

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for October 20, 2022

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

THURSDAY  
October 20, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Scrivner at 6:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Couch, Blades, Crump, Garcia, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Scrivner, P. Smith, Tafoya, Vasquez

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

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

**Others:** D. Albright

**Staff:** Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Ball, VanWyk, Montalvo, Enriquez, Banuelos, Urata, Davisson

- 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.

**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. 22-45 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 OCTOBER 20, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 19, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

COMMITTEE MEMBER PROUT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-45, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KRIER, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

AYE: Couch, Blades, Crump, Krier, Tafoya, Prout, Garcia, Scrivner, P. Smith, Creighton, Vasquez, Navarro, Flores

NOES: None

ABSENT: B. Smith, 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 – September 15, 2022**

**B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**C. FY 2020-21 TDA STREETS & ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF RIDGECREST (Banuelos)  
FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT & STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS-CITY OF RIDGECREST  
FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT & STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS-CITY OF DELANO  
FY20222023 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – KERN REGIONAL TRANSIT**

**Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 22-39 TDA Streets & Rods claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Ridgecrest for \$331,934

Adopt Resolution No. 22-40 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Ridgecrest for \$1,493,230

Adopt Resolution No. 22-41 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Ridgecrest for \$331,867

Adopt Resolution No. 22-42 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Delano for \$95,825

Adopt Resolution No. 22-43 TDA Streets & roads claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Delano for \$648,814

Adopt Resolution No.22-44 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for Kern Regional Transit for \$9,933,463

ROLL CALL VOTE

**D. FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENT – AGREEMENT NO. PPM23-6087(075) (Stramaglia)**

**Action:** Approve Fund Transfer Agreement No. PPM23-6087(075) and authorize Chair to sign agreement and Resolution No. 22-46. ROLL CALL VOTE

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

**Action:** Information

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER GARCIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH E, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUMP, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

**Action:** COMMITTEE MEMBER GARCIA MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A FINDING THAT THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET IN KEN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN RSOLUTION NO. 22-38; SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUMP, 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 Update –**
  - **Clean CA – Year 1 Projects**

- Discussing Cycle 2 for CCLGP
- \$100m
- Expect call in January; apps due in April 2023
- Caltrans will be hosting a virtual workshop 11/3 from 1pm to 230pm (links to register have been sent out)
- **NOFO's/Discretionary Grant Programs**
  - **State Reconnecting Communities – Highways to Blvds in June**
- **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 22/23**
  - **Draft 23/24 guide released 10/3**
    - 30 day public review
    - one-time augmentation of \$50m in Climate Adaptation Planning Grants
    - Sustainable Communities Grants - \$29.5m
    - Strategic Partnership Grants - \$4.5
    - Joint Workshop with OPR will be held in late October as well as two additional workshops on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - We expect the call for projects to go out in December.
    - The District will then hold a Grant workshop – hybrid format

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

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Winter 2022.

- Project is approximately 85% complete by the most recent payment estimate.

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

Scheduled for this month: October 2022

Work Mainline:

- Project is substantially complete and lanes are completely open to traffic. Remaining work is electrical punchlist work.
- Project Completion is anticipated for November 2022

**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 opened.
- Stage 2 work between Union Ave and SR 119:
  - Removal of existing outside lane and paving in progress
  - Between SR 119 and Panama Lane: replacing the 2 outside lanes with CRCP

Expected completion date Fall 2023

**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 project started construction Mid of June and the contractor has completed most of the work. 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 end of October, so the project is in temporary suspension until the poles arrive.

**06-1A470 – Santa Fe Roundabout:**

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

In Design phase. Environmental was achieved on 10/07/2022. Anticipated to begin construction in spring of 2025.

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**06-0S510 – Derby Street Signalization:**

Project located In Arvin at Derby and SR 223

This signal had been in flashing mode, however as of October 12<sup>th</sup> is in normal operation. There was a delay in working with CPUC and the RR's.

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**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.

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**06-0V280 – SR 184/Sunset Roundabout**

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

Construction started on October 3, 2022 with full closure of the intersection. Detour in place.

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**06-0R190 – Arvin SR 223/SR 184 Roundabout**

Construction started, project is Stage 1, about 75% complete.  
Expected completion is June 2023.

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**Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:**

- SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane TCEP application for the next project phases of PS&E and ROW will be submitted to Headquarters next week.
  - Thank you for Kern COG for coordinating letters of support outreach for the SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane TCEP and RURAL applications.
- D09 Planning has recently implemented a “regional funding strategy” position, and staff met with Kern COG and Kern County to strengthen relationships and develop regional funding strategies for needed regional project advancement.
- The CTC allocated funds last week for infrastructure repair and improvement. East Kern SR 14 Freeman Gulch CAPM Project - from 1.1 miles north of Red Rock Canyon Road to 4.9 miles south of State Route 178 West – was awarded over \$8 million to rehabilitate pavement and upgrade signs.
  - Can view the project location on D09 Quarterly Report Map – access on District website
  - Tentative construction schedule: Start Jan 2023, End April 2023

### **Kern Project Updates**

- **Cummings Valley Left Turn Lane Project** – On State Route 202 between 0.2 miles west of Cummings Valley Road and Banducci Road near the city of Tehachapi, crews are widening the

highway and constructing a left turn lane at the eastern intersection with Cummings Valley Road. Work is scheduled for Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is one-way traffic control and drivers may experience 20-minute delays.

- Earthwork this week on Cummings Valley Road Turn Lane project.
  - Light cycle is quick for traffic routed through 1 lane – even during peak travel hours travelers report waiting no more than 10 minutes, even though warned about up to 20 minute waits.
  - **Traffic Control Should be finished before Thanksgiving according to 45 day schedule.**
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**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

1. Report on October 12 & 13 CTC meeting
  - a. 2022 ATP Allocation – Delano (2 projects)
  - b. SHOPP – SR 14 construction pavement rehab; SR 58 & SB1 TSM Improvements
2. Next CTC Meeting – December 7 & 8 – Riverside County
3. Meetings:
  - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
  - b. SR 204 and Union Avenue
  - c. 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/SR 43 Roundabout
  - 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
4. Congratulations to Kern County for being recommended to receive \$8.8 million in State ATP funding. Kern COG should have enough money to fund Tehachapi, Kern County, Delano, Wasco and Taft's projects.

**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 6:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held November 17, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 11/17/222