

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

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 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**Members Absent:** Vasquez, Scrivner

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

**Staff:** Hakimi, Napier, Pacheco, Snoddy, Van Wyk, Ball, Banuelos, Campbell, Invina, 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 if there were any comments, there were none.

**III. SPECIAL ACTION ITEM: ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS** (Napier)

**Comment:** On September 16, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 361 which authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency or when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

**Action:** Approve and Adopt Resolution No. 22-06 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL OF ITS COMMITTEES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 20, 2022, TO FEBRUARY 19, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

COMMITTEE MEMBER P. SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-06, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LESSENEVITCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

**A. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2021**

- B. **RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- C. **REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
- D. **CLEAN CALIFORNIA GRANT PROGRAM – CALTRANS PRESENTATION**
- E. **CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – UPCOMING STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS**
- F. **FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 CALL FOR PROJECTS 2022**
- G. **FY 2020-21 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN  
FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF BAKERSFIELD  
FY 2020-21 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT & STREETS & ROADS CLAIMS – CITY OF MARICOPA**

**Action:**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 22-02 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Arvin for \$629,699.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 22-03 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Bakersfield for \$476,482.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 22-04 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Maricopa for \$30,009.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 22-05 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Maricopa for \$12,999. ROLL CALL VOTE

- H. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – DRAFT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**
- I. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – DRAFT CONTINGENCY PROJECT POLICY AND PROJECT LIST**
- J. **REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – DRAFT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**
- K. **UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUMP MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH K, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LESSENEVITCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**V. 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 8**

**Comment:** Amendment No. 8 includes revisions to the Transit Program. The public review period ends January 21st. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on January 24th. State and federal approval is required. At this time, I ask that the Chair please open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING      HEAR COMMENTS      CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing, took comments, and closed the public hearing.

**VI. STATUS ON THE SOLICITATION FOR A NEW CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGENCY (CSTA) FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED**

**Comment:** A replacement for the current CTSA transit operator is underway to provide transportation services for approximately 2,500 elderly and disabled clients in Metropolitan Bakersfield funded from a locally generated sales tax and federal grants totaling approximately \$1 million annually.

Monya Jameson from North of the River Recreation and Park District and Karen King from Golden Empire Transit gave a brief update on the status of Golden Empire Transit taking over the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency.

Mr. Fendrick thanked the two entities for coming together to provide this service to the elderly and disabled.

**Action:** Information.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORT: (None)**

**VIII. CALTRANS REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)**

**Michael Navarro from District 6 gave the following updates:**

**Updates:**

- **Clean CA (update) –**
  - **\$1.1b over 3 years**
  - **\$300m for competitive local program (developing guidelines / 6 months)**
  - **Local programs component – deadline 2/1**
  - **Awards to be announced 3/1**
- **Union Ave/SR 204 Workshop**
  - **We are scheduled to have a workshop on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **To be held at KCOG**
  - **We are working on concepts to discuss – Complete Streets**
  - **Incorporate into our Clean CA project**

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**06-48466 – Bakersfield Freeway Connector (BFC): Rt 58/99 Modify Interchange**

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Spring 2022.

Progress is continuing on the new WB 58 to SB 99 connector / Undercrossing. Various retaining walls are under way and nearing completion. The SB Ming Ave offramps remain closed for reconstruction.

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

Work completed since last update:

Work scheduled for the upcoming month:

- **Mainline:**
  - **Complete HMA and CRCP within Stage 3 Phase 1 (currently impacted by COVID).**
  - **Misc. Punch list items**
- **SR 178 / Buck Owens Blvd.**
  - **Widening of SB on ramp from WB 178 (R-5) (currently impacted by COVID).**
  - **Realign traffic to ultimate alignment**

Project is anticipated finish early spring 2022.

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**Project- 06-0Q9204 Old US 99 to White Lane SR 99 rehabilitation project summary is listed below:**

**Contractor started construction in Mid-November.**

Work scheduled for upcoming month:

- o Start of per plan tree removals
- o Placement of median HMA within stage 1 limits
- o Start of stage 4 activities (removal of existing, subgrade / CRCP rebar)
- o Start of Stage 2 Traffic Handling at south end of project

Expected to be completed Spring 2023

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**06-0S510 SR 223/Derby Signal Project – safety project at the east end of town (Arvin)**

Project is 90% complete. All road work is complete except for a few minor and punch list items.

