KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

KERN COG BOARD ROOM 1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY October 4, 2023 1:30 P.M.

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I. ROLL CALL:

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.

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. Meeting of May 31, 2023 (June Meeting).

IV. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM (REAP) FUNDING (Napier)

<u>Comment:</u> Kern Council of Governments (COG) will soon be receiving an additional allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP). The amount to be allocated at this time to Kern COG is \$924,200.

Action:

- 1. Request the Kern COG Board approve the sub-allocation of \$924,200 in REAP funding as depicted in Exhibit B (Roll Call Vote); or
- 2. Provide staff direction.

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

<u>Comment:</u> The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.

Action: Information.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see attached.

KARGO C-CAMS - Kern COG received a Sustainable Communities Climate-Change
Adaptation Grant from Caltrans for \$3M for a county-wide goods movement study titled
the Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations (KARGO) Climate-Change
Adaptation Mitigation Study (C-CAMS). It's the largest in the state under this program
and will start with a Request for Proposals (RFP) process this Fall. Please let staff know
of any local qualified consultants that can provide "30% conceptual design" for goods
movement climate adaption/resiliency projects that may be interested in submitting a
proposal. (Rob Ball)

VII. MEMBER ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be November 1, 2023.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM 1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY May 31, 2023 130 P.M.

Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

RPAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Staples Taft

Joshua Champlin
Christine Chaves
Brianna DeLeon
Keri Cobb
Joshua Champlin
Lorena Mendibles
Scott Lau
Kern County
Delano
McFarland
Wasco
Kern County
Caltrans
Caltrans

Eric Dhanens Community Member

KERN COG STAFF: Ben Raymond Karl Davisson

Rob Ball

OTHERS: Cesar Ayon Jason Moody

Nico Boyd Fatemeh Ranaiefar

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None.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

- A. RPAC Meeting of March 1, 2023
- B. RPAC Meeting of May 3, 2023

Committee Member Champlin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2023 and May 3, 2023; seconded by Committee Member Chavez, unanimously approved by voice vote.

IV. 2023 UPDATE – KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES & POLICIES (Raymond)

<u>Comment:</u> The 2017 California Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develop a public participation plan prior to the development of the RTP. The Draft 2023 PIP is posted at https://www.kerncog.org/policies/. Kern COG's 2019 PIP requires a forty-five (45) day public comment period prior to adoption of the 2023 PIP. The 45-day public comment period began May 1st, 2023, and closes June 15th, 2023.

<u>Action:</u> Recommend adoption of the 2023 Public Involvement Procedures & Policies to the Transportation Planning Policy Advisory Committee.

Committee Member Chavez made a motion to Recommend adoption of the 2023 Public Involvement Procedures & Policies to the Transportation Planning Policy Advisory Committee; seconded by Committee Member Champlin, unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote (Committee Members DeLeon, Mendibles, and Lau were not present for the Roll Call Vote) .

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

<u>Comment:</u> 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/. Fatemah Ranaiefar and Nico Boyd from Fehr & Peers provided a presentation along with Jason Moody from EPS Economic & Planning Systems.

Action: Recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to Receive and File.

Committee Member Champlin made a motion to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to Receive and File Recommend the report; seconded by Committee Member Cobb, unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote (Committee Member Mendibles was not present for the Roll Call Vote)

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Action: Information.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

 Chairman Staples announced that he, a member of the Small Town and Rural Planning Division of the American Planning Association, has been assisting with planning for the 2023 APA California Conference to be held September 15th – 19th in Fresno.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is July 5, 2023 (likely to be dark, announcement will follow).



IV. RPAC

October 4, 2023

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Becky Napier, Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVIOSRY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: IV.

REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM (REAP) FUNDING

DESCRIPTION:

Kern Council of Governments (COG) will soon be receiving an additional allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP). The amount to be allocated at this time to Kern COG is \$924,200.

DISCUSSION:

On March 31, 2021, the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) voted to recommend to the Kern COG Board Sub-Allocation of the first round of REAP funding. As the RPAC will recall, the sub-allocation was done by population with a minimum funding of \$10,000. Attached as information is Exhibit A delineating the amounts allocated for each member agency in 2021.

