

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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. ROLL CALL:

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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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: April 16, 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 Shafter
Address: 336 Pacific Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263-2139
Contact: Alex Gonzalez
Telephone: (661) 746-5004
Email: agonzalez@shafterca.gov

Federal Agency: Economic Development Agency
Funding Opportunity Number: PWEAA2023
Title: Fiscal Years (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity (FY23/24/25 PWEAA NOFO).
Description: Water Storage Tank and Booster Station Project to Support Job Expansion Wonderful Industrial Park.

Federal Funds: \$2,959,848.00
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$739,962.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$3,699,810.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration
Address: 9001 Stockdale Hwy.
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
Contact: Daphne Evans
Telephone: (661) 654-2253
Email: devans6@csub.edu

Federal Agency: Office of Postsecondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.044
Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANT-26-022
Title: Talent Search Program
Description: CSUB TRIO Talent Search Program 2026-2031
Federal Funds: \$5,000,000.00

State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$5,000,000.00

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

IV. AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KERN COG AND REAP 2.0 SUB-RECIPIENTS: CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, CITY OF WASCO, KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY OF ARVIN (Davisson)

Comment: Amendments to the REAP 2.0 Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between Kern Council of Governments and the cities of Bakersfield and Wasco and Kern Community College District, as fiscal agent for the City of Arvin to extend the termination date from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2027. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

Action: Approve the Amendments to Memoranda of Understanding between Kern Council of Governments and the following agencies: City of Bakersfield, City of Wasco and Kern Community College District, as fiscal agent for the City of Arvin; authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. 2026 COMMUNITY SURVEY FINAL REPORT (Raymond)

Comment: Godbe Research was commissioned by Kern Council of Governments (COG) to conduct the 2026 Community Survey.

Action: Information.

VI. EV READY COMMUNITIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KERN COG AND THE KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AS FUNDED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION ARV-20-0101 (Enriquez)

Comment: EV Ready Communities Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Kern Council of Governments and the Kern Community College District/Bakersfield College to provide funding for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger installation and Workforce Development and Outreach Plans.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and Kern Community College District; authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE.

VII. FINAL KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (KERN COG) FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN (Sanchez)

Comment: Pursuant to policy, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) prepares and adopts an annual financial plan, or budget, that includes detailed estimates of revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. The financial plan is reviewed and approved by the Council.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING. RECEIVE COMMENTS. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

Action: Adopt the Final Kern COG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-20. ROLL CALL VOTE.

VIII. FINAL KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (KMAA) FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN (Sanchez)

Comment: Pursuant to policy, KMAA develops an annual financial plan, or budget, that includes detailed estimates of revenues and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. The financial plan is reviewed and approved by the Council.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING. RECEIVE COMMENTS. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

Action: Adopt the Final KMAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-21. ROLL CALL VOTE.

IX. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

X. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (None)

XI. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Timeline

XIII. 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.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION: None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be June 18, 2026.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of April 16, 2026

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

THURSDAY
April 16, 2026
6:30 P.M.

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

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: T. Roberts, G. Reyna, B. Smith, P. Smith, D. Couch, S. Ayon, C. Morse, C. Parlier, B. Osorio, O. Calderon

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: M. Warney, C. Parra, M. Navarro, M. Castleberry

Members Absent: M. Hawkins, S. Gorman, P. Espinoza, D. Noerr

Others:

Staff: C. Valle, R. Ball, B. Raymond, R. Pacheco, I. Enriquez, B. Van Wyk, S. Sanchez, M. Heimer, K. Davisson, E. Flickinger, M. Saberón Ybarra, F. Montalvo (Online)

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None.

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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)

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 *****

MOTION BY DIRECTOR G. Reyna TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A

THROUGH C, SECOND BY DIRECTOR S. Ayon, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Action: Adopt Kern COG's Final Draft 2026-27 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.

Motion: O. Calderon; Second: P. Smith

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:

- o Timeline
- o Anticipating April-May-June Council Visits to introduce the RTP/EIR/SCS/FTIP/Conformity adoption.
- o Speaking Engagements – KTF Conference 5/13 (Jay and Rob to speak)
- o Board Folder Items

IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS: None.

X. CLOSED SESSION: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – May 21, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 05/21/2026



IV
COG

May 21, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner Title

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Meeting Consent Agenda Item: IV.

AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KERN COG AND REAP 2.0 SUB-RECIPIENTS: CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, CITY OF WASCO, AND KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY OF ARVIN

DESCRIPTION:

Amendments to the REAP 2.0 Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between Kern Council of Governments and the cities of Bakersfield and Wasco and Kern Community College District, as fiscal agent for the City of Arvin to extend the termination date from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2027. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

DISCUSSION:

In order to implement the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0), Kern COG entered into MOUs with each of its sub-recipients: the cities of Bakersfield, Shafter, and Wasco, and the Kern Community College District, as fiscal agent for the City of Arvin. These MOUs are currently set to expire on June 30, 2026.

After the execution of the MOUs, the program was legislatively extended for 18 months by Assembly Bill 130. The bill extended the deadline for program funds to be fully expended from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2026. Therefore, to complete the remaining program activities and meet the administrative invoicing and reporting requirements that follow the expenditure deadline, it is necessary to extend the MOUs through December 31, 2027.

An extension of the MOU with the City of Shafter is unnecessary, as it has completed all grant-related activities and has been reimbursed by the State of California.

ACTION: Approve the Amendments to Memoranda of Understanding between Kern Council of Governments and the following agencies: City of Bakersfield, City of Wasco and Kern Community College District, as fiscal agent for the City of Arvin; authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Attachments: Amendment No.1 to Regional Early Action Plan 2.0 Memoranda of Understanding between Kern COG and the (1) City of Bakersfield, (1) City of Wasco and (1) Kern Community College District as Fiscal agent for the City of Arvin

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

SUB-RECIPIENT TO KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR
SUB-ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING FUNDS

THIS AMENDMENT (hereinafter “Amendment No.1”) TO CONTRACT, for reference purposes is made effective as of April 1, 2026 (“Effective Date”) by and between the Kern Council of Governments (hereinafter “KERN COG”) and the City of Bakersfield (hereinafter “Sub-Recipient”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, KERN COG and the Sub-Recipient entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) dated September 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the MOU as specified herein.

AGREEMENT:

1. The Term of the MOU shall be extended through December 31, 2027.
2. Except as expressly amended herein, all provisions of the MOU shall remain in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment Number 1 to the MOU shall be effective as of the Effective Date.

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED
AS TO CONTENT:

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
John Schlosser, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Smith, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

Brian Van Wyk, Deputy
Kern County Counsel

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

Karen Goh, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Jennifer M. Byers
Economic and Community
Development Director

COUNTERSIGNED:

By: _____
Randy McKeegan
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
VIRGINIA GENNARO
City Attorney

By: _____

City Attorney

Insurance: _____

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
CITY OF WASCO

SUB-RECIPIENT TO KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR
SUB-ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING FUNDS

THIS AMENDMENT (hereinafter “Amendment No.1”) TO CONTRACT, for reference purposes is made effective as of April 1, 2026 (“Effective Date”) by and between the Kern Council of Governments (hereinafter “KERN COG”) and the City of Wasco (hereinafter “Sub-Recipient”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, KERN COG and the CITY entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) dated September 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the MOU as specified herein.

AGREEMENT:

1. The Term of the MOU shall be extended through December 31, 2027.
2. Except as expressly amended herein, all provisions of the MOU shall remain in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment Number 1 to the MOU shall be effective as of the Effective Date.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

City of Wasco

John (Jay) Schlosser,
Executive Director, “Kern COG”

M. Scott Hurlbert
City Manager

Bob Smith, Chair
“Kern COG”

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Brian Van Wyk, Deputy
County Counsel

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, fiscal agent for CITY OF ARVIN
FOR
SUB-ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING FUNDS

THIS AMENDMENT (hereinafter “Amendment No.1”) TO CONTRACT, for reference purposes is made effective as of April 1, 2026 (“Effective Date”) by and between the Kern Council of Governments (hereinafter “KERN COG”) and the Kern Community College District (hereinafter “Sub-Recipient”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, KERN COG and the Sub-Recipient entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) dated May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the MOU as specified herein.

AGREEMENT:

1. The Term of the MOU shall be extended through December 31, 2027.
2. Except as expressly amended herein, all provisions of the MOU shall remain in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment Number 1 to the MOU shall be effective as of the Effective Date.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Kern Community College District

John (Jay) Schlosser,
Executive Director, “Kern COG”

Melissa Thornsberry
Chief Financial Officer

Bob Smith, Chair
“Kern COG”

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Brian Van Wyk, Deputy
County Counsel



May 21, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner
SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Agenda Item: V
2026 COMMUNITY SURVEY FINAL REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

Godbe Research was commissioned by Kern Council of Governments (COG) to conduct the 2026 Community Survey.

DISCUSSION:

The 2026 Survey is the fourteenth telephone survey conducted for Kern COG in as many years. The Survey was designed to track the results of all of the previous telephone surveys.

Overall, approximately 1,200 adult residents in Kern County completed the community survey, representing a total universe of 665,552 adult residents 18 or older. Interviews were conducted in either Spanish or English depending on the preference of the resident surveyed. Interviews were conducted from January 26 through February 23, 2026. Data collection was as follows: 27 landlines, 185 cell phones, 970 online from text invitations. In order to allow segmentation of results by region, the areas of the county were sampled as follows: 35 in West Kern, 952 in the Central Valley, 82 in the Mountain regions, and 112 in East Kern.

To access the Final Report, please access the following link:

<https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

Bryan Godbe will share a presentation of the survey findings.

ACTION: Accept the 2026 Community Survey Final Report. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Attachments: 2026 Community Survey Executive Summary



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Kern Council of Governments: 2026 Community Survey

May 2026

The Kern Council of Governments commissioned Godbe Research to conduct a telephone and online survey of residents of Kern County with the following research objectives:

- Gauge residents' overall opinion of current and future quality of life in their city or town, as well as the most and least liked aspects;
- Survey the importance of specific issues related to future quality of life in the County;
- Understand the daily commute behavior of the average resident, and the impact of telecommuting and working remotely on current and potential future commute behavior;
- Test support for alternative modes of transportation;
- Gauge perceptions about local traffic flow and the impact of commercial truck traffic;
- Assess opinions on potential registration fee changes for electric vehicles and gas tax revenue replacement;
- Determine housing preferences, as well as awareness of and interest in shared lots and duplexes; and
- Identify any differences in opinion due to demographic and/or behavioral characteristics.

- Data Collection Telephone and online interviewing
- Universe 665,552 adult (age 18 or older) residents of Kern County
- Fielding Dates January 26 through February 23, 2026
- Interview Length 25 minutes (Phone)
- Sample Size n=1,182 Adult residents
(Cell=185; Landline=27; Text/online=970)
49 interviews were conducted in Spanish
- Margin of Error $\pm 2.85\%$



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Executive Summary

- The survey results revealed a slightly higher level of satisfaction with the quality of life among Kern County residents compared with 2025. More than half of respondents (61.5%) said they were at least “Somewhat satisfied,” and those indicating “Very satisfied”.
- When asked about the outlook on the future quality of life in the County, residents’ opinions were also slightly more positive than in 2025, with increases in the “Much better” response category and increases in those responding “Somewhat better.” In this survey, 32.5% of respondents felt the quality of life would be at least “Somewhat Better” compared to 29.8% in 2025. Those who predicted life would be worse on some level totaled 37.8%.
- In an open-ended format (multiple responses accepted), residents were asked to list the most and least liked features of their city or town. The top three most-liked features were “Small town atmosphere” (43.9%), “Location” (32.3%), and “Cost of living” (28.2%). The least liked features mentioned were “Homelessness” (49.5%), “Air quality” (40.4%) and “Crime rate” (37.5%).

