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November 20, 2025

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: JAY SCHLOSSER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Raquel Pacheco, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Consent Agenda Item: V. D
2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FINAL

DESCRIPTION:

Every two years, regional agencies submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15th to the California Transportation Commission for their approval. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) initiated the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) process at their January 30 – 31, 2025 meeting to develop the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for projects of regional significance. The process includes: 1) CTC development of a statewide 5-Year regional share fund estimate; 2) CTC update of STIP guidelines; 3) Regional submittal of RTIP's; and 4) CTC consolidation of RTIP's for approval of the 2026 STIP.

2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Timeline		
January 2025	CTC	Present 2026 STIP Fund Estimate Timeline DONE
March 21, 2025	CTC	Present Fund Estimate Assumptions to Commissioners DONE
April 23, 2025	KCOG	Regional Workshop DONE
May 15-16, 2025	CTC	Adopt Fund Estimate Assumptions DONE
June 26-27, 2025	CTC	Present Draft Fund Estimate DONE
July 23, 2025	KCOG	Regional Workshop DONE
August 14-15, 2025	CTC	Adopt Statewide Fund Estimate and Guidelines DONE
September 2025	KCOG	Circulate Administrative Draft 2026 RTIP DONE
September 10, 2025	KCOG	Regional Workshop DONE
October 2025	KCOG	Circulate Draft 2026 RTIP DONE
November 20, 2025	KCOG	Regional Adoption of 2026 RTIP
December 15, 2025	KCOG	Submit 2026 RTIP to the CTC by December 15, 2025
January 28/February 5, 2026	CTC	Conduct Southern/Northern California Public Hearing
February 27, 2026	CTC	Circulate CTC staff recommendation for 2026 STIP
March 19-20, 2026	CTC	Approve final 2026 STIP

The process for the region is to: 1) establish new programming capacity defined by the state's fund estimate; 2) assess current regional project needs including cost estimate updates; 3) develop a proposed program of projects; and 4) regionally adopt the 2026 RTIP in November 2025, for submission to CTC by December 15, 2025.

This month – Staff is circulating the 2026 RTIP Final as part of Attachment A to request approval. Since the circulation of the Draft 2026 RTIP Capital Improvement Program, the following changes have been made:

1. SR 58 Truck Climbing Lane Phase 2 – “PM 71.8-74.9” was added to the project description; \$25.371 RIP funding previously showing in FY 29/30 alone is now split between FY 29/30 and FY 30/31.
2. The funding shown in the “Total for 2026 RTIP Submittal” row was corrected.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval.

ACTION: Adopt the 2026 RTIP Capital Improvement Program as shown in Attachment A and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 25-28. - ROLL CALL VOTE.

Attachments: Resolution No. 25-28

2026 RTIP Capital Improvement Program - Final

BEFORE THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

RESOLUTION NO. 25-28

In the matter of: 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kern County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, every two years Kern COG is required to develop and submit to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that identifies projects to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, Kern COG has prepared the 2026 RTIP in compliance with CTC adopted 2026 STIP Guidelines and the 2026 STIP Fund Estimate; and

WHEREAS, the projects contained in the 2026 RTIP are consistent with Kern COG's adopted 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and

WHEREAS, the 2026 RTIP has been developed in coordination with technical and project management staff representing Kern COG's member agencies, as well as the Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) and Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 RTIP proposes \$26,371,000 in new programming of Regional Improvement Program funds into the 2026 STIP cycle for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 in addition to carry-over programming for projects currently programmed in the 2024 STIP that have not yet been allocated; and

WHEREAS, "Attachment A – Kern COG 2026 RTIP Capital Improvement Program", outlines the Kern region's request for the programming of continuing Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) programming for consideration and approval by the CTC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kern Council of Governments hereby adopts the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as outlined in "Attachment A – Kern COG 2026 RTIP Program of Projects" and directs Kern COG staff to forward this regional request to the CTC by the December 15, 2025 deadline.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Bob Smith, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Kern Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of November 2025.

