Jobs and Housing

Job-Housing Fit Ratio



3. The Jobs-Housing Fit Ratio in the figure above measures the number of lower-wage jobs (jobs with earnings less than \$3,333/month) to affordable housing units (units with rent less than \$1,000/month). For example, a jurisdiction with 20,000 low-wage jobs and 10,000 affordable housing units would have Jobs-Housing Fit Ratio of 2.0 \leq (20,000/10,000). Does this information correspond to your jurisdiction's perceptions?

4. How significant a concern is the balance of low-wage workers to homes affordable to low-wage workers in your jurisdiction?

- ☐ Very significant
- ☐ Somewhat significant
- ☐ Neither significant or insignificant
- ☐ Somewhat insignificant
- ☐ Very insignificant

5. What would you say are the primary reasons for your jurisdiction's **jobs-housing fit ratio**?

6. Which, if any, of the following impacts does the balance of low-wage workers to homes affordable to low-wage workers have on your jurisdiction? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty for local employers to hire and/or retain workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Long commutes to jobs outside of the jurisdiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High rates of housing cost burden for residents | <input type="checkbox"/> There are no significant impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long commutes into the jurisdiction | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

7. Does your jurisdiction use jobs-housing fit data to inform its policy decisions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Housing Opportunities and Constraints

8. Which of the following apply to your jurisdiction as an opportunity and/or a constraint for development of additional housing by 2032?

	Opportunity	Constraint	Both
Availability of construction workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of public or social services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of surplus public land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of vacant land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of water suitable for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construction costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County policies to preserve agricultural land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financing/funding for affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact of climate change and natural hazards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lands protected by federal or State programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project labor agreements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State requirements to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitable land availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility connection fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weak market conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please use the space below to describe other opportunities and/or constraints for your jurisdiction's development of additional housing by 2032.

9. Of the issues that you marked as opportunities in Question 7, list up to three that you feel represent the greatest opportunities for developing additional housing in your jurisdiction by 2031 and explain the reasoning for your selection?

10. Of the issues that you marked as constraints in Question 7, list up to three that you feel represent the greatest constraints for developing additional housing in your jurisdiction by 2031 and explain the reasoning for your selection?

11. What are the primary barriers or gaps your jurisdiction faces in meeting its RHNA goals for producing housing affordable to very low- and low-income households? Check all that apply.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Local gap financing for affordable housing development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal and State funding availability (market driven – necessitate subsidy to build) | <input type="checkbox"/> Local affordable housing development capacity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of requisite infrastructure, such as sewer and water | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

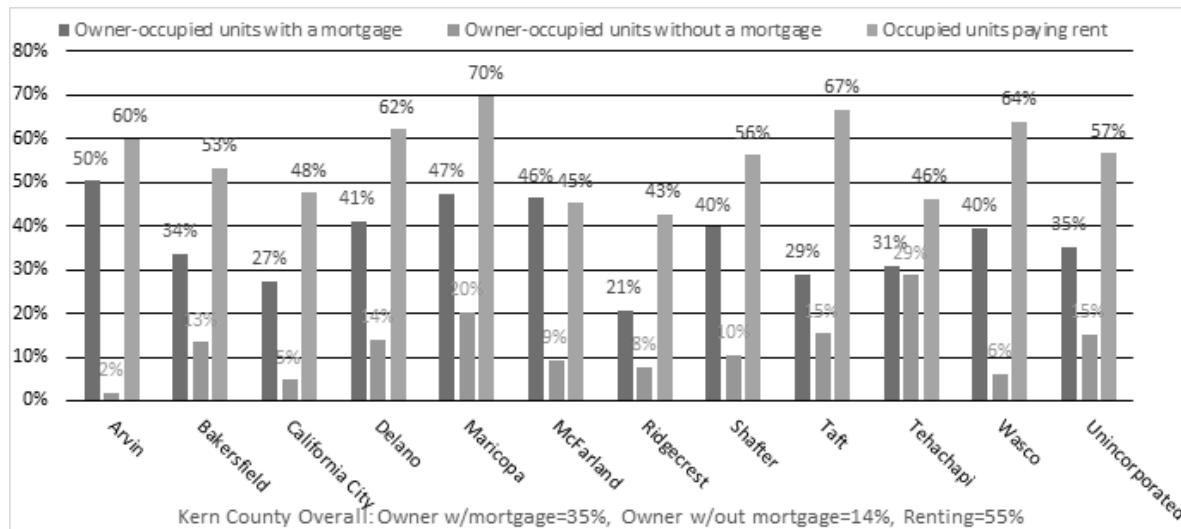
12. The location and type of housing can play a key role in meeting state and regional targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. What land use policies or strategies has your jurisdiction implemented to minimize GHG emissions? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designating Priority Conservation Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing local employment opportunities to reduce commute lengths for residents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designating Priority Development Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment in transit expansion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging mixed-use development | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment in maintaining or improving existing public transportation infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging development near transit | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment in pedestrian, bicycle, and active transportation infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency standards in new construction or retrofits | <input type="checkbox"/> Land use changes that encourage a diversity of housing types and/or mixed-use development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Implementing a Climate Action Plan | |

☐ Other (please specify)

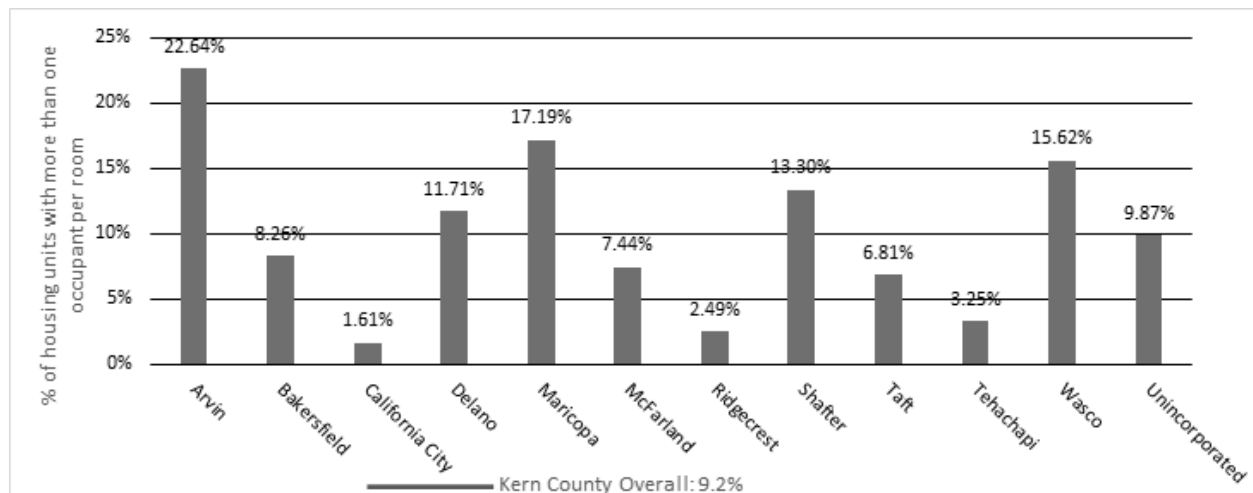
Housing Affordability and Overcrowding

Percentage of Cost Burdened Households by Ownership Type



13. Please see the cost burden data in the figure above for the percentage of households in your jurisdiction currently paying more than 30% of their income toward housing costs. For example, if a community had 10,000 housing units with a mortgage and 3,500 of those housing units reported monthly ownership cost at 30% or more of their monthly household income, then $35\% \leq (3,500/10,000)$ of owner-occupied units with a mortgage would be cost burdened. Has your jurisdiction considered what impacts high housing costs and the proportion of rent/owner-burdened households have on residents in your jurisdiction?

Overcrowding Rate



14. Government Code Section 65584.01(b)(1)(C)(i) defines an “overcrowded” household as a household with more than one resident per room in each room in a dwelling. For example, if a community had 5,000 occupied housing units and 500 of those housing units reported more than one person per room in each room, then $10\% \leq (500/5,000)$ of occupied housing units would be considered overcrowded. Accordingly, the overcrowding rate in your jurisdiction is reported above for your reference. Has your jurisdiction considered what impacts overcrowding has on residents in your jurisdiction?

Housing Demand

15. Over the course of a typical year, is there a need in your jurisdiction for additional housing for farmworkers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

16. If you answered yes to Question 14, what are the main reasons for this unmet demand?

17. Is there currently any unmet housing demand in your jurisdiction created by postsecondary educational institutions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

18. If you answered yes to Question 16, what are the main reasons for this unmet demand?

19. Does your jurisdiction collect data on homelessness within the jurisdiction and demand for transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

20. If you answered yes to Question 18, please provide an estimate for the local homeless population and corresponding need for transitional housing.

21. Has your jurisdiction experienced a loss of units in assisted housing developments in the past 10 years due to expiring affordability contracts or other issues facing at-risk affordable housing units?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

22. If you answered yes to Question 20, please provide an estimate of the number of lost units.

23. Does your jurisdiction anticipate a loss of units in assisted housing developments in the next 10 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

24. If you answered yes to Question 22, please estimate how many units will be lost and why.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

As a result of recent legislation, RHNA and local Housing Elements are now required to “affirmatively further fair housing” [Government Code Section 65584(d)]. Per Government Code 65584(e), affirmatively furthering fair housing is defined as *“taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.”*

To comply with this requirement, Kern COG is collecting information on local jurisdictions' fair housing issues as well as strategies and actions for achieving fair housing goals. In developing the fair housing questions that follow in this section of the survey, Kern COG relied on guidance documents from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While recognizing that not all jurisdictions have completed an Analysis of Impediments or Assessment of Fair Housing for HUD, these questions should help jurisdictions understand the analysis framework they will need to use in demonstrating that their Housing Element affirmatively furthers fair housing.

Please answer the questions in this section to the best of your ability using your jurisdiction's Housing Element, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, Assessment of Fair Housing, and/or other data sources.

Fair Housing Planning and Data Sources

25. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

26. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan? Please provide the year.

27. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan's Housing Element? Please provide the year.

28. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process

29. If you answered yes or are in process to question 27, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice?

- ☐ An environmental justice chapter
- ☐ Throughout the General Plan in each chapter
- ☐ Both

Please use the space below to make further comments

30. Which of the following data sources does your jurisdiction maintain or use to assess fair housing issues in the community? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data collected by community-based organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Local data sources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data provided by HUD | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly available datasets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

31. Are there particular data points that are important to consider in developing the Kern COG RHNP, especially those measuring equity or opportunity in the context of furthering of environmental justice and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing?

32. Which of the following outreach activities has your jurisdiction used to encourage community participation in planning processes related to fair housing? Check all that apply.

☐ Online forum/meeting

☐ Resident surveys

☐ Open house

☐ Stakeholder group consultation

☐ Public hearings

☐ Town hall

☐ Resident focus groups

☐ Other (please specify)

33. Please describe your goals for the process to elicit community participation for fair housing planning.

34. How successful was your jurisdiction in achieving its goals for the process to elicit community participation for fair housing planning?

☐ Successful

☐ Somewhat successful

☐ Somewhat unsuccessful

☐ Unsuccessful

Describe the reasons for the success or lack of success of your jurisdiction's community engagement efforts.

Fair Housing Issues

35. Which of the following factors contribute to fair housing issues in your jurisdiction? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/Land Use restrictions (density/intensity/ height limits, parking requirements, minimum lot size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure patterns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal or State services and amenities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The availability of affordable units in a range of sizes (especially larger units) | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability, frequency, and reliability of public transit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential real estate steerings | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to healthcare facilities and medical services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated or abandoned properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to grocery stores and healthy food options |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of private investments in low-income neighborhoods and/or communities of color, including services or amenities | <input type="checkbox"/> Creation and retention of high-quality jobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to financial services | <input type="checkbox"/> Range of job opportunities available |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location of affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> CEQA and the land use entitlement process |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location of employers | <input type="checkbox"/> Community opposition to proposed or existing developments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

36. To what extent could the following factors be barriers to the production of more affordable housing types (i.e., subsidized affordable, missing middle, multifamily) in high opportunity areas? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/Land Use restrictions (density/intensity/ height limits, parking requirements, minimum lot size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination in the housing market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Costs | <input type="checkbox"/> Support or opposition from public officials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of market demand | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of fair housing education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Fair Housing Goals and Actions

37. What actions/steps has your jurisdiction taken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity? Check all that apply.

	In Use	Under Council/Board Consideration	Potential Council/Board Interest
Dedicated local funding source for affordable housing development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring affirmative marketing of affordable housing is targeted to all segments of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exploring partnerships with Community Development Financial Institutions, large regional employers, and investors to add to the financial resources available for the creation and preservation of deed-restricted affordable housing units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Funding rehabilitation and accessibility improvements for low-income homeowners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Funding and supporting outreach services for homeowners and renters at risk of losing their homes and/or experiencing fair housing impediments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementing a rent stabilization policy and staffing a rent stabilization board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land use changes to allow a greater variety of housing types	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	In Use	Under Council/Board Consideration	Potential Council/Board Interest
Streamlining entitlements processes and/or removing development fees for affordable housing construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for affordable housing development near transit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for the development of affordable housing for special needs populations (seniors, the disabled, those experiencing homelessness, those with mental health and/or substance abuse issues, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for the development of larger affordable housing units that can accommodate families (2- and 3-bedroom units, or larger)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for the development of affordable housing on publicly owned land.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing financial support or other resources for low-income home buyers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

38. How successful were your jurisdiction’s past actions in achieving goals for overcoming historical patterns of segregation or removing barriers to equal housing opportunity?
- ☐ Successful
 - ☐ Somewhat successful
 - ☐ Somewhat unsuccessful
 - ☐ Unsuccessful

39. Describe the reasons for the success or lack of success of your jurisdiction's actions to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity.

40. Which of the following policies, programs, or actions does your jurisdiction use to prevent or mitigate the displacement of low-income households? Check all that apply.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent stabilization/rent control | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home rent control | <input type="checkbox"/> Long term covenants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting streamlined processing of ADUs | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair housing legal services | |

41. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership with advocacy/non-profit organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of venues to hold community meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership with schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-door interaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership with health institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased mobile phone app engagement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |



VII. RPAC

September 1, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VII.
2020 Census Update – 2022 RTP Development

DESCRIPTION:

Information about 2020 Census data released August 12th to be incorporated in 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Census Bureau released redistricting summary data from the 2020 decennial census on August 12th 2021. California's State Census Data Center used the 2020 Census data file to prepare a summary table of population and housing data by county, incorporated city/town, and census designated place. An extract of the summary table for places in Kern County has been posted to the Kern COG webpage under: <https://www.kerncog.org/estimates-and-projections/>.

The total population in Kern County according to the 2020 Census was 909,235 for April 1st, 2020. This represents a growth of 69,604 people since the previous decennial census in 2010 when Kern County's total population was 839,631.

The California Department of Finance (DOF) releases estimates of total county population about once each year. Their latest 2020 estimate released May 2021, estimated that Kern's population was approximately 916,169 for April 1st, 2020. Kern COG uses the DOF estimates for interim years between the decennial census to estimate population and households. DOF and Kern COG use the decennial census

data when available to adjust latest estimates. DOF expects to have revised estimates and projections in 2022.

The Kern COG board approved a 2020-2050 growth forecast in March 2020 with the expectation that the Census would become available in 2021 which might require adjustments to the forecast. The Kern COG growth forecast anticipated population for April 1st 2021 to be 925,004 people. Figure 1 below depicts Kern's Growth Forecast with projections from DOF.

