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Public Workshop

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Presenter: Lauren Prehoda, Caltrans

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- **What is Road Use Charging**
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**Thursday, April 16, 2026
6:00-6:20 PM**

**Kern Council of Governments
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield California**

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**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION

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

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE, REFLECTION, OR PRAYER:

III. ROLL CALL:

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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A. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of March 19, 2026.
ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. SB125 TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) AND ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (Enriquez)

Comment: On January 10, 2025, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released updated SB 125 guidelines requiring each transit agency to prepare and submit a Long-Term Financial Plan as a condition of continued eligibility for SB 125 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding. Kern COG issued a reminder to all regional transit operators on March 3, 2026, regarding this requirement. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

C. PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT: KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT OPERATIONS (KARGO) COMMUNITY PROTECTION/PROSPERITY STUDY (Davisson)

Comment: Comments are invited through May 6, on the growing goods movement activity in the Kern region and ways to protect our communities while promoting their prosperity. A workshop on this draft study report will be held at 9 A.M. on May 6. The study is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>. This item has been reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

Action: Comments on the draft final report are due to Karl Davisson at kdavisson@kerncog.org or (661) 635-2919 by May 6th, 2026.

D. PRESENTATION: SB 375 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY SUCCESS STORIES – COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS (Ball)

Comment: A video of a 25-minute presentation to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee summarizing the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories is now available at <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/>.

Action: Information.

E. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Valle)

Comment: 57% of project funding has been authorized for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

***** END CONSENT AGENDA – ROLL CALL VOTE *****

VI. FY 2025-26 KERN REGION LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Comment: The State Controller's Office (SCO) has released the annual Caltrans funding is available through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The region is allocated a total of \$1,648,033. Member agencies eligible for LCTOP funds were e-mailed the final regional apportionment Monday, March 2, 2026. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

Action: Staff recommends the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the LCTOP FY 2025-26 Program of Projects by Resolution 26-15.

VII. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT REGIONAL COMMENT LETTER ON THE DRAFT 2026 CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL BUSINESS PLAN (Enriquez)

Comment: The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) released the Draft 2026 California High-Speed Rail Business Plan (Draft Plan) on February 28, 2026, initiating a 60-day public comment period ending April 29, 2026.

Action: Authorize the Chairman to sign joint regional comment letter on behalf of Kern Council of Governments.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

IX. CALTRANS REPORT:

- District 6 Capital Projects.
- District 9 Capital Projects.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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XII. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 21, 2026.

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**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE**

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 6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. ROLL CALL:

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

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. Saberon Ybarra

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Chairman Smith asked if there were any comments, there were none.

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 19, 2026

B. FY 2026/27 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE

Action: Information.

C. FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT

FY 2023-24 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF SHAFTER
FY 2019-20 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2019-20 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2020-21 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2020-21 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2021-22 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2021-22 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
FY 2022-23 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT (Banuelos)

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 26-04 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for GET for \$41,289,106.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-05 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2023-24 for City of Shafter for \$1,366,188.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-06 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2019-20 for City of Taft for \$249,712.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-07 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2019-20 for City of Taft for \$305,259.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-08 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Taft for \$130,185.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-09 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Taft for \$414,377.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-10 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Taft for \$302,969.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-11 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Taft for \$298,276.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-12 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Taft for \$384,679.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-13 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Taft for \$237,486.

D. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT – RIDESHARE PROGRAM (Romero Valdivia)

Action: Approve Program Supplement Agreement and authorize Chair to sign Agreement and Resolution No. 26-14. ROLL CALL VOTE

E. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT PROGRAM (TIFIA) (Pacheco)

Action: Direct staff to program TIFIA toward the Northbound State Route 99 Auxiliary Lane project. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP (Raymond)

Action: Information.

***** END CONSENT CALENDAR – ROLL CALL VOTE *****

COMMITTEE MEMBER P. Smith MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH F, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER S. Ayon, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

VI. TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) CYCLE 8 STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Action: Information.

VII. CYCLE 8 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS (Invina-Jayasiri)

Action: Information.

VIII. 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) – DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 12 (Valle)

Action: Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close public hearing

IX. BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

X. CALTRANS REPORT:

- District 6 Capital Projects. (Attached) – Last meeting for S. Gunn.
- District 9 Capital Projects. (Attached)

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

1. Projects:
 - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
 - b. 7th Standard/SR 43
 - c. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58 Phases I & II
 - d. Cal City Blvd./SR 58 safety project
 - e. Cherry Avenue Grade Separation
 - f. West Urban Corridor Alignment
 - g. Delano High Street BUILD Grant
 - h. SR-58-I-40 BUILD Planning Grant
 - i. Congressional Appropriation Support
2. Meetings:
 - a. March CTC Meeting Report – Rob & Raquel there today
 - b. Valley Voice Trip to Sacramento – March 4 (Couch or Ayon)
 - c. CALCOG Conference last week (Smith)
3. Caltrans D9
 - a. March 16 Meeting with SCAG, D9, D8, Ridgecrest on US 395
 - b. April 6 Meeting in Tehachapi
4. Caltrans D6
 - a. Meeting with Bakersfield & D6 & CHP on encampments
5. High Speed Rail
 - a. HSR Update – Held a meeting today
 - b. 2026 Draft Business Plan out
6. Highlight Contingency List Approvals

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Respectfully Submitted

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 04.16.2026

CALTRANS DISTRICT 6

KERN COG BOARD

UPDATE March 2026

Updates:

Staffing Announcements:

- New Planning Deputy, Philip Vallejo
- Director El-Tawansy confirmation hearing was yesterday the 18th.

NOFOs / Discretionary Grant Programs:

- Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants are currently with HQ for evaluation, expecting award announcement May/June of this year.
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)
 - The TIRCP was created to provide grants to fund transformative capital improvements that modernize our intercity, commuter and urban rail as well as bus systems. The goal of the program is to significantly reduce GHG, VMT and congestion.
 - CalSTA published final guidelines for Cycle 8 in late February with grant applications due May 18th.

Misc: None

Emergency Projects:

06-1J310 Bridge Guard Rail Repair

PM: Gerardo Rocha

Description: In Bakersfield on SR 204, westbound direction, the bridge over the Calloway canal north of the Kern River, the guardrail was struck by a vehicle and needs to be repaired/replaced.

Traffic Control: 1 lane with K rail

Status: Construction started on 2/6/2026. Contractor is working on demoing the sidewalk in front of the existing rail to subsequently strengthen the overhang. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-May.

Capital Projects

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March 2026

06-1F590 Wasco 46 Pedestrian Beacon (Oversight Encroachment Permit Project)

Status: Construction is 75% complete. Remaining work includes installing poles for the HAWK system and striping.

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In Wasco on SR 46 at Poplar

Description: Install a hybrid beacon, traffic signs and restripe pavement markings

PA&ED: 4/15/2025

RTL: 7/12/2025

Approve Contract: 10/21/2025

Begin Construction: 1/26/2026

Traffic Control: Lane Closure

Contract Acceptance: Summer 2026

06-1F601 Wasco 43 Pedestrian Improvements (Oversight Encroachment Permit Project)

Status: Permit issued 5/14/2025. Project awarded to Cencal at the October 21 council meeting. 75% complete. Remaining work includes installing poles for the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon.

Project Manager: Mohamad Annan

Location: In Wasco on SR 43 at 8th Street

Description: Install Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB), bulb-outs, ADA ramps, Advance STOP or YIELD markings and traffic signs, crosswalk visibility enhancements, stripe and pavement markings at uncontrolled location with enhanced safety within the State Highway System.

PA&ED: 11/13/2024

RTL: 6/17/2025

Approve Contract: 8/15/2025. Preconstruction meeting held on 11/21/2025.

Begin Construction: Construction target date is March / April 2026

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Traffic Control: Closure information pending

Contract Acceptance: 12/31/2026

06-0X770 SR46/43 Roadway Improvements – *No Change*

(Combined for Construction, 06-0X770 SR 46/SR 43 Intersection Improvements, and 06-3HT05 HSR SR 46 Improvements including lowering and widening the roadway, installing a shoofly structure, and replace existing structure, combined EA is 06-3HT0U)

Status: Construction will begin after railroad and utility coordination. PM is coordinating with the City Manager to schedule another presentation for the City Council in April 2026. Contract was approved February 11, 2026. Griffith Company is the contractor.

Project Manager: Shelley Maggard

Location: In Wasco at 46/43

Description: Construct a single lane roundabout on a two-lane roundabout footprint. Combined with HSR 46 roadway improvement.

PA&ED: 6/29/2021

RTL: 3/28/2025

Approve Contract: 2/11/2026

Begin Construction: Contract has a delayed start to allow for utility relocations (including relocation of PG&E transmission lines that have a seasonal window for relocation and require pole deliveries 6-month in advance). Currently on schedule to complete relocations in Winter 2026. Other utility relocations are taking place in the meantime. Actual project construction to begin late 2026/early 2027

Traffic Control: No closures due to construction anticipated for the next 6-12 months. Once active construction begins, any needed lane closures of SR46 and SR43 will be reversing night-time closures. Limited full closures of SR46 are anticipated for bridge demo operations (less than a week of closures).

Contract Acceptance: 9/14/2029

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06-48468 SB 99 to WB 58 Connector Ramp

Status: Constructability review meeting scheduled for April 2026.

Caltrans continues coordinating with Kern COG on the project change request to combine this project with 06-0X370 the South 99 rehab/aux lane project. The team is looking into accommodating a future northbound aux lane and hardscaping.

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In Bakersfield at 59/99

Description: Construction of a new direct freeway to freeway connector for SB 99 to WB 58

PA&ED: 10/17/2023

RTL: 10/1/2026

Approve Contract: Summer 2027

Begin Construction: Fall 2027

Traffic Control: Stage construction and traffic handling will be implemented. Local road closures will occur on Stockdale Highway. Construction of the proposed SB SR-99 to WB SR-58 connector and tie-in work at the SR-99 ramp divergence will require lane and shoulder closures, including impacts to the existing SB SR-99 to EB SR-58 movement. Construction of the WB SR-58 merge connection and reconstruction of the MSE wall west of Real Road are expected to primarily impact WB SR-58 outside shoulders and lanes, with intermittent traffic control on Real Road for construction access.

