

**AGENDA  
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026  
6:30 P.M.**

**PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION  
TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE**

**Kern Council of Governments  
Board Room  
1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

**SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS**

**Ridgecrest City Hall  
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**I. ROLL CALL:**

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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- III. 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:** February 19, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**B. CONCURRENCE IN ACTIONS OF TPPC**

**C. LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE:**

The State Clearinghouse (SCH) notifies state and local elected officials and agencies and the public of the grant applications through the Submissions page of the Office of Planning and Research Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs website email and via email notifications to registered users of the website. This notification process allows elected officials and agencies and the public the opportunity to review applications and the option to comment or collaborate on a particular application. Since the SCH does not receive a complete copy of the federal assistance full proposal or budget, any person wishing to review a proposal further must contact the applicant directly for more information. Kern COG takes no position on any of the projects presented but provides the information for public consideration only.

**Applicant:** City of Delano  
**Address:** 1015 Eleventh Avenue  
Delano, CA 93216-2262  
**Contact:** Brandon Rodriguez  
**Telephone:** (661) 720-2219  
**Email:** [brodriguez@cityofdelano.org](mailto:brodriguez@cityofdelano.org)

**Federal Agency: Department of Transportation**  
Assistance Listing Number: 20.933  
Funding Opportunity Number: DTOS59-26-RA-BUILD  
Title: FY 2026 National Infrastructure Investments  
Description: High Street Flyover Project

**Federal Funds:** \$25,000,000  
**State Funds:** \$0.00  
**Applicant:** \$17,000,000.00  
**Other:** \$0.00  
**Program Income:** \$0.00  
**Total Funds:** \$42,000,000.00

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

#### IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Sanchez)

**Comment:** Each year, the Kern Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors selects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman for the KERN COG Board.

**Action:** Select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for the KERN COG Board of Directors. ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

VI. **KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (None)**

VII. **MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

VIII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

A. Timeline

IX. **MEMBER STATEMENTS:** On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or 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.

X. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING** – The next scheduled meeting will be April 16, 2026.



KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of February 19, 2026

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

THURSDAY  
February 19, 2026  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** B. Smith; M. Hawkins; B. Osorio; S. Ayon; S. Gorman (virtual); P. Espinoza; P. Smith; G. Reyna; D. Couch

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** S. Gunn; M. Castleberry; M. Warney

**Members Absent:** O. Calderon; C. Morse; D. Noerr; C. Parlier; C. Parra

**Others:** B. Van Wyk (Counsel); N. Datta (Brown Armstrong); B. Wesling (Caltrans Dist 9); N. Peacock (Caltrans Dist 9 – virtual)

**Staff:** I. Enriquez; R. Invina-Jayasiri; K. Davisson; E. Flickinger; C. Valle; M. Heimer; S. Plank; V. Romero-Valdivia; M. Saberon Ybarra; S. Sanchez; R. Ball (virtual)

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None.

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**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 19, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**B. CONCURRENCE IN ACTIONS OF TPPC**

**C. LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE:**

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**Applicant:** Kern County  
**Address:** 2700 M Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2375  
**Contact:** Yolanda Alcantar  
**Telephone:** (661) 862-5292  
**Email:** [yolandar@kerncounty.com](mailto:yolandar@kerncounty.com)

**Federal Agency: DOT – Federal Railroad Administration**  
Assistance Listing Number: 20.326  
Funding Opportunity Number: FR-FSP-25-006  
Title: FY24-25 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program - National  
Description: Cherry Avenue Grade Separation Project

**Federal Funds:** \$42,963,200.00  
**State Funds:** \$0.00  
**Other:** \$4,800,000.00  
**Program Income:** \$0.00  
**Total Funds:** \$53,704,000.00

**Action:** Accept and file reports. VOICE VOTE.

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. Smith TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH C, SECOND BY DIRECTOR G. Reyna, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**IV. FY 2024/25 KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORTS (Plank)**

**Action:** Receive and file. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**V. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

**VI. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

**VII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Executive Director Schlosser made the following comments:**

- Timeline
- Anticipating April-May Council Visits to introduce the RTP/EIR/SCS/FTIP/Conformity adoption.
- Speaking Engagements
- TDA Agency Audits – Due March 17
- Regional Award Banquet – March 5

- Board Folder Items
- Make sure your Form 700 includes your service on Kern COG.

**IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS:** None.

**X. CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – March 19, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





## IV. COG

March 19, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Stephan Sanchez, Deputy Director of Administration

**SUBJECT:** KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ITEM: IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**DESCRIPTION:**

Each year, the Kern Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors selects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman for the Kern COG Board.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Secretary will take nominations for the position of Chairman. Each voting member of the Kern COG Board is eligible to be nominated as Chairman or Vice Chairman. After selection of a Chairman, the gavel will be transferred to the new Chairman who will take nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**ACTION:**

Select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for the Kern COG Board of Directors. ROLL CALL VOTE.



# Timeline

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The 2026 KERN COG TIMELINE is a list of actions and events that may appear on future agendas or are of general interest to Board Member

## APRIL

- Transit Development Plan Public Outreach Meetings in Shafter and McFarland.
- Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations (KARGO) Study Draft Report
- Fiscal Year 2026-27 Overall Work Program Presentation
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Directors Spring Retreat
- LCTOP Allocation Requests due April 28, 2026

## MAY

- California Transportation Commission Meeting in San Francisco, May 14-15, 2026
- Combined Public Review Scheduled to **Commence** - Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Environmental Document/Air Quality Conformity/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) May 8 to July 2, 2026
- Kern COG RTP Public Presentations to City Councils/County Board of Supervisors
- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Financial Plan
- TIRCP Cycle 8 applications due May 18, 2026
- TDA Article 3 Call for Projects

## JUNE

- California Transportation Commission Meeting in Sacramento, June 25-26, 2026
- Combined Public Review Scheduled to **Continues** - Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Environmental Document/Air Quality Conformity/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) May 8 to July 2, 2026.
- Kern COG RTP Public Presentations to City Councils/County Board of Supervisors

## JULY

- Combined Public Review Scheduled to **Concludes** - Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Environmental Document/Air Quality Conformity/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) May 8 to July 2, 2026.

## AUGUST

- **Adoption** - Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Environmental Document/Air Quality Conformity/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- California Transportation Commission Meeting in Sacramento, August 20-21, 2026

## SEPTEMBER

- San Joaquin Valley Voice Annual Trip, Washington D.C., September 13-17, 2026