

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for April 21, 2022

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

THURSDAY
April 21, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Blades, Crump, Krier, Lessenevitch, P. Smith, Reyna, B. Smith, Scrivner, Tafoya, Couch, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: Prout, Trujillo,

Others: S. Solorio-Ruiz

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Ball, Palomo, VanWyk, Pacheco, Stramaglia, Banuelos, Montalvo, Invina

- 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. 22-17 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 APRIL 21, 2022 TO MAY 21, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-17, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

AYE: Couch, Helton, Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Kersey, Krier, Parra, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Vasquez.

NOES: Lessenevitch

ABSENT: Prout, Trujillo

- 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 – March 17, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. REVISED DRAFT 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 CONFORMIITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)

Action: Approve the timeline. ROLL CALL VOTE.

D. FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI (Banuelos)

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 22-19 TDA Public Transit Claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Tehachapi for \$171,701. ROLL CALL VOTE

E. 2022 STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL AND PROTECTION PROGRAM – PROJECTS IN KERN COUNTY (Stramaglia)

F. THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND 2023 FTA SECTION 5311 ADOPTION OF REGIONAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Snoddy)

Action: Staff recommends, and members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt by Resolution 22-18 FY 2022 and 2023 FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE.

G. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS (Snoddy)

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

V. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORT: (None)

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

Michael Navarro from District 6 gave the following updates:

Updates:

- **SR 99 Summit Update**
 - Received \$1.651m to fund the Comprehensive Multi-modal Corridor Plan.
- **Caltrans Planning Grants**

- **Metro Bakersfield Long Range Transit Plan - \$300k**
- **Caltrans 2022 Fallen Workers Memorial**
 - **Since 1921 we have had 189 Caltrans workers tragically killed on the job.**
 - **On April 28th we will be remembering those fallen workers on the steps of the State Capitol**
 - **In addition, within our District we had two Workers Memorial Events.**
 - **Past Tuesday at our South Region Maintenance Office in Bakersfield**
 - **Yesterday at our at our District Office in Fresno**
- **April is Distracted Driver Month**
 - **Along with our partners at the Office of Traffic Safety, we unveiled a new safety campaign to try and stop distracted driving, telling drivers to “Quit Phoning Around” and “Get Off Your Apps.”**
 - **This campaign strives to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. Five seconds is the average length of time a driver’s eyes are away from the road while texting and, at 55mph, that’s enough time to drive the length of a football field.**

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 and the tunnel are now open. New Traffic Pattern is active, and detour has been removed. Progress is also being made on pavement work along SB 99, including the SB Ming Ave offramps.

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

Scheduled for this month: (April 2022)

Work Mainline:

- Complete HMA and CRCP within Stage 3 Phase 1: Opened NB onramp at Olive Drive 4-5/4-6 PM SB off at Olive Drive 4-6/4-7
- Switched to Stage 3 Phase-2: NB SB 99 # 3 lanes – Switch traffic NB and SB to Inside shoulder and Outside Lanes to construct the # 3 lane. BEARDSLEY bottleneck of 2 lanes NB and SB to continue through April into May.
- SR 178 / Buck Owens Blvd
 - SR 178 WB HMA (night work) April 20-21, 2022
 - SR 178 Final Striping May
 - BIKELANE Striping WB 178 – Late May / June
- Project Completion is anticipated for June 2022

Project- 06-0Q9204 Old US 99 to White Lane SR 99 rehabilitation project

Summary is listed below

- Start of per plan tree removals – (no tree removal north of SR 119) estimated completion on 4/25
- Stage 4 activities between Panama Lane to White Lane
 - Work includes lowering of freeway inside lanes:
- PCC paving inside lanes #1 and #2 and inside shoulder completed

Outside shoulder and #3 lane (between Union Ave and SR119)

- NB Off ramp/on Ramp at SR223 is closed for 25 days, will reopen Mid-May.
- Hosking Avenue Landscape proposal is still being reviewed by City and Caltrans to reduce the cost estimate to fit within the budget.

