

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for September 15, 2022

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

THURSDAY  
September 15, 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, Bryant (7:00 p.m.) Crump, Tafoya, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Flores, Navarro, Peacock, Parra

**Members Absent:** Couch, Lessenevitch, Trujillo, Vasquez

**Others:** Tony Torres, Maryam Tasniff-abassi, Karen

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

- 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. 22-37 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 TO OCTOBER 15, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

COMMITTEE MEMBER P. SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-37, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TAFOYA, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

AYE: Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Navarro, Flores, Parra

NOES: None

ABSENT: Couch, Bryant, Lessenevitch, Trujillo, Vasquez

- 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 – July 21, 2022**

**B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**C. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT (Enriquez)**

**Action:** Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Golden Empire Transit District and authorize Chair and Executive Director to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

**D. FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT (Banuelos)**

**Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 22-36 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for Golden Empire Transit for \$32,480.019. ROLL CALL VOTE

**E. APPROVAL OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PLAN AND DATA SUPPORT FOR HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE (Invina-Jayasiri)**

**Action:** Information

**F. APPROVAL OF CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS (Snoddy)**

**Action:** Information.

**G. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT (Invina-Jayasiri)**

**Action:** Information

**H. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUEST AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA – EMAIL MEMBER AGENCY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO COG STAFF BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Ball)**

**Action:** Information

**\*\*\* 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.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN KERN COUNTY (Enriquez)**

**Comment:** Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) annually holds a public hearing to identify any unmet transit needs and those that are reasonable to meet, and this is the last of 10 public hearings held this year throughout the County. The Social Services Transportation Advisory committee has reviewed input from the prior meetings.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**RECEIVE COMMENTS**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Action:** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAFOYA MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO A FUTURE MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER PROUT, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**VI. BOARD MEMBERS'S MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

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

Michael Navarro from District 6 gave the following updates:

Updates:

- **Clean CA –**
  - **There will be a Cycle 2 for Clean Ca Local Grants Program**
  - **\$100m available**
  - **Expect call in January; apps due in April 2023**
- **Reconnecting Communities – US DOT**
  - **\$1B over 5 years (Deadline 10/13)**
  - **HQ's is notifying partners as to joint apps and Letters of Support**
- **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 22/23**
  - **Climate Adaptation Planning Grant Augmentation (\$50m)**

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

All Hot Mix Asphalt pavement has been completed except for final lift and entrance to future SB Ming Ave off-ramp.

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Winter 2022.

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

Scheduled for this month: September 2022

Work Mainline:

- Project is substantially complete. Remaining work is punchlist work, sign installation and completing the striping.
- Project Completion is anticipated for October 2022

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**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 White Lane OC in progress. White 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 Fall 2023

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

Project located at the intersection of SR 204 (Union Ave) and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and will install HAWK.

The contractor is waiting on the signal poles to be able to fully complete the job. The signal poles are not expected to arrive until mid-October so the project is in temporary suspension until the poles arrive in October.

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**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.

Girder Erection started September 6, 2022, due to weather (high wind speed) only one girder has been placed but will continue with the remainder when weather permits. A commuter alert went out to notify the public that traffic will be stopped for 4-6 hours during girder erection.

Contractor started roadwork from Lost Hills Road to East end of the project. All sidewalks and ADA ramps completed from Bruning Avenue to Lost Hills Road. Signal construction complete at Lost Hills Road/SR 46 and Red Flash is on.

Scheduled completion – December 2023

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**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. Right of Way Certification No. 2 obtained August 25, 2022. Ready to List the project for advertisement achieved August 29, 2022. Will go to the December CTC Meeting for vote.

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**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 late September/Early October.

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**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 October 1, 2022. This project will then achieve RTL status and expect construction June of next year.

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### **Friant/Kern Bike Path**

This project received signature from FHWA this week, and funds authorized. Will continue to coordinate with City staff to facilitate this project.

