

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR APRIL 5, 2023 MEETING

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

Wednesday
April 5, 2023
10:00 A.M.

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS

(Teleconference):

- City of McFarland Public Works Office- 401 W. Kern Ave, McFarland, CA 93250
- Palos Verdes Terrace Apartments - 5762 Ravenspur Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90272
- Arvin City Hall - 200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203

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 (Virtual)
Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
Richard Walker	City of California City (Virtual)
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Pat Jacobs	City of McFarland (Virtual)
Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Steve Barnes	Golden Empire Transit

OTHER:

Michael Dillenbeck	County of Kern
Alexa Kolosky	County of Kern
Asha Chandy	County of Kern
Ricardo Perez	Golden Empire Transit
Rick Franz	Caltrans
Juan Pantoja	BHT Engineering

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Angie Banuelos
Rob Ball	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
Raquel Pacheco	Bob Snoddy
Irene Enriquez	Karl Davisson
Joe Stramaglia	Ed Flickinger

- 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 March 1, 2023

There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Reed 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 following the regional approval of the ATP Cycle 6 MPO list at the February 16, 2023 Kern COG Board meeting, staff has since prepared and submitted to the CTC, the final package of information as prescribed by the CTC, for its official list of MPO projects. This month, the CTC has scheduled a conference call on April 4, 2023, to discuss our MPO submittal. The results of that call will be shared by staff at the TTAC meeting.

This item was for information only.

V. **2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. Pacheco stated this is the monthly update on the activity related to the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The new addition is the updated Kern COG Regional Improvement program 60/40 baseline status, provided as Attachment D. Also, staff is preparing for the April 26th workshop. The draft fund estimate assumptions presented at the March California Transportation Commission meeting will be a prime topic at the April 26th workshop.

This item is for information only.

VI. **CMAQ FUNDING REQUEST**

Ms. Pacheco reported that after action taken in March, there is an unprogrammed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality or CMAQ balance. Since then California City has received construction bids on their CMAQ project and is underfunded. California City is requesting additional CMAQ funds.

On March 23rd, the City of California City staff met with Kern COG staff to discuss the options for delivery of their 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 California City to receive \$993,669 in CMAQ funding. **Option 2:** Do nothing.

California City recommends Option 1.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee make a recommendation to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Juan Pantoja provided details and the importance of the project to California City. Mr. Topete asked the number of bids received. Mr. Pantoja stated they received 6 bids. Chairman Schlosser asked about the project cost, and Mr. Pantoja assured the City Manager has the match. Ms. Alcantar and Chairman Schlosser had questions regarding funding and E-76, and Mr. Pantoja and Ms. Pacheco provided information.

Ms. Viterelli made a motion to recommend Option 1, and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

VII. **FY 2022-23 KERN REGION ESTIMATED LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS \$2,369,913**

Ms. Enriquez stated the annual Caltrans funding is available for transit expansion projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions for a very limited time through Low Carbon Transit Operations

Program (LCTOP). The region is estimated to receive a total of \$2,369,913. Any additional funding that local agencies will not use will be auctioned off on a first come first serve basis, and staff will send out an email with information.

Staff request that member agencies provide LCTOP Regional Proposed Project (99313) Titles to Kern COG no later than Friday, March 24, 2023. Provide applications to Caltrans by May 1, 2023.

This item was for information only.

VIII. KERN MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE BLUEPRINT FINAL DRAFT

Mr. Ball presented this item for Ms. Urata. He stated Kern COG was awarded a grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop a Kern Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Blueprint.

A final draft document is posted to the Kern COG website. Kern COG invites comments to be submitted by 10:00 am on April 10, 2023.

This item was for information only.

IX. FEDERAL BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT CONDITION PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGET REQUIREMENT

Mr. Flickinger reported Caltrans has developed federal bridge and pavement condition performance measures (PM2) for jurisdictions with National Highway System (NHS) mileage (Kern, Bakersfield, Shafter, California City, Ridgecrest, and Caltrans), consistent with the state targets and the federal methodology. He reviewed the pavement and bridge condition charts that were included in the staff report. Mr. Ball and Mr. Flickinger also discussed the three preventative maintenance scenarios.

This item was for information only.

X. FY 2023-2024 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE

Ms. Banuelos reported based upon funding estimates prepared by the Kern County Auditor-Controller and the Controller of the State of California, Kern COG anticipates the funding for fiscal year 2023-24 to be \$54,367,690.92 for Local Transportation Fund, and \$11,520,360.00 for State Transit Assistance Fund.

This item was for information only.

XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Schlosser held the nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Alcantar nominated Mr. Schlosser and there were no other nominations. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schlosser will continue to be the Chairperson for the next year.

Mr. Schlosser held the nomination for Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Viterelli nominated Ms. Alcantar and there were no other nominations. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously. Ms. Alcantar will continue to be the Vice-Chairperson for the next year.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- a. Mr. Snoddy announced the Call for Projects on the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3. The item was also emailed to TTAC members on April 4, 2023. Article 3 funds are used to pay for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs, bicycle parking facilities, bicycle travel facilities and, pedestrian facilities. Approximately \$1,076,480.28 is

available for distribution in this funding cycle. Article 3 funds obligated from previous funding cycles will be assessed and included (if available) by the May 2023 TTAC meeting. The proposal deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023.

- b. Ms. Pacheco reminded the CMAQ and RSTP Call for Projects – Applications due by 5:00 PM, July 17, 2023. Please contact Rochelle to set up an appointment to review proposed project(s) by April 14.
- c. Ms. Pacheco provided information on the Caltrans Local Assistance Workshop – April 17, 2023. RSVP deadline is April 10th.
- d. Ms. Pacheco invited members to save the date for the 2024 RTIP Workshop 1 – April 26, 2023.
- e. Mr. Ball announced there is a KARGO Study Survey that was emailed. Please reply by April 11.

XIII. MEMBER ITEMS –

- a. Ms. Alcantar informed the committee Josh Champlin is the interim Public Works Director
- b. Ms. Mendibles provided the following updates:
 - i. Clean California Update Cycle 2 Grant applications due April 28, 2023
 - ii. Provided HSIP Cycle 11 award information – two projects located in Wasco

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:04am. The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2023.