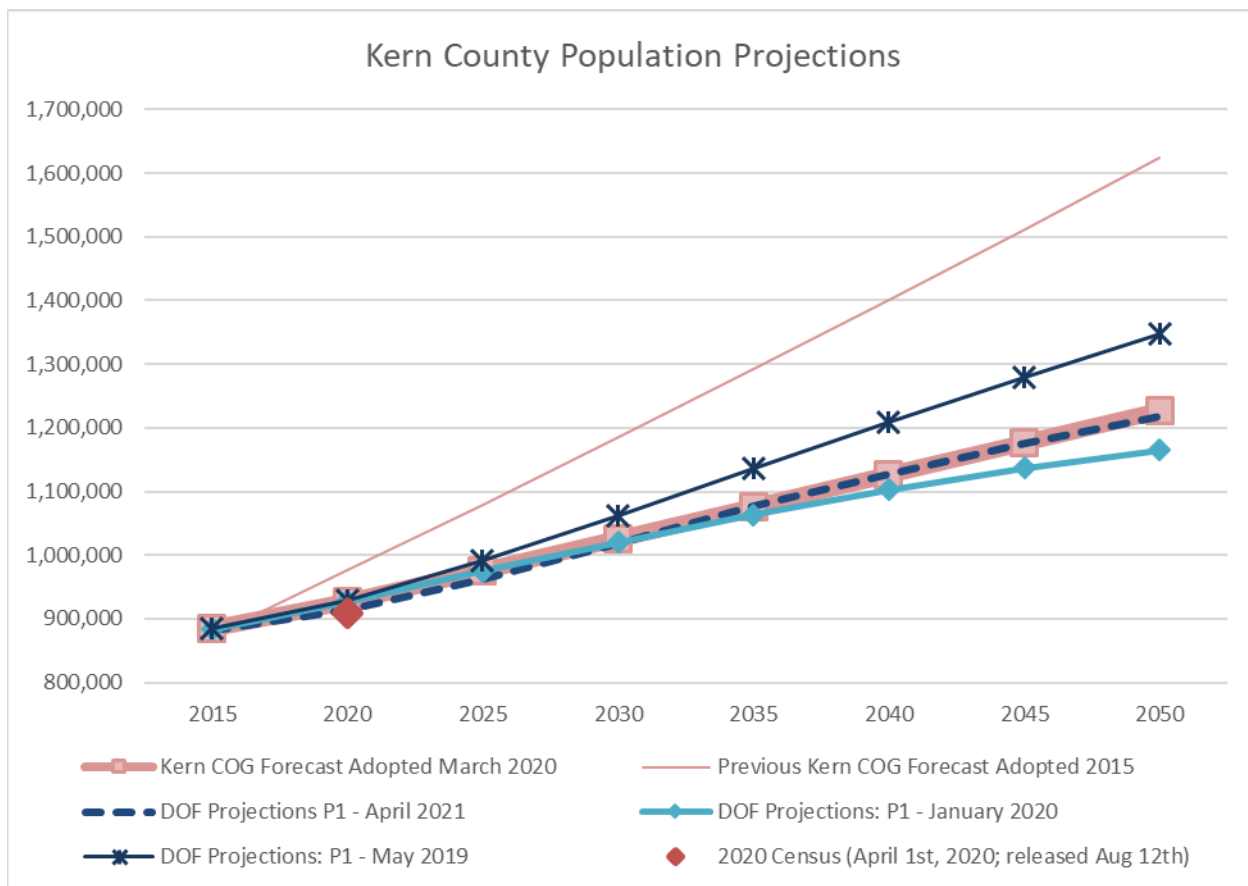


Figure 1 – Kern County Population Projections

Figure 2 on the following page shows where estimates and projections fall compared to the 2020 Census.

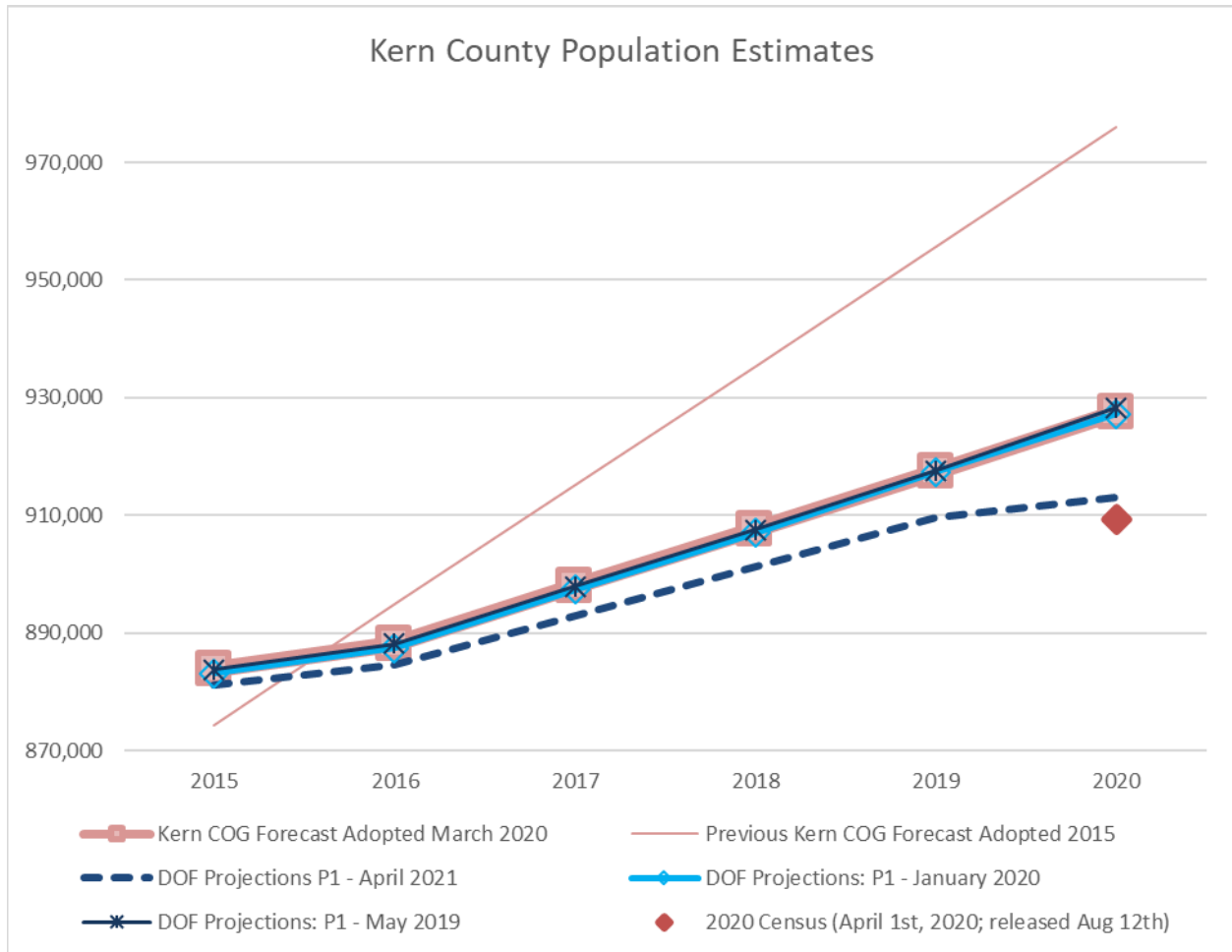


Figure 2 – Kern County Population Estimates/Projections

Kern COG staff will apply a 2020 Census adjustment to the 2020-2050 Kern COG forecast reducing the total population by 15,769. The 2020-2050 Kern COG forecast is used in development of the 2022 RTP. The 2020 Census adjustment will ensure that the 2022 RTP development continues with the latest available data.

Figure 3 on the next page shows the 2020-2050 Kern COG forecast with the 2020 Census adjustment compared with other forecasts and projections.

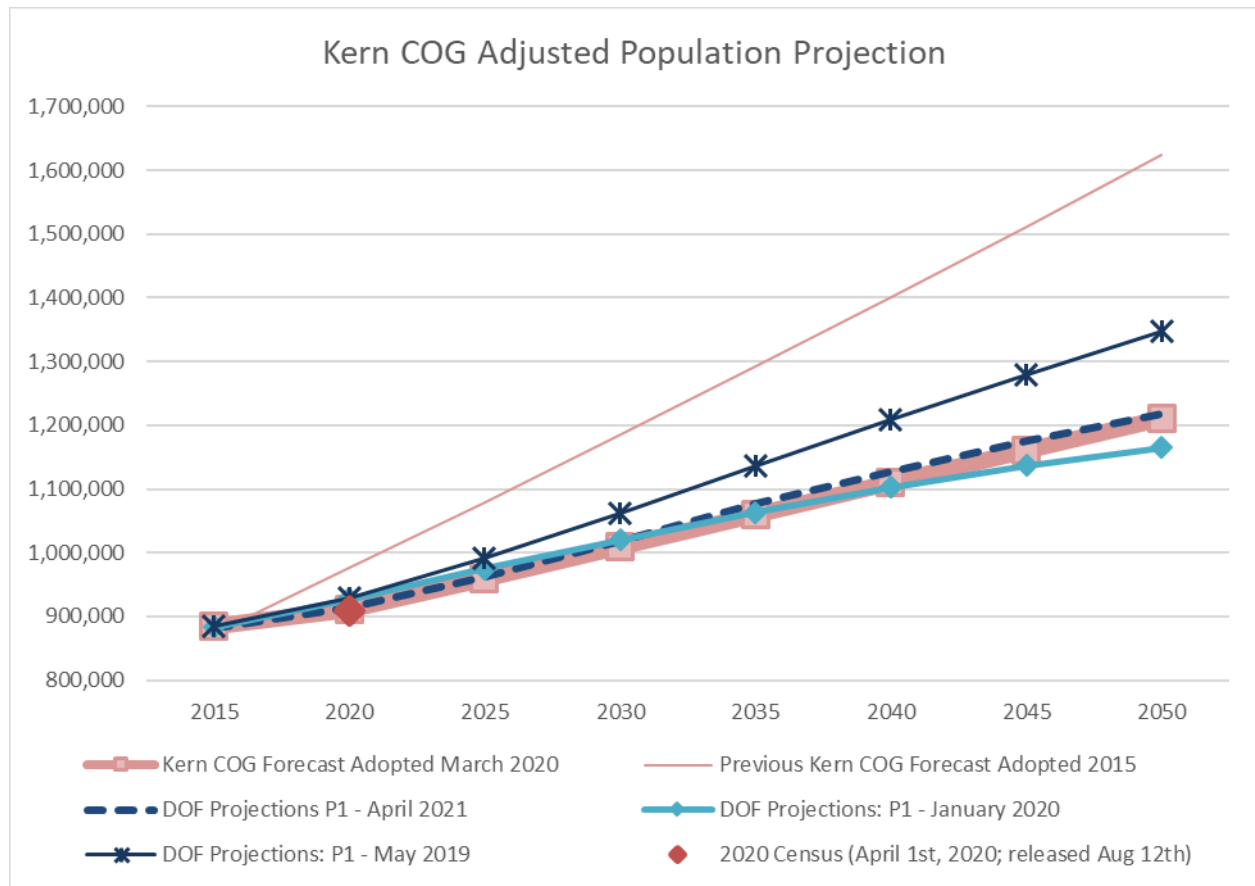


Figure 3 – Kern COG Adjusted Population Projection

ACTION: Information



VIII. RPAC

September 1, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

By: Linda Urata
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VIII.
Mobility Innovations and Incentives Program - Status Report

DESCRIPTION:

To help meet stringent air quality standards, Kern COG promotes deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG staff carry out Mobility Innovations and Incentives Program elements while telecommuting for COVID-19 compliance. This summary report covers the period May 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021.

OWP WE 603.3 Mobility Innovations and Incentives

Kern COG staff worked on several of the tasks identified in the OWP WE 603.3 (and WE 203.3).

- Sponsored a Best Drive EVer Webinar held on June 10, 2021
- National Drive Electric Week Best Drive EVer test drive event planning for October 9, 2021
- Electric Vehicle Media Campaign planned to support the Best Drive EVer Event
- Teachers Solar Car Curriculum Workshop will be held in Tehachapi on October 23, 2021
- Participation on the San Joaquin Valley EV Partnership monthly meetings
- Kern COG staff worked with the SJVEVP to secure a grant from the East Kern Air Pollution Control District to Project Clean Air for the purchase of a BEAM EV ARC and two Level 2 Charging Stations for California City. The agreement was awarded during this reporting period.
- Kern COG staff provided technical assistance to Tesla regarding several projects or potential projects (new chargers at Copus Road, a workforce development program, introduction to the Tejon Tribe for Hard Rock, and other initiatives), Marianne Mintz (Argonne National Labs) for a California Renewable Natural Gas Fact Sheet; SJVEVP for the production of three videos relating the EV Customer Experience (LINK); Ollie Danner, Business Development for EVEN Recharge; shared Calstart Zero Emission Bus in the San Joaquin Valley Workgroup notices; electric shuttle pricing in advance of the release of HVIP funding; a ReMax Realtor Agent seeking information about EVSE for a property he represents in Bakersfield; general public in Ridgecrest, letters of support for grant proposals.

OWP WE 603.4 Kern 2019 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint Phase II Implementation (California Energy Commission [CEC] Agreement ARV-20-010) The following activities occurred during this report period:

- Fully executed grant agreement on May 20, 2021
- Grant Agreement Kickoff Meeting with the CEC held June 8, 2021
- Site Host Partners Kickoff Meeting held June 29, 2021
- Site Partners seek signatures for MOUs
- Site Partners submit their first Monthly Reports on July 30, 2021 using a template created by Kern COG. Reports indicate several charging station projects are underway.
- Kern COG submitted two monthly reports to the CEC.
- Kern COG worked to promote the EVITP.org workshops for State-Certified Electricians held in June and August. If six or more electricians register from the Central Valley, Kern COG will sponsor a Bakersfield testing location, so travel to Los Angeles will not be necessary.
- Kern COG met with CEC staff on July 20, 2021 regarding an increase in program funding of \$1.8 million. A revised Scope of Work, Schedule of Deliverables, and Budget is due in mid-September to the CEC.

OWP WE 603.5 Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Blueprint grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC) Agreement ARV-21-XXX

- On July 15th, the Kern COG Board of Directors Approved entering into an agreement with the CEC to accept a grant of \$199,929 to develop a MD|HD EV Infrastructure Blueprint for Kern County.
- On July 15th, the Kern COG Board of Directors approved entering into an agreement with Gladstein, Neandross and Associates to serve as the project consultant for an amount not to exceed \$177,334.
- Kern COG staff and GNA have begun to identify public and private sector participants for the Working Group and/or for project development.

A kickoff meeting will be scheduled with the CEC and GNA when the contract documents are prepared by the CEC, estimated to be the first week of September.

The CALeVIP program funding in the San Joaquin Valley shows \$1,179,000 available for Level 2 Charging in Kern County as of August 20, 2021. Additionally, the website states that for Level 2 charging, \$1,012,000 has been reserved and \$434,000 has been provisionally reserved. For DC Fast Charging, \$2,520,000 has been reserved and \$105,000 has been provisionally reserved. 32% of funds have been reserved or issued to Disadvantaged Communities which exceeds the program minimum goal of 25%. The program received applications in excess of \$11,205,000 of DC Fast Charger Funds available. For information, visit <https://calevip.org/incentive-project/san-joaquin-valley>.

