

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

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 6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

II. 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, Parker, Boyd, Cater, Chavez,

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

Andrew Parra of Bike Bakersfield presented three E-Bikes purchased through an EV Grant.

Lilli Parker from the Senior Center thanked the Board for the recommendation of funding from the REAP 2.0 Grant.

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 – May 18, 2023

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

E. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT – CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR CALL FOR UROJECTS (Enriquez)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

G. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

H. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT (Urata)

Action: Information.

I. 2023 KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES & POLICIES (Raymond)

Action: Adopt the 2023 Public Involvement Procedures & Policies. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

J. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP (Ball)

Action: Information.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B and D THROUGH J, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

C. BIENNIAL LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS SUREY – JUNE 2023 (Flickinger)

Action: Information.

Committee Member Reyna asked questions concerning how the responses were obtained for the survey. Mr. Ball discussed the issues concerning response to the survey and the complexity of the questions.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM C, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Comment: 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/>.

Action: Receive and File.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COUCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM V., SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KRIER, MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

VI. BOARD MEMBERS’S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VII. CALTRANS REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)

Updates:

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

- **Project Updates:**
 - **Freeman 3 CAPM**
 - On State Route 14 south of SR 178 and north of Red Rock Canyon SP
 - Crews have finished the partial depth recycle of the asphalt
 - Crews will begin laying Rubberized HMA on Monday, June 12
 - **Emergency Kern Slab Replacement**
 - On multiple locations of SR 58 in and around Tehachapi. The outside EB and WB lanes are closed.
 - Crews continue to repair slabs and fill in dig outs on the roadway
 - The Mill Street ramps have reopened.
 - Work anticipated to finish within the next two weeks.
 - **Kern Bridge Repair There is maintenance/repair work on three bridges near Tehachapi and Mojave on SR 58**
 - On the Sand Canyon Road undercrossing
 - On the overhead railroad crossing east of Exit 167
 - In the drain just west of Exit 149
 - Work is scheduled during the day and overnight.
 - **58 Truck Climbing Lanes** – D9 spoke with Ahron and the City of Tehachapi about merging the scope of the 58 TCL into the Keene project this week. Project is now completely funded through the SHOPP.
 - **HWY 58 Boron SRRRA Sewage System Repair** - Four new pumps were ordered. Lead time 12 to 16 weeks. Quoted delivery – 10, July to 14, Aug
 - **Other:** District 9 supports Kern COG in its desire to realign Cal City Blvd. by building an off-system frontage road to tie into the Rosemond Blvd. interchange at SR 58. Although this is primarily a locally-sponsored off-system project, there is a tie-in to the State Highway System, so we are exploring ways that we might be able to assist or even partner with Kern COG, We are currently investigating a possible opportunity that might be provided by our Headquarters Division of Transportation Planning to use a resource augmentation in order to develop an updated Project Initiation Document, or PID, for the existing ‘Mojave to Boron Freeway’ project in order to explicitly include Kern Cog’s proposed improvement concept. We have nominated this PID to HQ and will keep Mr. Hakimi apprised of our progress in this regard moving forward.
- **Funding Opportunities & Deadlines:**
 - **\$1.18 Billion Federal Funding Available with Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program!** - The purpose of this grant is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. Applications are due Monday, July 10, 2023.
 - **RTIP:** District 9 will work closely with you over the spring & summer on development of your RTIP for the 2024 STIP cycle. We look forward to working with you to identify & propose programming priorities and will do the same regarding development of the District’s 2026 PID SHOPP workload and 2024 ITIP, which is spearheaded by Caltrans HQ.
 - **Clean California:** Clean California Rosamond Xeriscape Project construction is anticipated to conclude in late June 2023.
- **Community Concerns:**
 - Mojave Pavement had a public presentation on 4/25/23 and will reach PA&ED in June 2023
[Mojave Pavement | Caltrans](#)

Michael Navarro from District 6 provided the following report:

- **Clean CA Update:**
 - **Cycle 2 for CCLGP**
 - \$100m
 - Applications closed on May 31st
 - D6 received 29 applications (2nd most in the State only to D7)
 - Application review teams are being formed – awards Aug/Sep
 - **US DOT – RCP and Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) – newly created = RCN - Coming soon**
 - Capital Con - \$1.15B
 - Community Planning - \$185m
 - Regional Partnership Challenge - \$450m
 - Webinars to follow release of NOFO
- **SB 1 CTC Staff Recommendations**
 - Tulare SR 99/Paige Ave - \$38m for R/W phase (TCEP)
 - SR 99/SR 58 Connector ramp - \$9.38m (TCEP)
 - Tulare SR 99/Caldwell - \$15m (LPP)

Storm Work:

Ker-SR 155 emergency project:

- **Location:** The west end of the SR 155 closure is at Pascoe Road (JEO Glenville). The East closure is located at PM 56.3 (1.6 miles west of Studdard Road).

- Full Closure

Ker – SR 178

- **Location:** Kern 178 PM 20.6-21.6

- The work scope will include long-term one way reverse traffic control,

06-48466 – Bakersfield Freeway Connector (BFC): Route 58/99 Modify Interchange

Contract Scheduled expected Completion Date: Fall 2023.

Status: 95% complete; all new facilities fully open to traffic

- Continued miscellaneous punch list work
- Waiting for falsework removal of Centennial connector bridge

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.

Traffic continues to be in the configuration of four lanes from Bruning Ave to East end of the project.

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.

Bids opened April 19, 2023. Currently working on awarding the project. Potentially a summer/fall

construction. Granite as well

06-0X380 – Maricopa Highway CAPM

This project will rehabilitate approximately 9 miles of pavement from SR 33 to Capello Street. Expecting to advertise summer of 2023.

06-0X760 – Taft Left Turn Channelization

Install left-turn channelization on SR-119 at the Kern Street/Airport Road

Construction progressing. Construction is at 85% complete.

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. 90% complete. Remaining work: electrical, hydroseeding, sign installation

Expected completion late August 2023.

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

Construction started, 95% complete: Roundabout open to traffic. Remaining work is punch list work.

Expected completion is July 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.

Project advertised May 15, bid opens on 7/6. Construction start expected in January 2024.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

1. In the Board Folders is the May 31 Local Assistance Delivery Report:
 - a. Kern is in 1st place with 149.1% due to the \$7,943,885 OA used for SR 46 4C
 - b. Without that Kern would still be at 110.3%
 - c. An additional \$529,409 is expected this year – Bakersfield CMAQ
 - d. It is Possible Ridgecrest may submit a RSTP request for authorization for \$1,088,192.
2. Kern COG was notified by email on June 13 that the SCS is officially approved – written notification will be forthcoming.
3. June 13 – Attended Tehachapi Ribbon Cutting for Pinon CMAQ Project
4. June 28 & 29 – California Transportation Commission Meeting in Suisun City
5. Meetings:
 - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
 - b. SR 204 and Union Avenue
 - c. 7th Standard/SR 43
 - d. SR 33 Safety Improvements
 - e. SR 46 Monthly Status Meeting
 - f. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58

IX. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned 7:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held August 17, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____