

Kern Council of Governments

"Better Planning. Better Transportation."

REGIONAL PLANNER (Transit Planning)

Position Pay Range \$4,984 - \$9,470 per month (paid bi-weekly)
Starting salary dependent upon experience and qualifications

Exciting opportunity to join a team planning for an expanding transportation system, including the first phase of California's High-Speed Rail system in a fast-growing region nearing 1 million people.

Position Summary

The successful candidate will work in coordination with our planning staff to assist in projects and studies that: support the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, Transit Plans and the planning and funding of transportation projects in the Kern region. In addition, this Regional Planner will foster relationships and collaborate with the Kern region's transit operators, planning and public works departments and partner agencies such as Caltrans.

The ideal candidate will have knowledge and experience with transit planning and transit funding programs. This position will have a salary level from the listed range dependent on qualifications and experience.

Essential Duties

- Communicate effectively with technical staff, policy makers, and the general public, including giving effective public presentations at committee, board and public meetings;
- Research and analyze federal and state funding programs;
- Research, compile, analyze and summarize statistical and technical information in written, graphic and/or oral reports, and prepare and maintain financial spreadsheets;
- Prepare clear, concise and complete technical documents, reports, grant applications and other written materials;
- Work closely with local, state and federal agencies relating to transit planning and programming transit funding;
- Coordinating and/or supervising specific planning activities and programs. Works closely with the Planning Director and Executive Director to formulate, organize, and implement various planning functions and related work as required.

Education and Experience

Graduation from a recognized college or university with a degree in planning, architecture, engineering, public administration, or related field if courses in planning

have been completed as part of the program. The requirement for planning courses may be waived for those having experience in transit funding programs, planning or community development. Experience working with transit agencies, cities or Graduate work in planning may be considered in lieu of experience.

Knowledge of:

- Transit and public transportation planning principles and funding programs
- Principles and practices of policy planning;
- Techniques and processes involved in long-range plan and program preparation;
- Ability to write clearly and effectively and the ability to perform and coordinate complex planning activities.
- Various software applications including: Excel

Ideal candidate qualities

- An enthusiastic, positive team player with effective interpersonal skills necessary to collaborate with other government agencies, staff and the public;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- A strategic thinker and resourceful problem solver;
- Adaptable and flexible worker;
- Possess the ability to research and analyze federal and state funding programs;
- Possess the ability to develop and maintain a variety of complex files, records, spreadsheets and databases pertinent to assigned project activities;
- Values public service and enjoys providing support and assistance to internal and external stakeholders

Benefits

Retirement: CalPERS retirement plan 2% @ 62; Optional 457 Plan
Health: CalPERS HMO and PPO Health plans 80/20 split
Dental; Vision; Life Insurance; Disability Insurance
Generous Vacation, Sick Leave, and Holiday Schedule
Rideshare Incentive Program and Telecommute Options

For the full classification description of the Regional Planner position and detailed benefits see: www.kerncog.org/category/working-with-kern-cog/employment

How to Apply

Email your cover letter, resume, and completed application (available at www.kerncog.org/job-announcements) to: HR@kerncog.org.

Applications are due by 4:00 PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2022.