

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR March 2, 2022

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

Wednesday
March 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
Brianahi De Leon	City of McFarland
Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Teresa Binkley	City of Taft
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Janett Miller	CTSA
Ricardo Perez	Golden Empire Transit

OTHER:

Cindy Parra	Golden Empire Transit
Stuart Patteson	City of Bakersfield
Gregg Strakaluse	City of Bakersfield
Ravi Pudipeddi	City of Bakersfield
Michael Dillenbeck	County of Kern
Alexa Kolosky	County of Kern
Asha Chandy	Bike Bakersfield

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Becky Napier
Raquel Pacheco	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
Joe Stramaglia	Bob Snoddy
Rob Ball	Angie Banuelos
Linda Urata	Greg Palomo

- 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.

No public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of February 2, 2022.

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

IV. TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH DRAFT 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Ms. Pacheco specified the Federal Transportation Improvement Program is a near-term list of transportation projects, while the 2022 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 April 6th. 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 December 2022.

The action requested is that the TTAC recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the timeline.

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

V. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT – TIMELINE

Ms. Pacheco announced the upcoming amendment will include revisions to the Regional Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, and Recreational Trails Program. The amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC when the public review period begins March 4th.

This item is for information only.

VI. PROJECT STATUS REPORT: FRIANT-KERN CANAL MULTI-USE PATH

Ms. Pacheco stated at the February 2nd TTAC meeting, project sponsors provided project delivery letters with revised submittal schedules for Active Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, Regional Surface Transportation Program projects listed in fiscal year 21/22 of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. One of the projects was the City of Bakersfield's Active Transportation Program / Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program funded project: Friant-Kern Canal Multi-Use Path. Mr. Pudipeddi provided a status report on the latest schedule of the construction request for funding allocation/authorization and any feedback received from the Bureau of Reclamation.

This item is for information only.

VII. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS (REAP) 2.0

Ms. Napier provided information regarding the status of the REAP 2.0 Guidelines and the committee reviewed and discussed the potential projects that can be applied to the REAP 2.0 funding.

The committee advised staff to re-confirm with agencies that have contingency projects that their projects are viable. The committee also advised to review the contingency projects to see which can be covered by TDA funding and then open to other agencies that have applicable projects.

VIII. FY 2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE

Ms. Banuelos stated based upon funding estimates prepared by the Kern County Auditor-Controller for the Local Transportation Fund #24075 and by the Controller of the State of California for the State Transit Assistance Fund #24076, Kern COG anticipates TDA funding for FY 2022-2023 to be \$57,221,346.73. The estimate shall be circulated on or about March 1 of each year. The attachment shows the estimate and apportionments for each agency.

This item is for information only.

IX. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM

Mr. Snoddy discussed TDA Article 3 funds are used to pay for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs, bicycle parking facilities, bicycle travel facilities and pedestrian facilities. Approximately \$954,163.50 is available for new projects in the fiscal year 2022-23. The proposal deadline is Friday, May 27, 2022.

The committee further discussed the TDA projects that were on the contingency list for REAP 2.0. The committee proposed a vote for shifting the existing TDA projects from REAP 2.0 contingency list or a new Call for Projects for funding for the TDA Article 3:

Mr. Reed, Ms. Viterelli, Ms. Alcantar, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Schlosser, and Ms. Binkley voted to shift the existing TDA projects from the REAP 2.0 contingency list.

Mr. Starbuck, Mr. Galero, Ms. De Leon, and Mr. Gonzalez voted for a new Call for Projects.

This item is for information only.

X. BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – TDA ARTICLE 3

Mr. Snoddy provided a status update on the project delivery letters for TDA Article 3 projects. He was able to contact all the agencies on the list and receive an update.

This item is for information only.

XI. FY 2022-23 KERN REGION ESTIMATED LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS \$2,363,033

Mr. Snoddy announced that Kern COG staff received an apportionment estimate from Caltrans staff for the Kern Region for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). Caltrans will administer the LCTOP funding program in two accounts: 99313 (Kern COG Regional) and 99314 (Agency only) similar to the Proposition 1B program. The deadline to receive LCTOP allocation requests from member agencies and a Kern COG Board adopted a program of projects is estimated to be April 8, 2022. Mr. Snoddy reminded agencies if they need additional information or have questions to contact him.

This item is for information only.

XII. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMISITRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 CALL FOR PROJECTS DUE 2022

Mr. Snoddy discussed non-profit agencies providing transportation services are eligible to apply for funding from the FTA through the Section 5310 program for capital equipment projects and operational expenses. Small and Large Urbanized Areas (UZAs) may apply for FTA Section 5316 and 5317 funds for projects that go beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Caltrans' proposed application deadline is April 15, 2022.

This item is for information only.

XIII. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT – CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Snoddy announced the Kern COG staff is soliciting an FY 2022-23 call for projects initiated by Caltrans SGR Program staff totaling \$1,487,518. Kern COG staff has prepared a regional SGR apportionment schedule for the Kern region to ensure this year's SGR projects are funded.

This item is for information only.

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

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) anticipates initiating the statewide Cycle 6 ATP Call for Projects at their March 16-17, 2022, meeting, with a project application due date of June 15, 2022.

This item is for information only.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Urata reviewed the attached fliers from the agenda:

- Kern COG MD/HD ZEV Blueprints Informal Working Group (IWG) Meeting – March 3, 2022
- TRANSIT*ions* 2022 Transit Symposium – March 9, 2022. The event will be held at Hodel's Country Dining. Please contact Linda Urata lurata@kerncog.org for registration and information

Ms. Urata also announced that Kern COG released its RFP for Program Manager for the Active Transportation Plan Safe Routes for Cyclists in Kern County's Disadvantaged Communities.

Mr. Schlosser added that the City of Tehachapi is interested participating on the IWG.

Mr. Ball reminded agencies to reference the RTP for projects when applying for funding.

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri announced the election for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be in April.

XVI. MEMBER ITEMS – None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:52 am. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2022.