

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for May 18, 2023

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

THURSDAY  
May 18, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

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

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Ayon, Couch, Blades, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Reyna, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

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

**Members Absent:** Scrivner

**Others:** Ritter, Franz, Paulson, Mussa

**Staff:** Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Pacheco, Enriquez, Ball, Stramaglia, Banuelos, Raymond, Campbell, 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.

Barbara Paulson from the Open Door Network discussed the successes of the Highway Hazard and Debris Removal Program.

**PRESENTATION:**

- **Bryan Godbe, Godbe Research presented the findings of the 2023 Community Survey**

- 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 – April 20, 2022**

**B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**C. FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT & STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS – CITY OF TEHACHAPI**  
(Banuelos)

**Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 23-11 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Tehachapi for \$74,818. Adopt Resolution No. 23-12 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Tehachapi for \$780,448. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

- D. **PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM** (Enriquez)  
**Action:** Information.
- E. **DRAFT KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS-MOVEMENT OPERATIONS (KARGO) SUSTAINABILITY STUDY PHASE 2** (Ball)  
**Action:** Information. Comments due to [rball@kerncog.org](mailto:rball@kerncog.org) by Thursday, May 25, 2023.
- F. **2024 STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL AND PROTECTION PROGRAM** (Stramaglia)  
**Action:** Information.
- G. **2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Pacheco)  
**Action:** Information.
- H. **CYCLE 6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – MPO PROJECT LIST** (Snoddy)  
**Action:** Information.
- I. **INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM** (Pacheco)  
**Action:** Information.
- J. **PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT** (Pacheco)  
**Action:** Information.
- K. **UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP** (Ball)  
**Action:** Information.
- L. **CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCE BOARD ON THE 2022 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITITIES STRATEGY TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY AND STRATEGY COMMITMENTS** (Raymond)  
**Action:** Authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH L SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER P. SMITH, 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
    - Extended to May 31, 2023
    - Please reach out if you have any questions
- **NOFO's / Discretionary Grant Programs:**
  - **State RCP – Highways to Blvds in June (RC:H2B)**
    - Call expected Spring/early Summer
    - \$149m
    - Expecting call end of this month or early June
  - **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSRA (USDOT))**
    - NOFO is out now through July 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Call for Caltrans letters of support request went out 4/1 to all our partners and includes a Smartsheet intake form for consideration
  - **Bike to Work Week**
    - Today was our bike to work day; had about 40 participants
- **SR 58/Stockdale Highway**
  - Access Mgmt Strategy and corridor preservation

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**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

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**06-1C280 – SR43/7<sup>th</sup> Standard Rd Roundabout**

IN PAED Phase: PAED kick off meeting in January 2022; PAED activities in progress. Expected length of PAED is 20 months.

Current progress: PAED in progress, continuing with environmental technical studies. Roundabout footprint has been finalized. Caltrans will be applying for R/W and Construction funding through CMAQ

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**06-1A470 – Santa Fe Roundabout:**

Project located In Shafter at Santa Fe Way/Los Angeles Avenue intersection.

In PS&E phase. RTL targeted for 4/4/24. Anticipated to begin construction in spring of 2025.

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**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 changes to roadway construction

Scheduled completion – December 2023

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#### **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.

Bids opened April 19, 2023. The lowest bidder was Granite Construction with a bid at 4.3% under the Engineer's Estimate. Potentially summer/fall construction. Currently working on awarding the project. Potentially a summer/fall construction.

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#### **06-0V280 – SR 184/Sunset Roundabout**

This project is at the intersection of SR 184 and Sunset near Weedpatch.

Electrical work needs to be completed prior to opening

Expected completion late early June 2023.

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

Roundabout open to traffic. Opened last week. Remaining work is electrical work, landscaping, and finishing work in the center circle.

Expected completion is June 2023.

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#### **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.

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#### **Mark Heckman from District 9 provided the following report:**

##### **Updates:**

- Traffic Advisories:
  - Our maintenance crews and team members have been working through the Emergency Operations Center on snow removal operations and avalanche mitigation efforts across the District in order to deal with the recent atmospheric river precipitation events. 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 (put links in the chat):
    - [QuickMap \(ca.gov\)](https://www.quickmap.ca.gov/)
    - [https://twitter.com/Caltrans9?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/Caltrans9?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)
    - <https://www.facebook.com/Caltrans9/>
- Project Updates:
  - Freeman 3 CAPM – Construction began this week on SR 14 north of Red Rock Canyon State Park from 1.1 miles north of Red Rock Canyon Road to 3.5 miles south of the Freeman Gulch bridge. There is one-way-reversing traffic control with a flagger. Drivers may expect 20-minute delays. The expected completion date is Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Will start Red Rock Thin Blanket mid-July.

- State Route 58 Emergency Slab Replacement  
Located between Keene and just east of Tucker Road, this is emergency work partially funded by SB1 to repair storm damage west of Tehachapi. The exact start date is unknown.
  - Bridge Repair which was Scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 locations on SR 58 in Kern has been pushed back to May 26. The locations are:
    - 58 PM 91.46
    - 58 PM 99.49
    - 58 PM111.78
  - Crews filled potholes on SR 58 between Tehachapi and Mojave this week using a cold-mix overlay on the pavement.
  - Rosamond Rehab 2 – PID is in progress. The PID phase public outreach was completed April 29<sup>th</sup> and 2 comments were received both in support of the project. The PID is anticipated to be finalized in June 2023.
  - Cummings Valley Road Intersection Project – Accepted on May 12, 2023.
  - Clean California Rosamond Xeriscape Project contract has been awarded and construction is anticipated to conclude in late June 2023.
  - Mojave Pavement had a public presentation on 4/25/23. Public Comment period closed Wednesday, May 10th and will reach PA&ED in June 2023  
[Mojave Pavement | Caltrans](#)
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**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

1. Report on May 17 & 18 CTC Meeting in San Francisco
2. The Clean Air Month Luncheon date on the Timeline has been changed from May 25th to May 31st. You may reach out to Regional Planner Linda Urata if you are interested in attending.
3. Meetings:
  - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
  - b. SR 204 and Union Avenue
  - c. 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/SR 43
  - d. SR 33 Safety Improvements
  - e. SR 46 Monthly Status Meeting
  - f. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58

**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 7:32 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held June 15, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_