

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for January 19, 2023

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

THURSDAY
January 19, 2023
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: Ayon, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Parra, Warney, Helton, Navarro

Members Absent: Blades, Couch

Others: Asha Chandy, Juran Alvarez, Albright,

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Ball, VanWyk, Campbell, Stramaglia, Snoddy, Flickinger, Invina, Enriquez, Urata, Pacheco

- 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. 23-02 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 JANUARY 19, 2023 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2023, 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. 23-02, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SCRIVNER, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

AYE: Ayon, Crump, Warney, Krier, Scrivner, Helton, Creighton, Parra, Prout, Reyna, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Blades, Couch

- A. COUNTY COUNSEL, BRIAN VAN WYK PRESENTED A REPORT ON AB 2449.** A written report will be provided to the Board.

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 – November 17, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT – CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR AMENDED REGIONAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Action: The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommends the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the amended POP for FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair memorializing the transfer for FY 2022-23 SGR "50 percent" fund from GET to the City of Tehachapi by Resolution 22-34 Amendment 1. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

D. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP (Ball)

Action: Information.

E. FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURE (PM3) TARGETS FOR TRAVEL TIME, DELAY, AND VEHICLE OCCUPANCY (Flickinger)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

G. JANUARY 2023 EDITION PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFANCE (Stramaglia)

Action: Information.

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

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

V. **2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 2**

Comment: Amendment No. 2 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, Transit Program, and Non-Motorized Program. The amendment was circulated to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee via email January 6, 2023.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING HEAR COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Action: Open the public hearing, take comment, and close the public hearing.

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 –**
 - Discussing Cycle 2 for CCLGP
 - \$100m
 - Call end of this month; apps due in April 2023
 - There have been 2 stakeholder workshops and expect another after call goes out
- **Clean CA day of Action on March 25th**
- **NOFO's / Discretionary Grant Programs**
 - **State RCP – Highways to Blvds in June (RC:H2B)**
 - Call expected Spring/early Summer
 - \$149m
 - **RAISE – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with sustainability and Equity**
 - \$1.5B
 - Due 2/28
- **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 22/23**
 - one-time augmentation of \$50m in Climate Adaptation Planning Grants
 - Sustainable Communities Grants - \$29.5m
 - Strategic Partnership Grants - \$4.5
 - Call went out on 1/12; applications due March 9th
 - District workshop will be held on 1/31 – hybrid w/ D9 at our Fresno office.

Storm work:

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- SR 33 at County line w/ D5 – contractor will come on Monday on Directors's order. Fully closed. Open by 2/1. Maybe open to one way traffic sooner.
 - SR 33 flooded at Blackwell's Corner. Mud slide came through. Cleared the road out to the shoulders; work ongoing but traffic is going
 - SR 166 open, cleaned up. Had a huge mudslide
 - SR 178 by the canyon – rockslide occurred. There is an overhanging rock (stability concerns). Blasting rock that fell. Closed until tomorrow or perhaps longer once fully assessed.
 - SR 99 at 7th Standard – fault line created a dip in SR 99; contractor assigned to this.
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06-0Q9204 – Old US 99 to White Lane SR 99 rehabilitation project

Project currently in construction:

Current plan is to switch the by pass to the SB direction towards the end of January and start CRCP and lowering of freeway profile under Panama Lane OC and White Lane OC after the traffic switch.
Expected completion date Fall 2023

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.

Loops were put in today. They will begin testing tomorrow. Only remaining items is a couple small punch-list items such as a sign, etc.

Project is currently in Construction and completion is anticipated by the end of January.

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.

Recipient of the 2018 BUILD Grant \$17.5 M.

Opening four Lanes from Lost Hills Road to East End of the Project in mid to late November. Sump Fence work is complete.

Bridge Construction:

Girder Erection is complete. Bridge deck construction is ongoing. Retaining wall construction is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed by January 2023.

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.

Funds allocated at the December CTC meeting. Working on getting advertisement out for summer construction.

06-0X380 – Maricopa Highway CAPM

This project will rehabilitate approximately 9 miles of pavement from SR 33 to Capello Street. Draft Env Document and Draft Project Report is currently being prepared for circulation. Expecting to advertise summer of 2023. Crosswalk will be added at SR 33 and enhanced at Kern Street. This project is in the early design phase.

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 March 2023.

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. Expected completion late March 2022 (rain).

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

75% complete: which consists of construction of splitter islands and roundabout center; expected completion is March 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: Complete. Expected RTL is January 25, 2023. Plan is to submit for CTC allocation in March CTC meeting.

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.

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

- **The District 9 Public Relations Officer** – is working with Environmental to schedule public meetings for the SR 58 Truck Climbing Lanes project.
- **The Rosamond Xeriscape Clean California Project** – opened for bids 1/19.
- **Maintenance work continues** – on the sewer pumps at the Boron rest area.
- **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 was halted due to inclement weather. Construction will begin again at the beginning of February weather permitting.
- **Rosamond Mojave Rehabilitation Project** – On State Route 14 between the towns of Rosamond and Mojave, crews adjusted guardrail delineators and repaired guardrail near Backus Road. The project was completed 12/15/22.
- **W. Ward Avenue Closure** – In the city of Ridgecrest, W. Ward Avenue will be closed at State Route 178 (North China Lake Boulevard). Vehicles will not be able to turn onto State Route 178 from the intersection during work hours, which are scheduled for 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Status for projects within Kern County

- **Freeman Gulch Safety Improvement** - PID is complete.
- **Freeman 3 CAPM** – Bids were received 12/15/2022. 4 bids were received. Waiting for contract awards.

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

1. Report on December 7 & 8 CTC Meeting – Riverside County
 - a. Adopted the statewide list of ATP projects for Cycle 6
 - i. Kern County project – the Norris Pedestrian and Railroad Safety Project - \$8,782,000.
 - b. SR 46 allocation for Segment 4C, the final segment from I-5 to the county line.
2. Next CTC Meeting – January 25-26, 2023

- a. STIP amendment would delete funding from construction phase of Hageman Road Flyover and program \$24,093,000 to construct the Centennial Corridor eastbound 58 to northbound 99 Loop Connector.

3. 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

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 7:13 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held February 16, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted



Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:



Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 2-16-23