- Twenty-one issues were assessed for their impact on improving future quality of life in Kern County and then compared with previous years' data. Shifts in priority for the top seven were seen again in 2026. “Improving the quality of public education (U)” (3.66), “Preserving water supply (N)” (3.62) and “Maintaining local streets and roads (G)” (3.54) were the top issues in 2026
- The most important issues for the future were:
 1. “Improving the quality of public education (U)” (3.66)
 2. “Preserving water supply (N)” (3.62)
 3. “Maintaining local streets and roads (G)” (3.54)
 4. “Improving water quality (O)” (3.51)
 5. “Creating more high paying jobs (A)” (3.48)
 6. “Improving crime prevention and gang prevention programs (T)” (3.47)
 7. “Improving local health care and social services (S)” (3.43)
- A decrease from 2025 results, the majority of residents (67.3%) said they drive alone as their primary mode of transportation to work or school. However, an additional 9.3% indicated they drive a Hybrid, EV or Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV), bringing the total to 76.6%, assuming these individuals drive alone as well.

- Respondents were asked to characterize their work schedule and commute distance. The majority (58.0%) reported working full-time, five days a week, but this is a decline from 2025 (63.9%). With respect to commute distance, a majority of residents (54.6%) reported commuting from zero to one hundred miles per week, down just slightly from 2025 (57.5%).
- Similar to 2025, 18.7% of residents telecommute/work from home, down a very slight amount from 2025 (19.8%). About a quarter are able to do this five days a week (25.7%). Nearly two-thirds of telecommuters (55.5%) began working remotely less than five years ago, and the top reasons for working remotely were “More productive / Less wasted time commuting” (29.4%), “My company is requiring working from home” (19.5%), and “Saving money” (11.8%)”. Of those not currently telecommuting, but could if they preferred, about 11.6% said they could work remotely at least 5 days a week. The top reasons for beginning to telecommute were “Saving money” (19.1%), “More productive / Less wasted time commuting” (11.8%), and “Saving gas” (10.0%)”. A majority of telecommuters (58.0%) reported a decrease in the number of miles driven each year.

- Attitudes toward traffic flow were slightly more positive in 2026, with “Excellent” at 6.8%, “Good” at 30.6%, “Fair” at 48.0% and “Poor” at 13.9%.
- When asked about local commercial truck traffic, more than half of residents (53.6%) indicated they noticed an increase in this traffic segment, down slightly from 2025 (57.9%). And, in a new question for 2026, 59.9% noticed an increase between 0 and 4 years ago.
- The top three reasons attributed to the increase were “New / More businesses” (15.5%), “Additional demand in delivery / Post-Covid delivery behavior” (11.1%) and “More trucking jobs” (10.3%).
- Slightly more residents view the increase of warehouse facilities as a positive for the community (43.7%), while about one in ten do not. About a third of residents still have mixed opinions. And, slightly more residents (56.2%) still support higher truck registration fees.

- Significantly few residents (33.4%) indicated electric vehicles should be assessed a higher registration fee to offset the gas tax, and nearly one-third (30.6%) indicated EV, PHEV or Hybrid cars should receive a discounted registration, up from 2025 (18.9%).
- In 2026, when asked how gas tax should be replaced, 44.4% said EV, PHEV or Hybrid cars “Should not pay any more” while 22.5% said they should pay a “Tax on electricity at charging stations.
- Commuters who drive alone were asked if they would consider an alternative transit mode, if available. The overwhelming majority (55.5%) reiterated they would continue to “Drive alone.” While about 15% each opted for “Electric Vehicle”, “Carpool/vanpool,” or “Shuttle service”.

- Similar to 2025, almost half of residents reported living in a single-family home with a large yard (48.1%), while more than a third indicated they live in a single-family home with a small yard (37.5%). About one in ten residents live in an apartment (9.2%), and 2.0% live in a townhouse or condominium.
- Examination of potential future housing preferences revealed 80.7% of residents (“Definitely yes”/“Probably yes”) said they would choose a single-family home with large yard, while 71.5% would select the single-family home with small yard. A townhome or condominium was preferred by 34.9% of residents, whereas 26.6% would opt for an apartment and 24.9% would consider a mixed-use building.
- A majority of residents (61.4%) reported owning their home. A quarter of residents (24.8%) said they would consider a home that shares a lot with another house or live in a duplex, whereas two-thirds (66.5%) rejected this option.

- When homeowners were asked if they would consider building a second dwelling unit or converting their home to a duplex, nearly a third (29.8%) indicated they would. However, over one-half of residents (55.0%) said they would not. Only 1.5% of residents indicated they already had a second dwelling unit or duplex on their property, while 8.4% reported they did not have property or space available to create a second dwelling unit.



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VI
COG

May 21, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Consent Agenda Items: VI

EV READY COMMUNITIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
KERN COG AND THE KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AS FUNDED
BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION ARV-20-0101

DESCRIPTION:

EV Ready Communities Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Kern Council of Governments and the Kern Community College District/Bakersfield College to provide funding for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger installation and Workforce Development and Outreach Plans.

DISCUSSION:

The Kern Community College District (KCCD) was a partner on the initial application submitted by Kern COG to the California Energy Commission (CEC) in October 2020. With funding awarded by the CEC and with Kern COG's acceptance of the funding agreement, Kern COG and the KCCD executed an MOA with the KCCD Scope of Work including Charging Installation, Workforce Development, and Outreach plans.

Under the reduced initial award, KCCD and Kern COG entered into an MOA effective April 15, 2021, providing \$64,000 to KCCD to purchase and install one off-grid mobile charging station, two Level 2 chargers, and a trailer with a stow kit. This equipment supports electric vehicle and EV-infrastructure technician and driver training programs at Bakersfield College.

Under the amended MOA, KCCD will receive \$371,028 to complete administrative reporting requirements, to purchase four mobile off-grid charging units, one trailer, and twelve (12) Level 2 chargers. One DC Fast Charger will be purchased and placed at the Bakersfield College Automotive Technology Training Facility located at Bakersfield Automall. Additional tasks will support administrative reporting, automotive workforce development activities including expanding course offerings, and conducting outreach.

The start date for the initial MOA was April 15, 2021, and the termination date was extended from March 2024 to October 31, 2024, when the MOA was amended in July 2022. On November 5, 2024, a third amendment was executed to extend the term to December 5, 2025. KCCD has demonstrated its commitment by providing \$142,584 in matching funds.

The MOA now needs to be extended to June 30, 2028. However, KCCD/Bakersfield College policies do not allow further amendments to the previous MOA, requiring a new MOA to be executed instead. KCCD/BC is holding its Board meeting today to approve the new MOA. Due to the KCCD/BC Board meeting schedule, staff are presenting the draft agreement now and requesting approval and authorization to sign the MOA, contingent upon the KCCD/BC Board approving and executing the new agreement.

ACTION: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and Kern Community College District; authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Attachments: Draft MOA between Kern Council of Governments and the Kern Community College District/Bakersfield College

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Communities Phase II –
Blueprint Implementation (GFO-19-603)

Subcontractor to Kern Council of Governments;
CEC Agreement GFO-20-010 with Kern Council of Governments

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and entered into on April 15 2026, by and among Kern Community College District, dba, Bakersfield College (“**KCCD**” herein), a community college of the State of California, and the KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (“**KERN COG**” herein), a Joint Powers Agency formed pursuant to the California Government Code.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College (**BC**) is a community college in the KCCD; and KERN COG could not extend the original MOU, this new agreement will be in place to complete the project. Original MOU included in **Exhibit B**

WHEREAS, KERN COG as the primary applicant and KCCD as a subcontractor applied for grant funds and were awarded by California Energy Commission (“**CEC**” herein) to install charging stations, and to conduct workforce development efforts; and

WHEREAS, KERN COG and KCCD have a compelling and mutual interest in the implementation of the 2019 Kern EV Charging Station Blueprint in workforce development; and

WHEREAS, KERN COG and KCCD recognize that workforce development offers opportunities to individuals interested in the energy or transportation fields. The transition to zero emission transportation will require individuals trained to design and install charging stations, provide maintenance on vehicles, equipment, and stations, and operating vehicles; and

WHEREAS, KERN COG and KCCD understand that the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at KCCD will support the development and offering of automotive technology courses; and

WHEREAS, KCCD recognizes that BC will (a) carry out the scope of work and schedule, (b) participate in program management meetings, (c) demonstrate evidence of matching funds and (d) send reports and invoices to KERN COG; and

WHEREAS, KERN COG will in turn carry out its responsibilities under the CEC Agreement ARV-20-2010 and that that grant funding awarded to KERN COG to implement the 2019 Kern Region Electric Vehicle (**EV**) Blueprint will be invoiced by KERN COG to CEC per the schedule and scope of work for CEC Agreement ARV-20-010, and pay funds due to KCCD as a subcontractor through this MOU.

AGREEMENT

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are adopted into this contract as if set forth in full.
2. **Term.** This Agreement shall be deemed in force as of the Execution Date and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2028.
3. **Period of Performance/Timetable.** KCCD shall commence performance of work and diligently execute said work in accordance with the project implementation schedule and deadlines for performance indicated in Exhibit B unless this MOU is terminated sooner as provided for elsewhere in this MOU.
4. EV Ready Communities funding CEC awarded to the KCCD as a subcontractor, identified in this MOU will be accessed by KERN COG through invoices sent directly to CEC. KCCD agrees to provide any necessary documentation reasonably required in furtherance of this purpose.
5. **Compensation.** The table below reflects CEC grant amounts and matching funds for KERN COG and KCCD/BC in CEC Agreement ARV-20-010.

Agency Name	CEC Funding	Local Match	Total Project
KCCD (Bakersfield)	\$371,028	\$142,584	\$513,612

5. KCCD will confirm and document local matching funds identified in this MOU through invoice reports sent directly to KERN COG.
6. KCCD agrees to carry out **Exhibit A** Scope of Work in accordance with **Exhibit B** Schedule of Products and Due Dates and **Exhibit C** Budget.
7. Should the KCCD scope of work be executed for less than total CEC funding awarded to KCCD through this MOU, MOU amounts exceeding actual expenses shall be reserved by KERN COG to be redistributed at its discretion with the concurrence of the CEC.
8. KCCD and KERN COG agree that KERN COG will demonstrate the KERN COG share of matching fund contributions to CEC.
9. **Payments.**
 - A. Advanced payments shall not be permitted. Payments will be permitted only for that portion of services that have been satisfactorily rendered as supported by a claim submitted in writing to Kern COG, and an equal percentage of matching fund expenditures have been demonstrated. Kern COG shall reimburse Grantee in arrears, after receipt and verification of the properly supported claim for payment. Claims and all supporting documentation shall be submitted directly to Kern COG. Kern COG shall retain 10% of all invoiced amounts until final acceptance and contract closeout.
 - B. All invoices for payment shall be submitted in a form approved by Kern COG and the CEC and shall contain a detailed description of the work completed for which payment is being requested, including all proper documentation and receipts of expenses incurred, and

shall include a cumulative total of all payments received. Payment will be made to Grantee within thirty (30) days of receipt and approval of an invoice by Kern COG.

C. The amount to be paid to Grantee under this Agreement includes all sales and use taxes incurred pursuant to this Agreement, if any, including any such taxes due on equipment purchased by the Grantee. The Grantee shall not receive additional compensation for reimbursement of such taxes and shall not decrease work to compensate therefore.

