

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR MAY 31, 2023 MEETING (JUNE MEETING)

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

Wednesday
May 31, 2023
10:00 A.M.

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS
(Teleconference):

- 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:

Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
Ed Galero	City of Delano
Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
Aurelio Garcia	City of Wasco
Alexa Kolosky	County of Kern
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans

OTHER:

Andrea Nason	Caltrans
Florentine Ortiz	City of McFarland
Fatemah Ranaiefer	Fehr & Peers
Nico Boyd	Fehr & Peers
Jason Moody	EPS

STAFF:

Becky Napier	Rob Ball
Ed Flickinger	Joe Stramaglia
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 May 3, 2023

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

IV. KERN BI-ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ON REGION SIGNIFICANT ROUTES IN THE JURISDICTIONS OF BAKERSFIELD, CALTRANS, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CITY, RIDGECREST AND SHAFTER. DUE: 5PM. FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

Mr. Ball stated this survey is distributed as needed every 6 months for updates on existing and planned capacity improvements within your agency's jurisdiction. Failure to provide accurate information using the latest planning assumptions could delay federal funding approvals for transportation projects in the Kern Region. Surveys were emailed directly to the affected agencies on May 19, 2023.

Staff request for agencies sign the survey pages you edit and send them back to Kern COG by 5PM Friday, June 16, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Vincent Liu on 661/635-2900 or vliu@kerncog.org.

This item is for information only. *Mr. Reed arrived during this item.*

V. CALL FOR PROJECTS: SENATE BILL 1, CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM - TRANSIT

Ms. Enriquez announced Kern COG will be publishing Caltrans' SGR FY 2023-24 estimated annual apportionment initiated by Caltrans State of Good Repair (SGR) Program staff totaling \$1,547,558. Caltrans will post the FY 2023-24 Kern region program of projects document on the CalSMART website by the end of August 2023.

Staff is requesting member agencies provide SGR proposed project titles to Kern COG no later than Friday, June 2, 2023. Please send project titles to Irene Enriquez. This item is for information only.

VI. 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 draft fund estimate assumptions were adopted by the CTC on May 17th. The CTC is expected to present the draft fund estimate at the June 28-29 CTC meeting which will propose County Shares for regional agencies and determine if new programming can be proposed in the 2024 RTIP. Staff attended the STIP Guidelines Workshop on May 17th and is preparing for the June 21st RTIP workshop.

This item is for information only.

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

Ms. Pacheco shared this is the annual project status report. Updates were due May 19th. No updates were received.

This item is for information only.

VIII. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco reported highlights include Item 1. TDA Article 3 invoices should be submitted to Bob Snoddy. Item 2. The CMAQ and RSTP applications are due by 5:00 PM on July 17th. Remember to schedule time for approval of the resolutions of local support. Item 3. The score card for CMAQ/RSTP/ATP projects shows 79% authorized. Item 4. The fiscal year 23/24 project list is provided to remind agencies to deliver early.

Chairman Schlosser asked about the obligation authority delivery report and Ms. Pacheco provided a status of projects. This item is for information only.

IX. BIENNIAL LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS SURVEY – MAY 2023

Mr. Flickinger informed a 2022 statewide biennial local streets and roads survey report was completed to help direct road maintenance funding to local jurisdictions. The results of the survey may affect SB1 road maintenance funding for your community. He reviewed the tables and maps in the report. Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Bakersfield responded to the survey from Kern County. The consultant incorporated some historical responses from 2016 to 2020 past surveys to provide 84% of the total area data. To get more accurate data in the future, he emphasized full participation is needed. Chairman Schlosser asked staff is there an opportunity for Kern COG to help collect the data for the member agencies because some agencies are understaffed. Mr. Reed shared California City enlisted a consultant, IMS Technologies that used LIDAR to collect the pavement condition data and provide GIS data.

This item was for information only.

X. KERN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT

Ms. Urata reported as of May 15, 2023, there is a 127.9% increase in charging spaces (541 spaces) throughout Kern County over the July 2016 base month and year, when Kern COG began tracking electric vehicle charging spaces. Eleven new locations have been identified in this reporting period, adding 63 charging spaces. Kern COG will be working to capture the CALeVIP Golden State Priority funding to update the Zip Code Report in November 2023. She provided several events that happened in the past months including the U.S. Zero Emission Heavy Duty Truck Convoy, led by Golden Empire Transit's Hydrogen Fuel Cell buses and Kern COG's Sixth Annual TRANSITIONs Transit Symposium. She provided updates on the ATP Cycle 5 Safe Routes for Cyclists in 13 Kern County Disadvantaged Communities (SR4C) and EV Ready Communities grant projects.

Chairman Schlosser asked about how many companies are selling heavy-duty vehicles because of CARB's requirements. Ms. Urata stated staff attended the ACT EXPO in May and the convention floor was full of a range of EV vendors. She can follow up with more details. Chairman Schlosser, Mr. Reed discussed concerns on CARB's EV requirements on member agencies yet there is not enough EV supply, data on new EV vendors, and competitiveness on grants. Ms. Urata stated that part of Kern COG's EV Ready Communities' grant is going to collect data such as maintenance and service response of stations to help member agencies make informed decisions. She also encouraged that member agencies to share with one another on their EV developments in their cities.

This item was for information only.

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

A Draft Final KARGO Sustainability Study - Phase 2 on developing and funding more sustainable goods movement projects countywide incorporating extensive public and stakeholder outreach is available at <https://www.kerncog.org/goods-movement>. The consultant team Fehr & Pehrs and EPS presented a final report.

Members had several questions and the consultant team provided responses. Staff asked for the committee to recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to Receive and File. Chairman Schlosser made a motion to recommend, Ms. Kolosky seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ball added there will be a follow-up "Next Steps" meeting.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri reminded there is a 2024 RTIP Workshop 2 on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (There is a flier attached to the agenda).
- b. Ms. Enriquez reminded the TDA Article 3 claims for bike and ped facilities (i.e. class 1 bike paths, bike safety, racks, connecting sidewalks, ADA Curbs) are due Friday, June 2, 2023.

- To date only \$6,000 in claims have been received out of \$1.05M. Instructions on making your agency's claim at: <https://www.kerncog.org/tda/>
- c. Ms. Urata provided an update of EV manufactures data from the Department of Energy Alt Fuel data on EV manufacturers.

XIII. MEMBER ITEMS

- Chairman Schlosser wanted to share that Mr. Hakimi reported to him the CTC has identified funding for the Phase 2 of the SR 58 Truck Climbing lanes.
- Ms. Mendibles stated the Clean California Cycle 2 Applications are due today. In addition, for request for Letters of Support please contact Ms. Mendibles or Mr. Braden Duran.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am. The next meeting will be held on July 5, 2023 (may be dark).