

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for January 20, 2022

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

THURSDAY
January 20, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Smith at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Couch, Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Krier, Lessenevitch, Prout, Reyna, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: Scrivner

Others: Fendrick, Albright, Hurlbert, Gomez, Alcantar, Taylor, Helton, Hightower, Carr, Aguilar

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Pacheco, Snoddy, Van Wyk, Ball, Banuelos, Invina, Campbell, Stramaglia, Urata

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Chairman Smith asked for public comments. There were none.

- III. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2021

B. Response to Public Comments

C. Kern COG’s 30th Regional Award of Merit Ceremony (Campbell)

Comment: Announcement of the 30th Regional Awards of Merit recipients.

Action: Information.

D. ATP Cycle 5 Safe Routes for Cyclists: Master Agreement between Kern COG and the State of California through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (Urata)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments was awarded an Active transportation Program Cycle 5 grant of \$792,000 from the California Transportation Commission to conduct the non-Infrastructure project titled Safe Routes for Cyclists in Kern County’s Disadvantaged Communities. County Counsel has approved the Resolution, the Program Supplement Agreement and the Master Agreement documents as to form.

Action: Approve Master Agreement No. 06-6087S21 between Kern Council of Governments and the State of California Department of Transportation and adopt the

resolution authorizing the Chair to sign the Master Agreement and the Program Supplement Agreement. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

E. Local Clearinghouse: None.

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR TRUJILLO TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B, C and E, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BLADES, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Mr. Hightower asked for Item D. to be heard.

Ms. Urata gave a brief description of the grant and opened the floor for questions. Mr. Hightower asked what disadvantaged communities this grant would encompass as the communities were not listed in the staff report. Mr. Hakimi explained that this was a non-infrastructure project for educational of pedestrians and cyclists. Ms. Urata stated that there were 13 communities covered and she would be happy to share the list with the Board and Mr. Hightower.

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MOTION BY DIRECTOR REYNA TO APPROVE MASTER AGREEMENT NO. 06-6087S21 AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MASTER AGREEMENT AND THE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT SECOND BY DIRECTOR CRUMP, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

V. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

1. Kern meeting with SCAG has been postponed to January 14, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Santa Clarita. These meetings are to acquaint Board Members with each other and to discuss issues that are relevant to both agencies. If you would like to attend, please let me know or contact Becky Napier to reserve a spot.
2. Regional Awards Call for Projects began November 1, 2021. Need volunteers for Ad-Hoc Regional Award Selection Committee – December 16, 2021.

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – February 17, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____