

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

**PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION
TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE**

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

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS

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Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

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I. ROLL CALL:

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

- II. 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.**

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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:** March 19, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.
- B. **CONCURRENCE IN ACTIONS OF TPPC**
- C. **PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT – REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM (Flickinger)**

Comment: Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. Caltrans has included \$79,677 Regional Surface Transportation Program funding (with \$10,323 local match) in its FY 2025/26 budget to fund Kern COG’s Regional Traffic Count Program.

Action: Approve Program Supplement and authorize Chair to sign Program Supplement Agreement No. F052 and Resolution No. 26-16, subject to final review by County Counsel. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

IV. FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (Sanchez)

Comment: The Overall Work Program (OWP) is an annual administrative procedure, undertaken to meet state and federal guidelines. Projects requested by local, state, and federal agencies that address regional issues are included in order to provide a comprehensive overview of the annual Kern COG program.

Action: Adopt Kern COG’s Final Draft 2026-2027 Overall Work Program, draft is subject to final review and recommendations from Caltrans, FTA, and FHWA (expected in mid-May 2026), and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-01. 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 May 21, 2026.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2026

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:59 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: B.Smith; M. Hawkins; B. Osorio; S. Ayon; C. Prout; P. Smith; G. Reyna;
C. Parlier; D. Noerr; O. Calderon

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

Members Absent: D. Couch; C. Morse

Others:

Staff: A. Banuelos (virtual); V. Romero Valdivia; I. Enriquez; R. Invina-Jayasiri; C. Valle; B.
Raymond; M. Heimer; S. Sanchez; J. Schlosser; M. Saberón Ybarra

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None.

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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

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 *****

MOTION BY DIRECTOR S. Ayon TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH C, SECOND BY DIRECTOR D. Noerr, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Sanchez)

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

Bob Smith was nominated and unanimously voted as **Chairperson**. Motion: P. Smith;
Second: C. Parlier

Phil Smith was nominated and unanimously voted as **Vice-Chairperson**. Motion: B. Smith;
Second: O. Calderon

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 – KTF Conference 5/13
- Regional Award Banquet – Thank Bob Smith & Staff
- Board Folder Items
- Parting with S. Plank – Advertising for new FSO

- IX. **MEMBER STATEMENTS:** None.
- X. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – April 16, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 04/16/2026

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III.C. COG

April 16, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Planning Director
Ed Flickinger, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Consent Agenda Item: III.C.

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT - REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. Caltrans has included \$79,677 Regional Surface Transportation Program funding (with \$10,323 local match) in its FY 2025/26 budget to fund Kern COG's Regional Traffic Count Program.

DISCUSSION:

A Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Kern Regional Traffic Count program was approved by the Kern COG Board in January 2004 and is currently included in the 2025 FTIP for the 2025-26 federal fiscal year and the 2026-2027 Overall Work Program Work Element 603.2. This agreement will fund Kern COG's Regional Traffic Count Program for fiscal year 2025-26. Kern COG staff is requesting the approval of the attached Program Supplement No. F052 and Kern COG Resolution 26-16.

Background - Traffic monitoring and pavement management are federally mandated in the recent transportation bills. In addition to traffic monitoring, traffic volume data obtained by traffic counters is used to validate the regional transportation model and used for engineering and planning purposes by local agencies. Traffic counts are used in the annual pavement management report that provides technical data on road samples throughout Kern County. This grant will provide funding for a regional traffic count program that was identified by the Kern Regional Transportation Modeling Subcommittee as necessary to improve data in the regional transportation model while reducing duplicative traffic counting efforts. Bike and pedestrian data collection has been added to the program, which should make our region more competitive for state resources, while ensuring that limited resources are focused on areas with the greatest need. The data collected from these contracts are available on the Kern COG website at: <https://www.kerncog.org/traffic-counts/>.

ACTION: Approve Program Supplement and authorize Chair to sign Program Supplement Agreement No. F052 and Resolution No. 26-16. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Attachments:

- 1) Program Supplement No. F052
- 2) Resolution 26-16

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. F052
to
ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT
FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS NO 06-6087F15

Adv. Project ID
0626000180

Date: March 12, 2026
Location: 06-KER-0-KCOG
Project Number: STPLNI-6087(087)
E.A. Number:
Locode: 6087

This Program Supplement hereby adopts and incorporates the Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal Aid which was entered into between the Administering Agency and the State on 05/02/2016 and is subject to all the terms and conditions thereof. This Program Supplement is executed in accordance with Article I of the aforementioned Master Agreement under authority of Resolution No. _____ approved by the Administering Agency on _____ (See copy attached).

The Administering Agency further stipulates that as a condition to the payment by the State of any funds derived from sources noted below obligated to this PROJECT, the Administering Agency accepts and will comply with the special covenants or remarks set forth on the following pages.