D. Concurrently with the submission of any claim for payment, Grantee shall certify (through copies of invoices, issued checks, receipts, etc.) that complete payment has been made to any and all suppliers, subcontractors or consultants who have provided materials or performed work for the EV charging station scope for which payment is being requested by Grantee. It is understood that all costs and expenses incidental to Grantee's performance of services under this Agreement shall be borne exclusively by Grantee.

E. Any compensation which is not expended by Grantee pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the project completion date shall automatically revert to Kern COG. Only expenditures incurred by the Grantee in the direct performance of this Agreement will be reimbursed by Kern COG. Only allowable expenditures, as determined in the sole discretion of Kern COG, will be reimbursed by Kern COG. All final claims shall be submitted by Grantee within sixty (60) days following the final month of activities for which payment is claimed. No action will be taken by Kern COG on claims submitted beyond the 60-day closeout period.

10. KCCD and KERN COG agree that KERN COG staff will require member agency staff to participate in the execution of their scope of work and KERN COG program management meetings held at a minimum of quarterly.
11. The failure of any party to enforce against another a provision of this MOU shall not constitute a waiver of that party's right to enforce such a provision at a later time, and shall not serve to vary the terms of this Agreement.
12. All notices relative to this MOU shall be given in writing and shall be personally served or sent by certified or registered mail and be effective upon actual personal service or depositing in the United States mail. The parties shall be addressed as follows, or at any other address designated by notice:

KCCD: KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Melissa Thornsberry, CGFM, CPMP, CGMP, CGWP, M.S.A
Chief Financial Officer
2100 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

KERN COG: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
John Schlosser, Executive Director
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, California 93301

13. This Agreement sets forth the entire MOU between the parties and supersedes all other oral or written representations. This Agreement may be modified only in a writing approved by the Kern Community College District Chief Financial Officer and

the Kern Council of Governments, Board of Directors.

14. Any services of KCCD or KERN COG are provided as independent contractors. No party is an agent or employee of any other party for any purpose and is not entitled to any of the benefits provided by any party to its employees. This Agreement shall not be construed as forming a partnership or any other association between BC, and KERN COG other than that of an independent contractor.
15. No party shall be liable to any other party for any loss, damage, liability, claim or cause of action for damage to or destruction of property or for injury to or death of persons arising from any act or omission of the other party's officers, agents, or employees. Further, no party is liable to any other party for loss or inaccuracy of data. Each party is encouraged to have current backup storage of all data and other relevant information. Further, no party is liable to any other party for any damage to information or equipment, which results from the transfer of data.
16. A party against whom any claim arising from any subject matter of this Agreement is filed shall give prompt written notice of the filing of the claim to all other parties.
17. This Agreement is effective upon execution. It is the product of negotiation and, therefore, shall not be construed against any party.
18. Any party to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate its participation in the activities herein described upon thirty (30) days' written notification to the other parties. Termination by one party does not terminate the agreement between the remaining parties, including the CEC or other KERN COG subcontractors participating in this CEC award of funding through agreement ARV-20-010.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed, the day and year first-above written.

"KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT"

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED
AS TO CONTENT:

Rozanne Hernandez,
Dean of Instruction, Bakersfield College

Jessica Wojtysiak
Interim Vice President of Instruction, Bakersfield College

Melissa Thornsberry
Chief Financial Officer

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed, the day and year first-above written.

"KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS"

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED
AS TO CONTENT:

John Schlosser
Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

Kern Council of Governments
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian Van Wyk, Deputy Counsel for
Kern Council of Governments

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Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

TECHNICAL TASK LIST

Task #	CPR	Task Name
1		Administration
2	X	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation
3		Workforce Development and Support
4		Outreach
<u>5</u>		Data Collection and Analysis

○ KEY NAME LIST

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subcontractor(s)	Key Partner(s)
1	<u>Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri, Rob Ball</u>	<u>Project Clean Air</u>	
2	<u>Irene Enriquez, Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri</u>	1. Andrew Haney <u>and (KCCD/BC – 2 locations)</u>	<u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District ChargeUp! Program</u> <u>East Kern APCD DMV Fee Program</u> <u>Required certification by EVITP.org</u>
3	<u>Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri</u>	2. Andrew Haney <u>(Kern Community College District/Bakersfield College)</u>	

GLOSSARY

Specific terms and acronyms used throughout this scope of work are defined as follows:

Term/ Acronym	Definition
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager
CEC	California Energy Commission
<u>CCT</u>	<u>California Clean Transportation</u>
CTP	Clean Transportation Program
CPR	Critical Project Review
EV	Electric Vehicle. A broad category that includes all vehicles that are fully powered by electricity or an electric motor.
EVITP	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program

Term / Acronym	Definition
EVSE	Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment. Infrastructure designed to supply power to EVs. EVSE can charge a wide variety of EVs including BEVs and PHEVs.
FTD	Fuels and Transportation Division
Kern COG	Kern Council of Governments
Recipient	An applicant awarded a grant under a California Energy Commission solicitation

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), created the Clean Transportation Program. The statute authorizes the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change, clean air, and alternative energy policies. AB 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) re-authorizes the Clean Transportation Program through January 1, 2024. The Clean Transportation Program has an annual budget of approximately \$100 million and provides financial support for projects that:

- Reduce California's use and dependence on petroleum transportation fuels and increase the use of alternative and renewable fuels and advanced vehicle technologies.
- Produce sustainable alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels in California.
- Expand alternative fueling infrastructure and fueling stations.

- Improve the efficiency, performance and market viability of alternative light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicle technologies.
- Retrofit medium- and heavy-duty on-road and non-road vehicle fleets to alternative technologies or fuel use.
- Expand the alternative fueling infrastructure available to existing fleets, public transit, and transportation corridors.
- Establish workforce training programs and conduct public outreach on the benefits of alternative transportation fuels and vehicle technologies.

On August 12, 2020, the CEC released a Grant Solicitation and Application Package entitled “Electric Vehicle Ready Communities Phase II- Blueprint Implementation” under the Clean Transportation Program. This competitive grant solicitation was for Phase II of a two-phase effort to implement projects developed and identified in Phase I, Blueprint Development, of the Electric Vehicle Ready Communities Challenge. In response to GFO-19-603, the Recipient submitted application #7 which was proposed for funding in the CEC’s Notice of Proposed Awards on January 8, 2021, and the Revised Notice of Proposed Awards on September 13, 2021. GFO-19-603 and Recipient’s application are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement in their entirety.

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of the Solicitation and the terms of the Recipient’s Application, the Solicitation shall control. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Recipient’s Application and the terms of Commission’s Award, the Commission’s Award shall control. Similarly, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the Recipient’s Application, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

Problem Statement:

Kern County is challenged by poor air quality and barriers to the deployment of emission reduction transportation technologies. According to CalEnviroScreen 3.0, 81- 90% of the County qualify as Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). DACs generally lack private investment and the capacity to develop, fund, and manage clean transportation projects on their own.

The Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint (Blueprint) was created to address barriers to the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Kern County. This Blueprint Implementation project will address principal barriers identified in the Blueprint plan.

Workforce development offers opportunities to individuals interested in the energy or transportation fields. The transition to zero emission fuels will require individuals trained to work on cars, design and install stations, provide maintenance to cars and stations, operating vehicles takes some training and then there is always planning for the future, and autonomous vehicles.

Kern County partners require support in their areas of expertise and their efforts to serve the communities. This project will provide the funding needed

to support these efforts for zero emission transportation to serve local communities.

Goals of the Agreement:

The goal of this Agreement is to advance electrified transportation in and between Kern County communities in ways that provide convenient, safe, and clean transportation for a broad spectrum of residents.

Objectives of the Agreement:

The objectives of this Agreement are for Kern COG to administer an effective and timely program to install electric vehicle charging equipment and allow Bakersfield College to expand their curriculum and install equipment for hands-on training. The public and private site hosts and communities will have an impact on EV adoption beyond their immediate locations and support electrified transportation options. Bakersfield College will be established as a leader in training the technicians of today for both the technology of today and the future.

TASK 1 ADMINISTRATION

Task 1.1 Attend Kick-off Meeting

The goal of this task is to establish the lines of communication and procedures for implementing this Agreement. The CAM shall designate the date and location of this meeting and provide an agenda to the Recipient prior to the meeting.

The Recipient shall:

Attend a "Kick-Off" meeting with the Commission Agreement Manager, the Grants Officer, and a representative of the Accounting Office. The Recipient shall bring its Project Manager, Agreement Administrator, Accounting Officer, and others designated by the Commission Agreement Manager to this meeting.

Discuss the following administrative and technical aspects of this Agreement:

- Agreement Terms and Conditions
- Critical Project Review
- Match fund documentation. No reimbursable work may be done until this documentation is in place.
- Permit documentation
- Subcontracts needed to carry out project
- The CAM's expectations for accomplishing tasks described in the Scope of Work
- An updated Schedule of Products and Due Dates
- Monthly Progress Reports

- Technical Products (Product Guidelines located in Section 5 of the Terms and Conditions)
- Final Report

Recipient Products:

- Updated Schedule of Products
- Updated List of Match Funds
- Updated List of Permits

Commission Agreement Manager Product:

- Kick-Off Meeting Agenda

Task 1.2 Monthly Progress Reports

The goal of this task is to periodically verify that satisfactory and continued progress is made towards achieving the objectives of this Agreement on time and within budget.

The objectives of this task are to summarize activities performed during the reporting period, to identify activities planned for the next reporting period, to identify issues that may affect performance and expenditures, and to form the basis for determining whether invoices are consistent with work performed.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a Monthly Progress Report which summarizes all Agreement activities conducted by the Recipient for the reporting period, including an assessment of the ability to complete the Agreement within the current budget and any anticipated cost overruns. Each progress report is due to the Commission Agreement Manager within 10 days of the end of the reporting period. The recommended specifications for each progress report are contained in Section 6 of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- In the first Monthly Progress Report and first invoice, document and verify match expenditures and provide a synopsis of project progress, if match funds have been expended or if work funded with match share has occurred after the notice of proposed award but before execution of the grant agreement. If no match funds have been expended or if no work funded with match share has occurred before execution, then state this in the report. All pre-execution match expenditures must conform to the requirements in the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

Product:

- Monthly Progress Reports

Task 1.3 Final Report

The goal of the Final Report is to assess the project's success in achieving the Agreement's goals and objectives, advancing science and technology, and providing energy-related and other benefits to California.

The objectives of the Final Report are to clearly and completely describe the project's purpose, approach, activities performed, results, and advancements in science and technology; to present a public assessment of the success of the project as measured by the degree to which goals and objectives were achieved; to make insightful observations based on results obtained; to draw conclusions; and to make recommendations for further projects and improvements to the FTD project management processes.

The Final Report shall be a public document. If the Recipient has obtained confidential status from the CEC and will be preparing a confidential version of the Final Report as well, the Recipient shall perform the following activities for both the public and confidential versions of the Final Report.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare an Outline of the Final Report, if requested by the CAM.
- Prepare a Final Report following the latest version of the Final Report guidelines which will be provided by the CAM. The CAM shall provide written comments on the Draft Final Report within fifteen (15) working days of receipt. The Final Report must be completed at least 60 days before the end of the Agreement Term.
- Submit one bound copy of the Final Report with the final invoice.

Products:

- Outline of the Final Report, if requested
- Draft Final Report
- Final Report

Task 1.4 Identify and Obtain Matching Funds

The goal of this task is to ensure that the match funds planned for this Agreement are obtained for and applied to this Agreement during the term of this Agreement.

The costs to obtain and document match fund commitments are not reimbursable through this Agreement. Although the CEC budget for this task will be zero dollars, the Recipient may utilize match funds for this task. Match funds shall be spent concurrently or in advance of CEC funds for each task during the term of this Agreement. Match funds must be identified in writing and the associated commitments obtained before the Recipient can incur any costs for which the Recipient will request reimbursement.

