

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	Kern County
	Christine Chaves	Delano
	Brianna DeLeon	McFarland
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
	Joshua Champlin	Kern County
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
	Scott Lau	Caltrans
	Eric Dhanens	Community Member
KERN COG STAFF:	Ben Raymond	Karl Davisson
	Rob Ball	
OTHERS:	Cesar Ayon	Jason Moody
	Nico Boyd	Fatemeh Ranaiefar

**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 information or request staff to report 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.**

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)

**Comment:** 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and closes June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Action:** 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)**

**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/> . 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)

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

**Comment:** 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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 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).