During past meetings, the RPAC has discussed the new requirements for Housing Elements including a program that Affirmatively Furthers Fair Housing (AFFH) and promotes housing opportunities throughout the community for protected classes, conducting an assessment of Fair Housing, preparing a Land Inventory and identification of sties through the lens of AFFH, and required CEQA reviews for small to medium sized cities. Consensus from public sector planners is that it will take \$200,000 to \$500,000 to complete housing elements even in small and medium sized cities. With the upcoming additional allocation of \$924,200 Kern COG staff is recommending the following:

- 1. Kern COG be allocated 5% of the funding for administrative tasks,
- 2. The remainder of the funds be allocated equally among the member agencies.

Attached for your review is Exhibit B depicting staff's recommendation.

Uses of REAP Sub-Allocation funds require:

- Funds must be used for housing planning activities.
- Activities must demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing and accelerating housing production.

- Eligible activities under Sub-allocations may be coordinated or combined with LEAP pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.03.
- Eligible activities under Sub-allocations may be used to establish Pro-housing Policies pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9.
- Sub-allocation for housing-related planning activities shall include but are not limited to:
 - Technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools.
 - Establishing regional or countywide housing trust funds for affordable housing (e.g., planning activities and processes, guidelines, charters).
 - Performing infrastructure planning, including sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents.
 - Performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Government Code sections 65040.1 (State Planning Priorities) and 65080 (regional transportation plans).
 - Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities.
 - Providing jurisdictions and other local agencies with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production.

ACTION:

- 1. Request the Kern COG Board approve the sub-allocation of \$924,200 in REAP funding as depicted in Exhibit B (Roll Call Vote); or
- 2. Provide staff direction.

EXHIBIT A KERN COG INITIAL REAP ALLOCATION \$1,001,370.41

			Initial Allocation		
Kern COG Regional Housing Activities					
Grant Administration <					
5%		50,000			
RHNA Consultant		90,000			
Visualizations/Modeling		35,000			
Salaries					
Benefits/Supplies					
Directly Related to					
Carrying Out Eligible					
Activities		128,031.32			
Sub-total		303,031.32	303,031.32		
Local Jurisdiction Form	ula Distribution				
City	Population	Percent	REAP Funds		
Arvin	22,178	2.45%	16,609		
bakersfield	389,211	42.97%	291,476		
Cal city	15,000	1.66%	11,233		
Delano	53,936	5.95%	40,392		
Maricopa	1,240	Minimum Allocation	10,000		
McFarland	15,242	1.68%	11,415		
Ridgecrest	29,712	3.28%	22,251		
Shafter	20,886		15,641		
Taft	9,430	Minimum Allocation	10,000		
Tehachapi	13,668	1.51%	10,236		
Wasco	27,955	3.09%	20,935		
Unincorporated	318,006	35.11%	238,151		
Sub-total	916,464	100.00%	698,339.09		
Total Initical Allocation			1,001,370.41		

EXHIBIT B

REAP Phase III Sub Allocation					
		Sub Allocate to Member			
	5% Admin.	Agencies	Εq	ıual Shares	
\$ 924,200	\$ 46,210.04	\$ 877,990			
Arvin			\$	73,165.83	
Bakersfield			\$	73,165.83	
Cal City			\$	73,165.83	
Delano			\$	73,165.83	
Maricopa			\$	73,165.83	
McFarland			\$	73,165.83	
Ridgecrest			\$	73,165.83	
Shafter			\$	73,165.83	
Taft			\$	73,165.83	
Tehachapi]		\$	73,165.83	
Wasco]		\$	73,165.83	
Kern County			\$	73,165.83	
Total	\$ 46,210.04		\$	877,989.96	

\$ 924,200.00



V. RPAC

October 5, 2023

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,

Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director

Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: V.

UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP

DESCRIPTION:

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DISCUSSION:

This discussion provides an update on the activity related to the RTP and the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The report is updated regularly with the most recent developments listed first.

September 21, 2023 – California Air Resources Board (ARB) provided an email update on the status of Kern COG's promised 2022 RTP/SCS acceptance letter. A key upper management review person is not available this month pushing the issuance of the final letter into October 2023, 4-months after ARB indicated acceptance of Kern COG's SCS in their June 13th email.

August 10, 2023 - ARB staff announced at the quarterly San Joaquin Valley Inter-Agency Consultation meeting that Kern, Stanislaus, and Tulare COGs have received their approval and will receive official documentation in September. Fresno and San Joaquin COGs have completed their reviews and are in the process of making some required board actions before they can receive their official approval. Kings, Madera, and Merced are still under review by ARB staff.