The Recipient shall:

Prepare a letter documenting the match funding committed to this Agreement and submit it to the Commission Agreement Manager at least 2 working days prior to the kick-off meeting. If no match funds were part of the proposal that led to the CEC awarding this Agreement and none have been identified at the time this Agreement starts, then state such in the letter. If match funds were a part of the proposal that led to the CEC awarding this Agreement, then provide in the letter a list of the match funds that identifies the:

- Amount of each cash match fund, its source, including a contact name, address and telephone number and the task(s) to which the match funds will be applied.
- Amount of each in-kind contribution, a description, documented market or book value, and its source, including a contact name, address and telephone number and the task(s) to which the match funds will be applied. If the in-kind contribution is equipment or other tangible or real property, the Recipient shall identify its owner and provide a contact name, address and telephone number, and the address where the property is located.
- Provide a copy of the letter of commitment from an authorized representative of each source of cash match funding or in-kind contributions that these funds or contributions have been secured. For match funds provided by a grant a copy of the executed grant shall be submitted in place of a letter of commitment.
- Discuss match funds and the implications to the Agreement if they are reduced or not obtained as committed, at the kick-off meeting. If applicable, match funds will be included as a line item in the progress reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.
- Provide the appropriate information to the Commission Agreement Manager if during the course of the Agreement additional match funds are received.
- Notify the Commission Agreement Manager within 10 days if during the course of the Agreement existing match funds are reduced. Reduction in match funds must be approved through a formal amendment to the Agreement and may trigger an additional CPR meeting.

Products:

- A letter regarding match funds or stating that no match funds are provided
- Copy(ies) of each match fund commitment letter(s) (if applicable)
- Letter(s) for new match funds (if applicable)
- Letter that match funds were reduced (if applicable)

Task 1.5 Identify and Obtain Required Permits

The goal of this task is to obtain all permits required for work completed under this Agreement in advance of the date they are needed to keep the Agreement schedule on track.

Permit costs and the expenses associated with obtaining permits are not reimbursable under this Agreement. Although the CEC budget for this task will be zero dollars, the Recipient shall budget match funds for any expected expenditures associated with obtaining permits. Permits must be identified in writing and obtained before the Recipient can make any expenditure for which a permit is required.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a letter documenting the permits required to conduct this Agreement and submit it to the Commission Agreement Manager at least 2 working days prior to the kick-off meeting. If there are no permits required at the start of this Agreement, then state such in the letter. If it is known at the beginning of the Agreement that permits will be required during the course of the Agreement, provide in the letter:
 - A list of the permits that identifies the:
 - Type of permit
 - Name, address and telephone number of the permitting jurisdictions or lead agencies
 - The schedule the Recipient will follow in applying for and obtaining these permits.
- Discuss the list of permits and the schedule for obtaining them at the kick-off meeting and develop a timetable for submitting the updated list, schedule and the copies of the permits. The implications to the Agreement if the permits are not obtained in a timely fashion or are denied will also be discussed. If applicable, permits will be included as a line item in the Progress Reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.
- If during the course of the Agreement additional permits become necessary, provide the appropriate information on each permit and an updated schedule to the Commission Agreement Manager.
- As permits are obtained, send a copy of each approved permit to the Commission Agreement Manager.
- If during the course of the Agreement permits are not obtained on time or are denied, notify the Commission Agreement Manager

within 5 working days. Either of these events may trigger an additional CPR.

Products:

- Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required
- A copy of each approved permit (if applicable)
- Updated list of permits as they change during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)
- Updated schedule for acquiring permits as changes occur during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)
- A copy of each final approved permit (if applicable)

Task 1.6 Obtain and Execute Subcontracts

The goal of this task is to ensure quality products and to procure subcontractors required to carry out the tasks under this Agreement consistent with the Agreement Terms and Conditions and the Recipient's own procurement policies and procedures. It will also provide the CEC an opportunity to review the subcontracts to ensure that the tasks are consistent with this Agreement, and that the budgeted expenditures are reasonable and consistent with applicable cost principles.

The Recipient shall:

- Manage and coordinate subcontractor activities. Submit a draft of each subcontract required to conduct the work under this Agreement to the Commission Agreement Manager for review.
- Submit a final copy of the executed subcontract.
- If Recipient decides to add new subcontractors, then the Recipient shall notify the CAM.

Products:

- Draft subcontracts
- Final subcontracts

TECHNICAL TASKS

TASK 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation

The goal of this task is to install **at least two** off-grid mobile **charging devices**, and **twelve** Level 2 chargers at a minimum of **two** sites.

The Recipient shall:

- Procure and install **at least two off-grid mobile Charging devices** configured to **support** at least-**four** Level 2 chargers

- **Procure and install at least 8 grid-tied Level 2 chargers, and one Direct Current Fast Charger.**
- The installations will be at a minimum of **two** sites. Submit photos of completed installation to the CAM.
- Deliver site maps and design project details, including complete schematics on the EV charging station site and electrical design.
- Obtain any required permits and comply with all applicable federal, state and municipal laws, rules, codes, and regulations.
- Ensure charger installation is performed and overseen by a qualified and licensed contractor in accordance with all local, state, and federal codes as well as and permitting and inspection requirements.
- Submit an AB 841 Certification that certifies the project has complied with all AB 841 (2020) requirements specified in Exhibit C or describes why the AB 841 requirements do not apply to the project. The certification shall be signed by Recipient's authorized representative.
- Submit Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) Certification Numbers of each Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program certified electrician that installed electric vehicle charging infrastructure or equipment. EVITP Certification Numbers are not required to be submitted if AB 841 requirements do not apply to the project.
- Ensure the chargers shall remain in service at the project sites for at least 5 years after installation. Maintain a network service agreement for the chargers, **if publicly accessible. If for private use only, data collection devices may be used in place of networking, so long as the data collection is sufficient to meet Usage and Operation Report requirements.**
- Coordinate the placement of directional and/or on-site signage to the stations.
- List the station on the US Department of Energy Alternative Fuel Data Center Station Locator, www.afdc.energy.gov (including mobile apps for Apple and Android devices). Make chargers and sites available for follow-up inspection if requested by the CEC.
- Conduct four outreach activities, including media releases and events.
 - Provide outreach information in Spanish and English.
- Deliver proof of operational charging equipment and installed signage including photos of each site.
- Write and submit semi-annual Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) usage report (see Task 5 for requirements).

Products:

- Site maps and design information for charging stations
 - Proof of operational charging equipment and installed signage, including, but not limited to:
 - Photos of each site
 - Proof of charger availability via the Alternative Fuels Data Center Station Locator tool
- AB 841 Certification and EVITP Certification Numbers
- Outreach materials, photos, presentations, agendas, minutes
- Semi-annual EVSE usage report (see Task 5 for requirements)

TASK 3 Workforce Development and Support

The goals of this task are to collaborate with other public and private agency programs to increase access and opportunities for career education, and support EV and EV infrastructure technician and driver training programs at Bakersfield College by installing the chargers referenced in Task 2 (**at least two** off-grid mobile **charging devices**, and **twelve** Level 2 chargers at a minimum of **two** sites). **The EVSE installations will accommodate visitor, staff, and student public parking, and** support training for careers in transit, school transportation, EVI installation, EV technician, and EV station maintenance and repair.

The Recipient shall:

- Write and submit a summary report to the CAM that may be used to track enrollment success, such as ability of course offerings and training to provide students with Certificate of Achievement and other applicable job skills certificates upon course completion.
- Write and submit report summarizing the use of the charging equipment at **both sites**, including:
 - Course offerings to broaden opportunities for hands-on training with electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure.
 - Information on courses offered for **off-grid Level 2 charger** maintenance and repair.
 - Information on related Bakersfield College curriculum and programs, including courses and photos of students (**pending receipt of photo release documents**) and faculty using equipment.
 - Information on any resources leveraged from other training programs.
 - Collaborations with Bakersfield College, regional car dealership associations, and appropriate Bakersfield businesses to ensure

course offerings and training are those needed by local enterprises.

- Provide detail on the ability of the Bakersfield College programs to increase student enrollment in automotive technology programs.

Products:

- Photos to document **the installation of each Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE).**
- Summary report on tracking enrollment success
- Report summarizing the use of the charging equipment at Bakersfield College

TASK 4 Outreach

- The goal of this task is to support the market for zero emission vehicles by communicating the outcomes of this project to a variety of audiences and providing them with education materials and resources for installing charging stations.

The Recipient shall:

- Develop quick reference guides for participating sites, including information on incentives and activities specific to the site area, and provide to participants of outreach activities. Submit copies of quick reference guides to the CAM.

Products:

- Quick reference guides

TASK 5 Data Collection and Analysis

The goal of this task is to collect operational data from the project, to analyze that data for economic and environmental impacts, and to include the data and analysis in regular progress reports and the Final Report

The Recipient shall:

- Collect the following data:

Products

- Number, type, date, and location of chargers installed.
- Nameplate capacity of the installed equipment, in kW.
- Number and type of outlets per charger.
- Location type, such as street, parking lot, hotel, restaurant, or multi-unit housing.

- Total cost per charger, the subsidy from the CEC per charger, any federal subsidy per charger, any utility subsidy per charger, and any privately funded share per charger.

Data on chargers over a twelve-month period, including:

- Number of charging sessions.
- Average charging session duration.
- Average kWh.
- Average charger downtime.
- Data collection information and analysis will be included in the Final Report

EXHIBIT B
Schedule of Products and Due Dates
KCCD
Revised June 16, 2022

<i>Task Number</i>	<i>Task Name</i>	<i>Product(s)</i>	<i>Subcontractor Due Date</i>	<i>Kern COG to CEC Due Date</i>	
1.1	Attend Kick-off Meeting		6/25/2021	4/30/2021	
		Updated Schedule of Products	7/08/2022	7/10/2022	
		Updated List of Match Funds	6/25/2021	4/30/2021	
		Updated List of Permits	7/08/2022	7/10/2022	
		Kick-Off Meeting Agenda (KCOG)	No later than upon issuance of an RFP 6/18/2021 6/30/2022	5/27/2021 7/10/2022	
1.2	Critical Project Review Meetings: Kern COG Task	1st CPR Meeting	CPR Report (if CEC requests from Recipient)	TBD	12/20/2022
			Written determination (CEC)	N/A	1/5/2023
1.3	Final Meeting		Written documentation of meeting agreements	N/A	2/29/2024 8/29/2024
			Schedule for completing closeout activities	N/A	3/29/2024 9/27/2024
1.4	Monthly Progress Reports		The last day of each month during the approved term of this Agreement.	The 10th calendar day of each month during the approved term of this Agreement	
			Monthly Progress Reports		
1.5	Final Report		Final Outline of the Final Report	N/A	12/12/2023 8/12/2024
			Draft Final Report (no less than 60 days before the end term of the agreement)	N/A	4/12/2024 10/30/2024
			Final Report	With Final Invoice	3/12/2024 12/20/2024
1.6	Identify and Obtain Match Funds	A letter regarding match funds or stating that no match funds are provided	6/25/2021 7/08/2022 with Monthly Report	4/30/2021 3/31/2022	
		Copy(ies) of each match fund commitment letter(s) (if applicable)	Within 10 days of receipt from funding agency.	4/30/2021 4/29/2022	
		Letter(s) for new match funds (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying new match funds	Within 10 days of identifying new match funds	