Contract Acceptance: Spring 2030

06-48466 Bakersfield Freeway Connector 58/99

Status: Construction nearly complete, punchlist items remain.

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In Bakersfield at 58/99

Description: Widen the existing 58/99 grade separation structure and realign the westbound to southbound loop connector. Add aux lane and collector-distributor lanes on SB 99.

PA&ED: 12/4/2015

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RTL: 8/24/2018

Approve Contract: 2/19/2019

Contract Acceptance: 6/30/2026

06-0W810 Delano SR 155 Rehabilitation – No Change

Status: Project is in advertisement with bid opening yesterday February 18, 2026.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

Location: In Delano from Fremont Street to the west to 0.1 mile west of Browning Road to the east.

Description: Roadway rehabilitation, construct 8' shoulders, detention basin and complete street elements.

PA&ED: 3/21/2022

RTL: 8/22/2025

Approve Contract: 3/24/2026

Begin Construction: Project has a delayed start for the order of materials. The target start of construction is beginning of Summer 2026.

Traffic Control: The project will be completed in stages with anticipated closure of local street during each stage. SR-155 will remain open with one-way traffic control throughout the majority of the construction duration. The project anticipates full closure of SR-155 during the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad Improvements with detour in place through local streets.

Contract Acceptance: 1/14/2028

06-1C280 SR43 / 7th Standard Road Roundabout – Oversight project with the County

Status: Construction QMA Co-op agreement executed 2/4/2026. Kern County will be the implementing agency for Construction.

RW Certification was approved 1/5/2026.

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E-76 approved on 2/10/2026. RTL achieved on 3/5/2026. Advertising anticipated on 5/12/2026.

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: Northwest of Bakersfield at 7th Standard Road and SR 43 (Enos Lane)

Description: Roadway rehabilitation, construction of 8' shoulders, detention basin and complete street elements.

PA&ED: 5/21/2024

RTL: 3/5/2026

Approve Contract: Spring 2027

Begin Construction: Spring 2027 – No delays anticipated now.

Traffic Control: The roundabout project is proposed to be constructed in stages. Temporary weekend closures of 7th Standard Road and SR-43 are proposed. One lane in each direction is anticipated to remain open for the majority of construction.

Contract Acceptance: Summer 2028

06-1A470 SR 43 and Santa Fe Roundabout – *No Change*

Status: Project advertised March 2, 2026. Bid opening is scheduled for April 7, 2026 with anticipated contract approval by June 2026. The project has a delayed start with construction anticipated to start at the end of Spring 2027.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

Location: South Shafter at 43 and Los Angeles/Santa Fe Way

Description: Install a roundabout and correct the existing skew at the 5 legged intersection.

PA&ED: 10/7/22

RTL: 11/14/2025

Approve Contract: 6/9/2026

Begin Construction: Spring 2027, delayed start to accommodate relocation of existing irrigation facility owned by United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).

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Traffic Control: Project is proposed to be built in stages. There are anticipated temporary closures of local streets Los Angeles Avenue and Santa Fe Way. Beech Avenue is proposed to be closed permanently because of the project. The project anticipates full weekend closure of SR-43 with detour in place through local roads to construct the SR-43 connection.

Contract Acceptance: 12/23/2028

06-0X450 Kern 58 CAPM

Status: Target completion of environmental phase by beginning of April. Construction moved out 1 year due to SHOPP rebalancing.

Project Manager: Anourack Khampraseuth

Location: On 58, east Bakersfield from Route 184 to 0.2 mile east of Bealeville Road

Description: Rehabilitate pavement and bridge deck, and upgrade guardrail and Traffic Management System (TMS) elements, and replace Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) system

PA&ED: 4/10/2026

RTL: 8/1/2028

Approve Contract: 3/29/2029

Begin Construction: 3/29/29

Traffic Control: TBD

Contract Acceptance: 1/29/2031

06-0S050 SR 166 CA Aqueduct Bridge Rehabilitation – *No Change*

Status: The project is approximately 95% complete. SR 166 reopened January 27, 2026. Contractor is Granite Construction. The project is considered substantially completed.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

Location: About 7 miles west of Mettler, from 0.1 miles west to 0.2 miles east of California Aqueduct

Description: Bridge rehabilitation (micropiles, bridge rail upgrade)

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PA&ED: 8/31/2022

RTL: 1/29/2024

Approve Contract: 9/10/2024

Begin Construction: September 2025

Traffic Control: Project required closure of SR-166 with detour in place. SR 166 was re-opened on January 27, 2026.

Contract Acceptance: 11/9/2026

06-0X370 Bakersfield 99 Rehab II (South)

Status: Constructability review meeting scheduled for April 2026.

Caltrans is coordinating with Kern COG on the Project Change Request (PCR) to combine this project with the 8th movement (SB 99 to WB 58)

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In Bakersfield from 0.1 mi north of White Lane Overcrossing to California Avenue Undercrossing

Description: Rehabilitation, southbound aux lane and Palm St bridge replacement.

PA&ED: 1/30/2024

RTL: Fall 2026

Approve Contract: Summer 2027

Begin Construction: Fall 2027

Traffic Control: Three-stage construction with traffic handling will be required. Palm Avenue will be closed with a local detour for Palm Avenue OC reconstruction. SR-99 work will require daytime and nighttime lane and shoulder closures. California Avenue UC widening will be constructed under staged traffic control with intermittent lane reductions and short-term closures; a long-term detour is not anticipated.

Stage 1: NB outside lane/shoulder closures; Palm OC reconstruction.

Stage 2: SB outside lane/shoulder closures; California Ave UC widening.

Stage 3: Median/inside lane/shoulder closures for barrier placement and final traffic shifts.

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Contract Acceptance: Spring 2030

06-0V610 Pumpkin Center Rehabilitation

Status: While the current target for beginning construction is mid-April 2026, we are actively engaged in discussions with the contractor to consider the option of jointly suspending construction activities beyond that date. This consideration arises from the significant utility relocation efforts already in progress. By exploring this possibility, we aim to better align project schedules and minimize potential disruptions associated with the ongoing utility work.

Project Manager: Manuel Ornelas

Location: In south Bakersfield near Pumpkin Center from Ashe Road to Route 119/99 Separation

Description: Rehabilitation, continuous median two-way left turn lane between Wible Road and 119/99 separation, complete streets elements.

PA&ED: 12/8/2020

RTL: 6/30/2025

Approve Contract: 1/13/2026

Begin Construction: Target Mid-April 2026

Traffic Control: Throughout project limits one-way or reverse traffic control lane closure nightly. Within Pumpkin Center area, stage construction/traffic handling would be required.

Contract Acceptance: 1/19/2029

06-0U290 Weedpatch Highway rehab – No Change

Status: Project was awarded to Griffith Construction; construction of the project began at the end of January 2026.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

Location: Lamont from Dunsmere St. to Breckenridge Rd.

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Description: Rehabilitation, continuous median two-way left turn lane between Wible Road and 119/99 separation, complete streets elements

PA&ED: 12/15/2020

RTL: 12/4/2024

Approve Contract: 8/25/2025

Begin Construction: November 2025

Traffic Control: The project will be completed in stages with anticipated closure of local street during each stage. SR-184 will remain open throughout construction duration.

Contract Acceptance: 4/26/2027

06-0W920 Grapevine Rehab – No Change

Status: The project was awarded to C.A. Rasmussen and is expected to start construction at the beginning of April 2026

Project Manager: Anourack Khampraseuth

Location: On Interstate 5 near Grapevine, from 0.6 mile south of Fort Tejon Road to 0.5 mile north of Grapevine Road Undercrossing.

Description: Rehabilitation

PA&ED: 1/18/2024

RTL: 6/26/2025

Approve Contract: 1/12/2026

Begin Construction: 4/6/2026

Traffic Control: The project will be completed in stages and will use nighttime lane closures. Route I-5 will remain open throughout the construction duration.

Contract Acceptance: 8/15/2028

06-0Y150 Arvin SR 223 CAPM

Status: Ready to List achieved, will advertise Summer 2026.

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Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In and near Arvin from 0.1 mi west of Comanche Drive to 0.1 mi east of King Street

Description: Rehabilitation pavement and drainage systems, upgrade TMS elements, modify traffic signals, HAWK at 223 and Walnut. Install flashing beacon systems, high visibility crosswalks, bulb-outs, sidewalks and curb ramps.

PA&ED: 5/14/2024

RTL: 10/6/2025

Approve Contract: 10/30/2026

Begin Construction: Spring 2027

Traffic Control: Detours will be in place due to local road closures. Most pavement work will occur at night between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to reduce daytime disruptions to the community. Some daytime gutter work will require brief local street closures; however, detours will be provided and closures will be staggered so no two adjacent streets are closed at the same time.

Contract Acceptance: Winter 2028

06-0Y130 Kern 33 Rehab (Blackwell's Corner CAPM)

Status: Contract was awarded to Granite Construction. Project is approximately 95% complete, the anticipated substantial completion by April 2026.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

Location: About 8 miles north of McKittrick from Cymric Wash to 1.2 mi south of Route 46

Description: Pavement rehabilitation (18.9 miles)

PA&ED: 5/3/2022

RTL: 12/13/2023

Approve Contract: 7/10/2024

Begin Construction: September 2024

Traffic Control: Project is being constructed utilizing one-way traffic control, SR-33 to remain open during construction.

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Contract Acceptance: 7/15/2026

06-0W830 South Taft Rehab – No Change

Status: Moved out 1 year due to SHOPP rebalancing.

Project Manager: Mohamad Annan

Location: On 33 in south Taft from 0.04 mile south of Cadet Road to Gardner Field Road/Main Street.

