

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY
May 3, 2023
1:30 P.M.**

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I. ROLL CALL:

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

- A. Meeting of March 1, 2023.

IV. 2023 UPDATE – KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES & POLICIES (Raymond)

Comment: The 2017 California Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develop a public participation plan prior to the development of the RTP.

Action: Information.

V. DRAFT KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS-MOVEMENT OPERATIONS (KARGO) SUSTAINABILITY STUDY PHASE 2 (Ball)

Comment: A public review Draft KARGO Sustainability Study - Phase 2 on developing and funding more sustainable goods movement projects countywide is available [here](#).

Action: Information. **Comments due to rball@kerncog.org by Thursday, May 25, 2023.**

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

Comment: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.

Action: Information.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Updated User Guide for the Kern COG Regional Housing Needs Online Mapping Tool is posted on the following website: <https://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing-needs/>

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be May 31, 2023.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
March 1, 2023
130 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

RPAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Paul Johnson	Bakersfield
	Brianna DeLeon	McFarland
	Steve Esselman	Shafter
	Mark Staples	Taft
	Scott Lau	Caltrans
	Asha Chandy	Community Member
KERN COG STAFF:	Becky Napier	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Karl Davisson	Ben Raymond
	Rob Ball	
OTHERS:	Richard Albright, City of Maricopa	
	Max Antono, Rincon Consultants	
	Sandra Plascencia, Leadership Council	

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None.

III. **APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES**

- RPAC Meeting of August 31, 2022.
- Joint RPAC/TTAC Meeting of November 2, 2022.

Committee Member Esselman made a motion to approve the minutes of August 31, 2022 and November 2, 2022; seconded by Committee Member Chandy, unanimously approved by roll call vote.

IV. **HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE (Davisson)**

Comment: Kern's jurisdictions are required to provide Annual Progress Reports (APRs) to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on their progress toward state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals by April 1, 2023, or risk becoming ineligible for many grants.

Action: Information. Local jurisdictions Submit Annual Housing Report to HCD by April 1, 2023.

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

Comment: 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 report provided.

Action: Information. Member agency staff please review and provide feedback to kdavisson@kerncog.org by March 8, 2023.

This was a TTAC Item, please refer to November 2, 2022 TTAC Minutes.

VI. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS MAPPING TOOL UPDATE (Invina-Jayasiri)

Comment: The consultant team updated the online Regional Housing Needs Mapping Tool. Please contact staff for training on the online mapping tool.

Action: Information.

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

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Action: Information.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board of Directors Brown Act Recommendations.

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

- None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is April 5, 2023.



IV. RPAC

May 3, 2023

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

BY: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.
2023 Update - Kern Council of Governments Public Involvement Procedures & Policies

DESCRIPTION:

The 2017 California Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develop a public participation plan prior to the development of the RTP.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Involvement Procedures and Policies (PIP) provide guidance for Kern Council of Governments' (Kern COG) elected officials and staff in public participation and interagency consultation throughout the regional planning process. It contains the agency policies, guidelines and procedures Kern COG uses in developing the metropolitan planning process. This includes the development and approval of the Regional Transportation Plan, Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and environmental review documentation related to growth, transportation, air quality, and any product prepared by Kern COG staff that statutorily requires public participation, or for which the Kern COG Board of Directors determines is necessary. Kern COG carries out its transportation and air quality planning responsibilities in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive manner in conformance with Federal and State law that determine how Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) provide for early consultation and public participation.

Prior to development of the 2026 RTP, Kern COG is updating the Public Involvement Policies and Procedures (PIP) to include the latest Federal and State requirements and input from participating agencies and stakeholders. The Draft 2023 PIP is posted at <https://www.kerncog.org/policies/>

The 2017 California RTP Guidelines as well as Kern COG's 2019 PIP require a forty-five (45) day public comment period prior to adoption of the 2023 PIP. The 45-day public comment period begins May 1st, 2023, and closes June 15th, 2023.

Additional roundtable meetings will be held in Fall of 2023 to gather input for specific strategies for public participation during the 2026 RTP development outreach in accordance with the 2023 PIP.

ACTION

Information.