July 26, 2023 – 2026 RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting was held for environmental, equity, business & industry groups on the public outreach process at Kern COG and included 14 representatives from the Delores Huerta Foundation, Central California Asthma Collaborative, Sierra Club, Home

Builders Association, Golden Empire Transit, Caltrans, County Public Works, and staff from the cities of McFarland, Taft, and Wasco.

July 13, 2023 - ARB staff emailed Kern COG and the California, the final acceptance letter is still working its way through upper management reviews and may not be issued till September due to staffing and vacation issues.

June 15, 2023 – Kern COG Board approved the 2023 Public Involvement Procedures document after a 45-day public review. The document is online at https://www.kerncog.org/policies/.

June 13, 2023 – ARB staff emailed Kern COG and the California Transportation Commission that "the SCS is officially approved." However, the final acceptance letter is still working its way through upper management reviews and will take several weeks before it is issued.

May 19, 2023 – ARB staff acknowledged receipt of the requested transmittal letter signed by the Kern COG Chair, and associated TPPC staff report. ARB staff indicated they would provide a status update by May 31, and try to meet Kern COG's request for an expedited review by June 8, but that they could not commit to any date earlier than June 27.

May 5, 2023 - Kern COG submitted a draft of a Kern COG TPPC staff report and transmittal letter to ARB with a request for the Kern COG Chair to sign. The item was approved by the Board on May 18, 2023, and signed by the Chair. The letter documents technical changes that do not affect the adopted RTP/SCS text or conclusions. The document contains updates from the November 2022 SCS technical data submittal to ARB consistent with ARB guidelines.

May 1, 2023 – Kern COG circulated the draft Public Involvement Procedure for 45-day public review period to be concluded on June 15. In addition, the Kern COG Executive Director and other COG directors from the San Joaquin Valley met with the SJV representative on the California Air Resources Board. At that meeting ARB staff indicated that Kern was close to receiving the acceptance finding for their SCS.

April 26, 2023 – Kern COG submitted to ARB a cover letter and revised technical methodology data submittal with all the requested updates since the November data submittal. ARB requested that the Kern COG's chair's signature be approved by the Kern COG Board,

April 17, 2023 – Kern COG web conferenced with ARB staff for the 14th time in 3 years to discuss the 2022 SCS technical methodology. One final methodology issue remains out of 27 identified in CARB's January 20th memorandum. Additional adjustments were made to the elasticity used to adjust the hybrid NCST tool method used by Fresno COG. Documentation of the adjustment was submitted to ARB on April 18, 2023. ARB is required to provide their findings and recommendations 2 months after the submitted package from Nov. 29, 2023, is found complete.

March 29, April 7, April 14, 2023 – Kern COG web conferenced with ARB to further refine SCS modeling methodology.

February 17, 2023 – Kern COG submitted responses to the ARB January 20, 2023 questions.

January 20, 2023 – ARB responded to Kern COGs SCS technical methodology submittal from November 29, 2022 with questions. A meeting was held on January 24, 2023, to clarify questions.

December 16, 2022 – The 2022 RTP/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) short range transportation program air quality conformity was federally approved.

November 29, 2022 – Kern COG submitted the technical methodology data package to the ARB.

July 21, 2022 - the Kern COG Board adopted the 2022 RTP/SCS and associated documents. The documents are available on the Kern COG website at https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/.

Table 1 – 2018 & 2022 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
2022 RTP/SCS demonstration (July 21, 2022) w/	-10.9%	-15.1%
required off-model adjustments (2020 is pre-COVID)		
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018, by	- 9%	-15%
ARB, effective October 1, 2018)		

March 22, 2018 - ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

June 13, 2017 - ARB released proposed targets that were 2 percentage points higher than what Kern COG recommended for 2035. The related ARB documents are available online at https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm . Kern COG's April target recommendation letter is located on B-143 of the ARB staff report page https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/appendix b mpo scenario and data submittals.pdf . Kern COG and the 8 San Joaquin Valley COG's prepared individual letters and a joint comment letter. The letters document methodological changes that make it difficult to compare the 2014 RTP results with the latest modeling refinements.