Description: Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM)

PA&ED: 1/20/2026

RTL: 6/22/2026

Approve Contract: 5/31/2028

Begin Construction: Summer 2028

Traffic Control: TBD

Contract Acceptance: 5/31/2030

06-1A680 Semitropic CAPM – No Change

Status: Moved from 25/26 for SHOPP rebalancing

Project Manager: Shavonne Conley

Location: On 33 in south Taft from 0.04 mile south of Cadet Road to Gardner Field Road/Main Street.

Description: on 46 near Lost Hills and Wasco, from east of Route 5 to west of Scofield Avenue. Rehabilitate pavement, construct Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts (MVP), and upgrade bridge rails, guardrails, sign panels, and Transportation Management System (TMS) elements

PA&ED: 12/9/2024

RTL: 5/11/2026

Approve Contract: 3/28/2028

KERN COG BOARD UPDATE

March 2026

Begin Construction: TBD – likely spring/summer 2028

Traffic Control: Reversing

Contract Acceptance: 10/2/2028

06-1F260 Kern 204 Bridge Rail Upgrades – *No Change*

Status: Moved from 25/26 to 26/27 for SHOPP rebalancing.

Project Manager: Shelley Maggard

Location: On 204 in Bakersfield at Stine Canal, Kern River Bridge and Calloway Canal

Description: Replace bridge railings to meet current standards, reconstruct overhang and portions of the bridge deck

PA&ED: 11/19/2025

RTL: 12/1/2027

Approve Contract: 7/28/2028

Begin Construction: TBD – likely early fall 2028

Traffic Control: TBD

Contract Acceptance: 8/15/2029

Status: Moved from 25/26 for SHOPP rebalancing

06-1C060 Kern 223 Rehab – *No Change*

Status: The project was awarded to Granite Construction and is expected to start construction March 2026.

Project Manager: Anourack Khampraseuth

Location: 223 from the Junction State Route 5 to Costajo Road (just west of the 99)

Description: Rehabilitate roadway, replace signs, upgrade guardrail and install rumble strips and V ditches

PA&ED: 6/10/2024

RTL: 5/16/2025

KERN COG BOARD UPDATE

March 2026

Approve Contract: 1/14/2026

Begin Construction: 3/10/2026

Traffic Control:

Daytime lane closure :

- Route 223 will use one-way traffic control.
- Off-ramp to Route 223 (Bear Mtn Road) (PM 33.23) may be closed completely
- On-ramp from Route 223 (Bear Mtn Road (PM 33.65) may be closed completely
- At Route 223 (Old River Road) (PM 4.87): Street may be closed

Contract Acceptance: 2/11/2027



D9 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – KernCOG

March 2026 | Caltrans District 9

KERN COUNTY PROJECTS

#	Project	PM	Location	Description	PA&ED	RTL	Const.	Status
1	178 INYOKERN PAVEMENT	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-178-0/0	Grade Separation & fm 0.1 mi WO Mahan St to Kern/SB Co. line. Restore pavement.	2024	2027	2028	PS&E/RW
2	CACHE CREEK PAVEMENT	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-058-R99.4/R107.7	Cutoff Rd. Restore pavement, drainage.	2026	2028	2028	PA&ED
3	FREEMAN GULCH SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	Tognazzini, Jill C	KER-014-46.2/58.6	Shoulder widening, rumble strips.	2026	2029	2030	PA&ED
4	KEENE PAVEMENT	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-058-76.3/88.56	Pavement Repair CAPM/Rehab.	2022	2026	2027	PS&E/RW
5	MOJAVE PAVEMENT	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-014-R12.6/16.7	Rehab/CAPM pavement and upgrade ADA.	2023	2027	2028	PS&E/RW
6	ROSAMOND REHAB	Dusaint, Robin A	KER-014-0/4.7	Restore pavement.	2027	2030	2030	PA&ED
7	RIDGECREST/INYOKERN PAVEMENT	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-178-92/104.6	Rte 14 to Kern/SB Co. line. Restore pavement, fix drainage and ADA.	2024	2030	2031	PS&E/RW

NEW AND ONGOING TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Red Rock Canyon Crack Sealing

- On SR-14 from Abbott Drive in Red Rock Canyon State Park to approximately 2.5 miles north, the outside lane and shoulder in both directions will intermittently close while crews seal pavement cracks Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Drivers may experience brief delays.

Rosamond Boulevard Off-Ramp Delineation Work

- On SR-14 at the northbound Rosamond Boulevard off-ramp, crews will perform lane delineation work Thursday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Drivers may experience brief delays.

US 395 Corridor

- District 9 completed a tour of key locations along US 395 with Jay Schlosser to review corridor needs and ongoing coordination efforts.
- District 9 participated in a multi-agency US 395 corridor discussion in Boron on March 16.

State-Sponsored Non-SHOP PID Nomination – US 395/S. China Lake Blvd

- D9 will submit a nomination for US 395/S. China Lake Blvd Intersection Improvements to Caltrans HQ on March 20.
- Kern's preliminary 2026 RTP identifies this improvement (KARGO 6.2; \$59.4M) as "Next-in-Line" (unconstrained). The 2014 TCR also recommends a long-term interchange at this location.
- Support letters from the City of Ridgecrest and KernCOG are on file. Internal comments are due March 18.
- If awarded, D9 will initiate a PID to study alternatives at this intersection.

Cameron Canyon Road Culvert Feasibility Study Report

- D9 was selected to produce a Feasibility Study Report (FSR) for the culvert at Cameron Road and SR 58.

District Transit Plan

- Statewide effort covering all Caltrans Districts. High-level planning document focused on identifying highway (on-system) transit needs, including infrastructure and highway traffic operations (HOV lanes, bus rapid transit, etc.).
- Rural bus stop needs have been identified early in the process. Transit agency outreach has occurred.
- Public engagement kickoff is scheduled for April 2026. See attached flyer.

District Corridor Plans

- SR-14 and combined US 6/395 corridor plans launched this calendar year. Both are in Step 1 of the Corridor Planning Process Guidelines (scope identification).
- Plans are anticipated to be completed in 2028.



Caltrans District Transit Plans



Caltrans is developing District Transit Plans to identify transit infrastructure needs on the State Transportation Network (STN), and to prioritize transit-supportive improvements that address these needs.

The District Transit Plans are part of a broader statewide effort to reduce emissions and promote sustainable transportation across the State's diverse communities. The high-priority needs and improvements identified in the Plans can be used by Caltrans, transit agency partners, local jurisdictions, and MPO/RTPA staff to position critical transit projects on the STN for funding and implementation.

The District Transit Plans will focus on transit infrastructure-related improvements, such as bus priority treatments that improve service quality and reliability, as well as transit access-related improvements that ensure people biking, walking, and rolling have safe and convenient access to transit stops and stations on the STN.

Goals and Objectives

The District Transit Plans are guided by five overarching goals, which are designed to address transit needs across California's urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities, while advancing statewide goals related to reliability, safety, equity, and climate resilience.



RELIABILITY & SERVICE: Enhance speed, reliability, and reach of transit services, especially in high-demand and underserved areas.



ACCESS: Support in pedestrian, bicycle, and ADA infrastructure that enables safe access to transit stops and connections to statewide networks.



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE: Improve comfort, safety, and convenience at transit stops through amenities and better passenger information.



RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY: Promote infrastructure that enables zero-emission transit and maintains systems in a state of good repair.



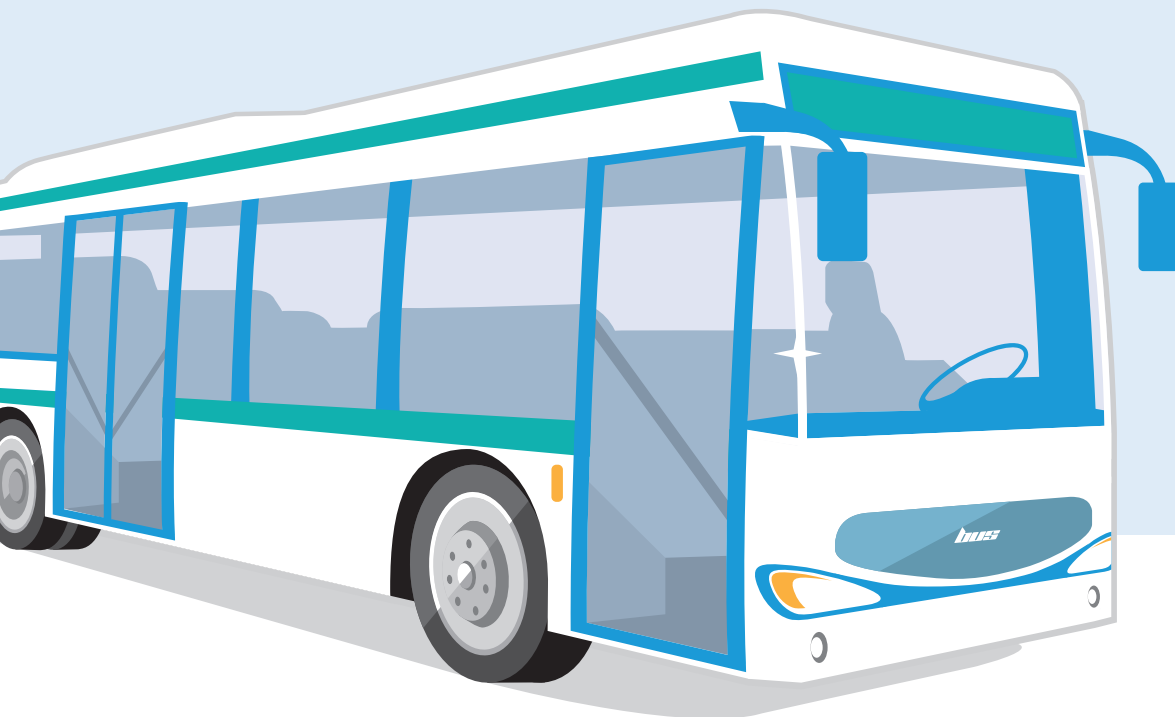
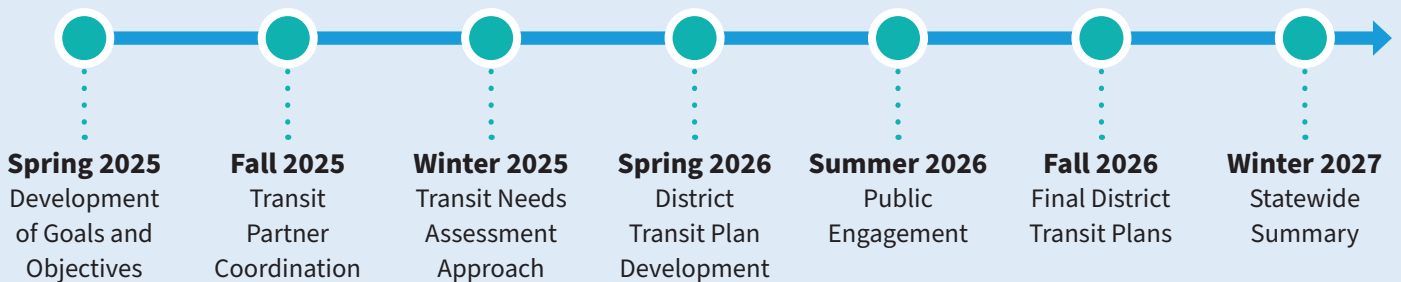
EQUITY: Enhance transit options for underserved and transit-dependent communities.

