

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for February 16, 2023

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

THURSDAY
February 16, 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, Couch, Blades, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo

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

Members Absent: Reyna, Vasquez

Others: None

Staff: Hakimi, Campbell, Snoddy, Pacheco, Heimer, Enriquez, Invina-Jayasiri, Ball, Stramaglia, Banuelos, VanWyk

- 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. 23-04 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 FEBRUARY 16, 2023 TO MARCH 18, 2023, 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. 23-04, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TRUJILLO, MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reyna, 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 – January 19, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN (Banuelos)

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 23-05 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Arvin for \$640,263. ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Action: 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. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – MPO PROJECT LIST (Snoddy)

Action: Approve Attachment A List of MPO ATP Cycle 6 Projects including contingency projects and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 23-06. ROLL CALL VOTE.

F. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 OUTSTANDING PROJECT REPORT (Snoddy)

Action: Information.

G. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

H. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Stramaglia)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER P. SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH I, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CREIGHTON, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. MEETING TELECONFERENCING OPTIONS (Hakimi/VanWyk)

Comment: County Counsel provided information at the January Board Meeting concerning options available for Teleconferencing meetings.

Direction: The Board provided staff direction as follows:

- Use “classic” Brown Act teleconferencing rules;
- Apply this to all sub-committees i.e. TTAC, RPAC, etc.;
- Need a quorum in Kern County;

- Remote locations listed on the agenda, posted 72 hours in advance and open to the public;
- Allow public and staff to appear remotely;
- Provide staff 10-day advance notice of attending remotely.

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 –
 - Cycle 2 for CCLGP
 - \$100m
 - Call went out Valentine's Day
 - There have been 2 stakeholder workshops and expect another after call goes out
- Clean CA day of Action on March 25th
 - Kern Community Events:
 - CT will be @ Spring Nature Festival – 3.18
 - Bakersfield Tire Amnesty Days, Bena Landfill – 3.18
 - Shafer – Wasco Tire Amnesty Days (Shafter landfill) 3.25
 - Taft Tire Amnesty Day (Taft Landfill) – 3.25
 - Keep America Beautiful Hosting Event (location TBD) – 3.25
- 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

Clean CA State Beautification Update

06-1E670 - City of Arvin - Improvement of 223 Roadway Median & Pedestrian Safety Measures

Status: This project RTL'd on 10/20/22 and was awarded on 2/1/23. And construction is working with the contractor on a date to begin construction.

Schedule:

RTL	Award	Contract Approval	CCA
10/20/22 (A)	2/1/23 (A)	6/30/23 (T)	6/30/24 (T)

06-1E700 - Garces Circle & SR 204 Undercrossing Improvements

Status: This project is currently finishing up redlines from the 2nd round of OE review, the utility

exception has been approved and we are anticipating RTL by 2/28/23.

Schedule:

RTL	Award	Contract Approval	CCA
2/28/23 (T)	4/30/23 (T)	6/30/23 (T)	6/30/24 (T)

06-1E810 - SR 99 - California Ave Safety Improvements

Status: The scope of the project has been refined due to a capital project widening the California Ave bridge, security fencing will be places around the northside abutment to prevent transient encampments and theft of electrical components. We are anticipating RTL of this project by 4/1/2023.

Schedule:

RTL	Award	Contract Approval	CCA
4/1/23 (T)	5/30/23 (T)	6/30/23 (T)	6/30/24 (T)

06-1E770 - City of Bakersfield – SR 204 Enhancement

Status: This project proposes to implement a road diet along SR 204 in Bakersfield, from Brundage Lane to California Ave in the northbound direction and from Brundage Lane to 4th Street in the southbound direction. The road diet will consist of reducing the facility from 3 lanes to 2 lanes, Class II bike lanes, and restricted street parking. There will be additional enhancements up along SR 204 to M street, hat include TMS loops, shoulder paving, and lane striping. The team plans to circulate the plans for the focused group for constructability review in early February and achieve M377 by 3/15/23, with RTL anticipated by 4/30/23.