PROJECT LOCATION: In Kern County: Regional Traffic Count Program

TYPE OF WORK: Miscellaneous - Other - Traffic Count Program

LENGTH: 0.0(MILES)

Estimated Cost	Federal Funds		Matching Funds		
	Y240		LOCAL		OTHER
\$90,000.00		\$79,677.00	\$10,323.00		\$0.00

KERN COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By _____

Title _____

Date _____

Attest _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Transportation

By _____

Chief, Office of Project Management Oversight
Division of Local Assistance

Date _____

I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance:

Accounting Officer Apicha Xu

Date 03/19/26

\$79,677.00

SPECIAL COVENANTS OR REMARKS

1.
 - A. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY will advertise, award and administer this project in accordance with the current published Local Assistance Procedures Manual.
 - B. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees that it will only proceed with work authorized for specific phase(s) with an "Authorization to Proceed" and will not proceed with future phase(s) of this project prior to receiving an "Authorization to Proceed" from the STATE for that phase(s) unless no further State or Federal funds are needed for those future phase(s).
 - C. STATE and ADMINISTERING AGENCY agree that any additional funds which might be made available by future Federal obligations will be encumbered on this PROJECT by use of a STATE-approved "Authorization to Proceed" and Finance Letter. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees that Federal funds available for reimbursement will be limited to the amounts obligated by the Federal Highway Administration.
 - D. Award information shall be submitted by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY to the District Local Assistance Engineer within 60 days of project contract award and prior to the submittal of the ADMINISTERING AGENCY'S first invoice for the construction contract.

Failure to do so will cause a delay in the State processing invoices for the construction phase. Attention is directed to Section 15.6 "Award Package" of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

E. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees, as a minimum, to submit invoices at least once every six months commencing after the funds are encumbered for each phase by the execution of this Project Program Supplement Agreement, or by STATE's approval of an applicable Finance Letter. STATE reserves the right to suspend future authorizations/obligations for Federal aid projects, or encumbrances for State funded projects, as well as to suspend invoice payments for any on-going or future project by ADMINISTERING AGENCY if PROJECT costs have not been invoiced by ADMINISTERING AGENCY for a six-month period.

If no costs have been invoiced for a six-month period, ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit for each phase a written explanation of the absence of PROJECT activity along with target billing date and target billing amount.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit the final report documents that collectively constitute a "Report of Expenditures" within one hundred eighty (180) days of PROJECT completion. Failure of ADMINISTERING AGENCY to submit a "Final Report of Expenditures" within 180 days of PROJECT completion will result in STATE imposing sanctions upon ADMINISTERING AGENCY in accordance with the current Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

SPECIAL COVENANTS OR REMARKS

F. Administering Agency shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, disability, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any Federal-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE Program Implementation Agreement. The Administering Agency shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of Federal-assisted contracts. The Administering Agency's DBE Implementation Agreement is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. Implementation of the DBE Implementation Agreement, including but not limited to timely reporting of DBE commitments and utilization, is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this Agreement. Upon notification to the Administering Agency of its failure to carry out its DBE Implementation Agreement, the State may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

G. Any State and Federal funds that may have been encumbered for this project are available for disbursement for limited periods of time. For each fund encumbrance the limited period is from the start of the fiscal year that the specific fund was appropriated within the State Budget Act to the applicable fund Reversion Date shown on the State approved project finance letter. Per Government Code Section 16304, all project funds not liquidated within these periods will revert unless an executed Cooperative Work Agreement extending these dates is requested by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY and approved by the California Department of Finance.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY should ensure that invoices are submitted to the District Local Assistance Engineer at least 75 days prior to the applicable fund Reversion Date to avoid the lapse of applicable funds. Pursuant to a directive from the State Controller's Office and the Department of Finance; in order for payment to be made, the last date the District Local Assistance Engineer can forward an invoice for payment to the Department's Local Programs Accounting Office for reimbursable work for funds that are going to revert at the end of a particular fiscal year is May 15th of the particular fiscal year. Notwithstanding the unliquidated sums of project specific State and Federal funding remaining and available to fund project work, any invoice for reimbursement involving applicable funds that is not received by the Department's Local Programs Accounting Office at least 45 days prior to the applicable fixed fund Reversion Date will not be paid. These unexpended funds will be irrevocably reverted by the Department's Division of Accounting on the applicable fund Reversion Date.

H. As a condition for receiving federal-aid highway funds for the PROJECT, the Administering Agency certifies that NO members of the elected board, council, or other key decision makers are on the Federal Government Exclusion List. Exclusions can be found at www.sam.gov.