Engagement with Transit Partners

To ensure District Transit Plans reflect the real needs of transit agencies and the communities they serve, Caltrans has launched a coordinated statewide engagement effort with local and regional transit partners. Activities include:

- » Development of an online survey tool to gather input on transit infrastructure needs, gaps, and priority corridors on Caltrans-owned right-of-way.
- » One-on-one interviews and virtual focus groups with transit operators to understand location-specific challenges on the State right-of-way.
- » Direct participation from Caltrans and MPO staff to frame discussions and align input with district and statewide planning goals.
- » Public engagement to ensure community input shapes final transit plan priorities.

Timeline



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V.B.
TPPC

April 16, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda Item: V.B.

SB125 TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) AND
ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM LONG-TERM FINANCIAL
PLAN

DESCRIPTION:

On January 10, 2025, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released updated SB 125 guidelines requiring each transit agency to prepare and submit a Long-Term Financial Plan as a condition of continued eligibility for SB 125 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding. Kern COG issued a reminder to all regional transit operators on March 3, 2026, regarding this requirement. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG is initiating the development of the SB 125 Long-Term Financial Plan required for continued eligibility for SB 125 TIRCP/ZETCP funding beginning in FY 2026–27. Under SB 125, each transit operator must submit a one-time, long-term financial plan by June 30, 2026, demonstrating how the agency will sustain operations without additional discretionary or nonformula state funding. CalSTA will analyze and review these plans for completeness.

Each operator's Long-Term Financial Plan must include:

- Ridership retention and recovery strategies, including implemented safety and cleanliness policies, rider experience improvements, and coordination with other operators.
- A five-year operating funding forecast, detailing all operating revenue sources, operating cost projections, any new local or regional funding sources being pursued, and progress since the last Short-Term Financial Plan.

- A clear explanation of how operations will be sustained absent additional discretionary or nonformula state funding.

Use of Existing Plans

Operators may reference and attach relevant sections from existing documents, including SRTPs, TDPs, ZEB transition plans, annual budgets, and previously submitted Short-Term Financial Plans. Supplemental materials or addenda may be used to address SB 125-specific requirements.

Template and Timeline

Kern COG has prepared a template to ensure consistency across submissions and to facilitate CalSTA's completeness review. Transit operators are instructed to use the attached template when preparing their Long-Term Financial Plan. To allow sufficient time for regional review and feedback, Kern COG requests that operators submit their completed plan by May 11, 2026.

ACTION: Information

Attachments: Long Term Financial Plan Template

1. Basic Information

- Operator name
- Contact person
- Date

Certification statement (one sentence)

This Long-Term Financial Plan is submitted in accordance with SB 125 and the CalSTA SB 125 Program Guidelines. All information is accurate to the best of our knowledge and reflects the operator's approach to sustaining transit operations absent additional discretionary or nonformula state funding.

2. Ridership Retention and Recovery Strategies

(SB 125 Required Section I)

A short narrative (1–2 pages total) covering:

2.1 Implemented Safety & Cleanliness Measures

- Security, ambassadors, cleaning schedules, incident reporting
- Evidence of implementation (brief description or attachment)

2.2 Implemented Rider Experience Improvements

- Reduced boarding times
- Stop consolidation or dwell-time improvements
- Real-time information or customer service improvements

2.3 Coordination With Other Operators

- Schedule coordination
- Shared stops or facilities
- Transfer policies or operational coordination

2.4 Progress Since Last Short-Term Financial Plan

- What has been implemented
- What outcomes or improvements have occurred

(This section satisfies the entire SB 125 requirement for strategies.)

3. Five-Year Operating Forecast

(SB 125 Required Section II)

3.1 Operating Cost Forecast (Table)

One table with five years of:

- Labor
- Benefits
- Fuel/energy
- Maintenance

3.3 Sustainability Explanation

A short paragraph explaining:

- How the operator will sustain operations **without discretionary or nonformula state funding**
- Any remaining structural gaps and how they will be addressed

3.4 Progress Since Last Short-Term Plan

- Updated assumptions
- Improvements implemented

4. Supporting Attachments

Operators may attach existing documents instead of rewriting content:

- Short Range Transit Plan/Transportation Development Plan excerpts
- Short-Term Financial Plan
- Budget documents
- Safety/cleanliness policies
- Coordination agreements

(SB 125 allows and encourages this.)



V.C.
TPPC

April 16, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Consent Agenda Item: V.C.

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT: KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT
OPERATIONS (KARGO) COMMUNITY PROTECTION/PROSPERITY STUDY

DESCRIPTION:

Comments are invited through May 6, on the growing goods movement activity in the Kern region and ways to protect our communities while promoting their prosperity. A workshop on this draft study report will be held at 9 A.M. on May 6. The study is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>. This item has been reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION:

The objective of this project has been to assess the climate change vulnerabilities throughout Kern County, including the Tehachapi Pass and Tejon Pass corridors and their resiliency connectors, and to leverage and advance critical projects that implement adaptive climate mitigation measures while maximizing co-benefits countywide. The project focused on three main components:

1. Vulnerability/Resiliency Assessment Report: This component assessed current and future vulnerability of the corridor and connecting resiliency routes to the impacts of climate change and identify critical infrastructure.
2. Adaptation Mitigation/Co-Benefit Analysis Report: This component developed a comprehensive climate adaptation Analysis for the Corridor, incorporating the results of the vulnerability assessment. The analysis identified and ranked short- and long-term adaptation mitigation measures, such as the construction of mudslide barriers, retaining walls, drainage structures, wildlife crossing infrastructure improvements, vegetation management/restoration to reduce the impacts of climate change on the corridor while prioritizing co-benefits for safety, community, economy, and habitat.

3. Expedite Implementation Conceptual Design Effort: Leverage planned projects in the corridor including the truck lane and the High-Speed Rail projects to focus on early implementation of the identified adaptation measures, including 30% design and cost estimates of drainage culverts, wildlife crossing infrastructure, retaining walls, vegetation management and restoration, resiliency connectors and other safety, community, economic and habitat co-benefits.

Through a prodigious public outreach and engagement effort and based on that effort, Kern COG's consultants and staff developed the draft final study report. The consultant developed cost estimations and up to 30% conceptual designs for projects on the prioritized list the TTAC approved in November 2024.

Please note:

Staff will hold a public workshop at 9AM before the next TTAC on May 6. At the June TTAC meeting, that Committee will be asked to recommend the Draft Final Study Report for acceptance—receive and file—by the COG Board on June 18. The Board's action item is anticipated to include a resolution asking member agencies to consider incorporating the study's projects into local circulation element of their General Plans as and will help implement AB98/SB415 requiring Circulation Elements to include truck routes. Staff recommends review and comment on the draft final study report.

ACTION: Comments on the draft final report are due to Karl Davisson at kdavisson@kerncog.org or (661) 635-2919 by May 6th, 2026



V.D.
TPPC

April 16, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Ben Raymond, Regional Planner
Rochelle Invina-Jayasari, Regional Planner
Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner
Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda Item: V.D.

PRESENTATION: SB 375 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
SUCCESS STORIES – COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

DESCRIPTION:

A video of a 25-minute presentation to Regional Planning Advisory Committee summarizing the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories is now available at <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/>.

DISCUSSION:

The Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories showcase how Kern COG's member agencies and regional stakeholders have implemented strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of the SB 375 goals included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/SCS. The Success Stories featured in this presentation are just a few of the more than 60 that will be included as an appendix to the 2026 RTP/SCS. The 2026 RTP/SCS along with the Success Stories Appendix is schedule to be made available for a public review comment period from May 8 to July 2, 2026, and will be available at <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/>.

ACTION: Information.