	Letter that match funds were reduced (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying reduced funds	Within 10 days of identifying reduced funds
1.7 Identify and Obtain Required Permits	Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required	When RFP is released. If no RFP, send prior to start of work. If project already awarded, send with executed MOU. All letters received by 5/31/2022.	Within 6 months from each site host project initiation date. All project letters received by 8/31/2022
	A copy of each approved permit (if applicable)	Within 5 days of receiving each permit or letter from the Division of the State Architect, if required.	Within 10 days of receiving each permit
	Updated list of permits as they change during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)	Within 5 days of change in the list of permits.	Within 10 days of change in list of permits
	Updated schedule for acquiring permits as changes occur during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)	Within 5 days of change in schedule for obtaining permits	Within 10 days of change in schedule for obtaining permits
	Copy(ies) of final approved permit(s), if applicable	Within 5 days of obtaining permit(s)	Within 10 days of obtaining permit(s)
	1.8 Obtain and Execute Subcontracts	Letter describing the subcontracts needed, or stating that no subcontracts are required	30 days prior to first day of construction
	Draft subcontracts	15 days prior to the scheduled execution date	15 days prior to the scheduled execution date
	Final subcontracts	Within 10 days of the execution	Within 10 days of the execution
2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation	Site maps and design information for charging stations for Bakersfield College and the Automotive Technology Facility at the Bakersfield AutoMall	10/30/2021 10/29/2022	11/29/2021 10/29/2022
	Photos to document station progress and completion, including operational charging equipment, installed signage, AFDC Station Locator Listing-weblink or verification email	With monthly reports, as changes occur. Within 30 days of station commission.	6/29/2023 9/1/2023 (all 10 sites, not only KCCD)

	AB 841 Certification and EVITP Certification Numbers	Provided with monthly report upon award of charging station contract or in-house certification prior to construction.	6/29/2023
	Outreach materials, photos, presentations, agendas, minutes	Provided with monthly report following the event or outreach effort.	Ongoing to November 20, 2023 September 30, 2024
	Semi-annual EVSE usage reports (Note: Assumes stations open by 3/01/2023; requirement is for 12 months of data, ending 9/30/2024).	First report by 6/1/2022 9/01/2023 then every six months until grant completion date	First report by 6/1/2022 then every six months until grant completion date
3	Infrastructure to Support Workforce Development		
	Photos to document BEAM-EV ARC students and instructors using the EVEN mobile charger and level 2 charger installations	12/10/2021 7/08/2024	12/13/2021 8/08/2024
	Photos to document students and instructors using the DC Fast Charger at the Automotive Technology Training Facility Bakersfield AutoMall	7/08/2024	8/08/2024
	Summary report on tracking enrollment success	7/08/2024	8/08/2024
	Report summarizing the use of the charging equipment at Bakersfield College	11/15/2023 9/08/2024	1/8/2024 10/08/2024
4	Outreach		
	Quick Reference Guide OR Best Practices Flier	2/15/2024	5/15/2024

		As the events are scheduled, Kern COG and CEC program managers must be invited to participate. Documents included with monthly report following the event.	As the events occur and are scheduled
	Copies of agendas, registrations, and photos		
	Event Report for 2022 TRANSITions Transit Symposium - describe subcontractor participation on Monthly Report	With the monthly report following the event.	Within 45 days of the event
	Event Report for 2023 TRANSITions Transit Symposium - describe subcontractor participation on Monthly Report	With the monthly report following the event.	Within 45 days of the event
	Event report for one campus or public ribbon cutting or electric vehicle charging event or training workshops	N/A	Within 45 days of the event
	Event report for a Ride and Drive event or a National Drive Electric Week reported on Monthly Report	N/A	Within 45 days of the event
	2024 Kern County EV Charging Station Blueprint Participation documented on Monthly Report	As appropriate in the monthly report following the participation	Monthly Report and Consultant Report and 2024 Blueprint
5	E-Bike Pilot Data Collection and Analysis		-
-	-	Pending placement of eBikes. Report Submitted each 6 months following the station opening (commissioning) through October 2024.	6/29/2023 12/20/2024
	Summary E-Bike Report Usage (and Operations) Report		

AGREEMENT BUDGET

Category Budget

Agreement Number	ARV-20-010-03		
Name of Organization	Bakersfield College- Kern Community College District		
Subrecipient			
None			
Cost Category	CEC Share	Match Share	Total
Direct Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 235,128	\$ 126,230	\$ 361,358
Materials/Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 524	\$ 524
Subrecipients/Vendors	\$ 135,900	\$ 15,830	\$ 151,730
Total Other Direct Costs	\$ 371,028	\$ 142,584	\$ 513,612
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Profit (not allowed for grant recipients)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Indirect and Profit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Totals	\$ 371,028	\$ 142,584	\$ 513,612
Total CEC Reimbursable Funds Spent in California or Paid to California-Based Entities (if applicable)	\$ -		
Percentage of CEC Reimbursable Funds Spent in California or Paid to California-Based Entities			

All below documents can be viewed in excel file - Bakersfield College Budget ARV-20-0nage-03 WITH COMMENTS rev03/17/2026

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Date of Last Approved Agreement Budget Modification: 07/18/2024

AGREEMENT BUDGET

Equipment

ARV-20-010-03: Bakersfield College- Kern Community College District

Reference ID	Task #	Seller of item(s)	Description	Purpose	# of Units	Unit Cost	Total: # of Units x Unit Cost	CEC Share	Match Share	Total	Line Item Revised Since Last Approved Budget?	Revision Notes
E-1	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	EVEN Recharge off Grid mobile EV Dual Charging Stations	Various Locations on BC Main Campus	2.00	\$ 70,070.23	\$ 140,140	\$ 140,140		\$ 140,140	Yes	Updated to reflect actual cost and budget increase- inv 94307682 3/15/23
E-2	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	EVEN AC2R - 32A Level 2 EV Charger	Various locations for Instructional Purposes	0.00		\$ -			\$ -	Yes	Educational Purposes inv 94307682 3/15/23
E-3	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	DC Fast Charger and Snap On Tool Equipment and Purchase	Automall Installation and Training Center Tools and Equipment	1.00	\$ 58,317.00	\$ 58,317	\$ 58,317.00	\$ -	\$ 58,317	Yes	DCFC;Snap On Tools Purchase of Tools and Equipment for the AutoMall Training Center-inv 94307682 3/15/23
E-4	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	10ft. Trailer, Single axle with electric brakes	Supports the Off Grid Mobile Charger	1.00	\$ 9,992.00	\$ 9,992	\$ 9,992.00	\$ -	\$ 9,992	Select Yes or No	Support the Off Grid Mobile EV Charger inv 94307682 3/15/23
E-5	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	Set of (4) Caster Wheels	Supports the Off Grid Mobile Charger	1.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	Select Yes or No	Support the Off Grid Mobile EV Charger- inv 94307682 3/15/23
E-6	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	Automatic retail Machine	sSupports the Off Grid Mobile Charger	0.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Yes	Support the Off Grid Mobile EV Charger (discontinued)
E-7	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	Networked 7.6kWh EV Charger	Supports the Off Grid Mobile Charger	4.00	\$ 5,927.00	\$ 23,708	\$ 23,708	\$ -	\$ 23,708	Select Yes or No	Support the Off Grid Mobile EV Charger-ASK BC
E-8	3	EVEN Recharge, Inc.	Level 2 Chargers	add additional 6 units	0.00		\$ -			\$ -	Yes	see subs and vendors tab
E-9	3	MOHAWK	Auto Tool Equipment and Purchase	Automall Training Center Tools and Equipment	1.00	\$ 127,701.15	\$ 127,701	\$ 1,471	\$ 126,230	\$ 127,701	Yes	DCFC;Auto Tools Purchase of Tools and Equipment for the AutoMall Training Center
E-10	3						\$ -			\$ -	Yes	DCFC;Auto Tools Purchase of Tools and Equipment for the AutoMall Training Center
Grand Totals								\$ 235,128	\$ 126,230	\$ 361,358		

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AGREEMENT BUDGET

Subrecipients & Vendors

ARV-20-010-03: Bakersfield College- Kern Community College District

Subrecipients										
Reference ID	Task #	Subrecipient (Please Use Legal Name)	Entity Number (CA Secretary of State)	Purpose	CA Business Certifications DVBE/ SB/MB/None	CEC Share	Match Share	Total	Line Item Revised Since Last Approved Budget?	Revision Notes
S-1					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-2					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-3					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-4					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-5					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-6					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-7					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-8					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-9					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
S-10					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
Subrecipient Totals						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

Vendors										
Reference ID	Task #	Vendor (Please Use Legal Name)	Entity Number (CA Secretary of State)	Purpose	CA Business Certifications DVBE/ SB/MB/None	CEC Share	Match Share	Total	Line Item Revised Since Last Approved Budget?	Revision Notes
V-1	3	CCT	202252418523	install 8 level 2 chargers	None	\$ 72,906	\$ 2,094	\$ 75,000	Yes	install 8 level 2 chargers
V-2	3	A-C Electric	218091	electrical infrastructure for chargers (power drop)	None	\$ 62,470	\$ -	\$ 62,470	Yes	electrical infrastructure for chargers (power drop)
V-3	3	Detail Garage LLC	20176710050	Workforce Automotive Technology Program Development-tools and supplies	None	\$ 524	\$ 13,736	\$ 14,260	Yes	CEC requested to move Detail Garage to this tab
V-4					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
V-5					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
V-6					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
V-7					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
V-8					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
V-9					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
V-10					None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Select Yes or No	
Vendor Totals						\$ 135,900	\$ 15,830	\$ 151,730		

Subrecipients & Vendors Grand Totals			
	CEC Share	Match Share	Total
Grand Totals	\$ 135,900	\$ 15,830	\$ 151,730

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VII COG

May 21, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Stephan Sanchez
Deputy Director – Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGENDA ITEM: VII.
FINAL KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FISCAL YEAR
2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN

DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to policy, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) prepares and adopts an annual financial plan (budget) detailing estimated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. Staff has prepared a final Kern COG FY 2026-2027 Financial Plan that includes \$7,839,092 in estimated operating revenues and \$7,364,299 in estimated operating and capital expenditures.

DISCUSSION: Attached is the final Kern COG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan. This plan serves as the presentation of detailed information regarding FY 2026-2027 total revenues and total expenditures and is available in a public hearing format for the public's comments and the Board's consideration for adoption. The final plan contains the following general provisions:

REVENUES – Estimated Total Revenues of \$7,839,092 representing a 7.56% decrease from the prior year's proposed budget due to the end of the KARGO Study, which provided a large, one-time State grant. Carryover funds will be amended into the budget when confirmed by Caltrans after the first quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES – Estimated Total Expenditures of \$7,364,299 are proposed to fund current operating expenditures, and all projects outlined in the 2026-2027 FY Overall Work Program. This represents a 14.73% decrease over the prior year's proposed budget for Total Expenditures, primarily due to a decrease in personnel wages stemming from recent employee departures and retirements, as well as the reduction in our professional services expenditures, which was largely impacted by the completion of the KARGO study in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. There is a minor increase in the proposed budget for training & development and travel expenses. Kern COG is proposing this change in consideration of recently hired employees to replace retirees and departures. Kern COG continues to promote Rideshare Week, Telework Awareness Month, Vanpool Awareness Month, and Bike Month.

Please see the attached document for a more detailed list of the proposed total revenues and expenditures in the FY 2026-2027 Financial Plan.

ACTION: Adopt the Final Kern COG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-20. ROLL CALL VOTE

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-20

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

Kern Council of Governments
ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

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SUBMITTED BY:
Jay Schlosser
Executive Director
May 21, 2026

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



May 21, 2026

The Honorable Board of Directors
Kern Council of Governments

Dear Chairman and Board:

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) staff is pleased to submit for your review and approval the final Kern COG Annual Financial Plan for fiscal year 2026-2027. This plan is an estimate of the financial activity anticipated for the fiscal year stated in object, account, and line-item format. The plan provides sufficient appropriations to fund all programs and projects documented in the FY 2026-2027 Overall Work Program. In summary, the final plan includes estimated revenues of \$7,839,092 and proposed expenditures of \$7,364,299.