SPECIAL COVENANTS OR REMARKS

2.
 - A. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall conform to all State statutes, regulations and procedures (including those set forth in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual and the Local Assistance Program Guidelines, hereafter collectively referred to as "LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES") relating to the federal-aid program, all Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) and 2 CFR Part 200 federal requirements, and all applicable federal laws, regulations, and policy and procedural or instructional memoranda, unless otherwise specifically waived as designated in the executed project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT.
 - B. Invoices shall be formatted in accordance with LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES.
 - C. ADMINISTERING AGENCY must have at least one copy of supporting backup documentation for costs incurred and claimed for reimbursement by ADMINISTERING AGENCY. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit supporting backup documentation with invoices if requested by State. Acceptable backup documentation includes, but is not limited to, agency's progress payment to the contractors, copies of cancelled checks showing amounts made payable to vendors and contractors, and/or a computerized summary of PROJECT costs.
 - D. Indirect Cost Allocation Plan/Indirect Cost Rate Proposals (ICAP/ICRP), Central Service Cost Allocation Plans and related documentation are to be prepared and provided to STATE (Caltrans Audits & Investigations) for review and approval prior to ADMINISTERING AGENCY seeking reimbursement of indirect costs incurred within each fiscal year being claimed for State and federal reimbursement. ICAPs/ICRPs must be prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in 2 CFR, Part 200, Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedural Manual, and the ICAP/ICRP approval procedures established by STATE.
 - E. STATE will withhold the greater of either two (2) percent of the total of all federal funds encumbered for each PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT or \$40,000 until ADMINISTERING AGENCY submits the Final Report of Expenditures for each completed PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT PROJECT.
 - F. Payments to ADMINISTERING AGENCY for PROJECT-related travel and subsistence (per diem) expenses of ADMINISTERING AGENCY forces and its contractors and subcontractors claimed for reimbursement or as local match credit shall not exceed rates authorized to be paid rank and file STATE employees under current State Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) rules. If the rates invoiced by ADMINISTERING AGENCY are in excess of DPA rates, ADMINISTERING AGENCY is responsible for the cost difference, and any overpayments inadvertently paid by STATE shall be reimbursed to STATE by ADMINISTERING AGENCY on demand within thirty (30) days of such invoice.

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G. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to comply with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards.

H. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees, and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors will be obligated to agree, that Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of individual PROJECT cost items.

I. Every sub-recipient receiving PROJECT funds under this AGREEMENT shall comply with 2 CFR, Part 200, 23 CFR, 48 CFR Chapter 1, Part 31, Local Assistance Procedures, Public Contract Code (PCC) 10300-10334 (procurement of goods), PCC 10335-10381 (non-A&E services), and other applicable STATE and FEDERAL regulations.

J. Any PROJECT costs for which ADMINISTERING AGENCY has received payment or credit that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200, 23 CFR, 48 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 31, and other applicable STATE and FEDERAL regulations, are subject to repayment by ADMINISTERING AGENCY to STATE.

K. STATE reserves the right to conduct technical and financial audits of PROJECT WORK and records and ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees, and shall require its contractors and subcontractors to agree, to cooperate with STATE by making all appropriate and relevant PROJECT records available for audit and copying as required by the following paragraph:

ADMINISTERING AGENCY, ADMINISTERING AGENCY'S contractors and subcontractors, and STATE shall each maintain and make available for inspection and audit by STATE, the California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of STATE or the United States all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts and ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall furnish copies thereof if requested. All of the above referenced parties shall make such AGREEMENT, PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, and contract materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the entire PROJECT period and for three (3) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report by the STATE to the FHWA.

L. ADMINISTERING AGENCY, its contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain a financial management system and records that properly accumulate and segregate reasonable, allowable, and allocable incurred PROJECT costs and matching funds by line item for the PROJECT. The financial management system

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of ADMINISTERING AGENCY, its contractors and all subcontractors shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices set to or paid by STATE.

M. ADMINISTERING AGENCY is required to have an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 2 CFR 200 if it expends \$750,000 or more in Federal Funds in a single fiscal year of the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance.

N. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to include all PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS adopting the terms of this AGREEMENT in the schedule of projects to be examined in ADMINISTERING AGENCY's annual audit and in the schedule of projects to be examined under its single audit prepared in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200.

O. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall not award a non-A&E contract over \$5,000, construction contracts over \$10,000, or other contracts over \$25,000 [excluding professional service contracts of the type which are required to be procured in accordance with Government Code sections 4525 (d), (e) and (f)] on the basis of a noncompetitive negotiation for work to be performed under this AGREEMENT without the prior written approval of STATE. Contracts awarded by ADMINISTERING AGENCY, if intended as local match credit, must meet the requirements set forth in this AGREEMENT regarding local match funds.

P. Any subcontract entered into by ADMINISTERING AGENCY as a result of this AGREEMENT shall contain provisions B, C, F, H, I, K, and L under Section 2 of this agreement.

3. Appendix E of the Title VI Assurances (US DOT Order 1050.2A)

During the performance of this agreement, the ADMINISTERING AGENCY, ADMINISTERING AGENCY'S contractors and subcontractor, (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities:

A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.

B. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

C. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);

D. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 et seq.), as

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amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;

E. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

F. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. 4 71, Section 4 7123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

G. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

H. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;

I. The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

J. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

K. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-16

In the matter of:

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. F052 FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. 06-6087F15
TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is a regional transportation planning agency and a metropolitan planning organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required to develop, maintain and endorse the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) with a Biannual Program of Projects for federal funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, the FTIP for the Kern region is a four-year schedule of multi modal transportation project improvements of major freeways, expressways, arterials, urban collectors, bikeways, transit, rail and aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the traffic count project is an approved project in the FTIP to purchase traffic counts and maintain the traffic count website for local and regional planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, Kern Council of Governments, acting as lead agency has processed the request for authorization to enable federal reimbursement of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in federal fiscal year 2025-26 for \$79,677.00 and local dollars match for \$10,323.00.

WHEREAS, the attached Program Supplement No. F052 for Federal Aid Project No. 06-6087F15 is required to purchase the traffic counts and maintain the traffic count website;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Kern Council of Governments adopt Program Supplement No. F052 and authorize the Chairman and the Executive Director to sign the Resolution and Program Supplement No. F052.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Bob Smith, Chair
Kern Council of Governments

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of Kern Council of Governments duly authorized at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 16th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director



IV
COG

April 16, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Stephan Sanchez
Deputy Director – Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: IV
FY 2026-27 FINAL OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: The Overall Work Program (OWP) is an annual administrative procedure, undertaken to meet state and federal guidelines. Projects requested by local, state, and federal agencies that address regional issues are included in order to provide a comprehensive overview of the annual Kern COG program.

DISCUSSION: The 2026-2027 OWP addresses issues and concerns identified by state and federal agencies which provide resources to Kern COG. Also, the OWP addresses concerns identified by member agencies during the development of the program.

The Kern COG transportation planning process focuses on a coordinated, comprehensive, and cooperative process. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which addresses congestion management and the intermodal connection of transportation facilities, is coordinated with the eleven incorporated cities, Kern County and the eight surrounding regional transportation planning agencies, the San Joaquin Valley Transportation Planning Agencies, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, and Caltrans Districts 6 & 9.

Kern COG staff met with Federal and State funding agencies for its Annual Meeting in December 2025, to discuss the FY 2026-27 OWP. All recommendations and comments from the meeting are reflective in the final draft of the FY 2026-27 OWP.

<https://www.kerncog.org/owp-financial-plans/>

ACTION: Adopt Kern COG's Final Draft 2026-2027 Overall Work Program, draft is subject to final review and recommendations from Caltrans, FTA, and FHWA (expected in mid-May 2026), and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-01. ROLL CALL VOTE

Attachments: RESOLUTION 26-01

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

RESOLUTION 26-01

In the matter of:

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop a detailed Overall Work Program (OWP); and

WHEREAS, the OWP is designed to meet the comprehensive planning requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency, and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the documents developed through this planning process have been found to conform to the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in November 1991; and

WHEREAS, the OWP has been developed in accordance with guidelines established by the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG); and

WHEREAS, the IPG, the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and local agency comments, views and recommendations have been accommodated and incorporated into the Final OWP to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the Kern Council of Governments, the designated MPO for the Kern region, certify each year that the planning process is being conducted in conformance with the applicable requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FY 2026-2027 OWP is adopted and the Executive Director is authorized to submit the final document to the Intermodal Planning Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MPO does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Overall Work Program and certifies that its planning process will be implemented throughout this document in accordance with:

1. Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C.; FTA 49 U.S.C., Chapter 53, Section 5303; and Title 23, CFR 450, Subpart C;
2. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d));
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each state under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
4. Section 1003(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in the FHWA and the FTA funded planning projects (Pub.L. 97242, section 105(f), 96 Stat. 2100;49 CFR Part 23); and

5. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub.L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and USDOT regulations "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CFR Parts 27, 37 and 38).

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

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 authorized at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on the 16th day of April 2026.

John Schlosser, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

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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

MAY

- Public Workshop for the Draft Report KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study: 9 am on Wednesday, May 6 in the Kern COG Board Room. The Draft Study Report and its appendices is available at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo>
- 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
 - California City – May 12
 - Maricopa – May 12
 - McFarland – May 13
 - Shafter – May 19
 - Taft – May 19
 - Wasco – May 19
 - Ridgecrest – May 20
 - Arvin – May 26
- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Financial Plan
- TIRCP Cycle 8 applications due May 18, 2026
- TDA Article 3 Call for Projects

JUNE

- 2027 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 8) Applications are due by June 22 to the California Transportation Commission
- 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
 - Tehachapi – June 1
 - Kern County Board of Supervisors – June 16
 - Bakersfield – June 24

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