Attachment: Slide handouts of the SB 375 SCS Success Stories: Community Transformation Highlights presentation

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN


SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories: Community Transformation Highlights



April 1, 2026
Rob Ball, Planning Director
Kern Council of Governments
Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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Over 60 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories



NEW STRATEGIES

1. Bakersfield High Speed Rail Station Area Plan – Specific/General Plan Update
2. Kern CDG 4,000 Workplace Changing Spaces by 2025
3. Improvements to 51 Bus Stops – Metro Bakersfield/Disadvantaged Neighborhoods
4. New Taft Transit Center / Regional Transit Hub
5. Early Delivery of Wasco Disadvantage Community Active Transportation Projects
6. Bakersfield Disadvantage Communities Bike Share & Downtown Bicycle Connectivity Project
7. Kern Highway Projects Advancing Complete Streets
8. Kern Regional Active Transportation Plan Including Disadvantaged Communities
9. Kern CDG Intelligent Transportation System Plan Update
10. SW Rural Transit Shared Mobility Study for Disadvantaged Communities
11. SR 184 Lamont Bike and Pedestrian Improvements
12. SR 184 and 155 Roundabouts in Disadvantage Communities of Delano and Weedpatch
13. Kern County General Plan Update – Land Use, Conservation, Open Space, Circ., Housing, and elements
14. Early Deployment Pricing Policies for Parking and FastPass HOT Lanes
15. MLK Park Revitalization Master Plan GET & GO Pilot Program
16. Maricopa Park Beautification
17. McFarland Community Garden and Trail
18. OGS Town Kern Vision Plan
19. City Lights
20. Electric Vehicle Ready Communities Phase II – Blueprint Implementation
21. Garces Circle
22. KARGO
23. Safe Routes for Cyclists

ENHANCED STRATEGIES

24. City of Bakersfield Redevelopment Projects – Mill Creek and Baker Street
25. Commuter Rail Feasibility Study – Amtrak Improvements
26. Rideshare Program – Commute Kern
27. Expanding Park and Ride Lots
28. Dial-A-Ride and Local Transportation Services
29. Kern County Bicycle Master Plan & Complete Streets Recommendations/City of Tehachapi Bicycle Master Plan
30. City of Bakersfield Bicycle Facilities
31. Westside Station Multi-modal Transit Center
32. San Joaquin Valley Vanpool Program (CalVans)
33. Kern County Wind Farm Areas (Largest in U.S.)
34. City of Shafter Container Yard and Intermodal Rail Facility Expansion
35. Intersection Signalization/Synchronization

ENHANCED STRATEGIES (continued)

36. City of Bakersfield 4 New Downtown Infill Housing Projects
37. Cities of McFarland and Shafter – Conversion of transit fleet to electric vehicles
38. Golden Empire Transit – Purchase of 2 Electric Buses
39. Lost Hills Wonderful Park and Communitywide Improvements
40. Grapevine Specific and Community Plan and Special Plan


EXISTING/CONTINUING STRATEGIES

41. City of Tehachapi General Plan (Form-Based Code, Transit Zone, Mobility Element, Town Form Element)
42. Infill Incentive Zone – Lower Transportation Impact Fee Core Area
43. City of Taft General Plan – Sustainability Principles
44. City of Ridgecrest General Plan and Multi-Modal Circulation Element
45. Metro Bakersfield General Plan Sewer Policy – Hook-up required for parcels less than 6 acres
46. City of Bakersfield Reused Lot Area Zoning Strategies
47. San Joaquin Valley Air District's Indirect Source Review to Mitigate Off-Site Impacts of Development
48. Transit Priority Areas in the Kern CDG SCS
49. Metro Bakersfield General Plan Centers Concept – Transit Priority & Strategic Employment Place Types
50. GET Short-Term Service Plan (2012–2020)
51. GET X-92 Commuter Express bus service to Tejon Industrial Complex
52. KernS11 – Traveler Information System
53. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Integration Project
54. Caltrans Vehicle Detection System – SR 43 Intersection Improvements/E. Bak. Vehicle Detection System
55. California Highway Patrol's Safety Corridors
56. Purchase of CNG Buses (80+ bus fleet)
57. The Electric Cab Company of Delano
58. Downtown Elementary School Expansion (Bakersfield)
59. Traffic Control Devices
60. Kern Region Energy Action Plans (Kern REAP) and Kern Energy Watch Goal 3
61. Tejon Ranch Conservation and Land Use Agreement
62. Kern County Community Revitalization Program
63. Kern Transit – Route Connection with Antelope Valley Transit Authority
64. CSU Bakersfield – Public Transit Center

SCS Success Stories are included in Appendix E of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
<https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

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3 Electric Vehicle Charging Blueprints in 6-Years: Kern 13% EV Sales Surpass Adoption Tipping Point



2025 Passenger Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Blueprint Update – New Goal: By 2035, 4,426-12,745 EV charging spaces. Kern is at 10-15% tipping point for rapid EV growth in 2025. https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/EVCS_Blueprint_Update_2025.pdf

2023 Medium/Heavy Duty TRUCK ZEV Blueprint – Identifies 5 major ZEV Truck Stops. https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023_MD-HD_ZEV_Infrastructure_Blueprint.pdf

2019 Passenger Vehicle EVCS Blueprint – Goal: By 2035, 4,426 Electric Vehicle Charging spaces, 83% installed by 2025. https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/EV_Blueprint_2019.pdf

Lost Hills
164 Charger Spcs, Largest in US

Bakersfield
1st All Solar/Battery E-Truck Stop

Tehachapi
3,674 Charger Spcs Countywide

New Strategy

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COMMUTE KERN & Air District Rule 9410 - Promoting Telework, Vanpools, and Other Commute Alternatives



Telework



Vanpool/Carpool



Walk/Bike/Transit



• Commute Kern provides customer service upon request from the general public, employers, colleges, vanpool operators, other agencies and the media regarding ridesharing opportunities

As an on-line transportation demand management program, Commute Kern's website- commutekern.org

Public Transit

COST BENEFIT RATIO:
 2024-2025: \$41.53 / lbs.
 2025-2026: \$40.48 / lbs.

COST OF PROJECT:
 2024-2025: \$355,563
 2025-2026: \$379,918



Enhanced Strategy

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California State University of Bakersfield – Construction of Public Transit Center

- Golden Empire Transit (GET) is one of the 1st all CNG fleets in the state is now developing a hydrogen bus fleet.
- GET continues to invest in transit improvements such as Transit Centers with four major hubs.
- The CSUB Transit center is located along an established bicycle corridor and which benefits from a campus bike share program
- The Center provides seamless passenger connections to Kern Regional Transit service.
- All new transit bus purchases are required to be zero emission by 2029 in California.



Existing/Continuing Strategy



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\$20M Per Year for Intersection Signalization/Synchronization/ITS

- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Smart Signals Communicate with Transit vehicles allowing greenlight extension on the Rapid Bus/BRT Corridors to keep busses on time
- 27 intersection signalization projects were completed from 2012–2024, with 5 more planned for 2023–2026
- Benefits: smoother/less polluting traffic flow. Upgraded signal timing reduces stops, delays, and idling, improving travel times and lowering vehicle emissions along key corridors



Enhanced Strategy

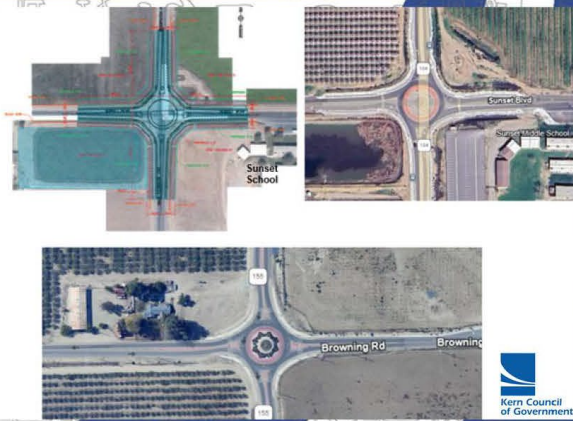


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Nine Rural Roundabouts In/Near Communities of Arvin, Delano, Shafter, Wasco and Weedpatch

- 5 roundabouts on rural state routes including 43/58, 155, 184, and 223
- 4 more under design/construction on 43 near Shafter and in Wasco
- Projects smooth traffic flow reduce queuing and complete stops at stop signs/signals, reducing emissions, and fatal "T-bone" crashes

COST OF PROJECTS: \$3-\$10 million each
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: 2019-2030



New Strategy



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Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Bakersfield

PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Increase population and economic activity in the urban core
- Support new residential/commercial
- Revitalize under-used/vac. properties
- Improve connections between activity and cultural centers
- Build an efficient, reliable multi-modal transportation network
- Enhance sustainability, livability, and sense of place

YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: 2032(?)

New Strategy



A New Gates Circle District around HSR

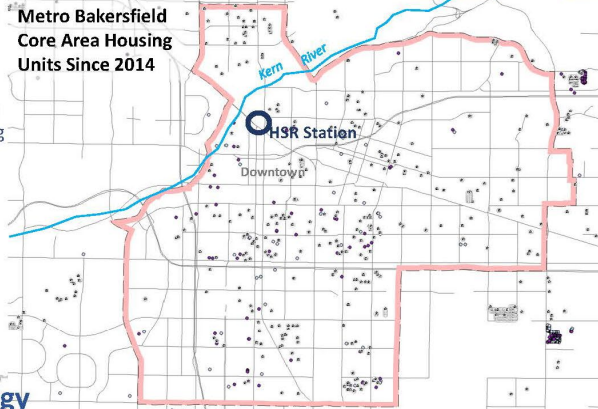


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1,300 New Units in Infill Incentive Zone – Lower Transportation Impact Fee Core Area

- Since 2014 Bakersfield and Kern have added 1,300 units to Core Area.
- Transportation Impact Fee (TIF) Core Areas in both Metro Bakersfield and Tehachapi encourage development in targeted zones by reducing permitting fees and supporting higher-density, mixed-use growth.
- Bakersfield's TIF Core Area enables a potential fourfold increase in household capacity, promoting infill development and improving alignment with city land-use policies.
- Past 10 years 72% of Metro housing built within existing urban areas.

Metro Bakersfield Core Area Housing Units Since 2014



Existing/Continuing Strategy

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SJV Air District's Indirect Source Review Mitigates Off-Site Development Impacts, Promoting Infill

- The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) adopted Indirect Source Review (Rule 9510) to reduce emissions associated with new land development, targeting pollution indirectly generated by population growth.
- ISR applies to development projects that have not yet received discretionary approval, ensuring emission-reduction measures are incorporated early in the planning process.
- The rule aims to cut harmful pollutants—specifically NOx and PM10—from both construction activities and ongoing operations of new development projects in the San Joaquin Valley.