Remaining major work is installation of signal poles and coordination with RR signals and crossing arms. Pole delivery has been somewhat delayed and delivery is expected towards the end of January 2022.

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**06-0V280 - SR 184/Sunset Roundabout** – This project is at the intersection of SR 184 and Sunset near Weedpatch.

Project advertised on January 3. Bids open on February 8.

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**06-0R190 Arvin SR 223/SR 184 Roundabout**

Bids opened on January 4, 2022. Waiting for Project award, expected on February 4.

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**06-0W990 – Union Ave High Intensity Activated Crosswalk:** Project located at the intersection of SR 204 (Union Ave) and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and will install HAWK.

Project achieved Ready to List on December 20, 2021.

We are purchasing poles using Maintenance funds which shaves off the 4-month delivery. We believe we can advertise as early as Feb/March 2021.

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**06-44255 SR 46 Conventional/Expressway Segment 4B :**

Convert 2-lane conventional highway to 4 lane facility. In and near Lost Hills, from 0.2 miles west of the California Aqueduct Bridge to 1.4 miles east of Lost Hills Road.

Recipient of the 2018 BUILD Grant \$17.5 M.

Cast in Drilled Hole (CIDH) piles are completed. Contractor has started abutments construction. Girders are being spliced at site. Traffic is on new roadway (future WB). EB-46, roadway excavation from Bruning Ave to Lost Hills Rd, curb and Gutter construction, sidewalk construction, and drainage system installation will continue for next month.

DWR permits to Granite Construction Company (Contractor), to Verizon, and Lost Hills Utility District complete. DWR permits to Southern California Gas are still pending.

Scheduled completion – Feb 2023

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**06-44256 SR 46 Gap Closure Segment 4C:**

Convert 2-lane conventional highway to 4-lane facility. In Kern County on Route 46, in and near Lost Hills, from 1.3 mile west of Brown Material Road to 0.2 mile east of the California Aqueduct.

Project is currently in the Design phase. 95% Constructability Review of PS&E package is scheduled for January 2022. R/W acquisition is underway.

Ready to List the project for advertisement will be in July 2022.

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**Ryan Dermody from District 9 provided the following report:**

**Rosamond/Mojave Project**

- SB 1 funded project on SR 14 – nearing completion. All work on lanes and on/off-ramps should be completed by 2/14/22.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, 2/1/22 at 10:30 a.m.
- State Assemblyman Tom Lackey invited but will be in Sacramento; his District Director Pamela Balch will attend and speak on his behalf.
- Invitation sent to County Supervisor Scrivner's office. Have not heard back.

**Clean California**

- A Clean California service crew has been hired and stationed in Mojave at the Caltrans Special Crews yard. Their focus will primarily be litter removal throughout eastern Kern County.

**Keene Rehab Project**

- Pavement repair on SR 58 from just east of Bealville Rd. to Tehachapi Creek Bridge.
- RTL for this project scheduled for October 2024.

**SR 58 Truck Climbing Lanes Project**

- Thanks to Kern COG for funding the project approval and environmental document phase of this project.
- Started environmental document.

**Cummings Valley Road**

- State Highway Operation and Protection Project to construct left turn lane on Cummings Valley Rd. east.
- Should start construction soon.

**Kirsten Introduction**

- Kirsten is the new Deputy District 9 Director for Planning and Environmental Analysis replacing Dennee Alcalá. Kirsten is familiar with the area as she was assigned to the Thomas Road Improvement Project Branch in Bakersfield, where she directed a multi-agency team responsible for NEPA and CEQA compliance.

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

1. Report on California Transportation Commission Meeting December 8 & 9, 2021
2. Next California Transportation Commission Meeting January 26 & 27 in Sacramento
3. Meetings:
  - a. Over past couple of months the Valley RTPAs have had meetings with Assembly Member Gray, Senator Caballero and Senator Hurtado
  - b. 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/SR 43
  - c. SR 33 Safety Improvements
  - d. Truxtun Improvements
  - e. SR 46 Monthly Status Meeting
  - f. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58
  - g. Chamber of Commerce Market Assessment Briefing

**X. MEMBER STATEMENTS:** On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the

Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held February 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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Bob Smith, Chairman

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