Kern COG staff is working with UC Davis, Dynamic Solutions, and the grant partners to plan an event on November 17, 2021 Trucking with Natural Gas Showcase at Southern California Gas Company in Bakersfield to announce the preliminary results from the I5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Study. Data collection scheduled for the week of September 20th.

ACTION: Information.



IX. RPAC

September 1, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

By: Ed Flickinger, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IX.
Transportation Modeling Committee Meeting Notes

DESCRIPTION:

The Kern COG Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC), a subcommittee of the TTAC and RPAC, met on August 4, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Meeting Notes

I. Participants Present/Online:

David Berggren	Caltrans District 6
Eric Olsen	Caltrans District 6
Lorena Mendables	Caltrans District 6
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter Public Works
Ed Murphy	City of Bakersfield Public Works
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland Public Works
Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest Public Works Director
Don Marsh	City of Tehachapi Public Works
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco Public Works
Josh Champlin	Kern County Public Works
Yolanda Alcanter	Kern County Public Works
Paul Candeleria	Kern County Public Works
Warren Maxwell	Kern County Public Works (consultant)
Damon Taylor	Kern County Public Works
Joy Madrano	Kern County Public Works
Patrick Wade	Kern County Public Works
Michael Rodriguez	Kern County Public Works
Alexa Kolosky	Kern County Public Works
Heidi Carter-Escudero	Kern County Public Works
John Schuler	R&S Engineering
Diana Garcia	

Staff Present/Online:

Rob Ball
Vincent Liu
Ed Flickinger
Ben Raymond
Linda Urata
Michael Heimer

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- II. **2020 Travel Model Validation Update** – Discussed early results of model validation, showing the Dashboard statistics. Both the travel model and validation results are similar to 2018 RTP/SCS. Final validation information will be included in the model documentation to be published in Fall 2021, online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/data-center/transportation-modeling/> . Final approval of the use of the model happens concurrently as part of the resolution adopting the 2022 RTP/SCS.
- III. **SB 743 Script Update Request** - Discussed requested updates SB 743 travel model output script. Subject to receiving a request from the County of Kern, the consensus of the participants was to recommend Kern COG the consultant, DKS, update the script as requested. County of Kern sent an email request for SB 743 script update on August 5, 2021.
- IV. **Traffic Count Program – Scope Alternatives** – Discussed background of Regional Transportation Monitoring Improvement Plan and corresponding Regional Traffic Count Program update contract. The new contract has a lower per count rate for some types of traffic counts resulting in an extra \$4,000+ per year in cost savings. The local jurisdictions can choose up to an extra 162 24-hour traffic count locations and/or accelerating a portion of the 435 12-hour Bike/Pedestrian Count locations to be counted more than once every 3 years. The locals will provide any additional traffic count locations by August 18, 2021, with the rest of the budget going to accelerating the 12 Hour Bike/Pedestrian Count locations. Instructions were emailed to the local jurisdictions on how to add traffic count locations.

V. **Adjournment**

ACTION: Information



X.
RPAC

September 1, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: X.
Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021

DESCRIPTION:

Assembly Bill 140 was approved by the Governor on July 19, 2021. This bill established the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (sometimes referred to as REAP 2.0) for the purpose of providing regions with funding, including grants, for transformative planning and implementation activities.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Research, the Strategic Growth Council, and the State Air Resources Board, will develop and administer the program and provide grants to eligible entities, including Kern COG, for implementing planning and implementation activities.

The application for allocation of the funds must provide an explanation of how the proposed uses will implement and achieve housing goals that also result in per capita vehicle miles traveled reductions in furtherance of the region's sustainable communities strategy. The application shall reference one or more of the following categories of allowable uses of the funds:

1. Accelerating infill development, including housing;
2. Supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities;
3. Shifting travel behavior through reducing driving; and
4. Increasing transit ridership.

Currently, HCD is beginning consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, the Strategic Growth Council, and the State Air Resources Board to discuss guidelines for the program. Staff has been told by representatives of HCD that they hope to have guidelines and applications available by the end of December or early January 2022.

Timing for use of the funds:

1. Applications are due no later than December 31, 2022;
2. Funds shall be expended no later than June 30, 2024;
3. Final reports on the use of the funds must be submitted to HCD no later than June 30, 2025.

ACTION:

Committee discuss potential activities in Kern.

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
October 6, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**Public Participation and Accessibility
October 6, 2021, Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, Kern Council of Governments hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- The meeting scheduled for **October 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Masks will be required to attend the meeting in person.
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I. ROLL CALL:

- 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.**

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. RPAC Meeting of September 1, 2021. VOICE VOTE

IV. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - DRAFT RHNA METHODOLOGY (Invina)

Comment: The 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022. The draft RHNA Methodology framework report is attached for review.

Action: Information.

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

Comment: 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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Action: Information.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. MEMBER ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be November 3, 2021.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
September 1, 2021
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Paul Johnson	Bakersfield
	Shawn Monk	California City
	Brianna DeLeon	McFarland (2:15)
	Loren Culp	Ridgecrest
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
KERN COG STAFF:	Becky Napier	Ben Raymond
	Rochelle Invina	Rob Ball
	Ed Flickinger	Linda Urata
OTHERS:	Troy Hightower	TDH Associates
	Suzanna Kormendi	Bakersfield
	John Beutler	ARB
	Heather Spurlock	Ridgecrest
	Ryan Starbuck	Bakersfield
	Jeff Schwab	RGS
	Brad Everson	RGS
	Steve Flint	RGS
	Thomas Pogue	University of Pacific

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None.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

Committee Member Forrest made a motion to approve the discussion summaries of May 5 and June 30, 2021, seconded by Committee Member Monk with all in favor.

IV. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION 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. This item is a regular update provided to the RPAC.

Troy Hightower of TDH Associates asked if there was any more correspondence from CARB related to methodology. Mr. Ball stated that the key issue is related to off-model adjustments for the 2022 RTP. Mr. Ball stated that Kern COG is waiting for a formal response from CARB on Fresno COG's off-model adjustment methodology so that Kern COG can conform to something that has already been approved. Mr. Ball explained that Kern COG has a meeting with CARB on September 7 and hopes to have more information for the October RPAC meeting.

This was an information item.

V. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANT/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA – EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN COG THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (Ball)

Comment: The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub-regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub-areas of the County that need it most. This is an annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC.

Troy Hightower of TDH Associates asked how much funding was available and if Kern COG was working with the City of Bakersfield on the Transformative Climate Change Program. Mr. Ball stated the Kern COG has primarily budgeted staff time for grant writing but that we are willing to work with/assist the City of Bakersfield.

Action: Information. Technical assistance/grant writing assistance requests from member agencies are due to Kern COG by September 30, 2021.

VI. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) DEVELOPMENT UPDAE (Invina)

Comment: The Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), acting in the capacity as the state-designated Regional Planning Agency, prepares the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The 6th Cycle RHNA Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022.

Thomas Pogue of the University of Pacific presented information to the Committee about RHNA Methodology and answered questions.

Recommendation: Member jurisdiction Planning Departments to complete Member Jurisdiction Online Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KernCOG-RHNA6>) by Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

VII. 2020 CENSUS UPDATE – 2022 RTP DEVELOPMENT (Raymond)

Comment: Information about 2020 Census data released August 12th to be incorporated in the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development. Mr. Raymond answered questions from the Committee.

Action: Information.

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

Comment: To help meet stringent air quality standards, Kern COG promotes deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies. This report provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

Action: Information

IX. TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES (Flickinger)

Comment: The Kern COG Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC), a subcommittee of the TTAC and RPAC met on August 4, 2021.

Action: Information.

X. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM OF 2021 (Napier)

Comment: Assembly Bill 140 was approved by the Governor on July 19, 2021. This bill established the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (sometimes referred to as REAP 2.0) for the purpose of providing regions with funding, including grants, for transformative planning and implementation activities.

Ms. Napier stated that this item would be a standing item until the region decided how the money would be spent.

Action Committee discuss potential activities in Kern.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mini-Grant Application Process (Napier)

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is October 6, 2021.



IV. RPAC

October 6, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE –
DRAFT RHNA METHODOLOGY

DESCRIPTION:

The 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022. The draft RHNA Methodology framework report is attached for review.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to allocate the region's share of the statewide housing need to Councils of Governments (COG) based on Department of Finance (DOF) population projections and regional population forecasts used in preparing regional transportation plans. Kern COG has the responsibility of developing the state-mandated RHNA Plan.

The RHNA process will identify the number of housing units that each local government must accommodate in the Housing Element of its General Plan (Government Code §65584). As part of the region's planning efforts, Kern COG works with local governments and stakeholders on the RHNA Plan to identify areas within the region sufficient to house an eleven-year projection of the regional housing need. Additionally, the RHNA allocates housing units within the region consistent with the development pattern included in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and is part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The development of 6th Cycle RHNA Plan will happen in tandem with the Kern COG's 2022 RTP/SCS. The 6th Cycle RHNA Plan is scheduled to be completed in July 2022.

Activities

June 2021 - Kern COG began the RHNA determination consultation with HCD

- July 2021 - Kern COG contracted with Regional Government Services Authority (RGS), Rincon Consultants, Inc. and Mintier Harnish Planning Consultants to assist with the development of the 6th Cycle RHNA Plan.
- August 2021 - Staff presented the RHNA development timeline and RHNA objectives during the RTP/SCS Community Stakeholder Meeting #2, Kern COG requested an early RHNA determination from HCD, and the Member Jurisdiction Survey was emailed to member agencies.
- Sept. 2021 - Staff and RHNA consultants presented an overview of the RHNA methodology during the RPAC meeting and will meet with HCD for consultation on the RHNA methodology on September 28th.

Draft RHNA Methodologies

One of the RHNA statutory tasks Kern COG is responsible for is to develop and propose a RHNA methodology for distributing the existing and projected housing regional housing need to the cities and counties within the region. There were several recent legislation changes in the development of the RHNA for this 6th cycle. One includes the addition of the 5th objective, the requirement of the RHNA plan to “affirmatively further fair-housing.” Which means “taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics... transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws,” (Government Code 65584(e)).

During the September 1st RPAC meeting, Thomas Pogue of the University of the Pacific, presented an overview of the draft RHNA methodology and discussed the objectives and factors for this RHNA cycle. The attached Draft RHNA Methodology Framework report provides the detailed steps and explanation of the factors applied in the draft RHNA methodology. The report also includes the final RHNA determination by HCD (Table 1 of the Attachment). The Kern COG Final Regional Determination for Cycle 6 RHNA (2024-2032) is 57,650 units. That final RHNA Determination was received on August 31, 2021, and includes adjustments for vacancy, replacement, overcrowding, and cost burden as required by state law.

Kern COG, with input from elected officials, local staff, and stakeholders, must develop a methodology that quantifies and distributes the number of housing units assigned to each local government to meet the total regional housing need. Staff is seeking input on the draft methodology from the committee. In addition, Kern COG is planning a Public Roundtable Meeting on November 3rd to seek community stakeholder input.

Kern COG RHNA development updates and information is available on:

<https://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing-needs/>

If you have any questions or comments regarding the RHNA process, please contact Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri at rinvina@kerncog.org.

ACTION: Information.

Attachment 1: Draft RHNA Methodology Framework Report

Kern Council of Governments Draft Methodology Framework Description: 2024- 2032 Regional Housing Needs Allocation – Cycle 6

Administrative Draft

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Glossary of Acronyms

ACS	American Community Survey
AFFH	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
CHAS	Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy
COG	Council of Governments
GIS	Geographic Information System
HAMFI	HUD Area Median Family Income
HCD	California Department of Housing and Community Development
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Assessment
RTP/SCS	Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
TCAC	California Tax Credit Allocation Committee

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Introduction

Overview

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is a state-required process that seeks to ensure cities and counties are planning for enough housing to accommodate all economic segments of the community. The process is split into three steps:

1. **Regional Determination:** The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) provides each region a Regional Determination of housing need, which includes a total number of units split into four income categories. Kern COG received its Final Regional Determination for Cycle 6 RHNA (2024-2032) in August of 2021.
2. **RHNA Methodology:** Councils of Governments are responsible for developing a RHNA Methodology for allocating the Regional Determination to each jurisdiction in the region. This methodology must further a series of State objectives.
3. **Housing Element Updates:** Each jurisdiction must then adopt a housing element that demonstrates, among other things, how the jurisdiction can accommodate its assigned RHNA number through its zoning. The state reviews each jurisdiction's housing element for compliance.

This document describes a Draft Methodology Framework for Kern County's 2024-2032 RHNA Cycle 6. The Kern COG Final Regional Determination for Cycle 6 RHNA (2024-2032) is 57,650 units. That final RHNA Determination was received on August 31, 2021 and includes adjustments for vacancy, replacement, overcrowding, and cost burden as required by state law. In development of this Draft Methodology Framework, efforts on other Cycle 6 Methodologies were reviewed and incorporated as their demonstration of best practices warranted. To these ends particular focus was given to the Cycle 6 RHNA Methodology used by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and that under development by Fresno COG.

Implications of RHNA for Local Governments

California requires that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. The RHNA quantifies the need for housing at all income levels and informs local land use planning in addressing existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment, and household growth. As such, in addition to the total overall housing need number of 57,650 units, the Final RHNA Determination includes units required to meet housing needs across four income categories which are defined in terms of area median household income (AMHI). These housing needs by income level are reported in Table 1.

Table 1 Final HCD RHNA Determination for Kern COG

Income Category	Income Limits	Percent	Housing Unit Need	Broad Income Category	Income Limits	Percent	Housing Unit Need
Very Low	<50% AMHI	25.4%	14,658	Lower Income	<80% AMHI	41.6%	23,986
Low	50%-80% AMHI	16.2%	9,328				
Moderate	80%-120% AMHI	16.1%	9,299	Higher Income	>80% AMHI	58.4%	33,664
Above Moderate	>120% AMHI	42.3%	24,365				
Total		100.0%	57,650			100.0%	57,650

Kern COG, with input from elected officials, local staff, and stakeholders, must develop a methodology that quantifies and distributes the number of housing units assigned to each local government to meet the total regional housing need. The allocation must meet statutory objectives identified in California Housing Element Law and be consistent with the forecasted development pattern from the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The RHNA methodology allows for some discretion; however, state law, such as in Government Code § 65584(d) and Government Code §65584.04(e), requires Kern COG to further a series of objectives as well as consider several additional factors. This draft Methodology Framework Report develops that RHNA methodology, presenting a Draft RHNA Methodology for RHNA Cycle 6 that addresses the statutory objectives while considering the other factors as well.

Following the development and adoption of the RHNA methodology, the Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) formalizes the RHNA process into a planning document, establishing the total number of housing units that each city and county must plan for within the eight-year planning period. California Housing Element Law requires local governments to adopt plans and regulatory systems that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development. Following the adoption of the RHNP, each local jurisdiction must then update the housing element of its general plan to demonstrate how zoning will accommodate its share of RHNA.

If a jurisdiction does not issue enough housing permits to be consistent with the RHNA building goals in its housing element, HCD may revoke housing element compliance. If noncompliance is determined a range of penalties and consequences are possible. These include finding, because of its noncompliant housing element, that the jurisdiction's General Plan is inadequate and is therefore invalid, in which case the jurisdiction can no longer make permitting decisions. Jurisdictions with noncompliant housing elements are also vulnerable to litigation from housing rights' organizations, developers, and HCD, which may lead to mandatory compliance orders, suspension of local building control, and court approval of housing developments.