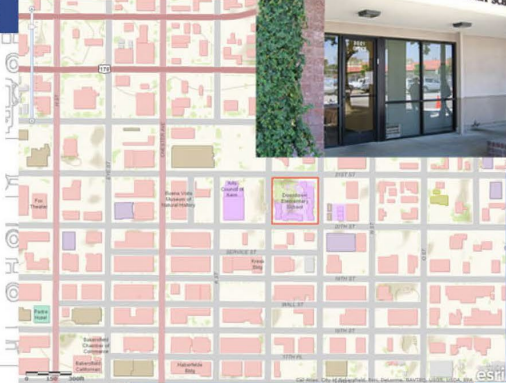


Existing/Continuing Strategy

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Downtown Elementary School Expansion (Bakersfield)

- Downtown Elementary School, located in central Bakersfield, serves K–8 students and offers extended day programs to support working families.
- The campus was recently expanded to increase student capacity and enhance its ability to serve the downtown community.
- The school is designed to meet the needs of families working in the downtown area, providing convenient access to education and childcare.



Existing/Continuing Strategy

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Kern Road Projects Advancing Kern COG Complete Streets Recommendations since 2012

- In 2012 Kern COG completed the Complete Streets Recommendations report
- The Thomas Roads Improvement Program has now completed the following complete streets facilities:
 - More than 21 miles of new bike lanes
 - More than 18 miles of new sidewalks
 - More than 120 new ADA curb cuts
 - Three new interchanges with ramp metering



Central Park Bike/Ped Bridge



Buffered Bike Lanes



New Strategy

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8+ Kern Bicycle and Complete Streets Plans 2042 Bike Lane Milage Goal 90% Complete

Bicycle Facility Mileage in Kern County

	2020	2024	Planned (2042)
Unincorporated County	64.04	344.20	207.75
Arvin	4.34	8.84	25.90
Bakersfield	246.10	381.66	449.25
California City	10.04	14.64	32.60
Delano	-	32.00	37.60
Maricopa	-	1.00	3.90
McFarland	-	2.90	21.50
Ridgecrest	24.59	54.69	63.20
Shafter	2.91	14.61	53.10
Taft	1.11	21.41	33.10
Tehachapi	4.35	15.35	17.30
Wasco	2.22	14.32	56.10
Total	359.70	905.62	1,001.30

Source: KCOG 2026, City of Bakersfield
Updated 3-5-26

Sample Bike Route Signage

- Class I Bike Path
- Class II Bike Path
- Class III Bike Route
- Regional Greenway with other agencies
- Neighborhood Green Street
- Protected Greenway from Private Park

2025 Safe Routes for Cyclists
2024 Bakersfield Active Transport. Plan
2020 Downtown Ped Access to Transit
2020 Low Stress Bikeway Network
2019 Caltrans Bike Plan/Complete Streets
2018 Kern Region Active Transport. Plan
2013 Bakersfield Bicycle Transport Plan
2012 Kern County Bicycle Master Plan

Enhanced Strategy

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Safe Routes for Cyclists Program

PROJECT SPONSORS: Kern COG, Bike Bakerfield/Kern Active Transportation Alliance (KATA), Calwalks

- Promotes bicycle use in 13 disadvantaged communities
- Educates riders on rules of the road and safe cycling practices, proper equipment
- Builds rider confidence and supports bicycling equity Provides basic bike maintenance training
- 1st Non-Infrastructure ATP project in state.

TOTAL COST: \$792,000

New Strategy

Portable Mock City
Bike Safety Training Kit

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Lost Hills Wonderful Park a Communitywide Improvment

- Improved 3.8 miles of streets throughout the community
- Constructed 7.2 miles of new sidewalks
- Extended 220 driveways to improve property access
- Installed 6.9 miles of new curbs and gutters
- Planted 730 new trees to enhance shade and aesthetics
- Installed 16 new stop signs to improve traffic safety
- Added 38 LED streetlights for safer nighttime travel
- Built 1,400 feet of 60-foot-wide pedestrian walkways
- Added a Kern Transit bus shelter directly across from the park

Enhanced Strategy

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City of Tehachapi General Plan (Form-Based Code)

- Tehachapi's 2035 General Plan Update supports SB 375 by promoting form-based planning that encourages mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods, high-density opportunities in the "T" Zone, and strong land-use/mobility integration.
- The plan prioritizes infill development through designated "G" Sectors while preserving the Sphere of Influence as open space via the "O" Sectors to prevent sprawl and maintain a compact urban form.
- By protecting open space and agricultural lands, the plan establishes a clear boundary between town and countryside, supporting sustainability and smart-growth principles.

Existing/Continuing Strategy

FIGURE 10-10 THE WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOOD

KEY TO NEIGHBORHOOD DIAGRAM

- Block defined by street. Streets vary according to existing/retained physical context for particular area of neighborhood.
- Open Space. Open space according to neighborhood physical context for particular area of neighborhood.
- Street corner where possible and safe. It is retained by a variety of street types and alignments to provide pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- Impervious locations are preferred site for solar buildings.
- Short line of blocks along boulevard (parked street) roads.
- Backyard with high roof provides additional recreation for hanging, office, and housing above while buffering the high-boulevard from large volumes of traffic.
- School location shared by adjacent neighborhood.
- A variety of open/active space is distributed.
- Mixed-use uses and civic uses of neighborhood. Depending upon neighborhood's physical context and particular intensity, this area will vary in the types of building and uses that contribute to the neighborhood's center. For example, in a low-intensity neighborhood, it may be configured with house scale buildings near or at the sidewalk with low-rise activity on the ground floor with a higher-intensity neighborhood. It may be configured with a combination of three-story and five-story buildings with mixed, residential, low-work and office activity.
- High-intensity consider oriented activity.

FIGURE 10-11 THE TRANSIT

T-1 T-2 T-3 T-4 T-5 T-6 SD

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Garces Circle SR-204 Enhancement Project

- The City of Bakersfield received a \$1.5 million grant through the Clean California Local Program to enhance pedestrian safety and improve walkability in the area surrounding Garces Memorial Circle Roundabout
- Creating a safer, more accessible environment for pedestrians by installing critical pedestrian features such as accessible ramps, crosswalks, and Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB).

TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS: \$1,500,000
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: 2022-2024

New Strategy

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Other Ideas / Comments / Questions / Contacts

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V.E.
TPPC

April 15, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Consent Agenda Item: V.E.

PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

57% of project funding has been authorized for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

The Project Accountability Team meetings are held quarterly as needed to discuss project implementation issues and to develop solutions. Participants review project status information for projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Since no meeting has been held recently, this report is meant to provide the latest updates.

1. FY 25/26 Score Card – 57% of projects have approved funding authorization; 4% are awaiting funding authorization; 39% have not submitted for funding authorization.
2. In alignment with Caltrans Obligation Authority (OA) Management Policy and strategic initiative to improve OA utilization, Caltrans advanced the opening of the Local OA pool to March 16th this year. On March 13th, the statewide OA delivery rate was 15.5%.
3. The TTAC requested a project status report from the City of Tehachapi regarding KER200506 Tucker Rd and Highline Rd roundabout project. Don Marsh, Development Services Director for the City of Tehachapi provided the following update: Environmental work is progressing well. The environmental consultant is working on the finding of no adverse effect without standard conditions. It has been determined that a Historic Resource Evaluation Report is not required (HRER) but an Archaeological Survey Report (ASR) is required. Tribal consultation is also required but will be performed by Caltrans Headquarters. Additional environmental consulting resources have been engaged to expedite this work. All required reports by local staff are underway and scheduled to be completed by the middle of April.

ACTION: Information.

Attachments: April 3, 2026 FY25/26 Score Card
April 3, 2026 FY25/26 ATP/CMAQ/RSTP project list

April 3, 2026

TO: TTAC Members and Project Managers
 FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
 By: Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner
 RE: Project Delivery Score Card



Federal Transportation Improvement Program

FY 2025-26	No. of Projects	Federal/State \$ in FY 25/26		% of funding
		Preliminary Engineering	Construction	
ATP	5	\$200,000	\$7,041,000	
CMAQ/CRP	10	\$0	\$14,242,232	
RSTP	13	\$0	\$14,366,488	
Totals	28	\$200,000	\$35,649,720	100%
1. Not Submitted				
	No. of Projects	Preliminary Engineering	Construction	% of funding
ATP	1	\$0	\$5,421,000	
CMAQ/CRP	4	\$0	\$6,693,967	
<u>RSTP</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,817,675</u>	
Total	8	\$0	\$13,932,642	39%
2. Submitted				
	No. of Projects	Preliminary Engineering	Construction	% of funding
ATP	0	\$0	\$0	
CMAQ/CRP	1	\$0	\$458,142	
<u>RSTP</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,213,569</u>	
Total	3	\$0	\$1,671,711	4%
3. State/Federal Approvals				
	No. of Projects	Preliminary Engineering	Construction	% of funding
ATP	4	\$200,000	\$1,620,000	
CMAQ/CRP	5	\$0	\$7,090,123	
<u>RSTP</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,335,244</u>	
Total	17	\$200,000	\$20,045,367	57%

Legend:

ATP – Active Transportation Program;
 CMAQ/CRP – Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program/Carbon Reduction Program;
 RSTP – Regional Surface Transportation Program