REVENUES

Kern COG staff anticipates FY 2026-2027 budgeted revenues totaling \$7,839,092. Total budgeted revenues are estimated to decrease by 7.56% from the prior year's proposed budget due to the end of the KARGO Study, which provided a large, one-time State grant.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Federal	\$2,790,637	35.90%	(0.34%)
State	\$2,938,272	37.80%	(32.66%)
Regional PL/Admin	\$1,925,798	24.77%	61.63%
Local/miscellaneous	\$ 184,385	2.35%	46.00%

Despite a marginal decrease in Federal funds, Kern COG continues to maximize the use of toll credits as a local match to allow for use of local funds in other areas. State revenues show a large decrease, primarily due to the end of the KARGO Study funded by a large, one-time Climate Adaptation Grant totaling \$1,397,486.

EXPENDITURES

Kern COG staff proposes FY 2026-2027 expenditures totaling \$7,364,299. This represents a 14.73% decrease over the prior year's proposed budget for total expenditures, primarily due to a decrease in personnel wages with recent employee departures and retirements, as well as the reduction in our professional services expenditures, which was largely impacted by the completion of the KARGO study in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. There is a minor increase in the proposed budget for Training & Development and Travel Expenses. Kern COG is proposing this investment, considering that Kern COG has recently hired new employees to replace the recent retirees and departures during the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Kern COG continues to increase awareness by promoting Rideshare Week, Telework Awareness Month, Vanpool Awareness Month, and Bike Month. In terms of the four major object classes, these expenditures are distributed as follows:

<u>Object Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Personnel	\$2,125,245	47.49%	(4.10%)
Professional Services	\$3,158,614	42.89%	(28.00%)
Services and Supplies	\$ 665,224	9.03%	14.51%
Capital	\$ 43,000	0.58%	98.94%

With respect to personnel-related expenditures, retaining staffing levels at 17 full-time and 2 part-time positions is proposed. Furthermore, a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is proposed for all full-time staff effective July 13th 2026. Staff is also recommending a 98.94% increase in capital expenditures and a 14.51% increase in services and supplies.

PROGRAMS

In addition to ongoing planning activities such as air quality conformity and public transit funding, staff recommends a variety of expanded program initiatives for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. These initiatives include the following:

- 1) Completion of the Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Study.
- 2) Sustainable Communities: for local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that support regional sustainable community strategies.
- 3) Regional Technical Assistance: to provide technical assistance to member agencies to address regional and subregional issues related to transportation planning.
- 4) Increase in public outreach and public awareness campaigns that promote Rideshare Week, Telework Awareness Month, Vanpool Awareness Month, and Bike Month.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Kern COG Annual Financial Plan for the 2026-2027 fiscal year continues to provide a framework for achieving two major goals and objectives. First, the plan fulfills the Council and Staff obligation to maintain the region's federal and state certifications to continue the flow of resources to Kern COG member agencies. Secondly, the proposed plan provides extensive direct services, community engagement, and support for local efforts by Kern COG's member agencies to better serve the citizens of the Kern region. Staff recommends your Council's favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Schlosser".

John (Jay) Schlosser, P.E.
Executive Director

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Kern Council of Governments

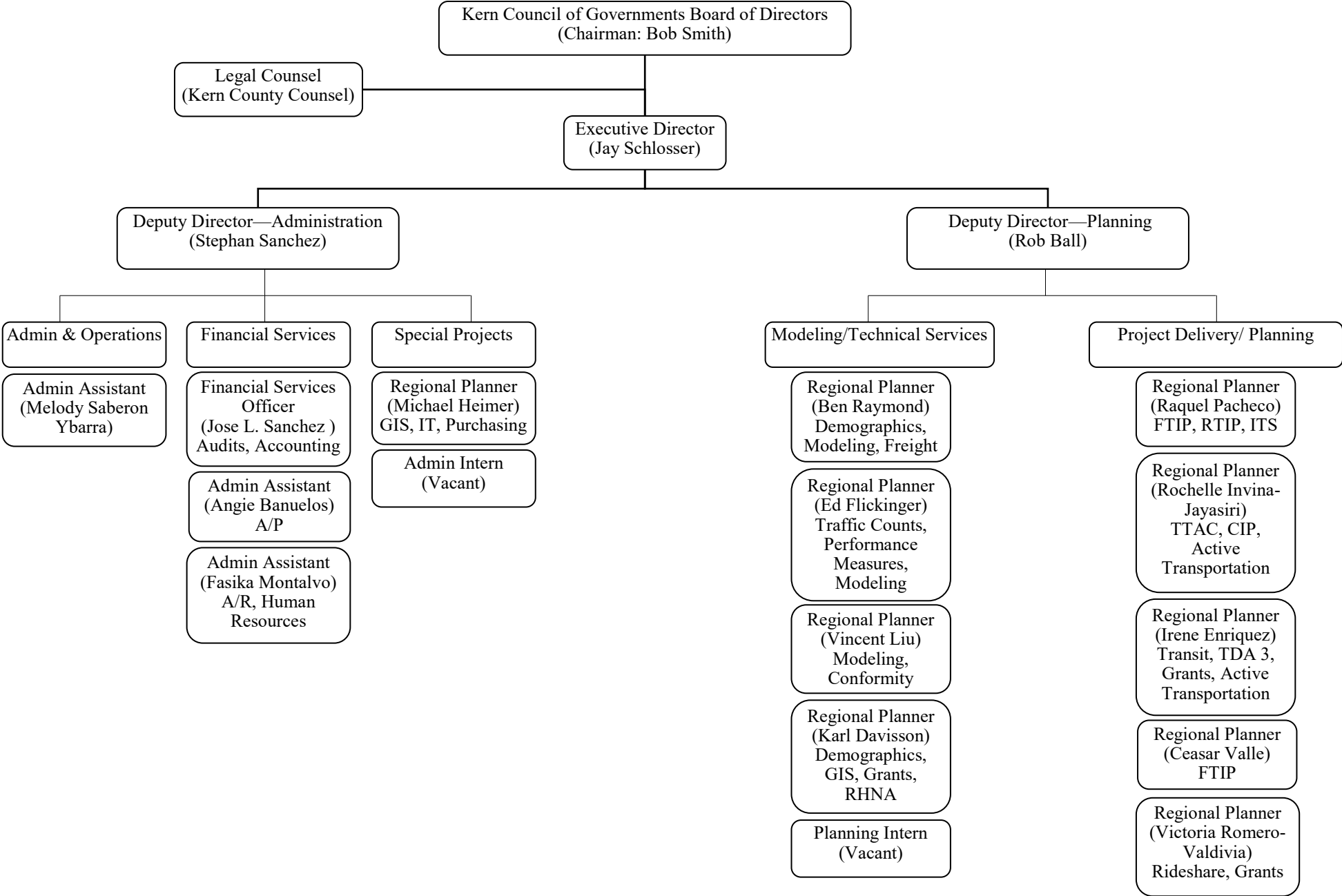
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUNCTIONS

The Kern Council of Governments performs the following local governmental functions:

- * Metropolitan Planning Organization (U.S.D.O.T.)
- * Transportation Management Agency (U.S.D.O.T.)
- * Areawide Planning Organization (U.S.H.U.D)
- * Local Clearinghouse (U.S.E.O.)
- * Home Mortgage Disclosure Depository (U.S.F.R.B.)
- * Regional Transportation Planning Agency (State)
- * Affiliate Data Center (State)
- * Kern GeoNet (Local)
- * Kern Motorist Aid Authority (Local)
- * Kern County Transportation Authority (Local)
- * Kern Congestion Management Agency (Local)
- * Transportation Demand Management Program (Rideshare)

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

**Kern Council of Governments Organization Chart
Fiscal Year 2026-27**



Kern Council of Governments

STAFF ALLOCATION
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

<u>Position</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Person-Hours</u>
Executive Director	1	2,080
Deputy Director - Administration	1	2,080
Deputy Director - Planning	1	2,080
Financial Services Officer	1	2,080
Regional Planner	10	20,800
Administrative Assistant	3	6,240
Part-time	2	2,000
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TOTAL	19	37,360
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Full-Time Positions: 17
Part-Time Positions: 2

Kern Council of Governments

STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John (Jay) Schlosser	Executive Director
Robert Ball	Deputy Director - Planning
Stephan Sanchez	Deputy Director - Administration
Benjamin Raymond	Regional Planner
Raquel Pacheco	Regional Planner
Ed Flickinger	Regional Planner
Michael Heimer	Regional Planner
Vincent Liu	Regional Planner
Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri	Regional Planner
Irene Enriquez	Regional Planner
Karl Davisson	Regional Planner
Cesar Valle	Regional Planner
Victoria Romero Valdivia	Regional Planner
Jose Leon Sanchez	Financial Services Officer
Fasika Montalvo	Administrative Assistant
Angelica Banuelos	Administrative Assistant
Melody Ybarra Saberon	Administrative Assistant
(Vacant)	Part-Time Planning Intern
(Vacant)	Part-Time Administrative Intern

POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
POSITION CLASSIFICATION & SALARY SCHEDULE

Bi-weekly Pay

Position/Class	Deputy Director Administration	Deputy Director Planning	Financial Services Officer	Regional Planner	Administrative Assistant	Planning/Admin Intern	Proposed Per Hour
1	\$ 4,287.83	\$ 4,287.83	\$ 3,712.31	\$ 2,732.74	\$ 2,715.26	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 20.50
2	\$ 4,395.03	\$ 4,395.03	\$ 3,805.11	\$ 2,801.06	\$ 2,783.14	\$ 1,681.00	\$ 21.01
3	\$ 4,504.90	\$ 4,504.90	\$ 3,900.24	\$ 2,871.08	\$ 2,852.72	\$ 1,723.03	\$ 21.54
4	\$ 4,617.53	\$ 4,617.53	\$ 3,997.75	\$ 2,942.86	\$ 2,924.04	\$ 1,766.10	\$ 22.08
5	\$ 4,732.96	\$ 4,732.96	\$ 4,097.69	\$ 3,016.43	\$ 2,997.14	\$ 1,810.25	\$ 22.63
6	\$ 4,851.29	\$ 4,851.29	\$ 4,200.13	\$ 3,091.84	\$ 3,072.07	\$ 1,855.51	\$ 23.19
7	\$ 4,972.57	\$ 4,972.57	\$ 4,305.14	\$ 3,169.14	\$ 3,148.87	\$ 1,901.90	\$ 23.77
8	\$ 5,096.89	\$ 5,096.89	\$ 4,412.77	\$ 3,248.37	\$ 3,227.59	\$ 1,949.44	\$ 24.37
9	\$ 5,224.31	\$ 5,224.31	\$ 4,523.08	\$ 3,329.58	\$ 3,308.28	\$ 1,998.18	\$ 24.98
10	\$ 5,354.92	\$ 5,354.92	\$ 4,636.16	\$ 3,412.82	\$ 3,390.99	\$ 2,048.14	\$ 25.60
11	\$ 5,488.79	\$ 5,488.79	\$ 4,752.07	\$ 3,498.14	\$ 3,475.76	\$ 2,099.34	\$ 26.24
12	\$ 5,626.01	\$ 5,626.01	\$ 4,870.87	\$ 3,585.59	\$ 3,562.66	\$ 2,151.82	\$ 26.90
13	\$ 5,766.66	\$ 5,766.66	\$ 4,992.64	\$ 3,675.23	\$ 3,651.72		
14	\$ 5,910.82	\$ 5,910.82	\$ 5,117.46	\$ 3,767.11	\$ 3,743.02		
15	\$ 6,058.60	\$ 6,058.60	\$ 5,245.39	\$ 3,861.29	\$ 3,836.59		
16				\$ 3,957.82	\$ 3,932.51		
17				\$ 4,056.77	\$ 4,030.82		
18				\$ 4,158.19	\$ 4,131.59		
19				\$ 4,262.14	\$ 4,234.88		
20				\$ 4,368.70	\$ 4,340.75		
21				\$ 4,477.91	\$ 4,449.27		
22				\$ 4,589.86	\$ 4,560.50		
23				\$ 4,704.61	\$ 4,674.51		
24				\$ 4,822.22	\$ 4,791.38		
25				\$ 4,942.78	\$ 4,911.16		
26				\$ 5,066.35	\$ 5,033.94		
27				\$ 5,193.01	\$ 5,159.79		

