

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting for August 17, 2023

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

THURSDAY
August 17, 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, Crump, Krier, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, P. Smith, B. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: Couch, Blades, Creighton

Others: Renteria, Franz, Weitzmann

Staff: Hakimi, Ball, Campbell, Invina-Jayasiri, Pacheco, Snoddy, Enriquez, Urata, Banuelos, Van Wyk

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.

Tony Renteria, Bike Bakersfield Program Manager, passed out flyers of upcoming Bike Maintenance Clinics in August, Final Stakeholder Meeting Dates in October, and a list of August, September, and October community rides. He also discussed the progress of the Safe Routes for Cyclists in Kern program.

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 – June 15, 2023

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 - CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR CALL FOR PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Action: Adopt the fiscal year 2023-24 SGR Program of Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE.

D. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 2023-24 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Action: Approve the fiscal year 2023-24 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program of Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**E. 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
(Banuelos)

Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-15 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2023-24 for City of Bakersfield - Amtrak for \$681,871.

Adopt Resolution No. 23-16 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Delano for \$2,020,547.

Adopt Resolution No. 23-17 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Ridgecrest for \$1,895,723.

Adopt Resolution No. 23-18 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2016-17 for City of California City for \$39,682.

Adopt Resolution No. 23-19 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2016-17 for City of California City for \$495,791.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

- F. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA – EMAIL REQUESTS DUE TO KERN COG FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**
(Ball)

Action: Information.

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

Action: Information.

- H. **PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT** (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

- I. **2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

- J. **CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – STATUS UPDATE**
(Pacheco)

Action: Information.

- K. **REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – STATUS UPDATE** (Pacheco)

Action: Information.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER P. SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH K, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER REYNA, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

- V. **2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 7**
(Pacheco)

Comment: Amendment No. 7 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, Transit Program, and Non-Motorized Program. The amendment was circulated to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee via email August 4, 2023.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING HEAR COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Action: Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close the public hearing.

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

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

Michael Navarro from District 6 provided the following report:

Updates:

- **Clean CA Update:**
 - **Funding in the current Clean CA** program is currently through 2024, but HQ is submitting a BCP to extend the litter abatement and art portions beyond 2024
 - Clean CA is a very successful program overall:
 - Litter abatement program:
 - This past year, District 6 has collected over 95K CY of litter (goal was 73K)
 - We've held 18 dump days (goal was 12)
 - We've hired over 32 employees for litter pick crews, housed in Delano, Lemoore, Madera, Fresno and Bakersfield
 - District 6's Adopt a Highway program currently has over 200 adopters
 - **Cycle 2 for CCLGP**
 - \$100m
 - Applications closed on May 31st
 - D6 received 29 applications (2nd most in the State only to D7)
 - Application have been submitted to HQ – awards announced late Sept – (Kern Region – Maricopa, McFarland)
 - **District/Transit Partnership program was announced – outreach started this week from Jenn N. Intent is to enhance rail/bus stations and public transit systems. Timeline is:**
 - Call for Projects: August 15, 2023
 - Proposal Submission Deadline: August 31, 2023
 - Project Award Notification: September 11, 2023
 - Project Development: September 15 to October 14, 2023
 - Project Construction: October 15 to December 31, 2024
 - Project Completion Deadline: December 31, 2024
 - Final Invoicing and Project Closeout: June 30, 2025
 - \$12m for Con and \$3m for support
- **NOFO's / Discretionary Grant Programs:**
 - **Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG)**
 - **INFRA** - Working in partnership with KCOG on an application for SR 99/SR 58 Connector ramp.
**These applications are due 8/21/23*
- **Caltrans to Honor Fallen Workers with Memorial Signs in State Roadside Rest Areas**
 - We will be honoring the 10 workers who have given their lives in D6
 - Ali Shabazz first since 1999
 - 191 statewide since 1921

Storm Work:

06-0Q9204 – Old US 99 to White Lane SR 99 rehabilitation project

Project currently in construction: Lowering Lanes 3 and 4 in the SB direction at White Lane and Panama lane in progress; rehab of the NB #2 lane in progress between SR 223 to SR 119.

Expected completion date Fall 2023

06-1C280 – SR43/7th Standard Rd Roundabout

IN PAED Phase: PAED kick off meeting in January 2022; PAED activities in progress. Expected length of PAED is 20 months.

Current progress: PAED in progress, continuing with environmental technical studies; expect to circulate DED in September 2023. Roundabout footprint has been finalized.

06-0W990 – Union Ave High Intensity Activated Crosswalk:

Project located at the intersection of SR 204 (Union Ave) and 8th Street and will install HAWK.

Construction is complete. Final activation occurred on June 21st.

06-1A470 – Santa Fe Roundabout:

Project located In Shafter at Santa Fe Way/Los Angeles Avenue intersection.

