

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

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2023

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

Wednesday
November 1, 2023
10:02 A.M.

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS
(Teleconference):

- City of California City – City Hall 21000 Hacienda Blvd California City, CA 93505

Chairman Schlosser called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Invina-Jayasiri for attendance.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
	Luis Topete	City of Bakersfield
	Ed Galero	City of Delano
	Paul Saldana	City of McFarland
	Yolanda Alcantar	County of Kern
	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
	Steve Barnes	GET
	Andrea Nason	Caltrans
ONLINE:	Anu Doravari	City of California City
OTHER:	Viviana Alapisco	City of Delano
	Juan Pantoja	BHT Engineering
	Marlo Carlo	Caltrans
	Paul Archer	City of Bakersfield
	Gavin Grimes	City of Bakersfield
	Ravi Pudipeddi	City of Shafter
	Michelle Kincaid	City of Taft
	Roel Jaime	
STAFF:	Ahron Hakimi	Rob Ball
	Bob Snoddy	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Raquel Pacheco	Irene Enriquez
	Cesar Valle	

- 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 October 4, 2023

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

IV. FY 2023-24 KERN REGION ESTIMATED SB 125 TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECT POPULATION-BASED APPORTIONMENT: \$51,329,661

Mr. Snoddy stated SB 125 Transit eligible member agencies **must submit** to Kern COG staff the three required documents **by Friday, November 3, 2023**. Current Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan, FY 2022 National Transit Database record and a Four-Year TIRCP/ZETCP Financial Plan with project narration. These agencies are Cities of Arvin, California City, Delano, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, and Wasco. Mr. Snoddy stated to refer to the apportionment schedule in the staff report. There was a discussion on funding distribution and project delivery amongst the committee members. Ms. Viterelli suggests Kern COG consider a form of “advance pay” in particular for infrastructure projects.

This item is for information only.

V. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS-GRANTFINDER SOFTWARE - STATUS REPORT

Ms. Enriquez presented this item on behalf of Ms. Campbell. Kern COG has secured 25 GrantFinder software licenses on behalf of its member agencies, and local public transit agencies for the period ending March 30, 2024, which may be extended on a year-to-year basis. As of September 21, 2023, the following member agencies have set up their licenses with GrantFinder: Arvin, Bakersfield, California City, Delano, Maricopa, McFarland, Shafter, Taft, Wasco. Following a GrantFinder demonstration on September 26, the city of Tehachapi submitted their applications for licensing.

If licenses remain available, they may be offered to Kern COG (a second license), and then to other local agency partners such as Golden Empire Transit, Kern Transit, and BARC. The program contact is Susanne Campbell scampbell@kerncog.org.

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VI. PROPOSED MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Ms. Ball presented this item on behalf of Mr. Flickinger. During the May TTAC meeting, a referral was made to staff to research and propose a voluntary multi-jurisdictional pavement management system program for interested local agencies. The following jurisdictions are currently exploring participating in a regional PMS program: California City, Delano, and Wasco. The staff report outlines the tasks that the participating jurisdictions have chosen for this PMS Pilot Program. Mr. Ball also reviewed the tables of the estimated costs and schedule of the program. Ms. Viterelli stated the City of Arvin is interested in participating and has contacted Mr. Flickinger. Mr. Schlosser stated the City of Tehachapi may be interested but dependent on RSTP funds.

Staff requests the Committee to recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee that Staff finalize a multi-agency agreements with the participating agencies and propose funding in the FY 26-27 RSTP cycle with a planned request to deliver 1-year early if funding from outside the region is available.

Mr. Arnold made the motion to recommend Option 1: Complete full scope of services from the sample RFP in Attachment 2 as a 1-time contract; Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote, and the motion was carried unanimously.

VII. SECOND LOOK: LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LISTING REVISIONS SUMMARY

Mr. Ball stated the draft CIP was sent through the TTAC and TPPC in October, & November 2023 to request updates from member agency staff. As Kern COG staff moves forward with public outreach for the upcoming 2026 RTP, the CIP will continue to be subject to public comments, updates to project listings that have been delivered and other corrections or additions prior to the scheduled circulation of the entire document in Spring of 2026. Please email comments to rball@kerncog.org or call 661-635-2902. As of the meeting, Kern COG has received comments from the City of Shafter and County of Kern, along with edits from Kern COG staff.