RHNA Objectives

State statute requires Kern COG to demonstrate how its methodology "furthers" the five RHNA objectives shown below. This not only requires consistency, but proactive inclusion of each objective into the methodology. Each objective in Government Code § 65584(d) is described below.¹

OBJECTIVE 1. INCREASE HOUSING SUPPLY AND MIX OF HOUSING TYPES

Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low-income households.

OBJECTIVE 2. PROMOTE INFILL, EQUITY, AND ENVIRONMENT

Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reductions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Section 65080.

OBJECTIVE 3. ENSURE JOBS HOUSING BALANCE AND FIT

Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.

¹ Descriptions are taken from:

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=65584.&lawCode=GOV accessed on 8/31/2021.

OBJECTIVE 4. PROMOTE REGIONAL INCOME PARITY

Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.

OBJECTIVE 5. AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

Affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.

Base RHNA Calculation

The first step in the RHNA methodology is to determine each jurisdiction's total RHNA before it is divided into four income categories. The Draft RHNA Methodology determines each jurisdiction's total RHNA number by multiplying the HCD RHNA Determination by the proportion of population growth attributed to a jurisdiction in the forecast for the RTP/SCS between 2024 and 2032. (These values are reported in the final column of Table 2.) For example, if a jurisdiction's RTP/SCS 2024-2032 population growth represented 10% of the county's forecasted growth and the county's RHNA Determination was 100 units, that jurisdiction would be allocated 10 total units (10% x 100 units).

Table 2 RTP/SCS Forecast Population Growth by Jurisdiction 2024-2032

Jurisdiction	Population Growth	Share of Growth
Arvin	2,189	2.46%
Bakersfield	55,437	62.31%
California City	921	1.04%
Delano	3,932	4.42%
Maricopa	13	0.01%
McFarland	661	0.74%
Ridgecrest	1,889	2.12%
Shafter	4,665	5.24%
Taft	669	0.75%
Tehachapi	1,366	1.54%
Wasco	2,108	2.37%
Unincorporated	15,118	16.99%
Total Kern County	88,968	100%

Source: Kern COG Draft RTP/SCS – 08/20/2021

The second step aligns jurisdictional allocations by income category to those specified in the RHNA Determination (see Table 1). The RHNA Determination is detailed across four income categories based on the County's existing distribution of household income and then HCD adjusts those allocations for divergence from the national rate of cost burden. Those adjustments, combined with the jurisdictional allocations being based on forecast population growth shares rather than the existing distribution of households, lead to differences across the sum of jurisdictions by income category when compared with the Determination values. That divergence is corrected by comparing the sum of the jurisdictional allocations by income category to the respective RHNA allocations. Those percentage differences in the totals are then applied to each of the initial jurisdictional allocations to align their allocations with the

Determination values. For example, if the cost burden adjusted RHNA Determination for the lower income category of a county was 50, but the sum of the county's initial lower income category allocations was 45, then each jurisdiction would adjust their initial allocation up by 11% $((50-45)/45)$. So, if a jurisdiction had an initial allocation of 9 lower income housing units, then that allocation would increase by one unit to 10 $(9 \text{ units} \times 11\%)$. When repeated for each jurisdiction and income category, the adjustments ensure the jurisdictional allocations equal the RHNA Determination by income category.

Table 3 details this process for Kern County. In Column A the jurisdictions' share of population growth from Table 2 is carried forward and multiplied by the County's total housing unit need, 57,650, to get the base total RHNA determination by jurisdiction in Column B. The share of lower income households in each jurisdiction (Column C) is then multiplied by their base total RHNA determination (Column B) to get each jurisdiction's base lower income RHNA determination in Column D.² As mentioned above, the sum of lower income RHNA housing units in Column D, 23,935, is slightly less than the 23,986 lower income housing units from Final HCD RHNA Determination for Kern County. Therefore, that difference of 0.21% at the County level (Column E) is applied to each jurisdiction's base lower income RHNA determination (Column D) to get in Column F an adjusted lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction calibrated to the Final HCD RHNA Determination for Kern County.

Table 3 Initial RHNA Allocation by Jurisdiction and Calibration to Final HCD RHNA Determination

Jurisdiction	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	% of Growth	RHNA	Lower HH (%)	Lower RHNA	% Adj Lower RHNA	Adj Lower RHNA	Higher HH (%)	Higher RHNA	% Adj Higher RHNA	Adj Higher RHNA
Arvin	2.46%	1,419	65%	929	0.21%	931	35%	490	-0.15%	489
Bakersfield	62.31%	35,923	36%	12,897	0.21%	12,925	64%	23,026	-0.15%	22,990
California City	1.04%	597	48%	289	0.21%	290	52%	308	-0.15%	307
Delano	4.42%	2,548	57%	1,456	0.21%	1,459	43%	1,092	-0.15%	1,090
Maricopa	0.01%	8	61%	5	0.21%	5	39%	3	-0.15%	3
McFarland	0.74%	428	69%	296	0.21%	297	31%	132	-0.15%	132
Ridgecrest	2.12%	1,224	35%	428	0.21%	429	65%	796	-0.15%	795
Shafter	5.24%	3,023	56%	1,688	0.21%	1,692	44%	1,335	-0.15%	1,333
Taft	0.75%	433	45%	197	0.21%	197	55%	237	-0.15%	236
Tehachapi	1.54%	885	42%	374	0.21%	375	58%	511	-0.15%	510
Wasco	2.37%	1,366	60%	819	0.21%	821	40%	547	-0.15%	546
Unincorporated	16.99%	9,797	47%	4,556	0.21%	4,566	53%	5,241	-0.15%	5,233
Kern County	100%	57,650	43%	23,935	0.21%	23,986	57%	33,715	-0.15%	33,664

This process is then repeated for the higher income housing unit allocations. The share of higher income households (Column G) is multiplied by the jurisdiction's base total RHNA determination (Column B) to get their base higher income RHNA determination in Column H.³ Since the sum of higher income RHNA housing units in Column H (33,715), is slightly higher than the 33,664 higher income housing units from Final HCD RHNA Determination for Kern County that difference of -0.15% at the County level (Column I) is applied to each jurisdiction's base higher income RHNA determination (Column H) to get in Column J an adjusted higher income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction

² In this report, the percentage of lower income households is based on the number of households with median family income reported as 80% or less HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) by jurisdiction in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year average estimates.

³ In this report, the percentage of higher income households is based on the number of households with median family income reported as greater than 80% of HAMFI by jurisdiction in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year average estimates.

calibrated to the Final HCD RHNA Determination for Kern County. Table 4 presents the draft jurisdictional allocations aligned to the Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination by broad income level.

Table 4 Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination Calibrated to Jurisdictional Household Income Levels

Jurisdiction	Lower Income (0-80%)	Higher Income (80+%)	Base RHNA Allocation
Arvin	931	489	1,420
Bakersfield	12,925	22,990	35,915
California City	290	307	597
Delano	1,459	1,090	2,549
Maricopa	5	3	8
McFarland	297	132	429
Ridgecrest	429	795	1,223
Shafter	1,692	1,333	3,024
Taft	197	236	433
Tehachapi	375	510	885
Wasco	821	546	1,367
Unincorporated	4,566	5,233	9,798
Kern County	23,986	33,664	57,650

Using the RTP/SCS forecast as the basis for total RHNA calculations ensures consistency between these two planning efforts. Since the RTP/SCS forecast is built from local plans, it incorporates a variety of regulatory, market, and performance factors. The RTP/SCS growth forecast has also been thoroughly vetted by local planning staff and represents a County-wide agreement on growth and its path to attaining climate and quality of life goals. While the RTP/SCS forecast of population growth during the 6th RHNA cycle from 2024-2032 has been used in this Draft RHNA Methodology, the RTP/SCS also generates county-wide and jurisdictional forecasts of households. A range of elements in RTP/SCS forecast could potentially be employed as the basis for the total RHNA calculations. These include using the jurisdictional composition of population/households in 2032 and using the shares of population/household growth rates through the RTP/SCS forecast period of 2046. Although the 2024-2032 RTP population growth shares have been selected, an overview of some of these additional RTP/SCS base allocations by jurisdiction of the RHNA Determination are presented in Table 15 in the Appendix.

Lower Income Housing Units Adjustment Factors

The framework for the RHNA methodology is oriented around furthering each of the statutory RHNA objectives. In Table 5, the five RHNA objectives are listed by row and the adjustment factors used to further those objectives are listed by column. As described above, the first two objectives are furthered through the total RHNA calculation relying on the development pattern in the RTP/SCS (step one). Those objectives are also intrinsically addressed through the assignment of housing units at different income categories to each jurisdiction across the county (step two). The three other objectives are not inherently furthered by the RTP/SCS. Therefore, three separate adjustment factors are used to further each of these objectives. As a result of these adjustments, each jurisdiction will receive a different proportion of lower-income units from the initial distribution reported in Table 4.

Table 5 RHNA Objectives and Allocation Adjustment Factors

<i>RHNA Objectives (rows)/ RHNA Adjustment Factors (columns)</i>	Baseline RTP/SCS Forecast	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Factor	Income Parity Factor	Jobs-Housing Fit Factor
Increasing the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability	Furthers	Supports	Supports	Supports
Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns	Furthers	Supports		Supports
Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing	Supports			Furthers
Balancing disproportionate household income distributions		Supports	Furthers	
Affirmatively furthering fair housing		Furthers	Supports	

Adjustment Factor One: Jobs-Housing Fit Factor

This factor addresses the objective to improve the intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including explicit consideration of the balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of units affordable to low-wage jobs in the jurisdiction. While the RTP/SCS addresses the overall jobs-housing balance, it does not separate the lower income work-housing balance issue. Therefore, this factor considers the existing ratio of low-wage workers to units affordable to low-wage workers. Jurisdictions with a higher-than-average ratio receive an upward adjustment of lower income RHNA units and those with a lower-than-average ratio receive a downward adjustment of lower income RHNA units.

Table 6 Jobs-Housing Fit Factor Jurisdictional Variance

Jurisdiction	Affordable Housing Units	Low-Wage Jobs	Jobs-Housing Fit Ratio	% Adjustment from County Ratio [2.32]
Arvin	1,789	2,592	1.45	-37.5%
Bakersfield	27,064	84,241	3.11	34.2%
California City	1,564	734	0.47	-79.8%
Delano	4,141	9,970	2.41	3.8%
Maricopa	171	90	0.53	-77.3%
McFarland	1,211	5,660	4.67	101.5%
Ridgecrest	2,961	4,396	1.48	-36.0%
Shafter	1,866	6,644	3.56	53.5%
Taft	1,263	1,732	1.37	-40.9%
Tehachapi	874	2,445	2.80	20.6%
Wasco	2,116	3,217	1.52	-34.5%
Unincorporated	30,796	54,155	1.76	-24.2%

Table 6 reports the jobs-housing fit adjustment factors by jurisdiction for Kern County. It uses the number of jobs by jurisdiction that pay \$3,333 per month or less as the measure of low-wage jobs.⁴ Given that HCD considers households who spend more than 30% of their income on housing to be cost burdened, data on units for rent at less

⁴ In this report, 2018 jobs by jurisdiction data are used from the U.S. Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program.

than \$1,000 a month (30% of \$3,333 income) are used to estimate the number of affordable housing units by jurisdiction.⁵ The percentage difference between the overall county ratio of 2.32 and the jurisdictions' ratios is then used to proportionally adjust the jurisdictions' allocated affordable housing units. Through this process jurisdictions with higher ratios of low-wage workers to affordable housing units are encouraged to zone for more affordable housing.

Adjustment Factor Two: Regional Income Parity Factor

This factor addresses the objective to balance disproportionate household income distributions. Using the existing share of lower-income households, jurisdictions with a lower-than-average share receive an upward adjustment of lower income RHNA units and those with a higher-than-average share receive a downward adjustment of lower income RHNA units.

Table 7 Regional Income Parity Factor Jurisdictional Variance

Jurisdiction	Lower Income Households	Total Households	Lower Income Share	Adjustment from County Share [42.9%]
Arvin	3,100	4,735	65.5%	-22.6%
Bakersfield	41,415	115,355	35.9%	7.0%
California City	1,995	4,120	48.4%	-5.5%
Delano	6,410	11,215	57.2%	-14.3%
Maricopa	245	400	61.3%	-18.4%
McFarland	2,090	3,020	69.2%	-26.3%
Ridgecrest	3,865	11,055	35.0%	7.9%
Shafter	2,605	4,665	55.8%	-13.0%
Taft	1,190	2,620	45.4%	-2.5%
Tehachapi	1,375	3,250	42.3%	0.6%
Wasco	3,295	5,495	60.0%	-17.1%
Unincorporated	46,070	99,065	46.5%	-3.6%

Table 7 reports the regional income parity adjustment factors by jurisdiction for Kern County. It uses the number of households with income 80% or less than the area median income divided by total number of households in the area to estimate the lower income share.⁶ The percentage difference between the overall county share of 42.9% lower income households and the jurisdictions' shares are then used to proportionally adjust the jurisdictions' allocated affordable housing units. By allocating more affordable housing unit zoning to jurisdictions with lower shares of lower-income households and vice versa, over time this factor intends to move jurisdictions towards a similar proportion of lower-income households across the County.

Adjustment Factor Three: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Factor

This factor addresses the objective to take meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, such as employment, higher performing schools, health care, and transportation. Using the share of existing homes in higher opportunity areas, this factor seeks to open high opportunity jurisdictions to all economic segments of the community by giving jurisdictions with a higher-than-average share of high opportunity housing units an upward adjustment of lower income RHNA units and those with a lower-than-average share a downward adjustment of lower income RHNA units.

⁵ In this report, Contract Rent reported by jurisdiction in the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Table# B25056, 2019 5-Year Estimates is used to estimate affordable housing units.

⁶ In this report, 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data produced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is used to estimate the number of area households by income level.

Table 8 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Factor Jurisdictional Variance

Jurisdiction	Housing Units in High/Highest Resource Areas	Total Housing Units	Higher Opportunity Share	Adjustment from County Share [31.1%]
Arvin	0	5,130	0%	-31.1%
Bakersfield	60,872	124,478	48.9%	17.8%
California City	0	4,836	0%	-31.1%
Delano	2,293	12,518	18.3%	-12.8%
Maricopa	0	462	0%	-31.1%
McFarland	0	3367	0%	-31.1%
Ridgecrest	11,006	12,403	88.7%	57.6%
Shafter	0	5,383	0%	-31.1%
Taft	0	3,504	0%	-31.1%
Tehachapi	0	3,616	0%	-31.1%
Wasco	0	6,469	0%	-31.1%
Unincorporated	18,594	115,951	16.0%	-15.1%

Table 8 reports the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) adjustment factors by jurisdiction for Kern County. It uses the number of housing units a jurisdiction has that are in higher opportunity areas divided by total number of housing units in that jurisdiction to estimate the share of higher opportunity areas.⁷ The percentage difference between the overall county share of 31.1% higher opportunity units and the jurisdictions' shares are then used to proportionally adjust the jurisdictions' allocated affordable housing units. Through this process jurisdictions with larger shares of higher opportunity housing units are asked to zone for more affordable housing. In so doing, this factor intends to open high opportunity jurisdictions to all economic segments.