Executive Director: \$5,855.85 to \$9,086.70 (salary is negotiable)

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – BUDGET REVIEW SUMMARY

FY 2026-2027 Overall Work Program
 BUDGET REVENUE SUMMARY (Revised: April 17, 2026)

Funding Source	Footnotes	FTA	FTA	FTA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	STIP PPM	SB-1 Formula	SB-1 Formula	SHA-CAP	SHA-CAP	CEC	Toll Credits*	Regional	Regional	Regional	Local	TOTAL
		SEC.5304	SEC.5303	SEC.5303	PL	PL	PL	RSTP	CMAQ	SPR								Planning	Planning	Planning	Contracts	
		Rural	MPO	MPO Carryover	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	26-27	89/11								Match	Non-match			
		Carryover	26-27	25-26	89/11	Carryover	Carryover	(7)	89/11	(9)	(11)	(12)	(12a)	(13)		(17)				(18)	(19)	
Air Quality Modeling/Transportation Management	101.1	\$ 80,746															\$ 9,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 80,746
Environmental Review and Monitoring Program	102.1	\$ 40,681															\$ 4,666	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 40,681
Community and Environmental Inventory Mapping System	201.1	\$ 272,249			\$ 277,195												\$ 63,021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 549,444
Mapping Services and Technical Support	201.2																\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Public Participation	203.1B											\$ 130,811					\$ -	\$ 16,948	\$ -	\$ 16,948		\$ 147,759
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Performance Measures	203.2B											\$ 105,765					\$ -	\$ 13,703	\$ 18	\$ 13,721		\$ 119,486
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Mobility Innovations and Ince	203.3B											\$ 65,168					\$ -	\$ 8,443	\$ -	\$ 8,443		\$ 73,611
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Forecast & Travel Model	203.4B											\$ 92,556					\$ -	\$ 11,992	\$ 34	\$ 12,026		\$ 104,582
Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan	203.5																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,745	\$ 65,745		\$ 65,745
Regional Transportation Plan/Congestion Management Process	601.1				\$ 327,784												\$ 37,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 327,784
RTP/CIP Financial Element	601.2									\$ 47,058							\$ 5,398	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 47,058
Regional Transportation Community Survey & Outreach	601.3									\$ 77,516							\$ 8,891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 77,516
Federal Performance Measures Data and Analysis	601.4				\$ 55,622												\$ 6,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 55,622
Transportation Improvement Program	602.1				\$ 383,568												\$ 43,995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 383,568
Project Planning & Development Assistance for Federal-Aid Project	602.2				\$ 329,581												\$ 37,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 329,581
Transportation Systems Monitoring and Coordination	603.1									\$ 51,895							\$ 5,952	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 51,895
Traffic Count Program	603.2						\$ 79,677										\$ -	\$ 10,323	\$ 16,146	\$ 26,469		\$ 106,146
Mobility Innovations and Incentives	603.3				\$ 55,504												\$ 6,366	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 55,504
Kern Electric Vehicle (EV) Blueprint	603.4														\$ 1,203,972		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,203,972
MD&HD Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure	603.5																\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Regional Travel Demand Model Maintenance	604.1				\$ 177,269												\$ 20,333	\$ -	\$ 406,244	\$ 406,244		\$ 583,513
Regional Growth Forecast Model Data & Analysis	604.2				\$ 190,225												\$ 21,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 190,225
Regional Travel Demand Model Analysis	604.3																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,721	\$ 26,721		\$ 26,721
Corridor/Major Investment/Impact Studies	605.1				\$ 12,113												\$ 1,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12,113
Transit, Aviation and Passenger Rail Planning	606.1																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295,288	\$ 295,288		\$ 295,288
Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Plan (FY 26-27) **	606.2									\$ 120,365				\$ 1,040,000			\$ 13,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,160,365
TIRCP Administration	606.3																\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,385	\$ 114,385
Active Transportation and Complete Streets Program	608.1				\$ 63,186													\$ 1,567	\$ 6,619	\$ 8,186		\$ 71,372
Transportation Demand Management	609.1							\$ 336,341									\$ -	\$ 43,577	\$ -	\$ 43,577		\$ 379,918
Freight Planning	610.1									\$ 3,166							\$ 363	\$ -	\$ 67,152	\$ 67,152		\$ 70,318
Grant Writing	801.1																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,500	\$ 185,500		\$ 185,500
Regional Technical Assistance	902.1				\$ 11,587												\$ 1,329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 11,587
Information and Data Management	903.1				\$ 7,315												\$ 839	\$ -	\$ 90,146	\$ 90,146		\$ 97,461
Interregional Transportation Coordination	904.1																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164,789	\$ 164,789		\$ 164,789
Local Clearinghouse Review Program	904.2																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,867	\$ 5,867		\$ 5,867
Local Reimbursement	1001.1																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,567	\$ 95,567		\$ 95,567
Legislative Program	1001.2																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,678	\$ 40,678		\$ 40,678
Transportation Development Act (TDA) Program	1001.3																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282,011	\$ 282,011		\$ 282,011
Information Services and Tribal Consultation	1001.4																\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,504	\$ 54,504		\$ 54,504
Overall Work Program (OWP) Development and Monitoring	1001.5				\$ 89,994												\$ 10,322	\$ -	\$ 16,217	\$ 16,217		\$ 106,211
KMAA System Administration and Operations	2001.1																\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,805	\$ 76,805
511 System Administration and Operations	2002.1																\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,363	\$ 37,363
SUBTOTAL		\$ -	\$ 393,676	\$ -	\$ 1,980,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,677	\$ 336,341	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 394,300	\$ -	\$ 1,040,000	\$ -	\$ 1,203,972	\$ 299,531	\$ 106,552	\$ 1,819,246	\$ 1,925,798	\$ 228,553	\$ 7,883,260
ESTIMATED CARRYOVER FUNDS				\$ 182,789		\$ 754,135						\$ 72,262		\$ 535,866								\$ 1,545,052
FY 2026-27 ESTIMATED FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 393,676		\$ 1,980,943		\$ 79,677	\$ 336,341	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 394,300	\$ 72,262	\$ 1,040,000		\$ 1,203,972	\$ -	\$ 106,552	\$ 1,818,246	\$ 1,925,798	\$ 228,553	\$ 7,883,260	
TOTAL (including Estimated Carryover Funds)		\$ -	\$ 393,676	\$ 182,789	\$ 1,980,943	\$ 754,135	\$ -	\$ 79,677	\$ 336,341	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 394,300	\$ 72,262	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,203,972	\$ -	\$ 106,552	\$ 1,818,246	\$ 1,925,798	\$ 228,553	\$ 9,428,312	

*Toll credits provided by the State of California are being utilized as a match for federal FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funds. The FHWA PL and FTA 5303 amounts shown in the Budget Revenue Summary Sheet represent 100% of the total federal participation cost, therefore toll credits are not included in the total revenue amount.

** WE 606.2 is a the 3rd year grant of a 3 year grant. In 2026-27 the remaining funds are be programmed.

FINANCIAL PLAN SUMMARY

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FINANCIAL PLAN SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Revised: May 12, 2026

Account No./Title	2024-25 Estimated	2025-26 Estimated	2026-27 Proposed
REVENUE			
4140-Federal Grants	\$ 2,294,701	\$ 2,800,036	\$ 2,790,637
3955-State Grants	\$ 2,302,483	\$ 4,363,131	\$ 2,938,272
4220-Regional Planning/Admin.	\$ 2,295,937	\$ 1,191,486	\$ 1,925,798
4220-Local Contracts	\$ 55,935	\$ 56,000	\$ 114,385
5370-Miscellaneous	\$ 62,581	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,011,637	\$ 8,480,653	\$ 7,839,092
EXPENDITURES			
Personnel:			
6110-Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,052,859	\$ 2,288,724	\$ 2,125,245
6200-Extra-Help Wages	\$ -	\$ 50,414	\$ 60,184
6410/6600-Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,531,409	\$ 1,307,669	\$ 1,312,032
SUBTOTAL-PERSONNEL	\$ 3,584,268	\$ 3,646,807	\$ 3,497,461
SUBTOTAL-7500 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,755,061	\$ 4,387,214	\$ 3,158,614
SERVICES & SUPPLIES			
6841-Communications	\$ 19,972	\$ 19,972	\$ 19,972
6900-Insurance	\$ 30,437	\$ 30,437	\$ 30,437
6970-Maintenance-Equipment	\$ 22,536	\$ 22,536	\$ 22,536
7001-Maintenance-Structures	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
7400-Memberships	\$ 27,391	\$ 44,675	\$ 54,175
7450-Office Supplies	\$ 324,905	\$ 25,706	\$ 52,850
7525-Data Processing	\$ 87,708	\$ 49,295	\$ 54,295
7600-Public/Legal Notices	\$ 28,023	\$ 91,829	\$ 92,934
7630-Leases-Equipment	\$ 11,827	\$ -	\$ -
7650-Leases-Structures	\$ 152,448	\$ 172,519	\$ 172,519
7700-Special Dept. Expense	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
7730-Training & Development	\$ 1,915	\$ 29,327	\$ 52,200
7740-Travel Expenses	\$ 34,849	\$ 50,786	\$ 64,604
7750-Personal Vehicle Mileage	\$ 5,758	\$ 11,849	\$ 16,702
7970-Kern County Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
7990-Depreciation Expense	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
7995-Bad Debt Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL-SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 747,769	\$ 580,931	\$ 665,224
SUBTOTAL-8601-CAPITAL OUTLAYS	\$ 14,375	\$ 21,615	\$ 43,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,101,473	\$ 8,636,567	\$ 7,364,299
Depreciation Adjustment			
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (89,836)	\$ (155,914)	\$ 474,793

Footnotes:

*2024-25 Office Supplies: adjusted journal entry made as recommended by auditor due to migration to new accounting system

**2025-26 State Grants: SHA-CAP one time grant for \$1,397,486 awarded in 2025-2026

***2025-26 Professional Services: KARGO Study completed in 2025-2026

REVENUE SUMMARY

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REVENUE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Revised: May 12, 2026

