

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR February 2, 2022

KERN COG BOARD ROOM/GO TO MEETING
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday
February 2, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Invina-Jayasiri for attendance.

I. ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Steve Barnes	Golden Empire Transit

OTHER:

Cindy Parra	Golden Empire Transit
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Gregg Strakaluse	City of Bakersfield
Susana Kormendi	City of Bakersfield
Ravi Pudipeddi	City of Bakersfield
Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
Juan Pantoja	BHT Engineering
Asha Chandy	Bike Bakersfield
Chris Dunehew	City of Wasco
Paul Pasquini	Public attendee

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Becky Napier
Raquel Pacheco	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
Joe Stramaglia	Bob Snoddy
Rob Ball	Ed Flickinger
Linda Urata	

- 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.

A member from the public, Mr. Paul Pasquini, made a presentation regarding the truck traffic flow in Bakersfield. He presented the committee two maps and an article.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of January 5, 2022.

Mr. Starbuck made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

IV. FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (PM1) "TOWARD ZERO" 2022 TARGET UPDATE

Mr. Flickinger discussed the required federal process to annually monitor transportation safety performance measure progress, and reviewed the "Toward Zero" methodology presentation and the Kern HSIP Projects 2007-2021.

Mr. Schlosser asked the reason for the target increase in many of the categories. Mr. Flickinger explained the different reasons of the increase. Ms. Parra also commented about the Union Avenue meeting that discussed the issues and safety along that corridor.

Mr. Flickinger stated Kern COG staff requests the TTAC recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the 2022 Kern "Toward Zero" safety targets consistent with federal methodology and direct staff to work with member agencies and stakeholders to develop projects that will accelerate attainment of the targets.

Mr. Starbuck made a motion to approve staff's recommendation, Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

V. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS - ATP, CMAQ, RSTP

Ms. Pacheco informed the Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. This is the presentation of project delivery letters for Active Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, and Regional Surface Transportation Program. 16 projects have not yet been submitted for funding authorization representing \$24.5 million in federal/state programming.

Chairman Schlosser requested agencies provide their project status update, as needed.

This item is for information only.

VI. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – TDA Article 3

Mr. Snoddy informed TTAC there were more project delivery letters received for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 so there are now 31 projects have not yet been submitted for funding reimbursement representing \$1.8 million in state funding.

Mr. Snoddy and agencies provided their project status update, as needed. Mr. Schlosser asked Mr. Snoddy if he can have an updated project status list for the next TTAC meeting.

This item is for information only.

VII. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco reported highlights from the January 11th Project Accountability Team meeting include: 1. The Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program call for projects guidelines are under development. At the January 10, 2022 California Transportation Commission Active Transportation Program meeting, agencies were reminded that if Active Transportation Program projects are not delivered the funding goes back to the state; and 2. The Local Assistance Training recordings and presentations are available at the website provided in the staff report.

This item is for information only.

VIII. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Pacheco informed the draft program of projects was circulated for review in January. A typo and formatting changes were made to the City of Delano grouped project listing. A Final Program will be presented for approval at the February 17th Kern COG Board meeting.

Kern COG recommends approval of the RSTP Program of Projects. Kern COG staff requests that the TTAC recommend approval of the Final RSTP Program of Projects to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Starbuck made the motion to recommend approval. Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

IX. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Pacheco informed the draft program of projects was circulated for review in January and no changes were made. A Final Program will be presented for approval at the February 17th Kern COG Board meeting.

Kern COG recommends approval of the CMAQ Program of Projects. Kern COG staff requests that the TTAC recommend approval of the Final CMAQ Program of Projects to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Reed made the motion to recommend approval. Mr. Starbuck seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

X. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – FINAL CONTINGENCY PROJECT POLICY AND PROJECT LIST

Ms. Pacheco stated the draft policy and project list were circulated for review in January. Since the writing of this staff report, the Hageman multi-use path received funding authorization and no longer needs to be part of the CMAQ Contingency Project list.

Kern COG staff revised proposal is to add about \$11.7 million of contingency CMAQ programming in FFY 24-25 and 25-26 in the event that projects for FFY 22-23 and 23-24 are not delivered.

Kern COG recommends approval of the CMAQ Contingency Project Policy as presented and revised Attachment A. Kern COG staff requests that the TTAC recommend approval of the CMAQ Contingency Project Policy and Attachment A dated February 2, 2022 to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Ms. Alcantar made the motion to recommend approval. Mr. Starbuck seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

XI. 2023 FTIP ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT TIMELINE

Ms. Pacheco stated the technical review period for the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Administrative Draft begins February 3rd and comments are due February 24th. Kern COG staff will circulate, under separate cover, a notice to TTAC members and other project delivery staff that the Administrative Draft documents have been posted to the Kern COG website. Kern COG staff invites project managers to meet with Kern COG staff, during the technical review period, to discuss project concerns.

This item is for information only.

XII. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – UPCOMING STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Snoddy stated the California Transportation Commission (CTC) anticipates initiating the statewide Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Call for Projects at their March 16-17, 2022 meeting, with a project application due date of June 15, 2022. He also reviewed the call for projects timeline.

Mr. Hakimi commented that there could be significant additional funding for this cycle so he encouraged agencies to submit their projects.

This item is for information only.

XIII. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS (REAP) 2.0

Ms. Napier announced the State published a Framework Paper for developing Guidelines for REAP 2.0 but still waiting on the Guidelines which is expected to be available during this month. She reviewed the program schedule and has drafted a list of potential projects that may be eligible which include projects from CMAQ Contingency projects, TDA Article 3, and Cycle 5 ATP Projects. Ms. Napier asked the TTAC for a discussion of potential activities in Kern. Mr. Schlosser asked Ms. Napier if she can email the list of potential projects to TTAC members.

This item is for information only.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Urata reviewed the attached fliers from the agenda:

- TRANSITions 2022 Transit Symposium – March 9, 2022. Please contact Linda Urata lurata@kerncog.org for registration and information

- Kern COG MD/HD ZEV1 Blueprint Informal Working Group (IWG) Meeting - February 24, 2022

Mr. Ball announced that staff is preparing the 55-day public review for the 2022 RTP/SCS, FTIP, Conformity and RHNA documents. Staff will also be attending City Council meetings during this review period to provide information.

XV. MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Starbuck introduced City of Bakersfield's new Public Works Director, Mr. Gregg Strakaluse, to the committee.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am. The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2022.