Application of the Adjustment Factors

The third step applies the three adjustment factors to each jurisdictions' lower income units according to their respective factor weights and then uses the sum of those factors to increase or decrease the jurisdictions' total lower income units. The lower income allocations from Table 4 are adjusted by the factors, these units are also reported in Column A of Table 9. Each of the adjustment factors is weighted equally, so each factor is allocated one-third of the initial lower income housing unit allocation. The jurisdictions' adjustments for each factor are then applied and the sum of these adjustments gives the Factor Adjusted Lower Income Housing Unit Allocation. For example, if a jurisdiction had an initial Lower Income Housing Unit Allocation of 99 units and it had a 3% upward adjustment in each of the three factors, its Factor Adjusted Lower Income Housing Unit Allocation would be 102. Since each factor would receive 33 units, the Jobs-Housing Fit Factor is then increased by 3%, which leads to one additional unit (33 units times 3% = 1 unit), the Income Parity Factor would also add another unit (33 units times 3% = 1 unit), and the AFFH Factor would add a further unit (33 units times 3% = 1 unit). As a result, each factor would have 34 units for a Factor Adjusted Lower Income Housing Unit Allocation of 102.

Table 9 details the factor adjustment process for Kern County. The first step is to take the respective factor weights and multiply them by the lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction (Column A). Doing this results in unadjusted factor weighted lower income housing units in Columns B, E, and H for each of the factors. The next step is to apply each of the factor adjustments. The percentage adjustment from Factor One, the Jobs-Housing Fit Factor,

⁷ In this report the census tracts identified as high and highest resource in the 2021 Statewide Summary Table of the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Maps are used to identify the higher opportunity areas by jurisdiction. The associated housing units in those census tracts are then estimated from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Table# DP04, 2019 5-Year data.

from Table 6 is reported in Column C. The value in Column C is multiplied by the unadjusted factor weighted shares from Column B and then added to Column B to get the factor adjusted jobs-housing fit lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction in Column D. Next, the percentage adjustment from Factor Two, the Income Parity Factor, from Table 7 is reported in Column F and multiplied by the unadjusted factor weighted shares from Column F and then added to Column F to get the factor adjusted income parity lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction in Column G. Similarly, the percentage adjustment from Factor Three, the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Factor, from Table 8 is reported in Column I and multiplied by the unadjusted factor weighted shares from Column H and then added to Column H to get the factor adjusted AFFH lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction in Column J. The sum of Column D, G, and J then form a factor adjusted lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction in Column K.

Table 9 Jurisdictions' Lower Income Factor Adjustment Allocations

Jurisdiction	A Lower Income RHNA	B Factor 1 Weight = 33%	C Factor 1 % Adjust	D Factor 1 Jobs- Housing	E Factor 2 Weight = 33%	F Factor 2 % Adjust	G Factor 2 Income Parity	H Factor 3 Weight = 33%	I Factor 3 % Adjust	J Factor 3 AFFH	K Factor Adj Lower Income
Arvin	931	310	-38%	194	310	-23%	240	310	-31%	214	648
Bakersfield	12,925	4,308	34%	5,781	4,308	7%	4,609	4,308	18%	5,074	15,464
California City	290	97	-80%	20	97	-6%	91	97	-31%	67	177
Delano	1,459	486	4%	505	486	-14%	417	486	-13%	424	1,346
Maricopa	5	2	-77%	0	2	-18%	1	2	-31%	1	3
McFarland	297	99	101%	199	99	-26%	73	99	-31%	68	341
Ridgecrest	429	143	-36%	91	143	8%	154	143	58%	225	471
Shafter	1,692	564	53%	865	564	-13%	491	564	-31%	388	1,745
Taft	197	66	-41%	39	66	-3%	64	66	-31%	45	148
Tehachapi	375	125	21%	151	125	1%	126	125	-31%	86	363
Wasco	821	274	-34%	179	274	-17%	227	274	-31%	188	595
Unincorporated	4,566	1,522	-24%	1,154	1,522	-4%	1,467	1,522	-15%	1,292	3,913
Kern County	23,986	7,996		9,178	7,996		7,960	7,996		8,072	25,214

Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented in this table may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

Draft Factor Adjusted RHNA Determination

The fifth, and final, step is re-aligning the jurisdictional factor adjusted housing unit allocations by income category to those specified in the RHNA Determination. In order for Kern County to retain the county-wide RHNA Determination across each of the income categories, it is necessary to correct the factor adjusted housing units by income category to the respective RHNA allocations. Like in Step Two, percentage differences in the totals across the income levels are applied to each of the jurisdictional factor adjusted housing unit allocations to align the jurisdictional allocations to the Determination values.

Table 10 details this adjustment process. In Column A, the jurisdictions' factor adjusted lower income housing unit allocation from Table 9 is carried forward. Since the sum of lower income RHNA housing units in Column A, 25,214, is higher than the 23,986 in the Final HCD RHNA Determination for lower income housing units, it is necessary to adjust downward the allocations in Column A. Therefore, the percentage difference of -4.87% at the County level (Column B) is applied to each jurisdiction's factor adjusted lower income housing unit allocation (Column A) to get the factor adjusted lower income housing unit allocation by jurisdiction calibrated to the Final HCD RHNA Determination for Kern County in Column C. Given these adjustments, it is necessary to make complementary adjustments to the jurisdiction's higher income housing unit allocations. Those adjustments are made by subtracting the calibrated factor

adjusted lower income housing units (Column C) from the base total RHNA allocation (Column D), which results in calibrated factor adjusted higher income housing units in Column E. Table 11 reorganizes the data in Table 10 to summarize the Draft Factor Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination by income level.

Table 10 Factor Adjusted Allocations Calibrated to Final HCD RHNA Determination

	A	B	C	D	E
Jurisdiction	Factor Adjusted Lower Income RHNA	Lower Income RHNA % Adjustment	Calibrated Factor Adjusted Lower Income RHNA	Base Total RHNA Allocation	Calibrated Factor Adjusted Higher Income RHNA
Arvin	648	-4.87%	616	1,418	802
Bakersfield	15,464	-4.87%	14,711	35,936	21,225
California City	177	-4.87%	168	604	436
Delano	1,346	-4.87%	1,280	2,529	1,249
Maricopa	3	-4.87%	3	8	5
McFarland	341	-4.87%	324	415	91
Ridgecrest	471	-4.87%	448	1,229	781
Shafter	1,745	-4.87%	1,660	2,988	1,328
Taft	148	-4.87%	141	437	296
Tehachapi	363	-4.87%	345	887	542
Wasco	595	-4.87%	566	1,367	802
Unincorporated	3,913	-4.87%	3,723	9,831	6,108
Kern County	25,214	-4.87%	23,986	57,650	33,664
<i>Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented in this table may not add up precisely to the totals provided.</i>					

Differences with the pre-factor adjusted RHNA allocations are reported in Table 12. It highlights the influence the three adjustment factors have in promoting transformative housing opportunities in Kern County. Table 13 also shows the impact of the adjustment factors comparing the percentage of housing units by income under the baseline allocation with the percentage of housing units after accounting the factor adjustments.

Table 11 Draft Factor Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination

Jurisdiction	Factor Adjusted Lower Income (0-80%)	Factor Adjusted Higher Income (80+%)	Base RHNA Allocation
Arvin	616	801	1,418
Bakersfield	14,712	21,225	35,936
California City	169	436	604
Delano	1,281	1,249	2,529
Maricopa	3	6	8
McFarland	324	91	415
Ridgecrest	448	781	1,229
Shafter	1,660	1,328	2,988
Taft	141	296	437
Tehachapi	345	542	887
Wasco	566	802	1,367
Unincorporated	3,722	6,108	9,831
Kern County	23,986	33,664	57,650
<i>Note: The Final RHNA Determination by income level and in total is reported in the Kern County row. Due to rounding, numbers presented in this table may not add up precisely to the totals provided.</i>			

Context regarding existing residential unit capacity and the Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination is presented in Table 14. Following a summary of existing housing units by jurisdiction, Table 14 compares existing medium, high, and mixed-use density residential unit capacity to the lower income Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination. It then compares existing very low- and low-density residential unit capacity to the higher income Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination. The final two columns in Table 14 compares total existing residential unit capacity to the total Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination for each jurisdiction. Those values illustrate that each jurisdiction in Kern County has enough existing residential unit capacity to meet their respective total Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination resulting from this Draft Methodology.

Table 12 Impact of Adjustment Factors on Housing Units by Income

Jurisdiction	Lower Income (0-80%)		Higher Income (80+%)	
	Unit Change	% Change	Unit Change	% Change
Arvin	-315	-34%	312	64%
Bakersfield	1,787	14%	-1,766	-8%
California City	-121	-42%	128	42%
Delano	-179	-12%	159	15%
Maricopa	-2	-45%	2	73%
McFarland	27	9%	-40	-31%
Ridgecrest	19	5%	-14	-2%
Shafter	-32	-2%	-5	0%
Taft	-56	-29%	60	25%
Tehachapi	-30	-8%	32	6%
Wasco	-255	-31%	255	47%
Unincorporated	-843	-18%	875	17%

Table 13 Comparison of Housing Unit Structure from Factor Adjustments

Jurisdiction	Lower Income (0-80%)			Higher Income (80+%)		
	Baseline	Factor Adjusted	Difference	Baseline	Factor Adjusted	Difference
Arvin	66%	43%	-22%	34%	57%	22%
Bakersfield	36%	41%	5%	64%	59%	-5%
California City	49%	28%	-21%	51%	72%	21%
Delano	57%	51%	-7%	43%	49%	7%
Maricopa	61%	36%	-26%	39%	64%	26%
McFarland	69%	78%	9%	31%	22%	-9%
Ridgecrest	35%	36%	1%	65%	64%	-1%
Shafter	56%	56%	0%	44%	44%	0%
Taft	46%	32%	-13%	54%	68%	13%
Tehachapi	42%	39%	-3%	58%	61%	3%
Wasco	60%	41%	-19%	40%	59%	19%
Unincorporated	47%	38%	-9%	53%	62%	9%
Kern County	42%	42%		58%	58%	

Table 14 Draft Adjusted RHNA Housing Unit Determination and Vacant Land Capacity for Housing Units

Jurisdiction	Existing Housing Units (2020)	Residential Unit Capacity (Vacant): Medium, High, and Mixed-Use Density	Lower Income Draft Factor Adjusted RHNA Allocation	Residential Unit Capacity (Vacant): Very Low and Low Density	Higher Income Draft Factor Adjusted RHNA Allocation	Total Residential Units Capacity (Vacant)	Total Draft Factor Adjusted RHNA Allocation
Arvin	4,884	536	616	1,025	801	1,561	1,418
Bakersfield	132,697	27,524	14,712	64,870	21,225	92,394	35,936
California City	5,196	48,354	169	34,947	436	83,301	604
Delano	11,572	1,303	1,281	3,493	1,249	4,796	2,529
Maricopa	3,412	-	3	253	6	253	8
McFarland	432	82	324	449	91	531	415
Ridgecrest	12,359	1,784	448	3,543	781	5,328	1,229
Shafter	5,412	1,303	1,660	19,713	1,328	21,015	2,988
Taft	2,596	1,065	141	4,289	296	5,354	437
Tehachapi	3,784	460	345	2,305	542	2,765	887
Wasco	6,366	242	566	3,029	802	3,272	1,367
Unincorporated	301,009	229,230	3,722	147,711	6,108	376,940	9,831
Kern County	112,299	311,883	23,968	285,627	33,664	597,511	57,650
<i>Note: The residential unit capacity was estimated by Kern COG using a GIS analysis of each jurisdiction's latest general plan information (2020) outside urban/built-up areas and demonstrates sufficient existing capacity to accommodate a variety of density ranges to meet each jurisdiction's housing need.</i>							

Appendix: Alternative Base Jurisdictional Allocations

Table 15 Alternative Base Jurisdictional Allocations from RTP/SCS Forecast

Jurisdiction	Base Allocation 1:	Base Allocation 2:	Base Allocation 3:	Base Allocation 4:	Base Allocation 5:	Base Allocation 6:
	RTP/SCS Population Growth to RHNA (2024-32)	RTP/SCS Population in 2032	RTP/SCS Population Growth (2024-46)	RTP/SCS Household Growth to RHNA (2024-32)	RTP/SCS Households in 2032	RTP/SCS Household Growth (2024-46)
Arvin	1,457	1,273	1,309	1,204	1,009	955
Bakersfield	35,541	26,698	38,911	37,061	27,022	38,252
California City	581	876	524	416	871	473
Delano	2,646	3,256	1,760	1,772	2,294	1,419
Maricopa	9	61	13	13	75	17
McFarland	450	864	889	2,397	868	492
Ridgecrest	1,209	1,688	1,478	1,419	2,190	1,734
Shafter	3,164	1,544	3,846	3,443	1,328	3,794
Taft	423	513	421	492	475	470
Tehachapi	897	839	821	914	749	849
Wasco	1,417	1,710	1,237	1,124	1,271	1,052
Unincorporated	9,855	18,328	6,441	7,395	19,497	8,142
Total	57,650					
Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented in this table may not add up precisely to the totals provided.						



V.
RPAC

October 6, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director 
Ben Raymond, Regional Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V.
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development, and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. Note that this report excludes 50 plus staff presentations on the SCS made to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) and the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) during the 4-year update cycle. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events:

September 30, 2021 – RTP/SCS Public Workshop Hosted by the Bakersfield Senior Center South of downtown Bakersfield.

September 28, 2021 – RTP/SCS Public Workshop Hosted by the Black Chamber of Commerce in N.E. Bakersfield.

September 7, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in October 2021.

August 31, 2021 - California Housing Community Development Department (HCD) issued Kern's low-income housing need determination for June 30, 2023 – December 31, 2031. RHNA process to allocate that determination to each jurisdiction. That allocation must be incorporated into each jurisdiction's housing element update.

August 20, 2021 – Four Community Based Outreach Mini-grants applications were received from All Of Us Or None (AOUON), Bakersfield Senior Center, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability to host RTP/SCS outreach events in Fall 2021 and be reimbursed for hosting related expenses up to \$2,500.

August 5, 2021 – Conference call with HCD Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) staff, California Department of Finance (DOF) forecasting staff, and Kern COG consulting economist to discuss the 2032 forecast of household formation rates. DOF agreed to revise rates to be closer to Kern COG's adopted forecast as developed by our consulting economist.

August 4, 2021 – 2022 RTP/SCS Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2 - On Improving Public Outreach. Attendees: Tubatulabal Tribe, City of Maricopa City Councilmember, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Leadership Council for Justice & Accountability, Bike Bakersfield, California Trucking Association/CPT, Downtown Business Association, TDH Associates, Upside Productions, Cal Centre Logistics Park, Kern County Library, City of Taft Planning Director, Kern County Public Works, Federal Highways Administration, California Air Resources Board, Caltrans District 6, RGS Consulting. Ways participants suggested to improve public input – 1) More meetings like this, 2) Keep sending out more information to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) so they can pass it on, 3) Virtual meetings via PublicInput software, 4) Newsletter announcements (including Tribal newsletters), and 5) NGOs may propose use of phone banks with mini-grant.

August 4, 2021 – Transportation Modeling Committee—a subcommittee of the RPAC and TTAC—met to review the latest travel model validation, SB 743 script update, and the regional traffic count program.

July 28, 2021 - Community Based Outreach Mini-grants Application released for fall outreach events for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

July 10, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August 2021.

June 30, 2021 – RTP/SCS update to RPAC and announcement of numerous Summer/Fall events.

June 11, 2021 – Kick-off meeting for the Kern Area Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study phase 2. Public outreach meeting tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2021.

May 20, 2021 – Kern Quality of Life Survey results <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

May 10, 2021 – Check-in call with ARB staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August 2021.

