

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for March 16, 2023

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

THURSDAY
March 16, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ayon, Couch, Blades, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Murillo, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: Prout

Others: Albright, Peacock, Franz, Eager

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

- III. 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. The following individuals provided comments:

1. Jay Schlosser from City of Tehachapi discussed environmental issue that negatively effect the ability to deliver projects. As years have gone by it has gotten more challenging. This is an area where we would like to see our legislative folks to find some solutions for.
2. Ollie Danner from Project Clean Air showed a video of a Zero Emission Convoy of trucks that Kern COG sponsored.
3. Tony Renteria from Bike Bakersfield discussed Bike Bakersfield activities including the Kern Active Transportation Alliance where they go to 13 communities and host bike safety events and upcoming Bike Month.
4. Lee Ann Eager, Chairman of the California Transportation Commission thanked the Board for the invitation to come and discuss needed projects and what the State can do. The CTC is working closely with Caltrans and CalSTA and our other partners to do things correctly and together..

- 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 – February 16, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. CMAQ FUNDING REVISION REQUEST (Pacheco)

Action: Approve Option 1 – Select Taft to receive \$2,956,140 in CMAQ funding for only the infrastructure component. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

D. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – DRAFT TIMELINE AND FUND ESTIMATE (Pacheco)

Action: Approve the RSTP Timeline and Fund Estimate. ROLL CALL VOTE.

K. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – DRAFT TIMELINE AND FUNDING TARGETS (Pacheco)

Action: Approve the CMAQ Timeline and Funding Targets. ROLL CALL VOTE.

L. FY 2022-23 KERN REGIONAL ESTIMATED LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Action: Information. Member agencies provide LCTOP Regional Proposed Project (939313) Titles to Kern COG no later than Friday April 7, 2023. Provide applications to Caltrans by May 1, 2023.

M. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

I. KERN MEDIUM- HEAVY -DUTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE BLUEPRINT (Urata)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

K. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT – REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM (Flickinger)

Action: Approve Program Supplement and authorize Chair to sign Program Supplement Agreement No. F046 and Resolution No. 23-08. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

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

V. 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 4 (Pacheco)

Comment: Amendment No. 4 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, Transit Program, and Non-Motorized Program. The amendment was circulated to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee via email March 3, 2023.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

HEAR COMMENTS

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Action: Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close 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 –**
 - **Cycle 2 for CCLGP**
 - **\$100m**
 - **Call went out on Feb 14th**
 - **Applications due 4/28**
 - **Had our first of two applications workshops yesterday**
 - **Clean CA day of Action on March 25th (week long 3/17 to 3/27)**
 - **Kern Community Events:**
 - **3/18**
 - **CT will be @ Spring Nature Festival**
 - **Bakersfield Tire Amnesty Days, Bena Landfill**
 - **DI Drilling (Taft)**
 - **Kiwanis Club (Delano)**
 - **Jameson Ranch Camp (Lake Isabella)**
 - **3/25**
 - **Shafer – Wasco Tire Amnesty Days (Shafter landfill)**
 - **Taft Tire Amnesty Day (Taft Landfill)**
 - **Keep Bakersfield Beautiful Hosting Event (H Street)**
 - **Kiwanis Club (Delano)**
 - **HSIP Cycle 11 Awards**
 - **Wasco**
 - **SR 43/8th Street - RRFB**
 - **SR 46/Poplar – HAWK**
 - **SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan**
 - **RFP went out 3/15**

Storm Work:

KER 43 28.36 – 33.8 Whisler Rd to Pond Road

KER 43 37.7 – TUL 15.9 Cecil Ave to 4th Ave

KER 58 from PM 0/PM 9.44 (Reward Rd) (1G020) – East of SLO County line - Kern County

KER 155 38.8 – 56.0 Pascoe Rd to 2 miles East of Alta Sierra Rd

KER 178 Kern Canyon from Mouth of the Canyon to Kern Canyon Rd

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.

Construction is complete. Final activation pending resolution of electrical issues to be resolved with Contractor. Electrical sensor issues

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.

No major change to roadway construction due to inclement weather.

