

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR MAY 4, 2022

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

Wednesday
May 4, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Invina-Jayasiri for attendance.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Michael Dillenbeck	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
Janett Miller	CTSA

OTHER:

Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Alexa Kolosky	County of Kern
Michele Timmerman	County of Kern
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
Ricardo Perez	Golden Empire Transit
Robert Williams	Golden Empire Transit
Cindy Parra	Golden Empire Transit
Asha Chandy	Bike Bakersfield
Chris Duneheew	City of Wasco
Lupita Mendoza	Caltrans
Vivian Zamora	City of Delano

STAFF:

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

- 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 April 6, 2022.

There no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

IV. FY 2021-22 TDA STREET & ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI

Ms. Banuelos stated Kern COG staff received and reviewed the City of Tehachapi Street & Roads TDA claim which totals \$502,539. Kern COG staff recommended approval and asked for TTAC to review TDA Public Transit Claim for City of Tehachapi and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

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

V. GET INTRODUCES NEW TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

Mr. Snoddy stated Golden Empire Transit District (GET) is introducing an innovative paratransit service changes beginning July 1, 2022. GET will be combining all of its paratransit demand-responsive services (Get-A-Lift, Non-emergency Transit, and RYDE micro-transit and CTSA) into one, system: On-Demand. Mr. Ricardo Perez from GET provided a presentation on the new service changes including the service areas, qualifications, and fare structure.

This item was for information only.

VI. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS (REAP) 2.0

Ms. Napier provided an update on the REAP 2.0 guidelines. She emailed the REAP 2.0 contact to ask questions on the program and reported the guidelines are expected to be released in early June 2022 and also discussed the public outreach requirements. She also reported on the listening session that the Department of Housing and Community Development held for the REAP 2.0.

The committee members then reviewed and discussed the potential projects that were listed in the staff report, and also discussed the possibility of submitting projects that are not listed but directly have a nexus to housing. Mr. Hakimi also added that based on the Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), a majority of the new housing units are in Metropolitan Bakersfield so the committee members need to consider REAP 2.0 projects that also have a nexus to the RHNA.

The committee members agreed to wait for the final guidelines in order to provide potential projects. Ms. Napier also asked the committee members if they have projects that are more housing related to submit information to her and she can ask the HCD contact to review. The committee members will further discuss projects after the guidelines are released during the July or August TTAC meeting.

VII. APPOINTMENT OF A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri reported during the TTAC meeting on April 6, 2022, Chairman Jay Schlosser proposed to appoint a TTAC sub-committee that will meet and discuss the High-Speed Rail project for the May TTAC meeting. Chairman Schlosser suggested the participating members for the HSR Subcommittee be member agencies that are directly affected with the HSR project. Staff is recommending Caltrans District 6 and 9 should participate in the Sub-Committee as ex-officio members. In addition, staff is recommending participation of HSR staff if the Subcommittee would like HSR staff to attend.

The committee appointed that Subcommittee members be from the agencies that are directly affected with the HSR project which include Cities of Bakersfield, Shafter, Tehachapi, and Wasco, County of Kern, and the Golden Empire Transit District, with addition of Caltrans District 6 and 9. The first meeting be scheduled for July 6th, the same day as TTAC. Mr. Sam Lux suggested the meetings should be quarterly and then shift the schedule to monthly once the HSR project is under construction.

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

VIII. PUBLIC REVIEW: DRAFT 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL

IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Ms. Pacheco announced the public review period of Kern Council of Government's long- and near-term federal transportation documents is currently underway. All documents are available on the Kern COG website; comments are due June 16th. There are two public hearing scheduled: May 17th at the Shafter City Council meeting and May 19th at Kern COG's Transportation Planning Policy Committee meeting.

This item is for information only.

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

Ms. Pacheco informed the members the upcoming amendment to the 2021 FTIP will include revisions to the Transit Program. The amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC when the public review period begins May 6th.

This item is for information only.

X. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM

Ms. Pacheco reviewed Section 12.4 of the Intelligent Transportation System Plan for the Kern Region reads: Annually, a listing of the projects recommended in the ITS Plan will be produced and a project status update will be requested. Please review and provide updates to Table 12-1 by May 20th. Updates received will be part of a staff report for the June TTAC and Kern COG Board meetings.

This item is for information only.

XI. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Snoddy reminded Kern COG's MPO target funding amount for Cycle 6 is \$6,404,000 for the 4-year span from 2023-24 through 2026-28. The MPO project selection process will begin January 2023 and conclude June 2023 with CTC adoption of MPO projects. The project applications are due June 15, 2022.

This item is for information only.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri reminded the next CTC meeting is on May 18-19 and it will be in Fresno.

Mr. Ball reminded the committee that Kern COG staff will be presenting at city council meetings to provide an overview on the public comment period of the Draft 2022 RTP/SCS Plan; draft environmental impact report; draft 2023 FTIP; and corresponding draft air quality conformity analysis.

Ms. Urata announced on Saturday, May 21st Kern COG be sponsoring an EV test drive event at the Bakersfield Auto Mall.

XIII. MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Dillenbeck announced that Director Craig Pope and Assistant Director Lynn Brooks have recently retired, and Mr. Sam Lux has been appointed to interim Director for the County of Kern.

Mr. Schlosser invited members to Tehachapi's Bike Rodeo on May 14th from 10am-noon at the Tehachapi Police Department parking lot.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2022.