Lead	PIN	Project No./ Grant No.	Description	Federal/ State PE/RW	Federal/ State CON	Total	Date Expect to Submit	Note
Bakersfield	KER231003	ATPCML 5109(295)	On H St between SR 204 and SR 58; construct curb cuts, ADA ramps, high visibility crosswalks, advanced stop and turn line markings, and pedestrian friendly streetscaping (FY 25/26 \$2,653,780 should be advanced to FY 24/25)	\$0	\$2,653,780	\$2,997,605	done	3
Bakersfield	KER180507	CML 5109(298)	Bakersfield: Ashe Rd from Panama Ln to Club View Dr; installation of traffic signal coordination system	\$0	\$458,142	\$517,500	Mar-26	2
California City	KER180507	CML 5399(034)	California City Blvd from Baron Blvd to Maverick St; shoulder paving	\$0	\$2,451,749	\$2,769,400	May-26	1
California City	KER180403	STPL 5399(035)	California City Blvd from Hacienda Blvd to 94th St (approx. 520 Lf); Pavement Rehabilitation	\$0	\$374,570	\$423,100	May-26	1
Delano	KER180403	STPL 5227(076)	Albany St from Garces Hwy to Morse Blvd; High St from Garces Hwy to 1 St Ave; and Princeton St from 20th Ave to County Line Rd; pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation including 1-1/2-inch grinding and hot mix asphalt overlay and striping	\$0	\$721,659	\$815,158	done	3
Delano	KER231004	Cycle 6 MPO	Construct 18 ADA curb ramps, stripe 17 crosswalks, fill 3,749 ft of sidewalk gaps surrounding eight local public schools benefitting over 6,200 students, completing the SRTS plan	\$0	\$628,000	\$628,000	done	3
KCOG	KER240501	CMLNI 6087(086)	In Kern County: Commutekern Rideshare Program	\$0	\$336,341	\$379,918	done	3
KCOG	KER240401	STPLNI 6087(087)	In Kern County: Regional Traffic Count Program	\$0	\$79,677	\$90,000	done	3
Kern County	KER180403	STPL 5950(528)	Columbus Street (Loma Linda Dr - Berkeley St); 0.87 miles of road rehabilitation	\$0	\$992,034	\$1,120,563	done	3
Kern County	KER180403	STPL 5950(533)	Jenkins Road (Brimhall Rd to Hageman Rd)+ Palm Avenue (Heath Rd to Jenkins Rd); 3.45 miles of road rehabilitation	\$0	\$3,555,741	\$4,016,426	done	3
Kern County	KER180403	STPL 5961(020)	Rosamond Boulevard (State Route 14 - Union Pacific Railroad); 0.46 mile of road rehabilitation and operational improvements	\$0	\$2,107,229	\$2,380,243	done	3
Kern County	KER180507	CML 5950(532)	Asher Ave (South St to Pico St), South St (Shattuck Ave to Rose Ave), Rose Ave (South of South St to Buena Vista); Surface unpaved shoulder	\$0	\$2,034,226	\$2,297,782	done	3
Kern County	KER231001	Cycle 6 Statewide	Norris Rd from Melody Ln to Airport Dr; construct sidewalk; Norris Rd from Airport Dr to N Chester Ave; construct pedestrian accessibility and crossing improvements	\$0	\$5,421,000	\$6,124,000	June CTC; Time Ext	1

NOTES Project funding authorization request (E-76 or grant): 1. Not submitted; 2. Submitted; or 3. Approved.
 2a. Allocation request to CTC.
 A. Amendment pending

Lead	PIN	Project No./ Grant No.	Description	Federal/ State PE/RW	Federal/ State CON	Total	Date Expect to Submit	Note
Kern County	KER231005	Cycle 6 MPO	SRTS; install rrfbs, thermoplastic marking, signs and ADA ramps at existing uncontrolled multi-lane crosswalks to benefit seven (7) adjacent schools. upgrades to 6 existing multi-lane crosswalks on arterial and collector roads in unincorporated areas of Oildale and East Bakersfield	\$0	\$0	\$344,000	N/A	N/A
Kern County	KER240402	STPL 5950(527)	College Avenue (Mount Vernon Ave - Montello St); 1.62 miles of road reconstruction	\$0	\$2,996,830	\$3,385,102	done	3
Kern County	KER240503	CML 5950(530)	Winter Lane (Habecker Road to East Side Canal); Pave dirt road	\$0	\$440,897	\$498,020	done	3
Kern County	KER240504	CML 5950(529)	San Jose Avenue (West Cecil aAvenue to County Line Road); Pave dirt road	\$0	\$1,624,879	\$1,835,400	done	3
McFarland	KER180403	STPL 5343(021)	W. Kern Ave from 3rd St to 5th St (approx. 875 LF); Pavement Rehabilitation	\$0	\$429,686	\$485,356	done	3
Shafter	KER240404	STPL 5281(035)	Lerdo Hwy from S Valley St to S Schnaidt St; Reconstruction	\$0	\$749,849	\$847,000	Mar-26	2
Shafter	KER240405	STPL 5281(036)	Zerker Rd from 500 South of New Kapittel Rd to GMC Roofing; Reconstruction	\$0	\$646,269	\$730,000	Mar-26	1
Taft	KER180403	STPL 5193(049)	4th St from Kern St to Ash St (approx. 3,525 LF); Pavement Rehabilitation	\$0	\$463,720	\$762,000	Mar-26	2
Taft	KER231007	Cycle 6 MPO	10th St and San Emidio St; upgrade pedestrian crossing: install ada curb ramps, raised median, repaint crosswalks, markings, stripes, install 4 solar led flashing stop signs and 2 solar speed feedback signs	\$0	\$408,000	\$408,000	done	3
Tehachapi	KER180403	RSTP 5184(045)	Valley Blvd from Beech St to Tucker Rd; Rehabilitate approx. 0.5 miles of asphalt concrete pavement by grinding approx. 2" and overlaying with new asphalt and apply fog seal	\$0	\$452,388	\$511,000	done	3
Tehachapi	KER200506	CML 5184(046)	Intersection of Tucker Rd and Highline Rd; construct roundabout include high visibility crosswalks and lighting	\$0	\$2,742,000	\$3,097,256	Nov-26	1
Tehachapi	KER231008	Cycle 6 MPO	Northside of West Valley Blvd between Oakwood St and Curry St and Mill St between Valley Blvd and Tehachapi Blvd; install sidewalk, curb, gutter, curb ramps, improve crosswalks, and install class II bicycle lane on Northside of Valley Blvd and on Mill St	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	done	3
NOTES	Project funding authorization request (E-76 or grant): 1. Not submitted; 2. Submitted; or 3. Approved. 2a. Allocation request to CTC. A. Amendment pending							

Lead	PIN	Project No./ Grant No.	Description	Federal/ State PE/RW	Federal/ State CON	Total	Date Expect to Submit	Note
Wasco	KER180403	STPL 5287(066)	Filburn Ave between Central Ave and G St (various locations); Asphalt Rehabilitation, striping, signage and ADA ramp improvements	\$0	\$796,836	\$900,075	Mar-26	1
Wasco	KER180507	CML 5287(067)	EB Filburn Ave b/w Central Ave and Palm St; shoulder dust suppression, provide full pavement width, curb, gutter, ADA ramps, sidewalks, bike lane striping and signage	\$0	\$769,071	\$868,713	Feb-26	1
Wasco	KER180507	CML 5287(068)	EB Filburn Ave b/w Griffith Ave and G St; shoulder dust suppression, provide full pavement width, curb, gutter, ADA ramps, sidewalk, bike lane striping and signage	\$0	\$731,147	\$825,875	Feb-26	1
Wasco	KER231009	Cycle 6 MPO	East side of Central Ave from 1310 North of Filburn St to Via Morocco Blvd and between Bettis Ave and SR 46; install class I and class II bicycle trails, ADA curb ramps, drive approaches, and related pedestrian and landscaping improvements	\$0	\$584,000	\$584,000	done	3
<p>Project funding authorization request (E-76 or grant): 1. Not submitted; 2. Submitted; or 3. Approved. 2a. Allocation request to CTC. A. Amendment pending</p>								



VI TPPC

April 16, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Irene Enriquez
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Consent Agenda Item: VI

FY 2025-26 KERN REGION LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS
PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

DESCRIPTION:

The State Controller's Office (SCO) has released the annual Caltrans funding is available through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The region is allocated a total of \$1,648,033. Member agencies eligible for LCTOP funds were e-mailed the final regional apportionment Monday, March 2, 2026. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG staff received an apportionment estimate from Caltrans for the Kern Region for the LCTOP. Caltrans administers the LCTOP funding program in two accounts: 99313 (Kern COG Regional) and 99314 (Agency only) similar to the Proposition 1B program. The hard deadline to receive LCTOP allocation requests from member agencies and a Kern COG Board adopted a program of projects is **Tuesday April 28, 2026**.

Project Eligibility

1. Expenditures that directly enhance or expand transit service by supporting new or expanded bus or rail services, new or expanded water-borne transit, or expanded intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, and maintenance, and other costs to operate those services or facilities.
2. Operational expenditures increase transit mode share.

3. Expenditures related to the purchase of zero-emission buses, including electric buses, and the installation of the necessary equipment and infrastructure to operate and support these zero-emission buses.

Based on the State Controller's release of official allocation amounts and Caltrans' call for projects and corresponding closing date, Kern COG staff established the timeline shown below.

Member agencies were requested to submit their LCTOP project descriptions by March 16, 2026, to support preparation of the FY 2025–26 Program of Projects.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee members review the attached FY 2025-2026 regional program of projects and recommend adoption to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

Presentation and adoption of the Kern COG FY 2025–26 LCTOP Program of Projects is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at the Transportation Planning Policy Committee meeting.

All FY 2025–26 LCTOP allocation requests, including required supporting documentation, are due to Caltrans LCTOP staff by Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner at **(661) 635-2918** or e-mail at ienriquez@kerncog.org.