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 and energized, coordinating with UPRR to sync signals with RR signals.

06-0V280 - SR 184/Sunset Roundabout

This project is at the intersection of SR 184 and Sunset near Weedpatch.

Contract Approved. Some utility relocation in progress before construction can commence.

Expected construction start is August 2022.

06-0R190 Arvin SR 223/SR 184 Roundabout

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

06-0W990 – Union Ave High Intensity Activated Crosswalk:

Bid were opened on April 19; project was awarded to Griffith Company.

Anticipating 3-4 months of construction, hoping to start in June.

06-1A470 – Santa Fe Roundabout:

Draft Environmental Document should be circulated to the public by the end of this month. Anticipated to begin construction in spring of 2025.

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.

Bridge Work – First girder has failed during the girder erection on 2/28/2022.

Fabrication of replacement girder is scheduled with fabricator for next month.

Caltrans and contractor are working on revised earthwork plan to enable the continuation of roadwork on ultimate eastbound lanes east of lost hills road to avoid further delay to roadwork.

Scheduled completion – December 2023

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

1. **The District's online Project Map has been updated for the Spring Quarter – it can be accessed on the District 9 Website.**
2. **Our East Kern 2022 Construction Map is included on the last page of this month's TPPC agenda.**
3. **Tehachapi News just published a long frontpage article on SR 58 – (Phil Smith is heavily quoted.)**
 - a. **Working on Rural Grant Application for funding Location 2 of Truck Climbing Lane - thank you Kern COG for your support.**
4. **Thank you, Kern County, for including all District 9 counties in the May Bike Month Scavify online Scavenger Hunt.**
 - a. **District PIO's are working with Kern County PIO's to get the word out.**
 - b. **We plan to participate in the Tehachapi Bike Rodeo also. May 14 10 AM-12 PM**

Kern Project Updates

- **Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation Project** – On State Route 14 between the towns of Rosamond and Mojave, crews are continuing to work toward a full reopening of the highway. Over the next few weeks:
 - Both northbound lanes will remain open.
 - The inside southbound lane will remain closed and portioned off by K-rail.
 - The northbound ramps for Dawn Road will remain closed.
 - All other ramps in northbound and southbound directions are open.

Caltrans and the contractor are reviewing the project to confirm that all completed work is up to state standards and specifications prior to a full reopening.

- **State Route 202 Telecom Work** – On State Route 202 between Cummings Valley Road and

Bertram Circle, utility crews will be installing wiring along the highway Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Drivers may experience delays of up to 10 minutes.

- **State Route 178 Utility Work** – On State Route 178, utility crews will be drilling and plowing on the side of the highway Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm at two locations:
 - Between Easy Street and the end of the Canebrake Creek Bridge.
 - Between the junction of State Route 14 and Airport Road in Inyokern

Drivers may experience delays of up to 20 minutes

Projects on the state highway system with minimal or no delays:

- **Broome Road Crack Seal** – On State Route 58 between the junction of Broome Road and the junction of State Route 202/Tucker Road, maintenance crews will be crack sealing the highway Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.
- **Jacks Ranch Road Traffic Signal** – On State Route 178 E between 0.5 miles west of Jacks Ranch Road and 0.5 miles east, crews will be working on the new traffic signal Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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

1. Report on April 7, 2022 Joint meeting with CTC/HCD/CARB
2. Next CTC Meeting – May 18 & 19, 2022 in Fresno (In-person meeting)
3. Adoption of the 2022 ATP Cycle 6 – call for projects – applications due to the state by June 15, 2022
4. Report on March 30, 2022 meeting with 4 City Managers re: 2022 High Speed Rail Business Plan – agreed to send a joint letter
5. Kern COG continues to work with the CHP to try to get an agreement for safety during snow events
6. 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

VIII. 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.

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held May 19, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

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