May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 – Public comment period on the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the Kern Transportation Foundation on regional freight efforts to be incorporated into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

February 17, 2021 – ARB provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021, meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020, Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020, TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/sustainable-communities-program/regional-plans-evaluations/kern-council>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable #1 was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy

D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado's Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6) Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals (pre-COVID event).

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this

arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

- Spring 2019 to Spring 2022 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220 participants**) - **Complete**
- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – 1st Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on RTP/SCS/RHNA outreach process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446 participants**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+ participants**) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- April 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,500+ residents**), results available at - **Complete**
- April 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4 on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (**144 participants**) shows nearly half of respondents interested in ADUs – **Complete**
- May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 - Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS - **Complete**
- August 4, 2021, at 1:30PM – 2nd Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting on RTP/SCS/RHNA outreach process in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room - **Complete**
- Summer-Fall 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census population data available - **Complete**
- Summer 2021 – RTP Public Outreach – Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 online Zoom meetings, for info contact eflickinger@kerncog.org - **Complete**:
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogroadsafetyplans.com/> (**349 participants**)

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

- June 22, 2021, 5–6pm, **Shafter** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 24, 2021, 4–5pm, **Delano** – online Zoom meeting
 - June 29, 2021, 5:30–6:30pm, **Bakersfield** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 12, 2021, 4–5pm, **Wasco** – online Zoom meeting
 - July 24, 2021, 3–4pm **Maricopa** – online Zoom meeting
 - August 4, 2021, 5–6pm, **Taft** – online Zoom meeting
 - August 5, 2021, 6–7pm, **Tehachapi** – online Zoom meeting
 - August 17, 2021, 6–7am, **Arvin** – online Zoom meeting
 - September 16, 2021, 5–6pm, **California City** – online Zoom meeting
 - Summer 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities, (**500+ participants so far**) for info contact SCampbell@kerncog.org - **Complete**
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogcleanmobilityoptions.com/>
 - April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the **Shafter** Rotary Club
 - Social media posts of survey February - August 2021 targeted to reach the following zip codes: **Tejon Tribe, Tubatulabal Tribe, Delano, McFarland, Lost Hills, Wasco, Taft, Arvin, Lamont, Buttonwillow, Shafter, California City, Ridgecrest, Maricopa**
 - **Tubatulabal Tribe** July newsletter promotion of survey with link.
 - July 20, 2021, exhibitor participation in United Way of Kern County's Community Development Conference, **Bakersfield**.
 - Summer 2021 - Mini-grant stakeholder application process for hosting RTP/SCS outreach events (possibly web-enabled and/or in-person type events)
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- September 6 – October 6, 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies.
 - September 28 – November 9, 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted events (*) and other coordinated RTP public outreach events
 - *September 28, 2021, 5:30pm – Kern Black Chamber of Commerce, 3501 Sterling, **N.E. Bakersfield**
 - *September 30, 2021, 5:30pm - Bakersfield Senior Center 1st Mtg., 530 4th St, **S. Downtown Bakersfield**
 - *October 13, 2021, 1pm – All Of Us Or None – 948 Baker St, **E. Bakersfield**
 - *October 14, 2021, 6pm – Leadership Counsel for the SJV – 10300 San Diego St, **Lamont**
 - *October 18, 2021, 6pm - Leadership Counsel for the SJV – 8228 Hilltop Dr, **Fuller Acres**
 - *October 19, 2021, 5:30pm - Bakersfield Senior Center 2nd Mtg., 530 4th St, **S. Downtown Bakersfield**
 - October 23, 2021, 10am–2pm – Clean Cities Coalition – Workshop for Jr. High and H.S. Teachers, Valley Oaks Charter School, must register 661-847-9756, **Tehachapi**
 - October 28, 2021, 8am–4pm – Kern Transportation Foundation, must register <http://kerntransportationfoundation.org/membership/ktf-forum/> – Hodel's, 5917 Knudsen Dr, **N. Bakersfield**
 - *November 4, 2021, 5:30–7pm – Bakersfield Senior Center 3rd Mtg., 530 4th St. **S. Downtown Bakersfield**
 - *November 9, 2021, 6:00–7:30pm – Bike Bakersfield, Comm. Center or Church T.B.A.
 - November 17, 2021 - I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Project Presentation at TBD in **Bakersfield** (tentative)
 - T.B.A. – **Ridgecrest**
 - T.B.A. – Others?

- November 3, 2021, 1:30-3pm – 3rd Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting on RTP/SCS outreach status and RHNA Methodology in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room
- Winter/Spring 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendaized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – **Adopt** RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September-October 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

To be added to the RTP/SCS email notification list for up-coming events, please email Becky Napier BNapier@kerncog.org.


Attachments: 1) Flyers and 2) sample presentation materials.

ACTION: Information

Attachment 1 – Sample Meeting Flyers/Info


Help Map the Future of Transportation for Kern County

Kern Council of Governments is conducting public workshops as part of the process to update Kern County's Regional Transportation Plan and *we need your opinions.*




How should we spend our transportation tax dollars?


Invest in more buses and trains?



Add more bicycle paths?



Fix local streets and roads?



2022 Regional Transportation Plan for Kern County PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Bakersfield Senior Center, Inc.
Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:30-7:30 p.m.
530 4th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Call for other workshop locations, **661.635.2900** - or visit us at **www.kerncog.org**

Kern Council of Governments

This is your opportunity to express your opinions about transportation needs in our community.

What Is the Regional Transportation Plan?

¿Qué es un Plan Regional de Transporte?


A Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) encourages and promotes the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of a multimodal transportation system in the Kern Region.

Un Plan Regional de Transporte (conocido en inglés por sus siglas RTP) fomenta y promueve la gestión eficiente y segura, el funcionamiento y el desarrollo de un sistema de transporte multi-modal en la región de Kern.

What does an RTP do?

¿Qué hace un RTP?

- Assesses current and future transportation options
Evalúa las opciones de transporte actuales y futuras.
- Estimates future travel, infrastructure, and goods movement needs
Estima el viaje futuro y las necesidades de movimiento de bienes.
- Provides a list of projects and funding sources to meet mobility and accessibility needs
Proporciona una lista de proyectos y fuentes de financiación para satisfacer las necesidades de movilidad y accesibilidad.
- Measures the effectiveness of transportation projects
Mide la eficacia de los proyectos de transporte.
- Outlines a path toward greenhouse gas emissions reduction
Describe un camino hacia la reducción de las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero.



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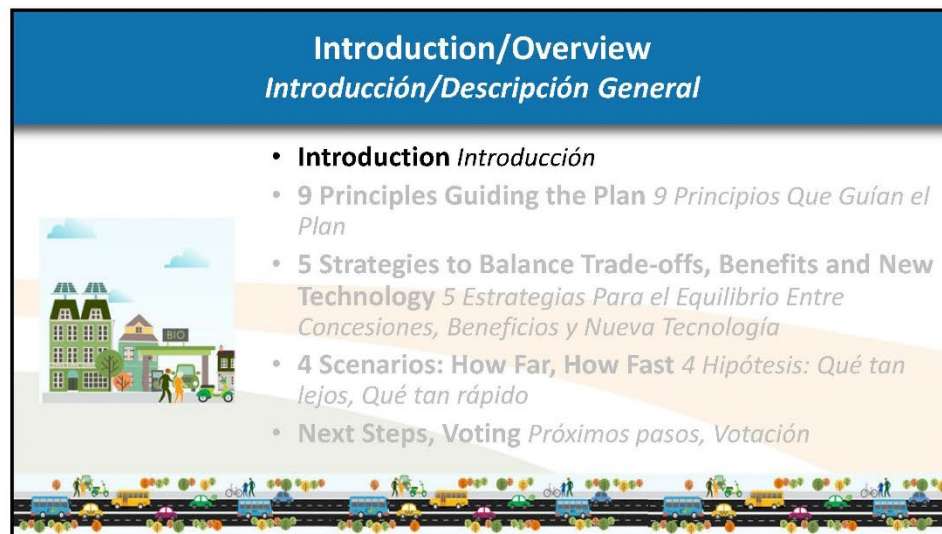
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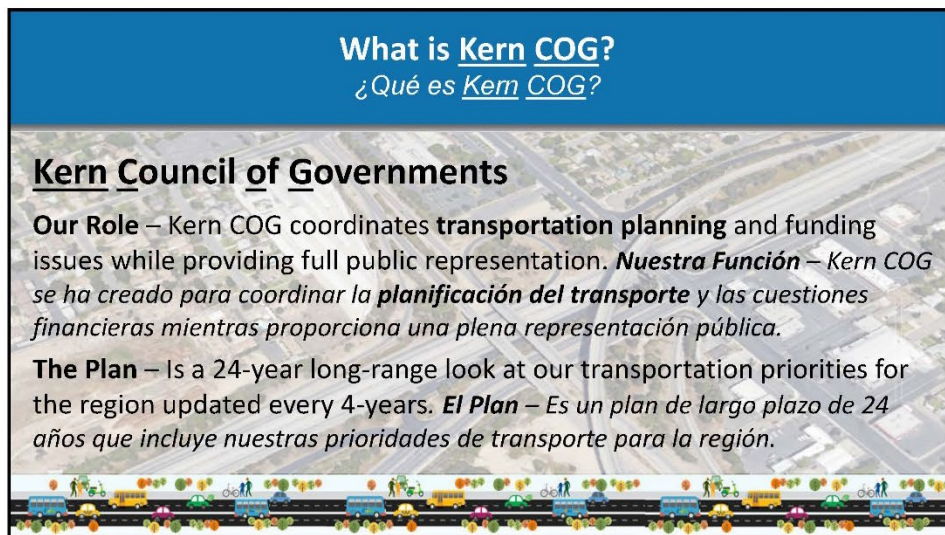




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Key Transportation Plan Objectives: Past & Proposed

Objetivos clave del plan de transporte: del pasado y propuesto



Benefit all Kern communities equally
Beneficio a todas las comunidades de Kern por igual



Leverage technology—more efficient/clean transportation
Aprovechamiento de tecnología: transporte más eficiente y limpio



Maintain, fix and finish what we have
Mantener, reparar y terminar lo que tenemos



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9 Principles Guiding the Plan

9 Principios Que Guían el Plan

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2. Conserve Energy/Natural Resources & Develop Alternatives *Conservar Energía y Recursos Naturales/Desarrollar Alternativas*



3. Provide Adequate/Equitable Services *Proporcionar Servicios Adecuados y Equitativos*



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4. Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices *Proporcionar una Variedad de Opciones de Transporte*



5. Provide a Variety of Housing Choices *Proporcionar una Variedad de Opciones de Vivienda*



6. Use & Improve Existing Community Assets and Infrastructure *Utilizar y Mejorar los Bienes Comunitarios y la Infraestructura Existentes*



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7. Use Compact, Efficient Development/Mixed Land Uses Where Appropriate
Uso de Desarrollo Compacto y Eficiente y/o Usos Mixtos de la Tierra Donde sea Adecuado



8. Conserve Undeveloped Land, Spaces, Water *Conservar las Tierras y los Espacios No Desarrollados*



9. Increase Civic and Public Engagement *Aumentar el Compromiso Cívico y Público*



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What are your other ideas for principles?
¿Cuáles son sus otras ideas con respecto a principios?



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Conservar Energía y Recursos Naturales/Desarrollar Alternativas



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0. Other *Otro*

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5 Strategies: Balancing Trade-offs, Benefits and New Technology

5 Estrategias Para el Equilibrio Entre Concesiones, Beneficios y Nueva Tecnología

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How a Well-Maintained Transportation System Drives the Economy

Cómo un Sistema de Transporte Bien Mantenido Conduce la Economía








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Cost Costos

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A. Fix It First Maintenance *Reparación de Carreteras*

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Warehousing/Automated Manufacturing Add Thousands of Indoor Air-Conditioned Starter Jobs and High-Pay Tech Jobs—Causing Impact to Highways

El almacenamiento / fabricación automatizada agrega miles de trabajos de inicio con aire acondicionado en interiores y trabajos tecnológicos de alta remuneración, lo que causa impacto en las carreteras



Ross Dress4Less DC - Shafter



Malof Distribution Center (DC) - Delano



Walmart Grocery DC - Shafter

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Cost Costos

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B. Increase Highway Capacity – Primarily for Freight

Aumentar la Capacidad de Autopistas Principalmente para el Transporte de Mercancías

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High Tech Efficient/Cleaner Transportation – Mobility Hubs

Transporte Eficiente y Limpio de Última Tecnología – Centros de Movilidad



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C. Invest in High Tech Transit

Invertir en Tránsito de Última Tecnología

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Bike & Pedestrian Healthier Transportation—Lost Hills Example

Bicicleta y Peatones Transporte Más Saludable—Ejemplo de Inversión del Sector Privado en Lost Hills

Lost Hills, Kern County

2011 No Sidewalks *Sin aceras*

2021 New Bike Path/Sidewalks *Nueva ciclovlía/aceras*
Formerly a dirt road *Antes un camino de tierra*

2011 No Sidewalks *Sin aceras*

2021 Sidewalks/Bike Path *Aceras/Ciclovlía*

Improved Park *Parque mejorado*

New Market *Nuevo Mercado*

New Academy *Nueva Academia*

New Housing *Nuevas Viviendas*

Google Earth

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D. Active Healthier Transportation—Bike/Pedestrian Facilities

Invertir en Instalaciones para Bicicletas y Peatones

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Provide Housing Closer to Jobs—Transit Oriented Development

Proporcionar Una Vivienda Más Cercana a los Empleos — Desarrollo Orientado al Tránsito

2020

Niles

Mt. Vernon

2025?

Niles

Mt. Vernon











New apartments *Nuevos apartamentos*

New shopping, offices above *Nuevas tiendas, oficinas por arriba*

New transit mobility hub *Nuevo centro de movilidad de tránsito*

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Cost Costos **E. Provide Housing Closer to Jobs**
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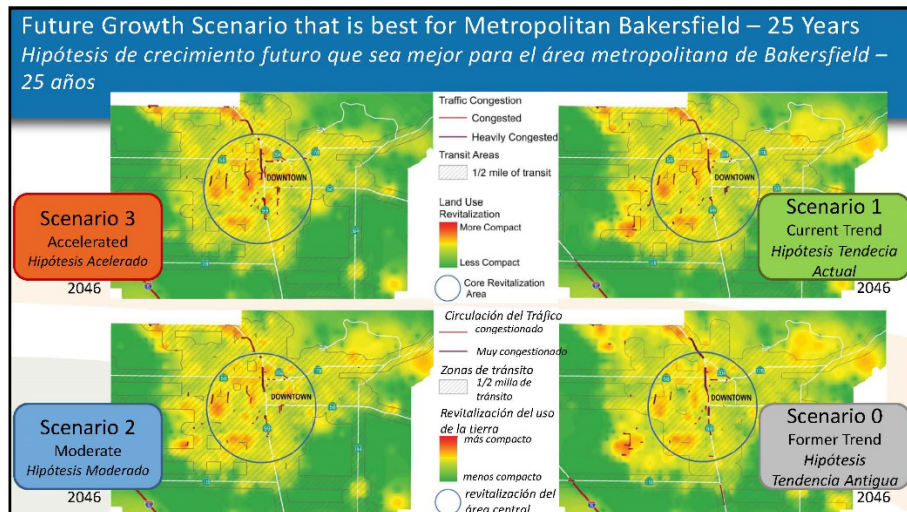
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All Scenarios Todas las Hipótesis

- **Scenario 3 Accelerated** *Hipótesis Acelerado*
- **Scenario 2 Moderate** *Hipótesis Moderado*
- **Scenario 1 Current Trend** *Hipótesis Tendencia Actual*
- **Scenario 0 Former Trend** *Hipótesis Tendencia Antigua*

- **All scenarios are consistent with state direction on SB375** *Todos las hipótesis son consistentes con la dirección del estado en SB375*
- **All assume the same overall growth in 1.1M population, 318k households, and 374k jobs in Kern County by 2046** *Todos asumen el mismo crecimiento general en 1.1M de población, 318k hogares y 374k empleos en el condado de Kern para 2046*
- **Approximately two-thirds of this growth is within Metropolitan Bakersfield** *Aproximadamente dos tercios de este crecimiento se encuentra dentro del área metropolitana de Bakersfield*
- **All scenarios analyze changes in Metro growth using Kern COG transportation modeling tools** *Todos las hipótesis analizan los cambios en el crecimiento de Metro utilizando las herramientas de modelado de transporte Kern COG*

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Scenario 3 – Accelerated

Hipótesis 3 – Acelerado

- Accelerated Scenario - Investment plan accelerates shift from highways to non-highway projects over current trend. Accelerates revitalization in downtown and areas with increased transportation choices: transit, bike, pedestrian facilities, etc.