In PS&E phase. RTL targeted for 4/4/24. Anticipated to begin construction in spring of 2025.

06-0X380 – Maricopa Highway CAPM

This project will rehabilitate approximately 9 miles of pavement from SR 33 to Capello Street. The project achieved RTL and will be getting construction allocation at the October 2023 CTC meeting. The project is expecting to advertise in Winter 2023/2024.

06-0X760 – Taft Left Turn Channelization

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

Construction is progressing. The project is 85% complete. Pending is electrical work. The project has been placed on suspension until PG&E provides power in September. Electrical work will be completed at this time.

06-0V610 – Pumpkin Center 3R Rehab

On SR 119 near Pumpkin Center from Ashe Road to SR 119/SR 99.

The project will restore the pavement to a state of good repair and extend the remaining service life of the pavement by an additional period of 20 years.

The project is currently in PS&E and ROW phase. ROW Cert is 4/1/2024 and RTL is 4/12/2024.

*******SR 184 Projects*******

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. Roundabout open to traffic, punch list and electrical work remaining.

Expected completion late September 2023.

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

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

Expected completion is Sept 15, 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 8/10/23. Construction start expected in January 2024. Bids came in over Engineer's Estimate; will need supplemental funds

Paul N. Pineda, Project Manager (559) 287-2128

06-0U290 – Weedpatch Highway 3R Rehab

This project proposes to rehabilitate and bring to current standards the existing roadway on State Route (SR) 184, in Kern County, between Dunsmere Street and Breckenridge Road – postmile (PM) 0.8 to 8.6. The roadway will be rehabilitated and Complete Streets elements, including (ADA) compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, bus stops, and continuous bike lanes in both directions will be incorporated within the project limits. Drainage improvements, traffic signal system upgrades, and median worm curbs are proposed to be included in this project.

The project is currently in the PSE and ROW phase. Target to Cert R/W is September. Expected RTL is 11/1/2024

Kirsten Helton from District 9 provided the following report:

Section 1: Caltrans Emergency Projects and Pressing Issues:

- **Mojave Bypass Paving Operation** – On the eastbound lanes of State Route (SR) 58 from just west of Exit 165 to just east of Exit 172, crews are laying down Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt, shoulder backing, and upgrading guardrail. One lane will remain open at all times and the ramps will be
- **Rosamond Xeriscape Project** – On SR 14, the northbound outside lane and shoulder, under the Rosamond Boulevard overcrossing, will be closed to allow trucks access to remove and deliver material Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Drivers may experience minimum delays.

Section 2. Current/Upcoming Project Status and Information:

- SR 58 TCL PAED in exec review to be signed by end of August

- Freeman 3 CAPM – Construction began this week on SR 14 north of Red Rock Canyon State Park from 1.1 miles north of Red Rock Canyon Road to 3.5 miles south of the Freeman Gulch bridge. Construction is nearly complete, pavement work is complete, signs need to be replaced. CCA is anticipated in the next few weeks.
- SR 58 Boron Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) sewage system repair. The estimated completion date is now 08/29/2023.
- Tehachapi Maintenance Station Construction: The estimated start date for the project is 08/22/2023 with an estimated completion date for the project is 11/24/2024.

PID Outreach:

- **58 Tehachapi Pavement:**
 - The estimated Fall outreach I date will be 10/26/24.
 - The estimated Spring outreach II date will be 03/18/2024.
- **202 CAPM Golden Hills + Complete Streets:**
 - The estimated Fall outreach I date will be 10/27/2023.
 - The estimated Spring outreach II date will be 03/25/2024.
- **58 Cal City Blvd. Interchange:**
 - The estimated Fall outreach I date will be 10/30/2023.
 - The estimated Spring outreach II date will be 03/28/2024.

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

1. Report on June 28 & 29 CTC Meeting in Suisun City
 - a. Olancha/Cartago Project although not in Kern County is important to Kern County – conversion of SR 395 from a 2-lane road to a 4-lane expressway
2. Report on August 16 & 17 CTC Meeting
 - a. Update on Olancha/Cartago
3. Next CTC Meeting is October 18 & 19 in Madera
 - a. Truck Climbing Lane Project will be discussed
4. Received approval of Kern COG’s Federal Certification Review – the Official Report is forthcoming.
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 – will be completed in Lost Hills in the next month
 - f. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58
4. Attended a dinner in Fresno last week – pre-meeting with Caltrans Director, District 6 Director, CTC Chairwoman regarding SR 58 and 99

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.

Ms. Parra gave an update on the hydrogen bus fire at GET. The NTSB is involved, they will be coming back in two weeks to disassemble the bus. The process will take approximately a year. The fueling station shut down as it should have.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT-** The meeting was adjourned 6:58 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held August 17, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____