John (Jay) Schlosser, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

Date

ATTACHMENT A

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FINAL (\$ X 1,000)																				
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	NOTES	PRIORITY	CURRENT AND PROPOSED PHASES				PROJECT TOTAL	KCOG ALL RIP TOTAL	SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDING SOURCES				KCOG RTIP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - RIP ONLY							
			ENV	DES	ROW	CON			IIP	KCOG SHARE RIP	OTHER	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR	2024 STIP CARRYOVER			NEW 2026 RTIP			2026 RTIP
														2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	MAX SHARE	APDE
PLANNING, PROGRAMMING & MONITORING							\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500		\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500		\$ -
2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM																				
SR 58/99 – CENTENNIAL CORRIDOR PHASE 2 CONNECTOR - SB SR 99 to WB SR 58	1	1		●	●	●	\$ 78,750	\$ 29,020	\$ -	\$ 29,020	\$ 49,730	\$ 78,750	\$ 4,020	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SR 58 TRUCK CLIMBING LANE PHASE 2 (PM 71.8-74.9)	2	B	●	●	●	●	\$ 49,950	\$ 25,371	\$ -	\$ 25,371	\$ 24,579	\$ 49,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600	\$ 19,771	\$ -	\$ -
APDE PROJECTS (ADVANCE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT)																				
NO APDE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED	3						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FOR 2026 RTIP SUBMITTAL							\$131,200	\$ 56,891	\$ -	\$ 56,891	\$ 74,309	\$131,200	\$ 4,020	\$ 500	\$ 25,500	\$ 500	\$ 6,100	\$ 20,271	\$ -	\$ -

REGIONAL EQUITY ANALYSIS							
METRO VS COUNTYWIDE		CURRENT CUMMULATIVE		PROPOSED 2026 STIP		2026 CUMMULATIVE	
METROPOLITAN BAKERSFIELD		\$268,876	62%	\$0	0%	\$ 268,876	59%
COUNTYWIDE NON-METRO		\$162,146	38%	\$25,371	100%	\$ 187,517	41%
TOTALS		\$431,022	100%	\$25,371	100%	\$ 456,393	100%

SHARE ESTIMATES	TOTAL	60%	40%
MINIMUM SHARE	\$26,371	\$15,823	\$10,548
MAXIMUM SHARE	\$40,980	\$24,588	\$16,392
APDE	\$0		

NOTE 1: SR 58/99 CENTENNIAL CORRIDOR PHASE 2 CONNECTOR WAS ADDED IN 2024 STIP - SB SR 99 TO WB SR 58 DESIGN AND RIGHT OF WAY \$4.020 MILLION REQUIRED TCEP MATCH. \$25 MILLION RIP (FINANACIAL CONTRIBUTION ONLY) WAS ADDED IN 2024 STIP AND \$39.9 MILLION TCEP (PROGRAM APPROVAL JUNE 2025 CTC MEETING) FOR CONSTRUCTION (TOTAL CONSTRUCTION \$64.9 MILLION).

NOTE 2: SR 58 TRUCK CLIMBING LANE PHASE 1 WAS ADDED WITH THE 2021 MID-CYCLE STIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE AND LATER PHASES FUNDED WITH SHOPP. SR 58 TRUCK CLIMBING LANE PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION PHASE TO BE PROGRAMMED WITH A COMBINATION OF STIP AND BUILD/TCEP FUNDING (TO SUBMIT \$21.979 M BUILD/TCEP APPLICATIONS).

NOTE 3: APDE OPTIONS ARE OUTLINED IN STIP GUIDELINES AND DEPENDENT ON OUTER YEAR CAPACITY. PROPOSED APDE ACTIVITY IS CONSIDERED AN ADVANCE OF FUTURE RIP SHARES. 2026 STIP GUIDELINES: "THERE IS NO APDE CAPACITY IDENTIFIED FOR THE 2026 STIP.