

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for March 17, 2022

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

THURSDAY
March 17, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Prout at 6:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Blades, Crump, Krier, Lessenevitch, Prout, P. Smith, Reyna

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kersey, Navarro, Helton

Members Absent: Vasquez, Trujillo, B. Smith, Scrivner, Tafoya, Couch, Parra

Others: Hariman, Datta

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Ball, Campbell, Palomo, VanWyk, Pacheco, Invina-Jayasiri, Stramaglia

- 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.**

Board Member Prout 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. 22-15 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 MARCH 19, 2022 TO APRIL 18, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-15, 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 – February 17, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT – RIDESHARE PROGRAM

Action: Approve Program Supplement Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement and Resolution No. 22-13. ROLL CALL VOTE.

D. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT – REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Action: Approve Program Supplement and authorize Chair to sign Program Supplement Agreement No. F043 and Resolution No. 22-14. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. FY 2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE

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

G. CLEAN CALIFORNIA – NEW PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM

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

Action: Approve the timeline. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

J. FY 2022-23 FTA SECTION 5310 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Action: Recommend that the twenty-three (23) FTA Section 5310 projects are consistent with the Regional Transportation PLAN AND THE COORDINATED Human Services Transportation Plan and authorize County Counsel and the Executive Director to sin the Regional Transportation Planning Agency Certification. ROLL CALL VOTE.

K. FY 2022-23 KERN REGION LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS

Action: Staff recommends the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the LCTOP FY 2022-23 Program of Projects by Resolution 22-12. ROLL CALL VOTE.

L. BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS

M. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSORTATION DEVELOPMENT AC ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM

Action: Fund FY 2021-22 un-funded TDA Article 3 projects with estimated FY 2022-23 funds. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

O. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP

P. 4TH REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) METHODOLOGY AND REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT RHNA PLAN

Action: Adopt the Final Kern Council of Governments 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology (2023-2031) and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 22-16. ROLL CALL VOTE

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH P, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LESSENEVITCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 10

Action: Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close the public hearing.

VI. BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORT: (None)

VII. CALTRANS REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)

Michael Navarro from District 6 gave the following updates:

Updates:

- **COVID Update -**
- **Clean CA (update) –**
 - **\$1.1b over 3 years**
 - **\$300m for competitive local program**
 - **Kern Region was awarded (6) projects**
 - **Bakersfield, McFarland, Shafter, Wasco, Kern Co (2)**

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

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Spring 2022.

The bridge widening of WB 58 over the SR99 is completed. The new Loop Connector from WB 58 to SB 99 is nearing completion, and the tunnel for the Loop Connector is progressing. Progress is also being made on pavement work along SB 99, including the SB Ming Ave offramps.

The project is approximately 82% complete by the most recent payment estimate.

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

Work scheduled for the upcoming month:

- **Mainline:**
 - Complete HMA and CRCP within Stage 3 Phase 1; expected to switch to Phase 2 in early April
- **SR 178 / Buck Owens Blvd**
 - SB 99 On ramp work was expected to start yesterday (Mar 15). The work will take approximately one week to reopen the ramp.
- Project completion is anticipated late spring 2022.

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

- Contractor started construction in Mid-November.
- Start of per plan tree removals - March 16 (today) and will take about 15 days
- Stage 4 activities between Panama Lane to White Lane
 - Work includes lowering of freeway inside lanes:
 - Start PCC paving inside lanes and shoulder on 3/16-3/27

Expected completion date Spring 2023

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

Project is 95% complete. All road work is complete except for a few minor and punch list items.

Signal poles installed; PGE expected to energize system on week of April 4, then coordinate and sync signals with RR signals.

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

Project awarded on 2/24/22, waiting for project contract Approval. Expected construction start is August 2022.

06-0R190 Arvin SR 223/SR 184 Roundabout

The contract is approved, expected start of Construction by June 2022.

06-1C280: SR43/7th Standard Rd Roundabout

In Environmental Phase: PAED kick off meeting in January 2022; expect to start initial PAED activities in March. Expected length of PAED is 20 months.

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

Project achieved RTL on December 20, 2021.

Advertised on Feb 28, 2022 and bid opening on March 29, 2022. Anticipating 3 – 4 months construction.

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.

Bridge Work – First girder has failed during the girder erection on 2/28/2022. Girder collapsed on the existing bridge. On Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm the girder was removed and the bridge reopened. Bridge is controlling operation. There is no scheduled work for bridge at this time while investigation is being done. Contractor may construct sidewalk for few weeks.

A new girder needs to be constructed. The girders are precast in 70 foot sections, shipped to jobsite, then spliced at jobsite to make a single 210' girder. Splicing consists of pouring concrete to splice then post tensioning strands thru girder. To achieve all this work and allow cure times creates about a **four month delay**.

We are working with the contractor to determine path forward to identify and resolve mitigation necessary to continue work. We hope this is achieved in the next week or two.

Scheduled completion – December 2023

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

Congratulations to Tehachapi, Mojave, and Ridgecrest, for receiving Clean California funding as well. Reminder that Caltrans Adopt a Highway Volunteers can earn up to \$250 a month for highway cleanup. Information can be found at CleanCA.com.

Project Updates:

Rosamond/Mojave rehabilitation is essentially complete, both or northbound and southbound lanes are open. Doing some minor finishing work.

Utility work going on SR 178 east from the junction of SR 14 to Redrock/Inyokern Road and utility work on Walker Pass from 178 between Scodie Lane and Arianna Lane east of Onyx.

Highway Projects:

Tehachapi crack seal project on SR 58 between Brim Road and the junction with SR 202 and Jacks Ranch Road paving work on SR 178 east from Jack's Ranch Road to Ridgecrest.

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

Executive Director Hakimi gave the following report:

1. Report on California Transportation Commission Meeting – March 16 & 17, 2022
 - Adoption of the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program

- SR 46 Widening Segment C – construction in 2022-23 and
- Hageman Extension – construction in 2025-26
- SR 58 truck climbing lane environmental work

➤ Adoption of the 2022 ATP Cycle 6 – call for projects – applications due to the state by June 15, 2022.

- Statewide distribution over 4 years is \$650.& million total
- Kern COG MPO shar total over the 4-year cycle will be \$6.4 million after projects compete for the State funding.

2. Upcoming discussion with 4 City Managers re: 2022 High Speed Rail Business Plan

3. Kern COG continues to work with the CHP to try to get an agreement for safety during snow events, etc.

4. Meetings:

- SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
- SR 204 and Union Avenue
- 7th Standard/SR 43
- SR 33 Safety Improvements
- SR 46 Monthly Status Meeting
- Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58

IX. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held April 21, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____