

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for July 21, 2022

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Couch, Blades, Crump, Tafoya (6:45 p.m.), Krier, Lessenevitch, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Parra

Others: Flint, Abbott, Harriman, Chandy, McMahan

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Ball, VanWyk, Invina-Jayasiri, Stramaglia, Raymond, Urata, Pacheco, Whitaker

- 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.**

Vice Chairman Scrivner asked if there were any comments, there were none.

V. 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. 22-30 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 JULY 21, 2022 TO AUGUST 20, 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. 22-30, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KRIER, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

AYE: Couch, Helton, Blades, Crump, Flores, Krier, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, Vasquez

NOES: Lessenevitch

ABSENT: B. Smith, P. Smith, Tafoya, Trujillo, Parra

- 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 – June 16, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

**D. JULY 2022 EDITION PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
(Stramaglia)**

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

F. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT – CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR CALL FOR PROJECTS (Snoddy)

Comment: Caltrans State of Good Repair (SGR) Program allocates annual funds from Senate Bill No.1 legislation to the Kern region in combination with a supplemental allocation of the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund totaling \$1,487,518. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

Action: The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair regional program of projects by Resolution 22-35

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

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

**VI. 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 14
(Pacheco)**

Comment: Amendment No. 14 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and Transit Program. The amendment was circulated to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee via email July 8, 2022.

Action: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING HEAR COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

VI. CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION: FINAL 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY; FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; FINAL 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; CORRESPONDING FINAL AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (Raymond)

Comment:

Action: Authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 22-31 Adopting the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and

Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Resolution No. 22-32 for the Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan: (1) Certification of the Environmental Impact Report; (2) Adoption of the CEQA Findings of Fact; (3) Adoption of Statement of Overriding Considerations; and (4) Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring Program. ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN RESOLUTION NO. 22-31 AND 22-32, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA, MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Couch, Blades, Crump, Flores, Krier, Navarro, Lessenevitch, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, Vasquez
Noes: None
Absent: Tafoya, Parra, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo
Abstain: None

VII. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF FINAL 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PLAN (Invina-Jayasiri)

Comment: The Final 6TH Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan is scheduled to be adopted concurrently with the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The RHNA Plan, in its entirety, is available on Kern COG's RHNA webpage: <https://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing-needs/>. This item was presented to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee during their July 6, 2022 meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING HEAR COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Action: COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION NO. 22-34 ADOPTING THE FINAL 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PLAN, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUMP, MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Couch, Helton, Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Flores, Krier, Lessenevitch, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, Vasquez
Noes: None
Absent: B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Parra
Abstain: None

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS'S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

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

Michael Navarro from District 6 gave the following updates:

Updates:

- **Secretary Omishakin/Director Tavarez visit on August 9th.**
 - Still finalizing venue
- **TIRCP**
 - Wasco - \$1m for Zero Emission Buses
- **NOFO's (11 more upcoming TBD)**
 - **Reconnecting Communities – US DOT**
 - \$1B over 5 years (Deadline 10/13)
 - Intake form needed for:
 - Caltrans to be joint applicant
 - Letters of support
 - Extended to July 29th
 - **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (SS4A)**
 - \$5B over 5 years (Deadline 9/15)
 - Eligible activities

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

All HMA pavement has been completed except for final lift and entrance to future SB Ming Ave off-ramp, pending completion of RW84.

- Block Wall complete for SW58 between Ming Ave and Belle Terrace OC.
- Project is approximately 85% complete by the most recent payment estimate.

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Winter 2022.

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

Scheduled for this month: July 2022

Work Mainline:

- Project is substantially complete. Remaining work is punchlist work, sign installation and completing the striping.
- Project should be wrapping up this month.

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

- Stage 4 activities between Panama Lane to White Lane
 - Work has shifted to the 2 outside lanes, lowering the freeway lanes under Panama Lane in progress. Panama Lane NB on ramps closed.
- Stage 2 work between Union Ave and SR 119:
 - Removal of existing outside lane and paving in progress

Expected completion date Spring 2023

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

IN PAED Phase: PAED kick off meeting in January 2022; PAED activities in progress. Expected length of PAED is 20 months.

Current progress: Overall layout and environmental mapping complete. Working on the RW footprint and cost, drafting of the layout and cross sections and the project cost estimate.

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.

