

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
February 2, 2022
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christine Viterelli	Arvin
	Suzanne Forrest	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Eric Dhanens	Community Member
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
KERN COG STAFF:	Becky Napier	Linda Urata
	Ben Raymond	Rob Ball
OTHERS:	Susanna Kormendi	Bakersfield
	Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
	Alexa Kolosky	Kern County Public Works
	John Beutler	CARB
	Jacqueline Aguilar	TDH Associates

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 of January 5, 2022, seconded by Committee Member Dhanens with all in favor.

ITEM V. WAS READ BEFORE ITEM IV.

IV. PRELIMINARY DRAFT 2022 RTP/SCS POLICY SECTION UPDATES – JANUARY 2022 (Ball)

Comment: Kern COG is proposing revision to the Policy Section of the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in response to comments received from two local stakeholder groups during the 3.5-year outreach process.

Action: Provide comments to rball@kerncog.org by Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

V. 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. Mr. Ball also stated that Kern COG would be scheduling to come to each of the City Council to report on the RTP/SCS Outreach.

Chairman Staples asked if Kern COG would be scheduling visits to the City Councils through the City Clerks. Mr. Ball stated yes.

Action: Information.

VI. UPDATE: TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY TO ESTIMATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FOR KERN COG'S 2022 RTP/SCS – VERSION 3 (Ball)

Comment: As required by SB 375, the attached Technical Methodology version 3 and cover memo describe the method anticipated to be used to demonstrate attainment of the per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets in the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/ Sustainable communities Strategy (SCS).

Mr. Ball thoroughly discussed the Memorandum to the Technical Methodology and the collaboration with ARB. Chairman Staples clarified that there may be additional comments from ARB. Mr. Ball stated yes.

Action: Information.

VII. 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.

VIII. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS (REAP) 2.0 (Napier)

Comment: The Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) are a key part of strategic investments toward more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future for people in all areas of the state. REAP 2.0 builds on the success of 2019's REAP program but expands the focus by integrating housing and climate goals and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure.

Action: RPAC discussion of potential activities in Kern.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ball stated that on February 14 at 5:00 p.m. via ZOOM, there would be a presentation on the KARGO Study during the Shafter AB 617 meeting. Information can be found on the ARB website.

X. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is March 2, 2022.