Acelerado: el plan de inversión acelera el cambio de proyectos de autopistas a proyectos no viales con respecto a la tendencia actual. Acelera la revitalización en el centro y áreas con mayores opciones de transporte: tránsito, bicicletas, instalaciones para peatones, etc.

Scenario 3
Accelerated Hipótesis
Acelerado



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Scenario 2 – Moderate Increase

Hipótesis 2 - Aumento Moderado

- Moderate Increase Scenario - Investment plan similar to current 2018 RTP/SCS. Expands increased investment in non-highway projects. Assumes revitalization in downtown and revitalization of vacant and underused areas.

Aumento moderado: plan de inversión similar al actual RTP / SCS (por sus siglas en inglés) de 2018. Expande una mayor inversión en proyectos no viales. Asume la revitalización en el centro y la revitalización de áreas desocupadas y subutilizadas.

Scenario 2
Moderate
Hipótesis Moderado



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Scenario 1 – Current Trend

Hipótesis 1 - Tendencia Actual

- Current Trend Scenario – Investment plan maintains current levels of investment on highways and non-highway projects. Assumes growth/housing choice patterns similar to current trends.

Tendencia actual: el plan de inversión mantiene los niveles actuales de inversión en carreteras y proyectos no viales. Asume patrones de crecimiento / elección de vivienda similares a las tendencias actuales.

Scenario 1
Current Trend
Hipótesis
Tendencia Actual



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Scenario 0 – Former Trend

Hipótesis 0 – Tendencia Antigua

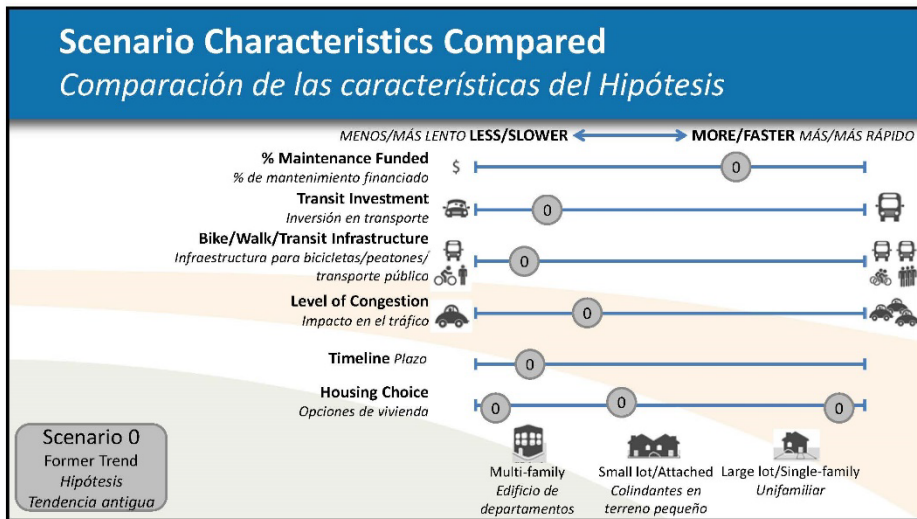
- Former Trend (Pre-SCS) Scenario - Investment plan based on highway focused trends prior to the first SCS in 2014. Assumes outward growth patterns and impacts.

Tendencia antigua (Pre-SCS): plan de inversión basado en tendencias centradas en las carreteras antes del primer SCS en 2014. Supone patrones e impactos de crecimiento hacia el exterior.

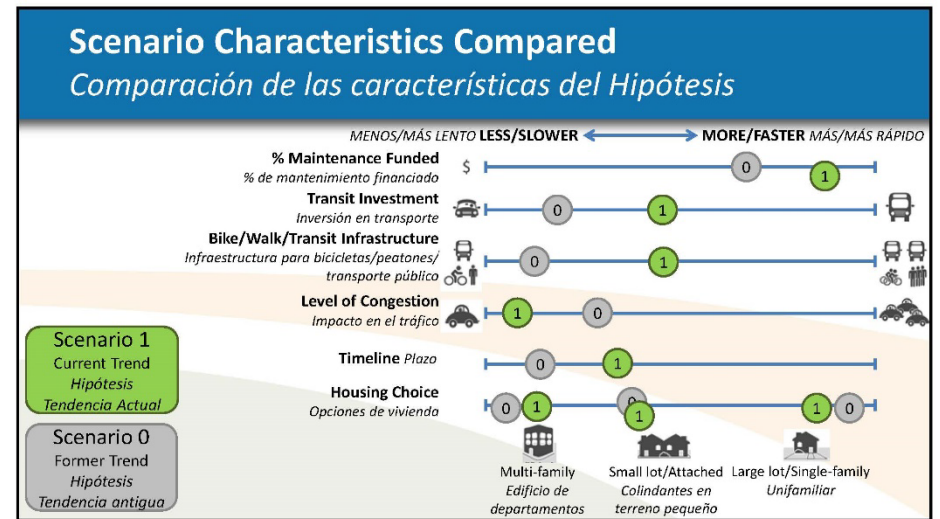
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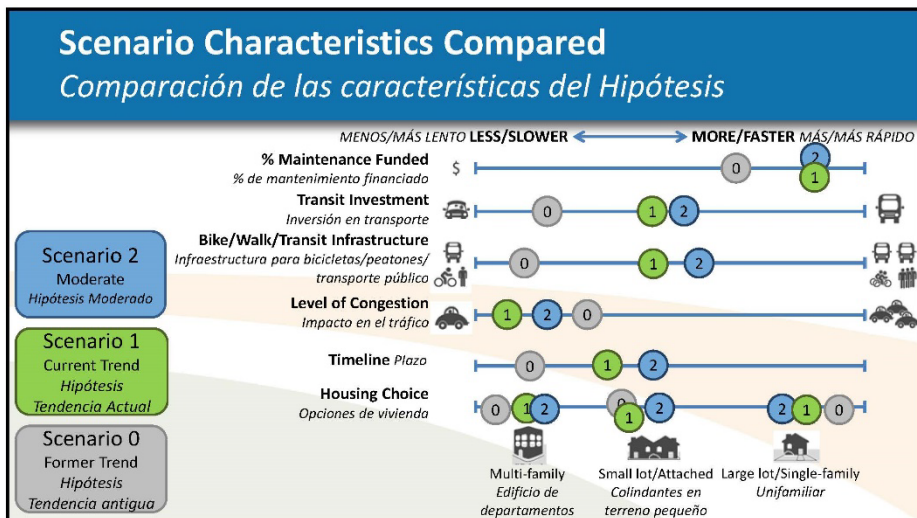
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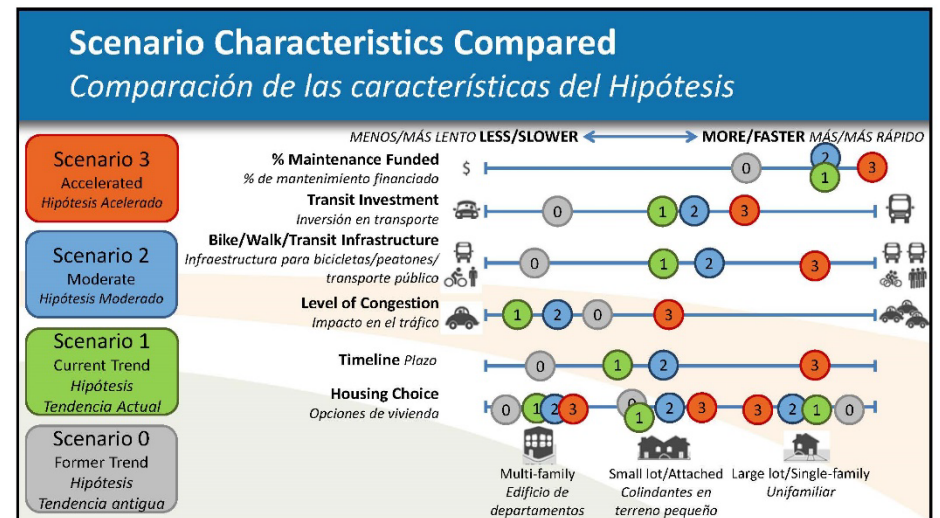
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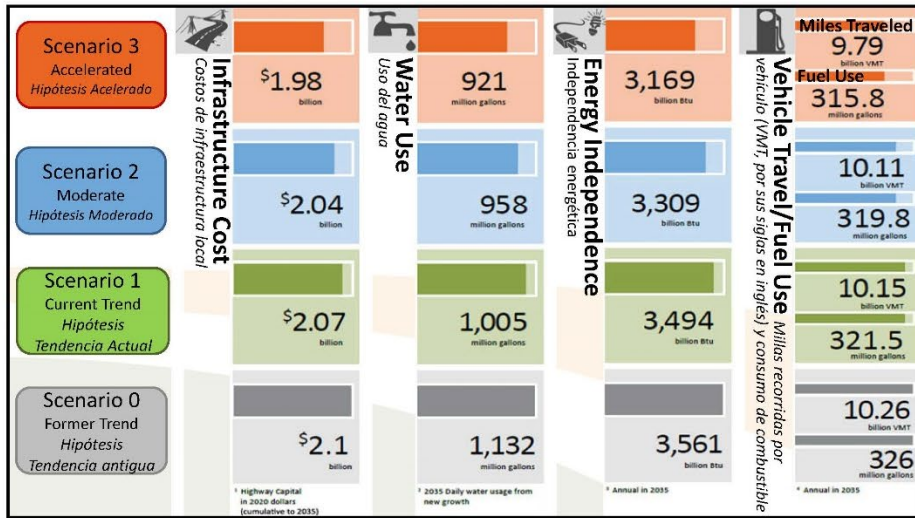
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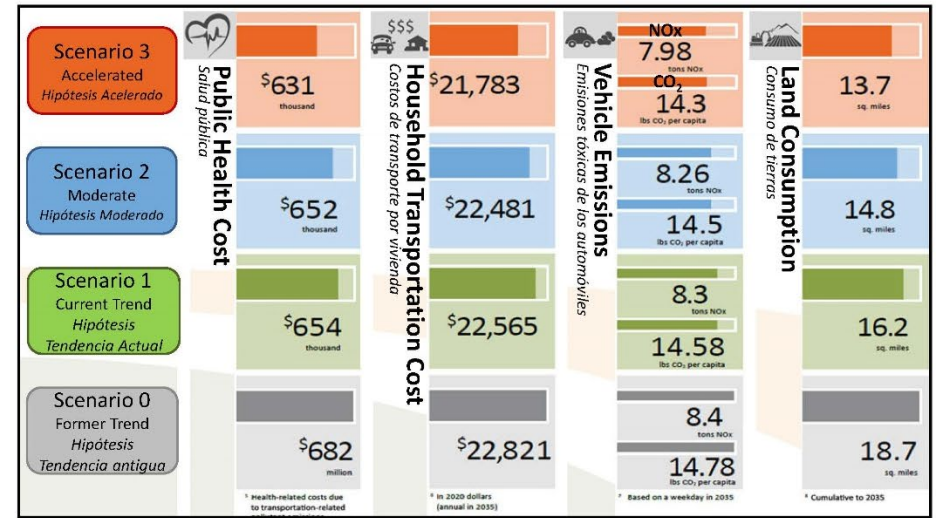
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Próximos pasos, votación

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Timeline – Next Steps

Cronología - Siguientes Pasos

- Fall 2018** – Commence 2022 RTP Outreach
Otoño 2018 – Comienza la divulgación pública de RTP 2022
- Fall 2021** – Public Outreach, Workshops, Events
Otoño 2021 – Divulgación Pública, Talleres, Eventos
- Spring 2022** – Present to 11 City Councils & County Board
Primavera 2022 – Presentaciones a los Ayuntamientos/Condado
- Spring 2022** – Circulate Draft Documents
Primavera 2022 – Circulación de los Borradores de Documentos
- Summer 2022** – Adoption by Kern COG Board
Verano 2022 – Aprobación del Plan por parte de la Junta Directiva de Kern COG

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Dot Board Voting Exercise

Ejercicio de Votación de Tablero de Puntos

- 1. Use your 3 stickers to vote for any of the 9 Principles Guiding the Plan** Use 3 etiquetas para votar por cualquiera de los 9 Principios Que Guían el Plan
- 2. Use 3 more stickers to vote for any of the 5 Strategies to Balance Trade-offs, Benefits and New Technology** Use 3 etiquetas para votar por cualquiera de las 5 Estrategias Para el Equilibrio de Concesiones, Beneficios y Nueva Tecnología
- 3. Use 1 sticker to vote for one of the 4 Scenarios: How Far, How Fast** Use 1 etiqueta para votar por uno de los 4 Hipótesis: Qué tan lejos, Qué tan rápido



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Invitation: Public Roundtable Meeting on Affordable Housing Need

Allocation Method

Invitación: Reunión de Mesa Redonda Pública sobre el Método de Asignación de Necesidades de Vivienda Asequible

- **Please save the date for a Roundtable Meeting on November 3rd 1:30PM at Kern COG (tentative)** Por favor, guarde la fecha para una reunión de mesa redonda el 3 de noviembre a la 1:30 PM en Kern COG (tentativa)
- **To sign up to be on the Kern RHNA Mailing list and for more information, please visit** Para inscribirse para estar en la lista de correo de Kern RHNA y para obtener más información, visite: <https://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing-needs/>
- **Staff contact** Contacto del personal: rinvina@kerncog.org



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October 27, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3, 2021, has been cancelled.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Agenda materials will be mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Thank you.

Attachment: UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES - ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP



October 27, 2021

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Ben Raymond, Regional Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES - ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

DISCUSSION:

This periodic update report chronicles, development and implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process in Kern with recent activity listed first. Note that this report excludes 50 plus staff presentations on the SCS made to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) and the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) during the 4-year update cycle. The report also includes a timeline with upcoming events:

October 18, 2021 – Check-in call with California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the SB 150 review of the 2018 SC. A discussion of the revised technical methodology has been sent to ARB was postponed to November 8, 2021.

October 11, 2021 – State Housing & Community Development (HCD) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Consultation on Draft Methodology web conference.

September 7, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, ARB staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in October 2021.

August 31, 2021 - California Housing Community Development Department (HCD) issued Kern's low-income housing need determination for June 30, 2023 – December 31, 2031. RHNA process to allocate that determination to each jurisdiction. That allocation must be incorporated into each jurisdiction's housing element update.

