

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR February 1, 2023 MEETING

KERN COG BOARD ROOM/GO TO MEETING
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday
February 1, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Invina-Jayasiri for attendance.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
	Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
	Richard Walker	City of California City
	Pedro Nunez	City of Delano
	Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
	Mario Gonzales	City of McFarland
	Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
	Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
	Craig Jones	City of Taft
	Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
	Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
	Steve Barnes	Golden Empire Transit
OTHER:	Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield
	Asha Chandu	Bike Bakersfield
	Richard Nason	Caltrans
	Richard Albright	City of Maricopa
	Maria Martinez	
STAFF:	Ahron Hakimi	Becky Napier
	Rob Ball	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Raquel Pacheco	Bob Snoddy
	Angie Banuelos	Irene Enriquez
	Joe Stramaglia	Linda Urata

- 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 January 4, 2023

There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Topete seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

IV. FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN

Ms. Banuelos stated according to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems and streets and roads. The city of Arvin has submitted a TDA claim which totals \$640,263.

Kern COG staff has reviewed the claim and asked TTAC to review TDA Public Transit Claim for the City of Arvin and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. Jones made the motion to recommend approval. Mr. Topete seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

V. FEDERAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (PM1) “TOWARD ZERO” 2023 TARGET UPDATE

Mr. Flickinger reviewed the presentation Towards Zero: Draft Safety Performance Target Update - Kern Region with the members and answered questions. He also reviewed what member agencies can do accelerate attainment of the federal safety targets.

Kern COG staff is recommending continued use of the 2018 “Toward Zero” target methodology adopted by Kern COG in 2018 which is consistent with the federal rule methodology but different than the current state methodology. Maintaining the same process allows for better comparability with prior targets.

Staff recommend that the TTAC Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the 2023 Kern “Toward Zero” safety targets consistent with federal methodology and direct staff to work with member agencies and stakeholders to develop projects that will accelerate attainment of the targets. Mr. Reed made the motion to recommend approval. Ms. Alcantar seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

VI. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – MPO PROJECT LIST

Mr. Snoddy stated the ATP Cycle 6 statewide call for projects resulted in 19 Kern region submitted applications for value of \$69 million. They are listed on page 3 of the staff report. This table has been updated to include the ranking values for each application. The County of Kern project that ranked 91 is highlighted in yellow. This project has been approved for state funding. Projects recommended for the MPO list are highlighted in blue. This selection is based on Kern COG policy and has been financially constrained to the CTC adopted ATP Cycle 6 Fund Estimate. Kern COG’s revised share is estimated at \$16,798,000 over a 4-year programming cycle from 2023-24 through 2026-27. Staff also recommends that a contingency list for the MPO list include the partially funded Bakersfield project and then the Tehachapi project.

Staff recommended that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve the list of projects as shown in Attachment A. Mr. Topete made the motion to recommend approval. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

KERN PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – TDA ARTICLE 3

Mr. Snoddy reminded to submit letters TDA Article 3 Project Delivery letters by February 3rd to meet the February Transportation Planning Policy Committee agenda deadline. In total, 14 projects have not yet been submitted for funding reimbursement representing \$ 1,841,972 in state funding as listed in the table of the staff report.

Chairman Schlosser requested agencies provide their project status update, as needed.

This item is for information only.

Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Gonzales were present during this item.

VII. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Stramaglia stated every two years in the odd-numbered year, regional transportation planning agencies are to submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission for their approval in December of the same odd-numbered year.

He reviewed the tentative 2024 RTIP timeline and process, including regional workshops that Kern COG will host. He also reviewed the Kern COG projects in the current 2022 STIP include highway capacity projects on State Routes 46, 58 and 99. The new SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane project was added to the 2022 STIP using CRRSAA / COVID funding.

This item is for information only.

VIII. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP

The Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. This is the presentation of project delivery letters for Active Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, and Regional Surface Transportation Program. 17 projects have not yet been submitted for funding authorization representing \$27.5 million in federal/state programming.

Chairman Schlosser requested agencies provide their project status update, as needed.

This item is for information only.

IX. DISCUSSION ON TELECONFERENCING OPTIONS FOR VOTING MEMBERS

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri went over the memo provided by County Counsel regarding Brown Act rules under AB 361, AB 2449, and Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3). Members discussed and provided the following comments:

- Ms. Viterelli asked that members who attend virtually have their votes count with the notion that members will do their best to attend in-person.
- Mr. Barnes agreed with having virtual option especially with members that have to travel further.
- Mr. Reed agreed with Ms. Viterelli and Mr. Barnes

- Mr. Schlosser prefers in-person attendance but however recognizes members may need to attend meetings virtually and he defers to Board's decision. He added that members should turn their cameras on when attending virtually.
- Mr. Topete prefers in-person but not against virtual option for members and agreed to members turning on their cameras when attending virtually.

This item is for information only.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- a. Ms. Urata provided information on Trucking with Clean Fuel Conference on February 23, 2023 (Flier attached). For ticket and event information, please visit website www.2023TCFC.com
- b. Mr. Flickinger said he was approached with a new consultant on a traffic database for those member agencies interested in a presentation. Chairman Schlosser asked if Mr. Flickinger can be the point of contact and make the arrangement to schedule the presentation.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS –

- a. Ms. Mendibles thanked those that attended the January 31st Workshop on Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants. Applications are due March 9, 2023.
- b. Ms. Mendibles reminded the February 14th Call for Projects for Clean California Grant and applications will be due April 28, 2023.
- c. Ms. Alcantar announced that they have filled vacancies in the Public Works Department - Lisa Shreider is the new Waste Operations Assistant Director and Scott Radsick is the new Engineering Assistant Director.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:11am. The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2023.