Schedule:

M377	RTL	Award	Contract Approval	CCA
3/15/23 (T)	4/30/23 (T)	6/15/23 (T)	7/30/23 (T)	6/30/24 (T)

06-1E780 - SR 99 McFarland & Delano Enhancement

Status: This project proposes to create a new pedestrian trail system along the freeway for both the NB and SB frontage roads in Delano. The project will include benches, to be installed along trail system, reconstruction of right of way fence closer to mainline to allow trail system to be located within unfenced right of way. The SR 99 project in McFarland would include slope paving beneath bridge. This project has had its 1st round of OE review and anticipated 2nd submittal by 2/20 and RTL by 3/24/23.

Schedule:

RTL	Award	Contract Approval	CCA
3/24/23 (T)	5/17/23 (T)	6/30/23 (T)	6/30/24 (T)

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

- **The District 9 Public Relations Officer - SR 58 Truck Climbing Lanes** - The Environmental team is getting ready to circulate the Draft Environmental document at the beginning of March. We will be advertising the NOI in the Bakersfield Californian, the Tehachapi News, and the Mojave Desert News with the dates. Please encourage your constituents to share with Caltrans their thoughts.
- Also related to the SR 58 TCL project, District 9 staff met with FHWA yesterday to debrief with USDOT on its unsuccessful RURAL Grant program application for full funding of Segment #2 of the project. We took extensive notes and are planning on sharing lessons-learned with the KernCOG team. While we did walk away with several notes for improvement, the bottom line is that the program was significantly over-subscribed and the success rate was described to us as

being around 15% of the total applications submitted, so it's simply a very competitive environment for that program.

- Last note on the SR 58 TCL is that our Funding Specialist, Catharine Carr (who used to be the Eastern Kern Regional Planning Liaison), has developed a proposed draft funding strategy for completing all segments of the project. This proposed draft funding strategy includes all remaining phases for all segments of the project and is based on an assessment of funding program match & the project's anticipated competitiveness for those programs. It also includes relevant notes related to factors such as project readiness that are linked to the programs required award timeframes.

Clean California

- **Local Grant Application Cycle 2 Call for Projects** - opened 2/14. Applications are due 4/28.
- **The Rosamond Xeriscape Clean California Project** – opened for bids 1/19, Miller Construction was awarded the project.
- **Clean CA Community Days** - This statewide 10-day event kicks off Friday, March 17, with a big splash of activities occurring on Saturday, March 25. The goal is to work together to clean up our communities and spread the word about taking pride in keeping California clean. One such activity will be a Tire Amnesty day in Mojave, Tehachapi, Boron and Ridgecrest on 3/25. We welcome participation in existing events or creating your own. For more information you can e-mail mark.heckman@dot.ca.gov

Maintenance

- **Maintenance work continues** – on the sewer pumps at the Boron rest area.

PIDS

- **Rosamond Rehab 2** – PID is in progress. Public outreach is anticipated in late March/April, it will be a storyboard format. PID anticipated to be final June 2023.
- **Freeman Gulch Safety Improvement** PID is complete.

Status for Projects Within Kern County

- **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 and saturated soils. Construction will begin again as soon as weather permits.
- **Freeman 3 CAPM** – Bids were received 12/15/2022. Contracts were awarded 2/9/23.
- **Tehachapi Utility Work** – On the westbound lanes of State Route 202 (Tucker Road) between West Tehachapi Boulevard and West Valley Boulevard, utility crews will be accessing manholes for underground work Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Mojave Pavement Project** - The Draft Environmental Document is scheduled to be signed and finalized 3/31/2023. The public comment period for the project could be 4/3 – 5/3. A public meeting about the project could take place in the middle of April.

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

1. Report on January 25-26, 2023
 - a. STIP amendment deleted 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.
 - b. Friant-Kern Canal Multi-Use Path - \$4,306,000 Allocation
2. Next CTC Meeting March 22 & 23, 2023 in Los Angeles

3. April 12-14 – Kern COG Federal Certification Site Visit
4. 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 7:06 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held March 16, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted


Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:


Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 3-16-23