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

The project started construction Mid of June and the contractor is expected to complete most of the work by early August. the contractor is waiting on the signal poles to be able to fully complete the job.

FYI...we have initiated another HAWK at 10th Street and will be adding a crosswalk where one doesn't exist.

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.

This project will be Ready to List for advertisement in the next week or two.

06-0X760 – Taft Left Turn Channelization

Install left-turn channelization on SR-119 at the Kern Street/Airport Road

Project achieved RTL on April 15, 2022. Construction anticipated to start in Fall 2022.

06-0V610 – Pumpkin Center 3R Rehab

On SR 119 near Pumpkin Center from Ashe Road to SR 119/SR 99.

The project will restore the pavement to a state of good repair and extend the remaining service life of the pavement by an additional period of 20 years.

The project is currently in PS&E and ROW phase. ROW Cert is 9/1/2023 and RTL is 12/1/2023.

*******SR 184 Projects*******

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 75% complete.

Expected completion is June 2023.

06-0U430 – Morning Drive 3R Rehab

This project proposes to rehabilitate and bring to current standards the existing roadway on State Route (SR) 184, in Kern County, between 0.1 mile north of Edison Highway Postmile (PM) 8.5 and 0.1 mile north of Chase Avenue PM 11.6. Complete Streets elements will be incorporated, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalks, curb ramps, and continuous bike lanes in both directions, within the project limits.

The project is currently in the PSE and ROW phase. PSE is 95% complete. ROW:

Acquisitions have been complete. Remaining ROW work is the utility relocation plan submittal by utilities. Expected completion of ROW is August 15, 2022.

06-0U431 – Morning Drive 3R Rehab BMMN

This project proposes to install Broadband Middle Mile Network as a Contract Change Order to 06-0U430. Project will begin when 06-0U290 is in construction.

06-0U430 in the PSE and ROW phase.

Expected Construction start date is July 2023.

06-0U290 – Weedpatch Highway 3R Rehab

This project proposes to rehabilitate and bring to current standards the existing roadway on State Route (SR) 184, in Kern County, between Dunsmere Street and Breckenridge Road –

postmile (PM) 0.8 to 8.6. The roadway will be rehabilitated and Complete Streets elements, including (ADA) compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, bus stops, and continuous bike lanes in both directions will be incorporated within the project limits. Drainage improvements, traffic signal system upgrades, and median worm curbs are proposed to be included in this project.

The project is currently in the PSE and ROW phase. Expected RTL is 4/1/2023.

06-0U291 – Weedpatch Highway 3R Rehab BMMN

This project proposes to install Broadband Middle Mile Network as a Contract Change Order to 06-0U290. Project will begin when 06-0U290 is in construction.

06-0U290 in the PSE and ROW phase. Expected Construction start date is November 2023.

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

1. SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane is being recommended for TCEP application. This is for PA&ED and ROW funding.
2. District 9 is pleased to apply with Kern COG as Joint Applicants for the Reconnecting Communities Grant application for the SR 58/Cal City Blvd Extension (Capital Construction funding).

Kern Project Updates

- **Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation Project** – On State Route 14 between the towns of Rosamond and Mojave, crews are continuing to work on the inside southbound lane. All other lanes and ramps through the project area are open. The speed limit through the construction zone remains 55 miles per hour.

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

Kern County

- **Red Rock Canyon Guardrail Work** – On State Route 14 between Iron Canyon Road and Abbott Drive in Red Rock Canyon State Park, crews will repair guardrail on the southbound lanes Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, and on Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- **Ridgecrest Utility Work** – On State Route 178 E between Drummond Avenue and Ward Avenue, there will be utility work Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Tehachapi Median Work** – On State Route 58 between Broome Road and the junction with State Route 202, crews will be working in the median on Tuesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

1. Report on June 29 & 30 CTC Meeting
 - a. The following items were approved:
 - i. The final \$18.9 M installment of STIP funding to the City of Bakersfield for the Centennial Mainline project;
 - ii. Friant-Kern ATP project 20-month extension; and
 - iii. Several allocations were made to SHOPP projects throughout Kern County.
2. Dated July 1, the High-Speed Rail Authority responded to our letter. The letter did not provide dates for a meeting with the Authority's Board of Directors Chairperson. We continue to request a meeting.
3. Next CTC meeting is August 17 & 18 in the Bay Area

- 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

XI. 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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The meeting was adjourned 7:02 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held August 18, 2022, **May be Dark.**

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____