

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for April 20, 2023

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

THURSDAY
April 20, 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: Couch, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Murillo

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

Members Absent: Ayon, Blades, Vasquez

Others: Marguerita, Juan, Walker, Franz, Butler

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Pacheco, Enriquez, Ball, Stramaglia, Urata, Flickinger, Montalvo, Banuelos, Invina-Jayasiri, 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. There were none.

- 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 – March 16, 2022

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. FY 2023-2024 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE
(Banuelos)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Staff recommends the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the LCTOP FY 2022-23 Program of Projects by Resolution 23-09 (ROLL CALL VOTE).

E. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

G. FEDERAL BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT CONDITION PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGET REQUIREMENT (Flickinger)

Action: Information.

H. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM (Snoddy)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Receive and File. ROLL CALL VOTE.

J. CMAQ FUNDING REQUEST (Pacheco)

Action: Approve Option 1 – Select California City to receive \$993,669 in CMAQ funding. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER P. SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH J SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUMP, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. BOARD MEMBERS'S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VI. 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 for projects release was on Feb 14th; apps due at the April 28, 2023
- **NOFO's / Discretionary Grant Programs:**
 - **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSRA (USDOT))**
 - NOFO is out now through July 10th
 - Call for Caltrans letters of support request went out 4/1 to all our partners and includes a Smartsheet intake form for consideration
 - Deadline for LOS request is May 19th
 - 500 projects and over \$800m
- **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 22/23**
 - 16 applications were received
 - KCOG Rural Transit Consolidations Strategy -
 - North Shafter Transportation Improvements and Sustainability Plan -
 - KCOG Regional Active Transportation Plan Update -
 - KCOG Tehachapi Pass Climate Change Adaptation Mitigation Study -
- **National Workzone Awareness Week (4/17 to 4/21)**
- **Caltrans Safety Awareness Week (4/24 to 4/28)**
 - *Will see on CMS signs for the next two weeks

- **Workers Memorials**
 - 191 have been killed on the job since 1921
 - Quandra McGadney
 - Ali Shabaz
 - 4/27 at State Capitol
 - 5/10 at Fresno D.O.
 - 5/12 at Bakersfield Region Office

06-0Q9204 – Old US 99 to White Lane SR 99 rehabilitation project

Project currently in construction: Lowering Lanes 1 and 2 in the SB direction at White Lane and Panama lane in progress.

Expected completion date Fall 2023

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. Embankment backfill started at abutment 1 and 2 at California Aqueduct Bridge. Drainage system No.3 installed.

Traffic continues to be in the configuration of four lanes from Bruning Ave to East end of the project, the lanes are completed except RHMA-G placement.

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 were opened yesterday. Bids came in at 4.3% under the Engineer's Estimate. Potentially summer/fall construction

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.

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager (559) 287-2128
Amrit Brar, Construction Senior (661) 332-0538

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

Construction started, 75% complete: Stage 3 in progress which consists of construction of splitter islands and roundabout center;

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.

Request for Construction allocation submitted for May CTC meeting.

06-0U290 – Weedpatch Highway 3R Rehab

This project proposes to rehabilitate and bring to current standards the existing roadway on State Route (SR) 184, in Kern County, between Dunsmere Street and Breckenridge Road – postmile (PM) 0.8 to 8.6. The roadway will be rehabilitated and Complete Streets elements, including (ADA) compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, bus stops, and continuous bike lanes in both directions will be incorporated within the project limits. Drainage improvements, traffic signal system upgrades, and median worm curbs are proposed to be included in this project.

The project is currently in the PSE and ROW phase. Expected RTL is 11/1/2023.

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:**Updates:**

- Project Updates:
 - Rosamond Rehab 2 – The PID for this project is in progress, with public outreach planned for mid-April and completion scheduled for June, 2023.
 - Cummings Valley Road Intersection Project - Paving completed on 2/21. Remaining work to be completed the remainder of the week with project completion by 4/21/23.
 - Freeman 3 CAPM – Contract Awarded on 2/9/2023, Construction is anticipated to start in May 2023, Griffith Construction, 60 working days with construction end is anticipated in July 2023.
 - State Route 58 Emergency Slab Replacement - located between Keene and just east of Tucker Road, this is emergency work expected to begin in the next few weeks.
 - State Route 58 Truck Climbing Lane (0919000011) Virtual public meeting was Tuesday, 4/11 and the public comment period ended yesterday, 4/19.
- 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.
- Funding Opportunities & Deadlines:
 - The Clean California Local Grant Application Cycle 2 Call for Projects opened on 2/14, w/ applications due on 4/28.
 - Rosamond Interchange Clean CA xeriscape project was awarded on 3/21/23.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

Not Applicable.

VIII. 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned 6:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held May 18, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____