

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
May 3, 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
	Christine Viterelli	Arvin
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
KERN COG STAFF:	Becky Napier	Ben Raymond
	Rob Ball	Karl Davisson
OTHERS:	Dave Dmohowski	
	Fatemah Ranaiefar	
	Nico Boyd	

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 information or request staff to report 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.**

None.

III. **APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES**

- RPAC Meeting of March 1, 2023

This item was postponed to the next meeting..

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. The Draft 2023 PIP is posted at <https://www.kerncog.org/policies/>. Kern COG's 2019 PIP requires a forty-five (45) day public comment period prior to adoption of the 2023 PIP. The 45-day public comment period began May 1st, 2023, and closes June 15th, 2023.

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](#). Comments

are due to rball@kerncog.org by Thursday, May 25, 2023. Fatemah Ranaiefar and Nico Boyd from Fehr & Peers provided a presentation.

Action: Information.

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/>
- Ms. Napier provided an update about REAP 2.0

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

- Chairman Staples announced that he a member of the Small Town and Rural Planning Division of the American Planning Association. He has been assisting with planning for the 2023 APA California Conference to be held in September in Fresno.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is May 31, 2023 (June Meeting).