V.
RPAC

May 3, 2023

TO: Transportation Technical Advisor Committee/
Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball,
Deputy Director/Planning Director

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V.
Draft Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations (KARGO) Sustainability Study
Phase 2

DESCRIPTION:

A public review Draft KARGO Sustainability Study - Phase 2 on developing and funding more sustainable goods movement projects countywide is available [here](#).

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG has received a grant from the Caltrans Sustainable Communities program to study development and funding of more sustainable goods movement projects countywide. The study includes:

- 1) Suggested updates to federal, state, and local Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) compliant federal, state, and local truck route maps.
- 2) Suggested updates to local government circulation planning element maps.
- 3) The study also includes sketch drawings and right-of-way footprints for interchange and other goods facilities vulnerable to development encroachment.
- 4) Potential funding mechanisms including a regional industrial impact fee nexus study.
- 5) An economic analysis comparing existing fees in the Kern region to other regions.

Here is the schedule for completion of the study:

- April 26, 2023 – Draft made available for public review.
- May 25, 2023 – Comments on the draft due to Kern COG.
- May 31, 2023 – Draft Final Released
- June 15, 2023 – Draft Final goes to the Kern COG TPPC to receive and file.

ACTION: Information. **Comments due to rball@kerncog.org by Thursday, May 25, 2023.**



VI. RPAC

May 3, 2023

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Rob Ball,
Deputy Director/Planning Director

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VI.
UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM
PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.

DISCUSSION:

This discussion provides update on the activity related to the RTP and the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The report is updated regularly with the most recent developments listed first.

April 17, 2023 – Kern COG web conferenced with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff for the 14th time in 3 years to discuss the 2022 SCS technical methodology. One final methodology issue remains out of 27 identified in CARB's January 20th memo. Additional adjustments were made to the elasticity used to adjust the hybrid NCST tool method used by Fresno COG. Documentation of the adjustment was submitted to ARB on April 18. ARB is required to provide their finding and recommendations 2 months after the submitted package is from November 29, 2023 is found to be complete.

March 29, April 7, April 14, 2023 – Kern COG web conferenced with ARB to further refine SCS modeling methodology.

February 17, 2023 – Kern COG submitted responses to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) January 20, 2023 questions on Kern COG's technical methodology package provided to ARB on November 29, 2023.

January 20, 2023 – ARB responded to Kern COGs SCS technical methodology submittal from November 29, 2022 with questions. A follow-up meeting was held on January 24, 2023 to further clarify the questions.

December 16, 2022 – The 2022 RTP/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) short range program air quality conformity was federally approved. The 2023 FTIP “CTIPS Report” and “Grouped Project Listing” weblinks are available at: <https://www.kerncog.org/2023-ftip/> .

November 29, 2022 – Kern COG submitted the technical methodology data package to the ARB.

July 21, 2022 - the Kern COG Board adopted the 2022 RTP/SCS and associated documents. The documents are available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/> .

Table 1 – 2018 & 2022 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
2022 RTP/SCS demonstration (July 21, 2022) w/ required off-model adjustments (2020 is pre-COVID)	-10.9%	-15.1%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018 by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	- 9%	-15%

March 22, 2018 - ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

June 13, 2017 - ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm> . Kern COG’s April target recommendation letter is located on page B-143 of the ARB staff report at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix_b_mpo_scenario_and_data_submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG’s prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. The letters document methodological changes that make it difficult to compare the 2014 RTP results with the latest modeling refinements.

Preliminary Timeline 2026 RTP/SCS

- Spring 2023 – ARB findings on 2022 SCS
- Spring/Summer 2023 – Hold Roundtable meeting(s) on update of the Public Involvement Procedure for 2026 RTP/SCS
- Spring 2023 to Spring 2026 – Annual Community Phone Surveys
- Spring 2023 – Spring 2026: RTP/SCS Public Outreach Process
- Fall 2023 – Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update
- Fall 2023 – Stakeholder roundtable process to vet outreach and performance measures
- Fall 2023 to Fall 2025 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer’s Market Outreach
- Fall 2024 to Fall 2025 – Mini-Grant Stakeholder Hosted Workshops
- Summer 2026 Adopt RTP/SCS, EIR and associated documents

ACTION: Information.