Traffic continues to be in the configuration of four lanes from Bruning Ave to East end of the project.

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.

Project Advertised on March 6, 2023. Bids will be opened April 19th. Potentially summer/fall construction

06-0S050 – California Aqueduct 166 Bridge Rehabilitation:

Project Scheduled expected RTL Date: FY 22/23

The project proposes to rehabilitate the existing bridge by retrofitting the bridge and fortifying the column support system that is currently sinking. It is anticipated that the bridge would need to be shut down to traffic for 30 to 40 days during construction in late-2023/2024

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 be 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

Construction expect to start on March 20th barring any other weather delays.

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. Contractor resumed work after delays due to wet weather. Drainage Systems work and Concrete improvements to resume.

Expected completion late June 2023.

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

Expected completion is June 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. Project is Ready to List. Plan is to submit for CTC allocation in May CTC meeting.

Ryan Dermody from District 9 provided the following report:

Storm Updates

Our maintenance crews and team members have been working through the Emergency Operations Center on snow removal and avalanche mitigation efforts across the district. Please see the District's Quick Maps site, as well as Twitter and Facebook feeds for the latest information on road closures and plowing activities.

Local Assistance Updates

In anticipation of potential emergency damages resulting from recent storms, our District Local Assistance Engineer sent out a proactive refresher with links to resources on the emergency relief program process for immediate opening, permanent restoration, and reimbursement requirements.

Project Updates

- **SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane Location 2 PM 76.3 to 79.5**
 - The Environmental Document will be circulated to the public for 30 days beginning March 21. We will be advertising the circulation and public meeting date in the Bakersfield Californian, the Tehachapi News, and the Mojave Desert News.
- **Cummings Valley Road/ SR 202**
 - Cummings Valley Road / 202 Intersection improvement and construction of a turn pocket on SR 202 west of Tehachapi.
 - Project had weather and utility delays, and the traffic detour stayed up longer than anticipated. SHOPP project.
- **Freeman 3 Overlay Two Lane Section on SR 14**
 - Pavement repair on SR 14 south of Ridgecrest two lane section.
 - Currently in construction and estimated completion is April 2023. SB 1, SHOPP.
- **Rosamond Interchange (Clean CA)**
 - Xeriscape beautification of the interchange at SR 14 and Rosamond Blvd.
 - Project was awarded on March 6th. Construction start date TBD.
- **Keene Pavement Project**
 - This 11.3 mile project on SR 58 west of Tehachapi will upgrade pavement, guardrail, bridge rail, median barrier, drainage, and lighting and realign curves in four locations.
 - Currently in Design/RW. Construction start estimate is June 2025 (may get pushed back.) SB 1, SHOPP.
- **Ridgecrest/Inyokern Pavement**
 - Restore pavement, fix drainage, and upgrade to ADA standards along SR 178 through Ridgecrest and Inyokern.
 - Currently in Environmental.
 - start estimate is Oct 2028. SB 1.
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California City Interchange

- Our thoughts are with the family of Dekarriay Rayvion Burrell, following the collision on SR 58 earlier this month.

- In **October 2014** the Kern County Roads Department prepared a Project Study Report - Project Development Study (PSR-PDS) for California City to reroute California City Boulevard into the 140th St/SR 58 Interchange.
- The Caltrans SR 58 Access Control Feasibility Study Report (FSR) was signed in October 2017.
- The target date for PA&ED (at an estimated cost of \$5.3m) as stated in the PSR-PDS was August 2023, with construction (estimated between \$48m-\$74m, pending alternatives) anticipated in funding year is 2026; however, PA&ED has not yet been initiated.

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

1. March 8, 2023, we had a Regional High Speed Rail Subcommittee meeting including Kern County representatives and High Speed Rail representatives.
2. Next CTC Meeting March 22 & 23, 2023 in Los Angeles
3. April 12-14 – Kern COG Federal Certification Site Visit
4. RSTP & CMAQ timelines representing about \$50 million in funding available to our region were on the consent agenda. The Call for Projects will be posted on the Kern COG website by next week with applications due July 17, 2023. Please let your staff know.
5. 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 7:01 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held April 20, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____