

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2, 2023

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

Wednesday
August 2, 2023
10:00 A.M.

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS
(Teleconference):

- City of California City - 21000 Hacienda Blvd, California City, CA 93505
- 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
	Anu Doravari	City of California City
	Ed Galero	City of Delano
	Paul Saldana	City of McFarland
	Travis Reed	City of Ridgecrest
	Alex Gonzalez	City of Shafter
	Craig Jones	City of Taft
	Jay Schlosser	City of Tehachapi
	Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
	Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
	Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
	Steve Barnes	GET

OTHER:	Gregg Strakaluse	City of Bakersfield
	Aurelio Garcia	City of Wasco

STAFF:	Ahron Hakimi	Rob Ball
	Bob Snoddy	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Raquel Pacheco	Irene Enriquez
	Karl Davisson	Linda Urata
	Angie Banuelos	

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 31, 2023 (June meeting)

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

IV. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT – CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FY 2023-24 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Enriquez Caltrans State of Good Repair (SGR) Transit Program allocates annual funds from Senate Bill No.1 legislation to the Kern region. Kern COG staff has prepared the fiscal year 2023-24 SGR Program of Projects (POP) totaling 1,547,558

Staff asks for committee to recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to adopt the fiscal year 2023-24 SGR Program of Projects. Mr. Saldana made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arnold arrived during this item.

V. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 2023-24 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Enriquez reported Article 3 funds are used to pay for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs, bicycle parking facilities, and bicycle and pedestrian travel facilities. Approximately \$1,076,480 is available for distribution in this funding cycle.

Staff asks for committee to recommend adoption of fiscal year 2023-24 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program of Projects to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. Galero made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote and motion carried unanimously.

**VI. FY 2023-24 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF BAKERSFIELD - AMTRAK
FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF DELANO
FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF RIDGECREST
FY 2016-17 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT & STREETS & ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY**

Ms. Banuelos stated According to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems and streets and roads. The cities of Bakersfield, Delano, Ridgecrest, and California City have submitted TDA claims which total \$ 5,113,614.

Staff asked the committee to review TDA Public Transit and Street & Roads Claims for the City of Tehachapi and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

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

VII. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA - EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN COG FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Mr. Ball states this is an annual opportunity for member agencies to request Kern COG technical assistance to assist in implementing state’s SB 375 goals. Assistance may include Available funding for Kern COG technical assistance grants, and staff time support to assist member agencies in applying for the numerous grant resources varies from year to year based on need and resource availability.

This item is for information only. Technical/grant writing and other assistance email requests from member agencies are due to Kern COG by 5 p.m. Friday, September 29, 2023.

VIII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT – TIMELINE

Ms. Pacheco announced the upcoming amendment to the 2023 FTIP will include revisions to the State Highway / Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, Transit Program, and Non-motorized Program. The amendment documentation will be emailed to the TTAC when the public review period begins August 4th.

This item is for information only.

IX. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Pacheco informed the committee this is the monthly update on the activity related to the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Staff is circulating the 2024 RTIP Capital Improvement Program – baseline version 2, based on current project updates. Staff attended the CTC 2024 STIP Fund Estimate and Guidelines Workshop on July 19th. The schedule in the staff report was updated to reflect the schedule in the draft STIP guidelines. The latest draft fund estimate is attached to the staff report. The final fund estimate and STIP guidelines are expected to be adopted at the August 16-17 CTC meeting. Staff is preparing for the August 23rd 2024 RTIP workshop where the 2024 RTIP administrative draft capital improvement program will be presented.

This item is for information only.

X. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – STATUS UPDATE

Ms. Pacheco reported Kern COG received a total of 19 applications, requesting \$49.2 million in CMAQ funding. A CMAQ application summary and applications received were posted on July 25th to the Kern COG website. The TTAC peer review comments are due September 8th. Comments received will be circulated to the respective applicant. Responses from the applicants will be discussed at the TTAC subcommittee review workshop tentatively scheduled for October 11th at 10:00 AM.

This item is for information only. The deadline for TTAC comments is September 8th.

XI. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – STATUS UPDATE

Ms. Pacheco reported Kern COG received a total of 19 applications by the deadline, requesting \$27.2 million in RSTP funding. Kern COG staff will review applications received and develop the RSTP Program of Projects.

This item is for information only.

XII. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco provided highlights which include: Item 1. TDA Article 3 invoices should be submitted to Bob Snoddy. Item 2. As of the writing of the staff report, the Caltrans Local Assistance Delivery report showed 149.7% delivery for CMAQ and RSTP in the Kern region. As of today, member agencies have now delivered 157.6%, thanks to Bakersfield and Ridgecrest. Item 3. Reminder that the score card for CMAQ/RSTP/ATP projects shows 80% authorized. This calculation includes the two ATP projects totaling \$6 million that requested CTC time extensions. Item 4. The fiscal year 23/24 project list is provided to remind agencies to deliver early.

This item is for information only.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Pacheco reminded the 2024 RTIP Workshop 3 – August 23, 2023 (See attached flyer for information).

- b. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri shared the flyer of upcoming Bike Maintenance Clinics and Rides for August. This is an ATP funded program awarded to Kern COG from ATP Cycle 5 and Bike Bakersfield is assisting with the program.
- c. Mr. Snoddy shared that Kern COG will be receiving transit funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). More information to follow.

XIV. MEMBER ITEMS

- Chairman Schlosser asked members status of project bids. City of Tehachapi's have been receiving 20-30% higher. Several members agreed that they have received increase bids as well.
- Ms. Mendibles stated their were 29 Clean California Cycle 2 Applications received and reminded Reconnecting Communities applications are due September 20th.
- Mr. Jose de Alba introduced himself as a contact for ITS for District 6 and will find out who his counterpart for in District 9. He also added the ramp metering along SR 58 and SR 99 have been turned on.
- Mr. Saldana reported that their Clean CA Transportation award has a ribbon cutting in July, and completed design for new Transit Center.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am. The next meeting will be held on September 6, 2023 (may be dark).