

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for June 15, 2023

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

THURSDAY
June 15, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ayon, Couch, Blades, Crump, Creighton, Krier, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, Vasquez, Murillo

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

Members Absent: P. Smith

Others: Ritter, Franz, Boyd, Cater, Chavez, Parker

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Pacheco, Enriquez, Ball, Stramaglia, Flickinger, Urata, VanWyk

- II. 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 for public comments. There were none.

- III. 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 – May 18, 2023

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

**D. Authorization to Award Contract – 2023 Transportation Model Support
(Flickinger)**

Comment: A proposed contract with DKS Associates has been negotiated for \$55,000 for up to 5 years to provide professional services under the Kern On-Call Transportation Model Support Contract.

Action: Approve contract and authorize Chairman to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

E. Contract Amendment – Kern County Traffic Count Study 2021 (Flickinger)

Comment: A proposed contract amendment with Atlantic & Pacific Data Corporation has been negotiated to increase the compensation rates while maintaining budget

levels approved in the Overall Work Plan.

Action: Approve the Atlantic & Pacific contract amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. Resolution Conditionally Committing \$6 million in Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 2.0) Funds to the City of Bakersfield (Napier)

Comment: The Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP) 2.0 are a key part of strategic investments toward a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future for people in all areas of the state. Building off of the application submitted by the Kern Council of Governments in December 2022, as approved at the November 17, 2022, Board Meeting, this Resolution conditionally commits \$6 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 funds to the City of Bakersfield to support Bakersfield's efforts to secure additional funding for its REAP funded projects. This action furthers Bakersfield's ability to meet the goals of the REAP program and fulfill the activities associated with Kern COG's application.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 23-13 to conditionally commit the City of Bakersfield's portion of the REAP 2.0 funds and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution. ROLL CALL VOTE

G. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Address: 4200 Ashe Road
Bakersfield, CA 93313-2029
Contact: Brooke McKnight

Federal Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services
Catalog No.: 16.710
Title: FY23 COPS School Violence Prevention Program
Description: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District School Safety Project

Federal Funds: \$500,000.00
Total Funds: \$667,000.00

Applicant: County of Kern

Address: 1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4630
Contact: Amanda Ruiz

Federal Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Catalog No.: 16.606
Title: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
Description: BJA FY 2021 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

Federal Funds: \$550,000.00
Total Funds: \$550,000.00

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SCRUBBER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH G, SECOND BY DIRECTOR COUCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A

UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

V. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

Mr. Hakimi reported that the meeting of July 20 will be dark. The next meeting will be August 17, 2023. Mr. Hakimi also reported that this is Joe Stramaglia's final Board meeting as he is retiring prior to the August meeting. The Board congratulated Mr. Stramaglia on his retirement and thanked him for his service to Kern COG.

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – August 17, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

DATE: _____