ACTION: Staff recommends the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the LCTOP FY 2025-26 Program of Projects by Resolution 26-15

Attachments: Resolution 26-15
FY 2025-26 State Controller LCTOP Eligible Allocation
Kern COG FY 2025-26 LCTOP Program of Projects
Tehachapi Fund Transfer Notification Letter

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

Resolution No. 26-15

In the matter of:

RESOLUTION OF THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXECUTE THE KERN COUNTY LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) EXPENDITURE PLAN WORKSHEET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2026

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 establishes the LCTOP as a formulaic program instead of a state-level competitive program; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for ensuring that the statutory requirements of the program are met in terms of project eligibility, greenhouse gas reduction, disadvantaged community benefit, and other requirements of the law; and

WHEREAS the State Controller of California identified Kern Council of Governments as an eligible project sponsor/ recipient agency; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2015, Kern Council of Governments adopted a policy guidance document to establish a regional protocol and advance a list of eligible and regionally approved projects for LCTOP funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tehachapi was unable to identify an eligible LCTOP project for FY 2025-26 and chose to transfer its 99313 apportionments (\$19,319) and 99314 apportionments (\$329) totaling \$19,648 to Kern Transit (County of Kern); and

WHEREAS Kern Council of Governments wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the Executive Director.

NOW THEREFORE, BET IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Kern Council of Governments agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurance document and applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects; and

2. That the Kern Council of Governments' Executive Director is authorized to execute the Kern County Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Expenditure Plan Worksheet for fiscal years 2025 through 2026.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED THIS 16th Day of April 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Bob Smith, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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

John Sclosser
Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

Date: April 16, 2026



MALIA M. COHEN
CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER

February 27, 2026

County Auditors
Transportation Planning Agencies
County Transportation Commissions
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

SUBJECT: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 39719(b)(1)(B), the State Controller's Office shall allocate five percent of the annual proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The allocation is made according to the requirements of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program and pursuant to the distribution formula in sections 99312(b) or (c), 99313, and 99314 of the Public Utilities Code. Enclosed is a schedule that provides the amounts available for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.

Please contact Lucas Rasmussen by telephone at (916) 323-1374 or email at LRasmussen@sco.ca.gov with any questions or for additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melma Dizon Digitally signed by Melma Dizon
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Melma Dizon
Manager, Local Apportionments Section

Enclosure:
Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Eligible Allocation Summary

**STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 - ELIGIBLE ALLOCATION SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

Regional Entity	PUC 99313 Allocation	PUC 99314 Allocation	Total Allocation
	A	B	C = (A + B)
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	\$ 12,875,087	\$ 35,581,787	\$ 48,456,874
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	3,389,088	1,150,810	4,539,898
San Diego Association of Governments	1,600,012	395,543	1,995,555
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System	3,932,989	1,628,526	5,561,515
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	185,263	10,493	195,756
Alpine County Transportation Commission	1,979	149	2,128
Amador County Transportation Commission	66,527	2,379	68,906
Butte County Association of Governments	348,963	18,930	367,893
Calaveras County Local Transportation Commission	75,202	926	76,128
Colusa County Local Transportation Commission	37,038	1,642	38,680
Del Norte County Local Transportation Commission	44,635	2,384	47,019
El Dorado County Local Transportation Commission	298,480	20,171	318,651
Fresno County Council of Governments	1,743,854	310,501	2,054,355
Glenn County Local Transportation Commission	49,385	1,388	50,773
Humboldt County Association of Governments	225,020	38,194	263,214
Imperial County Transportation Commission	313,607	28,946	342,553
Inyo County Local Transportation Commission	31,613	0	31,613
Kern Council of Governments	1,553,684	94,349	1,648,033
Kings County Association of Governments	258,983	10,322	269,305
Lake County/City Council of Governments	113,091	5,815	118,906
Lassen County Local Transportation Commission	48,287	2,178	50,465
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	16,608,322	21,995,875	38,604,197
Madera County Local Transportation Commission	273,418	8,877	282,295
Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission	28,447	851	29,298
Mendocino Council of Governments	151,048	11,164	162,212
Merced County Association of Governments	492,828	23,128	515,956
Modoc County Local Transportation Commission	14,278	1,255	15,533
Mono County Local Transportation Commission	21,329	32,922	54,251
Transportation Agency for Monterey County	737,915	228,913	966,828
Nevada County Local Transportation Commission	168,750	8,068	176,818
Orange County Transportation Authority	5,339,630	1,920,979	7,260,609
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency	545,496	77,027	622,523
Plumas County Local Transportation Commission	31,756	4,978	36,734
Riverside County Transportation Commission	4,196,536	675,953	4,872,489
Council of San Benito County Governments	112,364	1,765	114,129
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	3,711,888	783,924	4,495,812
San Joaquin Council of Governments	1,355,085	300,836	1,655,921
San Luis Obispo Area Council of Governments	469,718	32,700	502,418
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	751,874	190,308	942,182
Santa Cruz County Transportation Commission	443,441	406,657	850,098
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency	303,016	15,829	318,845
Sierra County Local Transportation Commission	5,331	207	5,538
Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission	72,829	3,163	75,992
Stanislaus Council of Governments	934,545	52,899	987,444
Tehama County Transportation Commission	109,010	2,268	111,278
Trinity County Transportation Commission	26,710	888	27,598
Tulare County Association of Governments	819,265	85,195	904,460
Tuolumne County Transportation Council	91,404	2,369	93,773
Ventura County Transportation Commission	1,394,011	228,600	1,622,611
State Totals	<u>\$ 66,403,031</u>	<u>\$ 66,403,031</u>	<u>\$ 132,806,062</u>

**STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM
PUC 99314 ALLOCATION DETAIL
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 - ELIGIBLE ALLOCATION
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

<u>Regional Entity and Operator(s)</u>	<u>Revenue Basis</u>	<u>PUC 99314 Allocation</u>
Calaveras County Local Transportation Commission Calaveras Transit Agency	79,417	926
Colusa County Local Transportation Commission County of Colusa	140,877	1,642
Del Norte County Local Transportation Commission Redwood Coast Transit Authority	204,530	2,384
El Dorado County Local Transportation Commission El Dorado County Transit Authority	1,730,379	20,171
Fresno County Council of Governments City of Clovis	1,770,328	20,637
City of Fresno	22,991,076	268,005
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	1,875,194	21,859
Regional Entity Totals	26,636,598	310,501
Glenn County Local Transportation Commission County of Glenn Transit Service	119,071	1,388
Humboldt County Association of Governments City of Arcata	213,054	2,484
Humboldt Transit Authority	3,063,481	35,710
Regional Entity Totals	3,276,535	38,194
Imperial County Transportation Commission Imperial County Transportation Commission	2,462,028	28,700
Quechan Indian Tribe	21,107	246
Regional Entity Totals	2,483,135	28,946
Inyo County Local Transportation Commission	None	None
Kern Council of Governments		
City of Arvin	62,152	725
City of California City	25,760	300
City of Delano	279,451	3,258
Golden Empire Transit District	5,882,508	68,572
County of Kern	1,194,767	13,927
City of McFarland	12,106	142
City of Ridgecrest	159,250	1,856
City of Shafter	57,568	671
City of Taft	360,169	4,198
City of Tehachapi	28,252	329
City of Wasco	31,839	371
Regional Entity Totals	8,093,822	94,349

Attachment A: FY 2025-2026 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Apportionment & Program of Projects

Agency	Project Description	99313	99314	Total apportionment	Project Amount
Arvin	Electric Bus Infrastructure	\$33,653.11	\$725	\$34,378	\$34,378
California City	Bus Shelter Replacement Project	\$22,418.01	\$300	\$22,718	\$22,718
Delano	Free Fares	\$88,936.38	\$3,258	\$92,194	\$92,194
GET	Free Fares for K-12 and College students	\$957,671.68	\$68,572.00	\$1,026,244	\$1,026,244
Kern Transit	Free Fares for Students Mojave Maintenance Facility	\$264,395.14	\$13,927	\$278,322	\$278,322
McFarland	Zero-Emission Transit Fleet Project	\$23,926.35	\$142	\$24,068	\$24,068
Ridgecrest	Charging Infrastructure and Electrification for Transit Electric Vehicles	\$47,785.36	\$1,856	\$49,641	\$49,641
Shafter	Free Fares	\$39,484.00	\$671	\$40,155	\$40,155
Taft	Charging Infrastructure and Electrification for Transit Electric Vehicles	\$11,930.35	\$4,198	\$16,128	\$16,128
Tehachapi	City of Tehachapi releasing its 25-26 LCTOP apportionment to Kern Transit	\$19,319	\$329	\$19,648	\$19,648
Wasco	Rollover: New Transit Operating and Maintenance Facility	\$44,164.34	\$371	\$44,535	\$44,535
Estimated Regional Totals		\$1,553,684	\$94,349	\$1,648,033	\$1,648,033



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March 12, 2026

Angela Willis
Public Works Manager
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2700 M Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Angela,

This letter is to notify you of the transfer of Tehachapi's FY 2025/2026 99313 and 99314 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) apportionment in the amount of \$19,648 to Kern Transit for the free fares project. We wish you continued success with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hamed Jones".

Hamed Jones
Finance Director

cc: I Enriquez



VII TPPC

April 16, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) Meeting Agenda Items: VII

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT REGIONAL COMMENT LETTER ON THE
DRAFT 2026 CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL BUSINESS PLAN

DESCRIPTION:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) released the Draft 2026 California High-Speed Rail Business Plan (Draft Plan) on February 28, 2026, initiating a 60-day public comment period ending April 29, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

State statute (Public Utilities Code 185033) requires the Authority to prepare and publish a draft business plan every two years and to provide a minimum 60-day public review period. The Draft 2026 Business Plan outlines updated capital cost estimates, funding assumptions, project delivery schedules, and near-term priorities for the statewide high-speed rail system.

Kern COG staff, in collaboration with the cities of Bakersfield, Shafter, Wasco and the County of Kern, reviewed the Draft Plan and are working to coordinate a regional response.

Kern COG is requesting approval to participate in a joint regional comment letter being developed now to ensure Kern regional priorities are formally expressed within the Authority's established comment period.

ACTION: Authorize the Chairman to sign joint regional comment letter on behalf of Kern Council of Governments.