

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1, 2023 MEETING

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

Wednesday  
March 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
	Ed Galero	City of Delano
	Alexa Kolosky	County of Kern
	Brianahi De Leon	City of McFarland
	Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
	Chris Schultz	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
	Andrea Nason	Caltrans
	Angela Willis	County of Kern
	Michelle Kincaid	City of Taft
	Richard Albright	City of Maricopa
	Aurelio Garcia	City of Wasco
	Maria Martinez	City of Wasco
	Juan Pantoja	BHT Engineering
	Viviana Alapisco	
STAFF:	Ahron Hakimi	Becky Napier
	Rob Ball	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Raquel Pacheco	Bob Snoddy
	Irene Enriquez	Karl Davisson
	Joe Stramaglia	Ben Raymond
	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 February 1, 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. 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. Mr. Snoddy and Mr. Stramaglia also stated staff is preparing an MPO final submittal package of information as prescribed by the CTC. It is possible that the CTC may adopt the Kern projects prior to the scheduled adoption date in June.

This item was for information only.

**V. KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS-MOVEMENT (KARGO) SUSTAINABILITY STUDY UPDATE**

Mr. Davisson reported the Phase II KARGO Sustainability Study, a project looking to address the needs and impacts of increased freight movement in the region, is requesting local jurisdictions review and verify current development impact fee rates in the attached report. The intent of the KARGO2 study is to work with community stakeholders including the City of Shafter, City of Bakersfield, Kern County, Caltrans, and railroads to evaluate strategies to improve the sustainability of growing regional goods movement activity in Kern County and impacts on the transportation system and surrounding communities including disadvantaged communities.

Staff is requesting Member agency staff please review and provide feedback to [kdavisson@kerncog.org](mailto:kdavisson@kerncog.org) by March 8, 2023. This item is for informational only.

**VI. CMAQ FUNDING REVISION REQUEST**

Ms. Pacheco reported there is a request for a revision to an existing Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program project. Kern COG staff has reviewed options for the CMAQ funding available. On February 16, 2023, the City of Taft staff met with Kern COG staff to discuss the options for delivery of the CMAQ project. Kern COG staff seeks Transportation Technical Advisory Committee direction on which option to forward to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

**Option 1:** Select Taft to receive \$2,956,140 in CMAQ funding for only the infrastructure component. **Option 2:** Select Taft to receive \$1,379,254 in CMAQ funding for only the vehicle purchase component. **Option 3:** Do nothing.

Kern COG staff recommends Option 1.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend Option 1 to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. The City of Taft recommends Option 1.

Ms. Viterelli made a motion to approve the recommendation, Ms. Kolosky seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that there is now funding available for underfunded CMAQ projects. Kern COG staff will review project funding requests and prepare a staff report for April.

**VII. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. Pacheco reminded this is the monthly update on the activity related to the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The new addition is Appendix C which is the Save the Dates memo for upcoming workshops. There are four dates: April 26, June 21, August 23, and September 13 (tentative).

This item is for information only.

**VIII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT – TIMELINE**

Ms. Pacheco stated the upcoming amendment to the 2023 FTIP will include revisions to the State Highway / Regional Choice Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, Transit Program, and Non-Motorized Program. The amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC when the public review period begins March 3rd.

This item was for information only.

**IX. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – DRAFT TIMELINE AND FUND ESTIMATE**

Ms. Pacheco announced Kern COG staff developed a draft timeline and fund estimate to facilitate programming new Regional Surface Transportation Program projects. After approval by the Transportation Planning Policy Committee on March 16th, the draft timeline will be used for the upcoming Regional Surface Transportation Program call for projects cycle.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the RSTP Timeline and Fund Estimate to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Ms. Topete made a motion to recommend approval, Ms. Kolosky seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

**X. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – DRAFT TIMELINE AND FUNDING TARGETS**

Ms. Pacheco stated Kern COG staff developed a draft timeline and funding targets to facilitate programming new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects. After approval by the Transportation Planning Policy Committee on March 16th, the draft timeline will be used for the upcoming Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality call for projects cycle.

This year's call for projects cycle will also include Carbon Reduction Program or CRP funding. Staff recommends moving forward with programming the CRP funding following the CMAQ Policy and Procedure project selection process. The latest update is that the state has developed a Carbon Reduction Strategy with three pillars: 1. rail and transit, 2. bike and pedestrian, 3. BEV. BEV still needs to be clarified as Battery Electric Vehicle or possibly ZEV or Zero Emission Vehicle. This information is expected to be posted to the Caltrans CRP website in the next couple weeks. All pillars are eligible activities under the CMAQ Policy and Procedure.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the CMAQ Timeline and Funding Targets to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Ms. Viterelli made motion to recommend approval, Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

**XI. DISCUSSION ON TELECONFERENCING OPTIONS FOR VOTING MEMBERS**

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri reported during their February 16, 2023 Kern COG Board meeting, the Board members reviewed the options and made a decision to revert back to the "classic" Brown Act rules on teleconferencing. She reviewed the Section 54953(b)(3) teleconferencing rules. In addition, the Board Members stated all Kern COG committees and subcommittees will follow the same teleconferencing requirements as listed above, and teleconferencing options will continue to be

made available for Kern COG staff and public. If committee members choose to teleconference for a committee meeting, their location must be posted on the Agenda in advance; otherwise, their vote will not be counted for that meeting. Provide staff 10-day advance notice of attending remotely.

Ms. Invina-Jayasiri offered that she will email in advance requesting members who decide to telecommute and will add the meeting location to the agenda.

This item was for information only.

**XII. FY 2022-23 KERN REGION ESTIMATED LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Ms. Enriquez stated Kern COG staff will receive an apportionment estimate from Caltrans staff for the Kern Region for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The 2022-23 SCO Program of Projects will be presented to TTAC members once the SCO has released final apportionment funds. Presentation and adoption of the Kern COG FY 2022-23 LCTOP POP and submittal of the member agencies allocation request by March 3, 2023 to staff.

All FY 2022-23 LCTOP completed project applications (with supporting documents) are due to Caltrans LCTOP staff before March 24, 2023.

This item was for informational only.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- a. Mr. Ball reminded the importance of the RSTP funding for the maintenance of local roads.
- b. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri provided the following announcements:
  - i. CTC Meeting March 22-23 in Los Angeles
  - ii. Next TTAC meeting will be election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**XIV. MEMBER ITEMS –**

- a. Ms. Mendibles provided the following updates:
  - i. Clean California Update Cycle 2 Call for Projects released 2-14-23; additional workshops coming.
  - ii. Clean California Day of Action – several community events in Kern and Tire Amnesty Days in several communities in Kern. Will forward fliers.
  - iii. Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 2022-23 are due March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 10:47am. The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2023.**