

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR MAY 3, 2023 MEETING

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

Wednesday
May 3, 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
- City of Shafter Public Works Office – 720 Commerce Way, Shafter, CA 93263

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
Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
Richard Walker	City of California City (Virtual)
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Brianahi De Leon	City of McFarland (Virtual)
Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
Chris Schultz	City of Shafter (Virtual)
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
Michael Dillenbeck	County of Kern
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Steve Barnes	Golden Empire Transit

OTHER:

Asha Chandy	County of Kern
Cindy Parra	Golden Empire Transit
Ryan Starbuck	City of Bakersfield
Paul Johnson	City of Bakersfield
Viviana Alapisco	City of Delano
Colleen Vidinoff	Caltrans
Fatemah Ranaiefer	Fehr & Peers
Nico Boyd	Fehr & Peers
Jason Moody	EPS

STAFF:

Ahron Hakimi	Becky Napier
Rob Ball	Angie Banuelos
Bob Snoddy	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
Raquel Pacheco	Irene Enriquez
Karl Davisson	Linda Urata

- 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 April 5, 2023

There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Topete made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Dillenback seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

IV. FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT & STREET & ROADS CLAIMS – CITY OF TEHACHAPI

Ms. Banuelos presented the TDA Public Transit and Street & Roads Claims for the City of Tehachapi. According to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems and streets and roads. The city of Tehachapi has submitted TDA claims which total \$855,266. Staff asked the committee to review TDA Public Transit and Street & Roads Claims for the City of Tehachapi and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

V. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM

Ms. Enriquez announced Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity of the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, administers funding for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program (Bicycle and Pedestrian). 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 is available for new projects for the FY 2023-24 funding cycle. Applications are available on the Kern COG website.

Member agencies submit project proposals to Kern COG no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday June 2, 2023. This item is for information only.

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

Mr. Ball announced a public review Draft KARGO Sustainability Study - Phase 2 on developing and funding more sustainable goods movement projects countywide is available. Nico Boyd and Fatemah Ranaiefar of Fehr & Peers and Jason Moody of EPS provided a presentation on the KARGO Phase II study report. Questions and comments were made from committee members Mr. Reed, Mr. Dillenbeck, Mr. Topete, and Chairman Schlosser. Chairman Schlosser also commented that staff reach out to private industry for funding improvement strategies.

Comments on study are due to rball@kerncog.org by Thursday, May 25, 2023. This item is for information only.

Covered Item VIII next then VII.

VII. 2024 STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL AND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Mr. Ball covered this item for Mr. Stramaglia. Mr. Ball said staff is taking a look at the listing which District 6 and 9 have developed which inform updates to the 2024 SHOPP and beyond. This opportunity to the region to review anticipated planning and programming of the SHOPP provides transparency to the public through the circulation of a project list and associated map. Staff is asking member agencies to review the projects on the list and provide any project ideas. Mr. Schlosser reported on a meeting with the new Caltrans Director, District 9, Senator Shannon Grove office, Mr.

Hakimi, and City of Tehachapi staff. The meeting discussed two projects: first segment of SR 58 Truck Climbing Lanes and Cal City Blvd. Frontage Road.

This item was for information only.

VIII. CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – MPO PROJECT LIST

Mr. Snoddy reviewed the CTC meeting schedule, there is no July CTC meeting and the August CTC meeting preparation deadline is due June 19th. He stated the ATP Cycle 6 MPO list has since been submitted to the CTC with the final package of information as prescribed by the CTC, for its official list of MPO projects. The list remains intact and is expected to be adopted by the CTC at their June meeting.

This item was for information only.

IX. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Pacheco reminded this is the monthly update on the activity related to the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The new addition is the 2024 RTIP Capital Improvement Program baseline version as presented at the April 26th workshop. Also, staff is preparing for the June 21st workshop presentation. The draft fund estimate assumptions will be adopted at the May California Transportation Commission meeting which will be a prime topic at the June workshop.

Mr. Reed asked if the workshop was available online, Ms. Pacheco states it was not recorded but she can provide the presentation as requested.

This item was for information only.

X. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM

Ms. Pacheco states Section 12.4 of the Intelligent Transportation System Plan for the Kern Region reads: Annually, a listing of the projects recommended in the ITS Plan will be produced and a project status update will be requested. Please review and provide updates to Table 12-1 by May 19th. Updates received will be part of a staff report for the May 31st TTAC meeting and June 15 Kern COG Board meeting.

Mr. Schlosser asked Ms. Pacheco to provide an overview of the ITS Plan. Ms. Pacheco provided a background, and asked members to look at the project list for funding references.

This item was for information only.

XI. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco provided highlights which included: 1. TDA Article 3 invoices should be submitted to Bob Snoddy. The latest TDA Article 3 project list is provided. 2. The CMAQ and RSTP applications are due by 5:00 PM on July 17th. 3. The score card for CMAQ/RSTP/ATP projects showed 59% authorized but had increased to 72% authorized due to a large Bakersfield ATP project approval and the Taft CMAQ project approval. The percentage not submitted is mainly due to two large ATP projects that are seeking time extensions from the California Transportation Commission 4. The fiscal year 23/24 project list is provided to remind agencies to deliver early.

Mr. Snoddy reviewed the outstanding projects and will contact project managers to request information. Ms. Pacheco asked committee members if there was interest in a June PAT meeting; instead, members will report back on project status during the next TTAC meeting.

This item was for information only.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XIII. MEMBER ITEMS

- Ms. Mendibles introduced Ms. Colleen Vidnoff, the new Senior Caltrans Area Engineer. Ms. Mendibles also reminded the Reconnecting Communities workshop is May 9th.
- Mr. Dillenbeck announced his last day at the County of Kern is May 5th. Mr. Sal Gomez and Ms. Yolanda Alcantar will be taking over his duties.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am. The next meeting will be held on May 31, 2023.