August 20, 2021 – Four Community Based Outreach Mini-grants applications were received from All Of Us Or None (AOUON), Bakersfield Senior Center, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability to host RTP/SCS outreach events in Fall 2021 and be reimbursed for hosting related expenses up to \$2,500.

August 5, 2021 – Conference call with HCD Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) staff, California Department of Finance (DOF) forecasting staff, Kern COG consulting economist, on 2032 forecast of household formation rates. DOF agreed to revise rates to be closer to Kern COG's adopted forecast as developed by our consulting economist.

August 4, 2021 – 2022 RTP/SCS Roundtable Stakeholder Meeting #2 - On Improving Public Outreach. Attendees: Tubatulabal Tribe, City of Maricopa City Councilmember, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Leadership Council for Justice & Accountability, Bike Bakersfield, California Trucking Association/CPT, Downtown Business Association, TDH Associates, Upside Productions, Cal Centre Logistics Park, Kern County Library, City of Taft Planning Director, Kern County Public Works, Federal Highways Administration, California Air Resources Board, Caltrans District 6, RGS Consulting. Ways participants suggested to improve public input – 1) More meetings like this, 2) Keep sending out more information to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) so they can pass it on, 3) Virtual meetings via PublicInput software, 4) Newsletter announcements (including Tribal newsletters), and 5) NGOs may propose use of phone banks with mini-grant.

August 4, 2021 – Transportation Modeling Committee—a sub committee of the RPAC and TTAC—met to review the latest travel model validation, SB 743 script update, and the regional traffic count program.

July 28, 2021 - Community Based Outreach Mini-grants Application released for fall outreach events for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

July 10, 2021 – Check-in call with John Beutler, California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

June 30, 2021 – RTP/SCS update to RPAC and announcement of numerous Summer/Fall events.

June 11, 2021 – Kick-off meeting for the Kern Area Goods Movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study phase 2. Public outreach meeting tentatively schedule for October 28, 2021.

May 20, 2021 – Kern Quality of Life Survey results <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

May 10, 2021 – Check-in call with ARB staff on the status of development of modeling data for the SCS methodology. A revised methodology is anticipated to be sent to ARB in August, 2021.

May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 – Public comment period on the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the Kern Transportation Foundation on regional freight efforts to be incorporated into the 2022 RTP/SCS.

February 17, 2021 – ARB provided a follow-up letter to the January 5, 2021 meeting covering 6 areas they would like to see additional information on related to the Kern COG 2022 SCS methodology.

January 21, 2021 – The annual “Transitions” web conference was held with two dozen participants discussing green transit technology and funding options. Participants were encouraged to participate in the MetroQuest online survey tool to provide input to the 2022 RTP.

January 14, 2021 – Kern COG provided a live web presentation to the new Bakersfield representative of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The presentation was the same one presented to the Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on January 22, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Kern COG had a call with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff, answering questions about the Technical Methodology Report. Kern is awaiting a final list of follow-up items from the call.

December 7, 2020 – Kern COG sent the Technical Methodology Report to the ARB. The draft report was reviewed by Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and the RPAC at their regular November meetings. The report includes a discussion of how Kern COG intends to address ARB comments from their July 27, 2020 Technical Evaluation of the 2018 RTP methodology. The draft Technical Methodology Report for the 2022 RTP can be viewed on the November 19, 2020 TPPC as agenda item IV. J. - https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TPPC_agenda_20201119.pdf

September 20, 2020 – Kern COG released its 3rd online public survey on the 2022 RTP/SCS. Responses are scheduled to be collected by November 9, 2030. Participants and provide their input at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/surveys/>

July 27, 2020 – ARB published the Kern Technical Evaluation and finding of acceptance of the Kern COG 2018 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) methodology now available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/sustainable-communities-program/regional-plans-evaluations/kern-council>

June 18, 2020 – Rural Alternative Transit Plan & RTP/SCS Workshops Report adopted – Plan is available online at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rural_Alt_Trans_Plan_202006.pdf

January 22, 2020 – 2022 RTP/SCS Stakeholder Roundtable #1 was held at Kern COG to garner input on the 2022 RTP/SCS public outreach process. Twenty-two (22) participants attended the meeting from various interest areas in the community including the Tejon Indian Tribe, Lamont/Weedpatch Family Resource Center, Caltrans, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Valley Fever Awareness & Resources, Golden Empire Transit, Project Clean Air, Tejon Ranch, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Troy D. Hightower International, Senator Melissa Hertado’s Office, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Congressman TJ Cox’s Office, and the cities of Bakersfield, Taft, Shafter, Tehachapi and California City. Participants provided input about how Kern COG can improve the outreach process. Recommendations included: 1) Continue the Kern County Fair Booth; 2) Mini Grant Outreach – consider providing tools to stakeholders to go into communities to gather input rather than a having a formal meeting; 3) Use Interactive Social Media; 4) Use Parent Centers connected to the Bakersfield City School District; 5) Use Advisory Councils associated with schools; 6)

Provide information to the Kern County Network for Children; 7) Consider going to McDonalds Play Areas – free Wi-Fi for adults and play space for children; 8) Community events such as Taft Oildorado, California City Tortoise Days and other community festivals (pre-COVID event).

May 16, 2019 – Kern County Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Blueprint completed: <https://www.kerncog.org/kern-electric-vehicle-charging-station-blueprint/>

February 21, 2019 – Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan & RTP Workshops Report completed: https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Coordinated_Human_Services_Plan_2018.pdf

December 3, 2018 – Kern COG received federal approval of the 2018 RTP air quality conformity analysis concurring that planned RTP expenditures will NOT delay air district attainment plans. The 2018 conformity analysis is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/conformity/>

August 15, 2018 – Kern COG Board adopted the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated documents available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Table 1 – 2011 & 2018 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
Targets for 2014 & 18 RTP/SCS (set in 2011 by ARB)*	-5%	-10%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)*	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	-9%	-15%

**Note: as required by ARB, the target demonstration methodology changed significantly between 2014 and 2018 even though the targets remained the same as allowed under SB 375. This makes comparison of the 2014 target demonstration results (not reported here) incompatible with these 2018 results. For a full explanation of this issue see the discussion on pages B79-84 of ARB's 2022 SB 375 Target setting staff report Appendix B. https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf*

March 22, 2018 – ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

March 15, 2018 – Kern Region Active Transportation Plan completed and incorporated into the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.kerncog.org/bicycle-plans/>

June 13, 2017 – ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended based on local modeling for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB 2022 target setting staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. Failure to meet this arbitrarily-set, higher target would require the region to prepare and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) with additional voluntary strategies¹ that meet the target. ARB is required to update targets every 4-8 years.

¹ Note that to-date no region in California has had to prepare an APS. Some stakeholders are concerned about the voluntary nature of the strategies in the SCS. Kern has been very aggressive on SCS strategies to avoid the APS requirement.

April 20, 2017 – Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) recommendation to ARB was unchanged from the December 2016 submittal at -9% and -13% reduction in per capita GHG consistent with the RPAC recommendation.

2022 RTP/SCS Preliminary Public Outreach and Adoption Timeline

- Spring 2018 to Spring 2021 – Four statistically valid Sustainable Community Quality of Life Phone Surveys (**1,200+** Kern residents/year & oversampled in rural disadvantage areas)
- Spring 2018 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2019 – Adopt Public Involvement Procedure for 2022 RTP/SCS – **Complete**
- September 4, 2019 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 27-November 12, 2019 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 1 (**220 participants**) - **Complete**
- Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market outreach events - Ongoing
- January 22, 2020 – 1st Stakeholder Roundtable meeting on RTP/SCS/RHNA outreach process - **Complete**
- January 24-March 13, 2020 – MetroQuest online interactive survey no. 2 (**446 participants**) - **Complete**
- Spring 2020 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+ residents**) - **Complete**
- March 2020 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update - **Complete**
- Summer 2020 – Begin Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process - Ongoing
- September 3, 2020 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies - **Complete**
- September 20-November 9, 2020 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 3 (**300+ participants**) - **Complete**
- September 22, 2020-Oct. 10 – KUZZ Virtual Kern County Fair Outreach Event – **Complete**
- January 21, 2021 – Transitions – Transit tech event - **Complete**
- April 2021 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,500+ residents**), results available at - **Complete**
- April 2021 – MetroQuest online survey tool no. 4 on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (**144 participants**) shows nearly half of respondents interested in ADUs – **Complete**
- May 3, 2021 – June 2, 2021 - Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS - **Complete**
- August 4, 2021 at 1:30PM – 2nd Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting on RTP/SCS/RHNA outreach process in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room - **Complete**
- Summer-Fall 2021 – 2020 U.S. Census population data available - **Complete**
- Summer 2021 – RTP Public Outreach – Local Roads Safety Planning (LSRP) 9 online Zoom meetings, for info contact eflickinger@kerncog.org - **Complete**:
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogroadsafetyplans.com/> site is accepting input through November 2021 (**350 participants**)
 1. June 22, 2021, 5–6pm, **Shafter** – online Zoom meeting
 2. June 24, 2021, 4-5pm, **Delano** – online Zoom meeting
 3. June 29, 2021, 5:30-6:30pm, **Bakersfield** – online Zoom meeting
 4. July 12, 2021, 4–5pm, **Wasco** – online Zoom meeting
 5. July 24, 2021, 3-4pm **Maricopa** – online Zoom meeting

6. August 4, 2021, 5-6pm, **Taft** – online Zoom meeting
 7. August 5, 2021, 6-7pm, **Tehachapi** – online Zoom meeting
 8. August 17, 2021, 6-7am, **Arvin** – online Zoom meeting
 9. September 16, 2021, 5-6pm, **California City** – online Zoom meeting
 10. October 28, 2021, 2:30pm – All Of Us Or None Mtg., – 948 Baker St, **Bakersfield** – online Zoom meeting
- Summer 2021 - RTP Public Outreach – Clean Mobility Options Needs Assessment for up to 13 Disadvantaged Communities, (**500+ participants so far**) for info contact SCampbell@kerncoq.org - **Complete**
 - Online public input website: <https://www.kerncogcleanmobilityoptions.com/>
 - April 14, 2021 – Presentation to the **Shafter** Rotary Club
 - Social media posts of survey February - August, 2021 targeted to reach the following zip codes: **Tejon Tribe, Tubatulabal Tribe, Delano, McFarland, Lost Hills, Wasco, Taft, Arvin, Lamont, Buttonwillow, Shafter, California City, Ridgecrest, Maricopa**
 - **Tubatulabal Tribe** July newsletter promotion of survey with link.
 - July 20, 2021, exhibitor participation in United Way of Kern County's Community Development Conference, **Bakersfield (50+ participants)**.
 - Summer 2021 - Mini-grant stakeholder application process for hosting RTP/SCS outreach events (possibly web-enabled and/or in-person type events)
 - September 6 – October 6, 2021 – Community Level SCS Progress Report & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies.
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- September 28 – November 24, 2021 – Mini-grant stakeholder hosted events (*) and other coordinated RTP public outreach events
 1. *September 28, 2021, 5:30pm – Kern Black Chamber of Commerce, 3501 Sterling, **N.E. Bakersfield (50+ participants)**
 2. *September 30, 2021, 5:30pm - Bakersfield Senior Center 1st Mtg., 530 4th St, **S. Downtown Bakersfield (12 participants)**
 3. *October 13, 2021, 1pm – All Of Us Or None – 948 Baker St, **E. Bakersfield (20 participants)**
 4. October 16, 2021, 9am-2pm – Booth at Oildorado Days, Taft (**25 participants**)
 5. *October 14, 2021, 6pm – Leadership Counsel for the SJV – 10300 San Diego St, Lamont (**7 participants**)
 6. *October 18, 2021, 6pm - Leadership Counsel for the SJV – 8228 Hilltop Dr, **Fuller Acres (9 participants)**
 7. *October 19, 2021, 5:30pm - Bakersfield Senior Center 2nd Mtg., 530 4th St, **S. Downtown Bakersfield (12 participants)**
 8. October 23, 2021, 10am-2pm – Clean Cities Coalition – Workshop for Jr. High and H.S. Teachers, Valley Oaks Charter School, must register 661-847-9756, **Tehachapi**
 9. October 28, 2021, 8am-4pm – Kern Transportation Foundation, must register <http://kerntransportationfoundation.org/membership/ktf-forum/> – Hodel's, 5917 Knudsen Dr, **N. Bakersfield**
 10. *October 30, 2021, 6pm - Kern Black Chamber of Commerce, 2nd Mtg., 1660 South St, **Downtown Bakersfield**
 11. *November 4, 2021, 6pm? 5:30pm - Bakersfield Senior Center 3rd Mtg., 530 4th St, **S. Downtown Bakersfield**
 12. November 6, 2021, 9am-4pm – Ridgecrest Indian Petroglyph Festival – **Downtown Ridgecrest**
 13. *November 9, 2021, 7-8:30 pm - Bike Bakersfield, Missionary Baptist Church, 1451 Madison St, 93307, **S.E. Bakersfield**

14. November 17, 2021 - I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Project Presentation at TBD in **Bakersfield** (tentative)

15. T.B.A. – Others?

- November 3, 2021, 1:30-3pm – 3rd Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting on RTP/SCS outreach status and RHNA Methodology in lieu of the regular RPAC meeting in the Kern COG main conference room
- November 8, 2021, 3pm – Kern COG/ARB meeting on SCS Technical Methodology Update
- Winter/Spring 2021/22 – Public review release of RTP/SCS environmental document
- Spring 2022 – Statistically Valid Community Phone Survey (**1,200+** residents)
- Spring 2022 – Publicly agendaized meetings with all 11 City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors (law only requires meetings at 2 local government jurisdictions)
- Summer 2022 – **Adopt** RTP/SCS, RHNA, environmental and associated documents
- September-October 2022 – Community Level SCS Progress Report Update & Requests for SCS Implementation Grant Assistance to RPAC Member Agencies

To be added to the RTP/SCS email notification list for up-coming events, please email Becky Napier BNapier@kerncog.org.

Attachment: 1) Sample Flyers/Info

ACTION: **Information**

Help Map the Future of Transportation for Kern County

Kern Council of Governments is conducting public workshops as part of the process to update Kern County's Regional Transportation Plan and *we need your opinions.*



How should we spend our transportation tax dollars?

Invest in more buses and trains?



Add more bicycle paths?



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2022 Regional Transportation Plan for Kern County PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Bakersfield Senior Center, Inc.
Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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This is your opportunity to express your opinions about transportation needs in our community.

What Is the Regional Transportation Plan?

¿Qué es un Plan Regional de Transporte?

A Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) encourages and promotes the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of a multimodal transportation system in the Kern Region.

Un Plan Regional de Transporte (conocido en inglés por sus siglas RTP) fomenta y promueve la gestión eficiente y segura, el funcionamiento y el desarrollo de un sistema de transporte multi-modal en la región de Kern.

What does an RTP do?

¿Qué hace un RTP?

- Assesses current and future transportation options
Evalúa las opciones de transporte actuales y futuras.
- Estimates future travel, infrastructure, and goods movement needs
Estima el viaje futuro y las necesidades de movimiento de bienes.
- Provides a list of projects and funding sources to meet mobility and accessibility needs
Proporciona una lista de proyectos y fuentes de financiación para satisfacer las necesidades de movilidad y accesibilidad.
- Measures the effectiveness of transportation projects
Mide la eficacia de los proyectos de transporte.
- Outlines a path toward greenhouse gas emissions reduction
Describe un camino hacia la reducción de las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero.



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November 19, 2021

TO: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) scheduled for **Wednesday, December 1, 2021, has been cancelled.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, 2022.
Agenda materials will be mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Thank you.