



## IV. F. TPPC

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TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

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SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Consent Agenda Item: IV. F.  
CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – FINAL  
CONTINGENCY PROJECT POLICY AND PROJECT LIST

### DESCRIPTION:

Kern COG staff is proposing to add almost \$13.7 million of contingency CMAQ programming in FFY 26-27 if projects for FFY 24-25 and 25-26 are not delivered. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

### DISCUSSION:

In order not to lose federal-aid CMAQ Program funding to the Kern region, Kern COG staff is proposing to add almost \$13.7 million of contingency CMAQ projects in 26-27 if newly programmed projects for FFY 24-25 and 25-26 are not delivered. Kern COG staff again proposes a one-time policy to moderate how these proposed contingency projects are to be programmed in FFY 26-27 but must advance to an earlier federal fiscal year. The draft policy and project list were circulated for review in January. Kern County submitted a revised engineer's estimate for the Cumming's Valley Rd project and the increased CMAQ request is reflected in project list.

### **CMAQ Contingency Project Policy**

1. Kern COG staff shall select eligible projects from the most recent Call for Projects list that were not selected for programming in FFY 24-25 and 25-26 to be considered as a contingency project. Per Kern COG Board approval on November 16, 2023, Kern County's Cumming's Valley Rd project shall be added to this call for projects.
2. Lead agencies of proposed CMAQ contingency projects must be in agreement with Kern COG staff recommendation to be included as a CMAQ contingency project.
3. Programming capacity for CMAQ contingency projects shall be limited to the estimated apportionment level for the fiscal year following two fiscal years of new project programming.
4. CMAQ funding shall be applied to the construction phase only for all contingency projects.
5. If a contingency project is not advanced prior to January 2026, the agency will be required to resubmit the project with a new application to be reviewed, ranked, and prioritized as part of the next CMAQ Call for Projects.

Kern COG recommends approval of the CMAQ Contingency Project Policy as presented in this report and Attachment A: CMAQ Contingency Project List.

The TTAC reviewed this item on January 31, 2024 and recommends approval.

ACTION: Approve CMAQ Contingency Project Policy and Attachment A. ROLL CALL VOTE.

ATTACHMENT:  
Attachment A: Final CMAQ Contingency Project List

Project	Lead	Description	Category	CMAQ Total Points	Federal 26/27	Local
274	GET	In Bakersfield: Purchase 2 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Replacement Buses for Golden Empire Transit District's Fixed Route	1	3	\$2,248,662	\$291,338
284	Kern Co.	Kern County (Tehachapi): Intersection of Cummings Valley Rd and Bear Valley Rd; Construct a roundabout and ancillary facilities*	4	60	\$4,422,373	\$572,965
273	State	Kern County near City of Shafter: SR 43 at 7th Standard Road; construct roundabout**	4	53	\$7,020,429	\$909,571

Note\*: Kern County requests contingency consideration

Note\*\*: Caltrans requests contingency consideration