Preliminary Timeline 2026 RTP/SCS

- June 2023 Update Public Involvement Procedure
- July 2023 Stakeholder roundtable process to vet outreach and performance measures
- Spring 2023 to Spring 2026 Annual Statistically Valid Community Phone Surveys
- Spring 2023 to Spring 2026 RTP/SCS Public Outreach Process
- September 2023 Regional Growth Forecast Update Kickoff
- September each year Technical Assistance Requests to Kern COG Due
- October 17, 2023 Comment Due on Early Draft 2026 Capital Improvement Program
- Fall 2024 Adopt Regional Growth Forecast Update
- Fall 2023 to Fall 2025 Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market Outreach
- Fall 2024 to Fall 2025 Mini-Grant Stakeholder Hosted Workshops
- Summer 2026 Adopt RTP/SCS, EIR and associated documents.

ACTION: Information.



VI. RPAC

October 4, 2023

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi Executive Director

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: VI.

2024-2050 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST TIMELINE

DESCRIPTION:

Timeline for development of the Kern Regional Growth Forecast for 2024-2050.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG's regional growth forecast is essential to many of Kern COG's planning efforts. The 2017 California Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines prepared pursuant to Government Code, §14522, list the third step to be undertaken in the development of the RTP as follows: "Forecasting future population and employment growth". Updating the regional growth forecast is a critical step in moving forward with the preparation of Kern COG's next RTP.

The regional growth forecast is also referenced by Kern COG's member agencies for a variety of planning related tasks, such as: environmental impact analysis/reports, transportation models/impacts, assessing impact fees, determining need for services/infrastructure/utilities, and numerous planning studies.

Kern COG solicited proposals and advertised a request for proposal for the update to Kern COG's growth forecast. The consultant reviewing team was made up of staff from both the cities of Arvin and Shafter, Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) along with Kern COG staff. The team selected PlaceWorks from the submitted proposals.

As a part of the contract PlaceWorks will also be doing subarea forecasts within the 12 Regional Statistical Areas Kern COG uses in its modeling efforts.

The consultant contract is anticipated to be on the Kern COG Board agenda on October 19th. The project will kick-off in October 2023 and is anticipated to be completed by March 31st, 2024. A project kick-off meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 23rd, 2023. Persons interested in being a part of the project steering committee should contact Karl Davisson (661-635-2919) to be included in the effort.

KICK OFF MEETING	Reports to RPAC	Draft Report	Final Report
4th week of October	January, February & March	4th week of January	4th week of February

ACTION: information.





THE 2024 KERN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION BLUEPRINT WILL:

- Report on the implementation of the 2019 Kern EVCS
 Blueprint and the current inventory of EV charging infrastructure in Kern County
- Revisit the goals and strategies to develop a 5-year plan for the deployment of EV charging stations for light-duty vehicles
- Identify projects for local agencies and businesses to submit for funding opportunities

EL PROYECTO DE ESTACIÓN DE CARGA DE VEHÍCULOS ELÉCTRICOS DE KERN PARA 2024:

- Informará sobre la implementación del Plan Kern EVCS de 2019 y el inventario actual de la infraestructura de carga de vehículos eléctricos en el condado de Kern
- Revisará los objetivos y estrategias para desarrollar un plan de 5 años para el despliegue de estaciones de carga de vehículos eléctricos para vehículos ligeros
- Identificar proyectos para que agencias y empresas locales los presenten para oportunidades de financiamiento

We need your input regarding electric vehicle charging in our community!

iNecesitamos su opinión sobre las estaciones de carga de vehículos eléctricos en nuestra comunidad!



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JOIN US FROM 6:00PM-7:00PM FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ALL-AGES CRUISE AROUND YOUR COMMUNITY.

Sept 21st, Shafter, Tony's Pizza
Sept 23rd, California City, Balsitis Park
Sept 26th, Maricopa, City Hall
Sept 28th, Lost Hills, Rec Center
Oct 4th, Kern River Valley, Isabella Coffee
Oct 6th, Lost Hills, Rec Center
Oct 7th, Arvin, Las Palmas Park
Oct 11th, Lamont, Library
Oct 13th, Delano, Library
Oct 14th, Buttonwillow, Library
Oct 18th, McFarland, Library
Oct 20th, Rathbun, Library

Oct 21st, Taft, Library

Oct 24th, Shafter, Tony's Pizza

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