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### **Neil Peacock from District 9 provided the following report:**

1. Contractor looking to restart work on Cummings Valley Road project in October.
  - a. Contact Bryan Winzenread
2. Golden Hills Complete Streets field review was conducted on 9/13 –
  - a. Caltrans staff as well as regional representatives participated (County: Michael Dillenbeck, Golden Hills CSD: Susan Wells, City of Tehachapi: Jay Schlosser)
  - b. Contact Brad Rockwell
3. Meeting with California Highway Patrol on 9/14 to discuss traffic coordination for the upcoming air show.
  - a. Assume this is the Oct 15-16<sup>th</sup> Edwards Air Force Base Show? I sent Terry Erlwein an email to verify location. It's a big event.
4. Initial fieldwork completed for Kern County Transfer of Jurisdiction; additional paperwork to complete before process can continue.
  - a. No further information, Kirsten Helton is contact.
5. We are working on the SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane location 2 TCEP funding application to be submitted to the CTC in October.
  - a. Will be asking for letters of support.
6. Canebrake Utility Work – On State Route 178 W between Frank Street and Jacks Creek Road, there will be utility work Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will be one-way traffic control and drivers may experience 20-minute delays.
7. State Route (SR) 190 in Inyo County sustained significant road damage from the storm that took place Tuesday, September 13. As a result, State Route 190 Remains Closed from Olancha to Stovepipe Wells. Caltrans crews continue to assess the damage caused by the storm.
8. RTP Guidelines Update Timeline:
  - October 2022: RTP Guidelines Update Kick-Off

- Nov-Dec 2022: Workgroup Formation & Baseline Draft Release
- Dec 2022-Feb 2023: Workgroup Meetings held
- Jan 2023: 1st public Workshop in Sacramento
- March 2023: Release 1st Draft for 30-day Comment Period
- June 2023: 2nd Public Workshop
- Aug 2023: Release 2nd Draft for 30-day Comment Period
- Oct-Dec 2023: Present and Adopt Final Draft
- Regional Planning Handbook expected to be updated by the end of the year.

### Kern Project Updates

- **Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation Project** – On State Route 14 between the towns of Rosamond and Mojave, work has resumed 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.
- (Should have finished yesterday) **California City Traffic Breaks** – On State Route 14 between Phillips Road and Pine Tree Canyon Road, there will be intermittent traffic breaks to allow crews to cross utility wires over the highway **Monday through Wednesday** from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Drivers may experience five-minute delays.

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

- **Tehachapi Guardrail Repair** – On State Route 58 between Broome Road and Cameron Canyon Road, crews will repair guardrail Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.
  - **Banducci Road Chip Seal** – On State Route 202 between Old Town Road and Banducci Road in Tehachapi, crews will execute a chip seal operation Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.
  - **Jack's Ranch Road Signal Work** – On State Route 178 E between 0.5 miles west of Jack's Ranch Road and 0.5 miles east in Ridgecrest, there will be traffic signal work Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.
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## VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

1. Report on August 17 & 18 CTC meeting
  - a. 2022 ATP Cycle 6 Fund Estimate Revision - \$16.8 M for KCOG MPO share – statewide budget increase to \$1.7 B
2. Next CTC Meeting – October 12 and 13
3. Report on Meeting with High Speed Rail Committee – August 25
4. Kern County Fair is September 21 – October 2 (Booth)
5. Kern COG is proud to announce that the San Joaquin Valley Air District and Snider's Cyclery are once again the major sponsors of CommuteKern's 2022 Rideshare Week celebration this October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone logging their rideshare trips during that week on CommuteKern.org will be eligible to win a bicycle and other great prizes. More information can be found at commutekern.org.
6. Meetings:
  - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
  - b. SR 204 and Union Avenue
  - c. 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/SR 43
  - d. SR 33 Safety Improvements – Caltrans agreed to put shoulders on SR 33
  - e. SR 46 Monthly Status Meeting
  - f. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58
7. Both federal grants that Kern COG and Caltrans applied for were not funded – SR 58 Truck Climbing Lanes and the SR 58/SR 99 Interchange.

## 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.

None.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT-** The meeting was adjourned 7:16 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held October 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 10/20/222