

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING

KERN COG BOARD ROOM/GO TO MEETING
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
MUST BE IN-PERSON IN ORDER TO VOTE.

Wednesday
November 2, 2022
10:00 A.M.

TTAC 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

TTAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin (RPAC member)
	Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
	Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
	Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
	Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
	Craig Jones	City of Taft
	Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
	Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans (virtual and RPAC member)

RPAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brianna DeLeon	City of McFarland
	Steve Esselman	City of Shafter
	Mark Staples	City of Taft
	Keri Cobb	City of Wasco
	Ricardo Perez	GET (TTAC alternate member)

OTHER:	Emilio Huerta	City of Arvin
	Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
	Gary Hallen	City of Bakersfield
	Jason Cater	City of Bakersfield
	Apryl Tovar	City of Bakersfield
	Viviana Alapisco	City of Delano
	Richard Albright	City of Maricopa
	Michelle Kincaid	City of Taft
	Maria Lara	City of Wasco
	Aurelio Garcia	City of Wasco
	Michael Dillenbeck	County of Kern
	Lilly J. Parker	Bakersfield Senior Center
	LaDonna Norwood	Bakersfield Senior Center
	Stephen Amstutz	SJSS
	Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield
	Bonita Steele	KCCD
	Greg Collins	RTKC
	Veronica Vasquez	Delano
	Trudy Gerald	
	Troy Hightower	TDH

STAFF:	Ahron Hakimi	Becky Napier
	Bob Snoddy	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Irene Enriquez	Raquel Pacheco
	Joe Stramaglia	Rob Ball
	Tom Whitaker	

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 October, 2022 – Postponed to next TTAC meeting.**

IV. **PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT**

In the interest of time, Ms. Pacheco requested to please send any questions to her via email.

This item is for information only.

V. **CMAQ FUNDING REQUEST**

Kern COG staff seeks Transportation Technical Advisory Committee direction on which option to forward to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. The options are:

Option 1: Fund Tehachapi's request; Option 2: Fund Wasco's request; Option 3: Allow for a Kern County project swap thereby funding both the Tehachapi and Wasco requests; Option 4: Do nothing.

Ms. Viterelli made the motion to recommend Option 3. Mr. Topete seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

VI. **REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING 2.0 GRANT FUNDING**

Comment: Ms. Napier stated that two workshops were conducted, Wednesday September 28, and Wednesday, October 12, 2022. During both workshops, each Agency was allotted time to present their project and answer questions. Ms. Napier reviewed the Grant Timeline and Workshop Results. The results of the Survey conducted to rank the projects is as follows (with [1] being the most desirable project):

City of Arvin	TCC Collaborative	3.417
City of Bakersfield	Bakersfield Senior Center	1.5
City of Bakersfield	Hageman Bike Path	4.583
City of Shafter	Tract 6713	2.5
City of Wasco	Alley Reconstruction (ADUs)	3.5

Ms. Napier then reviewed the comments submitted by participants:

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our concern, as also pointed out by other agencies, with Arvin's project and their ability to deliver their project within the parameters and deadlines established with the funding requirements of REAP 2.0. I don't mean to say that their staff is not capable of delivering projects, it is rather the timeline of their permits, other funding process and delivery of their project in less than 2 years.

I would like for the top 5 projects to be submitted with the full \$17mil request. However, in order to fit the \$12.6mil budget, I only recommend the top 4 projects submitted with adjustments on both housing projects from Arvin and Bakersfield. I would recommend to fully fund Shafter and Wasco's projects... subtract Arvin's \$1.2mil for the transportation hub bringing their request down to \$6.1mil... then give the remaining \$5,590,482 to the Bakersfield Senior Center Project, more specifically for the larger mixed use development.

I have included ranking for projects with adjusted dollar amounts to meet the \$12,670,717 allocation and without adjusted amounts totaling the full \$17,280,235 ask. Adjustments:

City of Arvin \$1,000,000)	\$5,000,000	(Leveraged funds \$4,000,000; Water, Sewer, Power
City of Bakersfield BSC	\$6,690,483	
City of Bakersfield Bike Path	\$0	
City of Shafter	\$230,234.59	
City of Wasco	\$750,000	
 Total Funding	 \$12,670,717.59	

My take on asking for more money than our allotment is that it is potentially risky since our project list does not lend itself to just dropping the bottom project to fit within the \$12 million allocation. In that case, we would end up having to figure out what to cut and how to cut it anyway if the State doesn't have additional funds available or if they come up with some alternate method of disbursing additional funds.

Ms. Napier also discussed a webinar that she participated in on Tuesday, November 1, with CALCOG and other California MPOs. She stated that everyone is concerned about the timeline for the grant and the ability of HCD to respond in a timely manner to the December application process and provide timely agreements to the applicants to meet the very tight timeline. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Schlosser.

Chairman Schlosser asked if there were any comments from the audience. One comment was received virtually from Troy Hightower. Chairman Schlosser then asked if any TTAC or RPAC members had questions. Each applicant was asked a series of questions concerning their projects (generally the questions were the same to each applicant). After the questioning was complete, Chairman Schlosser asked if there was a suggestion on how to proceed. RPAC Chairman Staples stated that he was ready to make a motion. After final questions from Committee Members, the following action was taken:

Action: RPAC Chairman Staples made a motion to recommend to the Kern COG Board to submit an application in the amount of \$12,670,717 for the following project and amounts:

\$750,000	Wasco Alley Rehabilitation for ADUs
\$230,235	Shafter Tract 6713
\$6,000,000	Bakersfield Senior Center Affordable Senior Housing & Facility
\$5,690,482	Arvin "Keeping it Green in the San Joaquin"

and create a contingency list with the application to include:

\$3,000,000	Bakersfield Hageman Bike Path
\$1,609,518	Remained of Arvin Project

Motion seconded by Committee Member Esselman with a unanimous roll call vote.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Mr. Snoddy announced the CTC has scored the Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program – Kern Region submitted and received application list that includes project recommended for state funding (see attachment), and provided an overview of the timeline.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

- a. Ms. Mendibles announced there will be a Clean California Workshop tomorrow, November 9th. She also added the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program call for projects will be in December, and this is for fiscal year, 23, 24. There will be workshops happening November 9th, and November 10th and she will email for more details.
- b. Ms. Viterelli announced the City of Arvin will be conducting a REAP 2.0 Outreach at the Arvin City Council Chambers at 6pm. There will be Spanish translation available.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:50am. The next meeting will be held on November 30, 2022.