Staff requests the Committee recommend that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee approve use of the draft list of constrained transportation projects to begin environmental and performance measure analysis, to be brought back for consideration in the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

Ms. Alcantar made the motion to approve the staff's recommendation; Ms. Viterelli seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote, and the motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – TDA Article 3

Mr. Snoddy announced Per the “Kern COG Project Delivery Policies & Procedures Chapter 2: Implementation Procedures Overview,” project delivery letters are **due January 12, 2024**, for Transportation Development Act (TDA) projects. Mr. Snoddy went through the projects in the staff report for member agency's project status.

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IX. PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP

Mr. Valle referenced the Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. If agencies plan to submit projects for funding authorization beyond January 31st, lead agencies are asked to submit a letter with a revised submittal schedule by January 12. Per approval from the Kern COG Board on October 19, 2023, the project delivery letters are now required to be signed by the City Manager or Department Head.

A sample project delivery letter and project list are provided as part of the staff report.

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X. 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Pacheco stated this is the last update on the activity related to the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Staff is circulating the Final 2024 RTIP Capital Improvement Program as Attachment A. There have been changes since the Draft presented at the October 4th TTAC meeting. The 7th movement of Centennial Corridor received an advance allocation at the October 2023 CTC meeting, with an increase of about \$4.4 million. The 8th movement of Centennial Corridor required about a \$4 million match for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program baseline agreement to be processed. The 2024 RTIP is now proposing to submit a request of \$37.827 million.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of the 2024 RTIP Capital Improvement Program to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee as shown in Attachment A.

Mr. Saldana made the motion to approve the staff's recommendation; Ms. Alcantar seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote, and the motion was carried unanimously.

XI. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Pacheco reported Kern COG held a CMAQ Workshop on October 11th that was well attended. Attendees discussed the applications under review. The staff report includes activities since the workshop and upcoming activities. Two updates since the writing of the staff report include: 1. The Bakersfield City Council approved the revised resolution. 2. California City submitted a revised application to reduce the shoulder structural section for the project to be eligible for CMAQ funding. The CMAQ request has been reduced from \$3.7 million to \$2.7 million (\$3,726,492 to \$2,741,242).

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Mr. Schlosser requested Kern COG staff provide CMAQ call for projects updates via email and if needed convene a workshop.

Mr. Archer requested clarification on next steps for the Carbon Reduction Program adaptive signal projects. After discussion by the TTAC, there was no objection to moving forward with the Bakersfield adaptive signal projects using local funds now prior to Kern COG Board approval of Carbon Reduction Program funding.

XII. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – FUNDING REQUEST

There is an update since the writing of the staff report, Kern County would like to move their Tehachapi Cummings Valley roundabout project to the Contingency list due to issues securing the necessary right of way. At the CMAQ Workshop, Bakersfield reported that their Friant Kern Canal multi-use project is underfunded. Revised Option 1: Move the Kern County roundabout project to the Contingency list and select Bakersfield to receive an additional \$3,061,15 in CMAQ funding for the Friant Kern project. Option 2: do nothing.

The action requested is that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee make a recommendation to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Ms. Alcantar clarified that Kern County requests to move the roundabout to the current call for projects contingency project list.

Revised Option 1 Move the Kern County roundabout project to the 2023 Call for Projects cycle and select Bakersfield to receive an additional \$3,061,415 in CMAQ funding for the Friant Kern project.

Mr. Saldana made the motion to approve the recommendation with the revised Option 1; Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote, and the motion was carried unanimously.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Enriquez provided an update on the Kern County Electric Vehicle Public Charging Spaces by Zip Code – November Report (attachment)
- b. Ms. Enriquez announced the California Transportation Commission staff are available for site visits to discuss proposed ATP Cycle 7 projects. Please visit the Commission website to make an appointment.

XIV. MEMBER ITEMS – None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M. The next meetings will be held on December 6, 2023 (meeting may be dark), and January 3, 2024. Staff asked for member attendance in January and majority of members stated they will be able to attend.