

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for June 16, 2022

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

THURSDAY
June 16, 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: Couch, Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Krier, Prout, Garza, B. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Flores, Navarro, Alcalá, Dixon

Members Absent: Lessenevitch, Scrivner, P. Smith

Others: Peacock

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Ball, VanWyk, Invina-Jayasiri, Stramaglia, Banuelos, Urata

- 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. 22-29 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 JUNE 16, 2022 TO JULY 16, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

COMMITTEE MEMBER GARCIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-29, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER PROUT, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

AYE: Couch, Alcalá, Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Flores, Krier, Dixon, Prout, Garcia, B. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lessenevitch, Scrivner, P. Smith

- 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 – May 19, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

**C. FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF BAKERSFIELD - AMTRAK (Banuelos)
FY 2019-20 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF MCFARLAND
FY 2019-20 TDA STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF MCFARLAND
FY 2020-21 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF MCFARLAND
FY 2020-21 TDA STREETS & ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF MCFARLAND**

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 22-24 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2019-20 for city of Bakersfield – Amtrak for \$433,153.

Adopt Resolution 22-25 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2019-20 for City of McFarland for \$18,845.

Adopt Resolution 22-26 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2019-20 for City of McFarland for \$252,259.

Adopt Resolution 22-27 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2020-21 for City of McFarland for \$144,314.

Adopt Resolution 22-28 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2020-21 for City of McFarland for \$1,047,259. ROLL CALL VOTE

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

E. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)

F. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT (Urata)

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 (Ball)

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUMP MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH H, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GARCIA, 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:

- **NOFO’s (11 more upcoming TBD)**
 - **Reconnecting Communities – US DOT**
 - **\$1B over 5 years (nofo Summer of 2022)**
 - **Intake form needed for:**
 - **Caltrans lead RCP projects**
 - **Caltrans to be joint applicant**
 - **Letters of support**
 - **By June 30th**
 - **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (SS4A)**

- **\$5B over 5 years**
- **NOFO open now through 9/15**
- **Eligible activities**
 - **Develop or update a safety plan**
 - **Planning, Design and Development Activities in support of an action plan**
 - **Carry out projects identified in an Action Plan**
 - **Call for Letters of Support by 7/22 to HQ**

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

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Winter 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: June 2022

Work Mainline:

- PCC paving work complete.
- Remaining work: complete final stripe; complete traffic loops and punchlist work
- SR 178 / Buck Owens Blvd : complete barrier at loop ramp, complete final striping and punchlist items.
- Project Completion is anticipated for July 2022

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

- Contractor started construction in Mid-November.
- Continue with Eucalyptus tree removal
- Stage 4 activities between Panama Lane to White Lane
 - Work includes lowering of freeway inside lanes
- Stage 2
- NB Off ramp/on Ramp at SR223 is closed; expected to reopen later this month.

Expected completion date Spring 2023

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

Construction started, project is Stage 1, about 10% complete.

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.

Bid were opened on April 19; Project was awarded to Griffith Company on 5/9/2022.

Signal poles arriving in the next week or so. Therefore construction should be starting soon.

Anticipating 3-4 months of construction.

06-1A470 – Santa Fe Roundabout:

Project located In Shafter at Santa Fe Way/Los Angeles Avenue intersection.

In PA&ED phase. DED was circulated publicly from April 29,2022 to May 29, 2022. Environmental starts working on FED. 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.

Caltrans and Granite have agreed on a work-around plan to enable roadwork to resume to completion. Contractor will start roadwork from Lost Hills Road to East End of the project which started on June 13, 2022.

Scheduled completion – December 2023

06-44256 SR 46 Gap Closure Segment 4C:

Convert 2-lane conventional highway to 4-lane facility. In Kern County on Route 46, in and near Lost Hills, from 1.3 mile west of Brown Material Road to 0.2 mile east of the California Aqueduct.

Project is currently in the Design phase. PS&E is in review with District Office Engineer (DOE). R/W acquisition is underway.

Ready to List the project for advertisement will be in July 2022.

Dennee Alcalá from District 9 provided the following report:

- Introduce Neil Peacock, Caltrans District 9 Planning Supervisor, neil.peacock@dot.ca.gov, (916) 605-8034.
- Keene Pavement project: internal review and completion of the Final Environmental Document is underway.
- Thank you for inviting District 9 to participate in the High Speed Rail sub-committee and upcoming meeting.
- Freeman Gulch Safety project: over 90 public comments received with many asking for facility conversion from 2 to 4 lanes.
 - a. Reconnecting Communities program: call for projects via the intake form is due 6/30/22. Link to further information and intake form, <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/active-transportation-and-complete-streets/caltrans-reconnecting-communities-program>
- Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation project: crews continue work toward a full reopening.
 - Both northbound lanes are open.
 - Work has resumed on the inside southbound lane.
 - All ramps through the project area are open.The speed limit remains 55 miles per hour through the construction zone.
- 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 Redrock/Inyokern Road in Inyokern
 - Drivers may experience delays of up to 20 minutes

Traffic advisory update June 20-24

- Randsburg Guardrail Repair: On U.S. Highway 395 between 0.5 miles north of Redrock Randsburg Road to 0.5 miles south, crews will repair guardrail on Tuesday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be one-way traffic control and drivers may experience delays of up to 15 minutes.
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VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

1. Next CTC Meeting – June 29 & 30, 2022
2. ATP Cycle 6 Application Summary 2022
 - a. Arvin: 1 project - \$1,397,701
 - b. Bakersfield: 8 projects - \$34,452,247
 - c. Delano: 1 project - \$597,550
 - d. Kern County: 5 projects - \$21,731,000
 - e. Taft: 1 project - \$455,225
 - f. Tehachapi: 2 projects - \$3,266,000
 - g. Wasco: 1 project - \$543,000

Total: 19 projects - \$62,442,723

3. On June 9, Kern COG was recognized as 1st runner-up by the Caltrans Local Technical Assistance Program Build-a-Better-Mousetrap Competition in the “SMART” Transformation Category for the COG’s Integrated Performance Measure Process used in developing the Regional Transportation Plan. Kern COG’s program has now been nominated by CSU Long Beach into the National Competition put on by the Federal Highways Administration.
4. Meetings:
 - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
 - b. SR 204 and Union Avenue
 - c. 7th Standard/SR 43
 - d. SR 33 Safety Improvements
 - e. SR 46 Monthly Status Meeting
 - f. 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 7:02 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held July 21, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____