Account/Source	Account Number	2024-25 Estimated	2025-26 Estimated	2026-27 Proposed
FEDERAL				
	4140			
U.S. Dept. of Transportation (Region IX):				
Federal Transit Admin.(Sec.5303 Urban--89/11)		\$ 394,098	\$ 393,432	\$ 393,676
Federal Highway Admin. (PL)		\$ 1,842,093	\$ 1,843,737	\$ 1,980,943
Federal Highway Admin. (PL 2024-25 Carryover)		\$ -	\$ 168,410	\$ -
Federal Highway Admin. (FAP/CMAQ)		\$ 256,470	\$ 314,780	\$ 336,341
Federal Highway Admin. (RSTP)		\$ 79,677	\$ 79,677	\$ 79,677
SUBTOTAL--FEDERAL		\$ 2,572,338	\$ 2,800,036	\$ 2,790,637
STATE				
	3955			
California Dept. of Transportation:				
Caltrans ATP		\$ 351,683		\$ -
Caltrans/SB1		\$ 386,250	\$ 384,027	\$ 394,300
Caltrans/SB1 (Carryover)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP/PPM		\$ 591,000	\$ 591,000	\$ 300,000
State Highway Account		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Housing and Community Development		\$ 11,591	\$ -	\$ -
SHA-CAP		\$ 1,963,803	\$ 2,104,132	\$ 1,040,000
California Air Resources Board		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
California Energy Commission		\$ 1,303,556	\$ 1,283,972	\$ 1,203,972
SUBTOTAL--STATE		\$ 4,607,883	\$ 4,363,131	\$ 2,938,272
LOCAL				
	4220			
Claims:				
Transportation Development Act (Planning & Admin.)		\$ 1,379,832	\$ 1,191,486	\$ 1,925,798
Kern Motorist Aid Authority/511 Administration		\$ 55,935	\$ 61,446	\$ 114,168
Miscellaneous Contracts/TIRCP Administration		\$ -	\$ 56,000	\$ 114,385
SJCOG/SGC Grant		-	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL--LOCAL		\$ 1,435,767	\$ 1,308,932	\$ 2,154,351
OTHER				
Sales--Fees and Charges	5370	\$ (10,872)	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	3055	\$ 73,453	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Rideshare Donations	5370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	5370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL--OTHER		\$ 62,581	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
TOTAL--REVENUES		\$ 8,678,569	\$ 8,542,099	\$ 7,953,260

PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

(Revision Date: May 11, 2026)

Account Title	Account Number	Planning Division	Administrative Division	2026-27 Proposed Budget	2025-26 Estimated	2024-25 Estimated
Salaries and Wages--Regular	6110	\$ 1,553,382	\$ 571,863	\$ 2,125,245	\$ 2,288,724	\$ 2,052,859
Salaries and Wages--Extra Help	6200	\$ 48,184	\$ 12,000	\$ 60,184	\$ 50,414	\$ -
Social Security	6410	\$ 85,469	\$ 35,449	\$ 120,918	\$ 120,962	\$ 105,160
Medicare	6410	\$ 21,917	\$ 8,290	\$ 30,207	\$ 30,278	\$ 30,191
Retirement	6430	\$ 532,709	\$ 222,727	\$ 755,436	\$ 700,306	\$ 881,300
Health Insurance	6510	\$ 251,548	\$ 76,296	\$ 327,844	\$ 378,302	\$ 446,554
Dental Insurance	6510	\$ 12,621	\$ 5,570	\$ 18,191	\$ 19,225	\$ 13,899
Vision Insurance	6510	\$ 3,859	\$ 1,470	\$ 5,329	\$ 5,968	\$ 5,196
Disability Insurance	6590	\$ 11,185	\$ 4,231	\$ 15,416	\$ 15,452	\$ 13,556
Life Insurance	6540	\$ 5,832	\$ 2,381	\$ 8,213	\$ 7,584	\$ 8,877
Unemployment Insurance	6570	\$ 15,871	\$ 6,003	\$ 21,874	\$ 21,925	\$ 22,256
Workers Compensation Insurance	6600	\$ 6,074	\$ 2,530	\$ 8,604	\$ 7,667	\$ 4,420
BUDGET TOTAL		\$2,548,651	\$ 948,810	\$ 3,497,461	\$ 3,646,807	\$ 3,584,268

NOTE: Includes 17 full-time regular positions 2 part-time positions

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Account Number	Description or Subcontractor	2026-27 Proposed	Amount Direct	Amount Indirect
7500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
101.1	Air Quality Modeling/Transportation Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
102.1	Environmental Review and Monitoring Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
201.1	Community and Environmental Mapping System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
201.2	Mapping Services and Technical Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
203.1B	Sustainable Communities Public Participation FY 26-27	\$ 41,050	\$ 41,050	\$ -
203.2B	Sustainable Communities Performance Measures FY 26-27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
203.3B	Sustainable Communities Mobility Innovations and Incentives Planning FY 26-27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
203.4B	Sustainable Communities Strategy Forecast and Travel Model Activity Program FY 26-27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
203.5	Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
601.1	Regional Transportation Plan/CMS	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ -
601.2	RTP/CIP-Financial Element	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
601.3	RTP Outreach	\$ 42,450	\$ 42,450	\$ -
601.4	RTP Performance Measures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
602.1	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
602.2	Local Assistance for Federal-Aid Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
603.1	Transportation Systems Monitoring and Coordination	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
603.2	Traffic Count Program	\$ 96,245	\$ 96,245	\$ -
603.3	Active Transportation Demand Management	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
603.4	Kern EV Blueprint	\$ 1,146,197	\$ 1,146,197	\$ -
603.5	MD&HD Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
604.1	Regional Travel Demand Model Maintenance	\$ 117,000	\$ 117,000	\$ -
604.2	Growth Forecast Model	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
604.3	Regional Travel Demand Model	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
605.1	Corridor/Major Investment/Impact Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
606.1	Transit, Aviation and Passenger Rail Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
606.2	Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Plan	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,040,000	\$ -
606.3	TIRCP Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
608.1	Active Transportation Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
609.1	Transportation Demand Management	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000	\$ -
610.1	Freight Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
801.1	Grant Writing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
902.1	Regional Technical Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
903.1	Information and Data Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
904.1	Interregional Transportation Coordination	\$ 115,282	\$ 115,282	\$ -
904.2	Local Clearinghouse Review Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001.1	Local Reimbursements	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ -
1001.2	Legislative Program	\$ 19,350	\$ 19,350	\$ -
1001.3	Transportation Development Act (TDA) Program	\$ 116,040	\$ 116,040	\$ -
1001.4	Information Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
1001.5	Overall Work Program (OWP) Development and Monitoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2001.1	KMAA System Implementation and Operation	\$ 34,525	\$ 34,525	\$ -
2002.1	511 Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9999.9	Indirect Costs	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
TOTAL-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$3,193,139	\$ 3,133,139	\$ 60,000

2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Estimated	Estimated	Proposed
\$ 4,609,741	\$ 4,407,214	\$3,193,139

SERVICES AND SUPPLIES EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Work Element	6841 Communic.	6900 Insurance	6970 Maint/Equip.	7001 Maint/Struct.	7400 Memberships	7450 Office Sup.	7525 Data Proc.	7600 Pubs/Notices	7650 Leases/St	7700 Spec.Dept.	7730 Training	7740 Travel	7750 Mileage	7970 KC Indirect	7990 Depreciation	FY 2026-27 T O T A L
102.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,392
201.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ 1,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,625
201.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
203.1B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
203.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,912	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,912
601.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000
601.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
602.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,950	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,450
602.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,100	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,800
603.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,200
603.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
603.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 990	\$ 720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,310
603.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 977	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 977
604.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
604.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
606.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,250	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,250
606.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
606.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
608.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,200	\$ 960	\$ 280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,440
609.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,484
610.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
801.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 650	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,145
904.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200
904.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,000
1001.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,325
1001.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600
2001.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2002.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Direct Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,175	\$ 30,300	\$ 8,995	\$ 68,934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,200	\$ 44,604	\$ 14,702	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251,910
8888.8-Capital Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9999.9-Indirect Costs	\$ 19,972	\$ 30,437	\$ 22,536	\$ 2,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,550	\$ 45,300	\$ 24,000	\$ 172,519	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 413,314
T O T A L S	\$ 19,972	\$ 30,437	\$ 22,536	\$ 2,000	\$ 54,175	\$ 52,850	\$ 54,295	\$ 92,934	\$ 172,519	\$ 6,000	\$ 52,200	\$ 64,604	\$ 16,702	\$ 3,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 665,224

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Account Number	Work Element/Project Description	Description or Vendor	2026-27 Proposed	Amount Direct	Amount Indirect
8000	CAPITAL ASSETS				
101.1	Air Quallity Planning	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
102.1	Environmental Review Program	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
201.1	Inventory Mapping	ESRI Software	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ -
1001.5	Overall Work Program (OWP) Development and Monitoring	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2001.1	KMAA System Implementation and Operation	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2002.1	Kern 511 Program	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7777.7	Nonallowable Costs	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8888.8	Capital Costs	UPS battery backup	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Copy machine	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
		Boardroom TV	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
9999.9	Indirect Costs	Laptops	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
8000	TOTAL--CAPITAL ASSETS		\$ 45,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,000

2024-25 Estimated	2025-26 Estimated	2026-27 Proposed
\$ 14,375	\$ 21,615	\$ 45,000

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

RESOLUTION 26-20

In the matter of:

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FISCAL YEAR
2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to policy, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) prepares and adopts an annual financial plan (budget) detailing estimated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Kern COG FY 2026-2027 Financial Plan includes \$7,839,092 in estimated operating revenues and \$7,364,299 in total expenditures to fund all operating expenditures and projects outlined in the 2026-2027 FY Overall Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Kern COG FY 2026-2027 Financial Plan includes a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment for all full-time staff effective July 13th, 2026, taking into consideration the U.S. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) has exceeded 12.8% since 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan is adopted; and
2. The Executive Director is authorized to submit the final document to the Kern County Auditor-Controller for inclusion in the Kern County budgetary control system; and
3. The Executive Director is authorized to submit the revised Position Classification & Salary Schedule to CalPERS in compliance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), and Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR); and
4. The Kern Council of Governments does hereby certify that its budgetary process will be implemented through this document in accordance with:
 - a. Section 6(c) of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Executive Director shall be responsible for supervising and directing the preparation of the annual budget.
 - b. CCR section 570.5; defines the requirements for a publicly available pay schedule used to determine pay rates.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY 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 21st day of May 2026.

John Schlosser, Executive
Director Kern Council of
Governments



VIII COG

May 21, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: John Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Stephan Sanchez
Deputy Director – Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGENDA ITEM: VIII
FINAL KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (KMAA)
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN

DESCRIPTION: KMAA develops an annual financial plan, or budget, that includes detailed estimates of revenues and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. The financial plan is reviewed and approved by the Council. The final KMAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan estimates Revenues totaling \$842,725 and proposes Expenditures totaling \$721,125.

DISCUSSION: Attached is the final KMAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan. This final plan serves as the presentation of detailed information regarding Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Total Revenues and Total Expenditures and is available in a public hearing format for the public's comments and the Board's consideration for adoption. The final plan contains the following general provisions:

REVENUES – Staff estimates Total Revenues of \$842,725 for KMAA in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which includes an estimated \$757,485 in revenue generated from Vehicle Registration Fees, and \$85,240 in non-operating revenue generated as interest revenue.

EXPENDITURES -- Estimated Total Expenditures of \$721,125 are proposed to fund current operating expenditures for 511 traveler information, litter removal, program outreach, and depreciation expenses.

Please see the attached document for a more detailed list of the proposed total revenues and expenditures in the KMAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan.

ACTION: Adopt the Final KMAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-21. ROLL CALL VOTE

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-21
<https://www.kerncoq.org/owp-financial-plans/>

Kern Motorist Aid Authority
ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

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SUBMITTED BY:
Jay Schlosser
Executive Director
May 21, 2026

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



May 21, 2026

The Honorable Board of Directors
Kern Council of Governments

Dear Chairman and Board:

Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) staff is pleased to submit for your review and approval the Kern Motorist Aid Authority Final Financial Plan for fiscal year 2026-2027. This plan is an estimate of the financial activity anticipated for the fiscal year stated in object, account and line item format. The final KMAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan estimates Revenues totaling \$842,725 and proposes Expenditures totaling \$721,125. This represents an estimated net operating surplus of \$121,601.

REVENUES

The KMAA, acting in its capacity as a service authority for freeway emergencies, is financed by the assessment of a \$1.00 fee upon each registered nonexempt motor vehicle within the County of Kern. The California Department of Motor Vehicles applies the fee as part of the vehicle registration program and returns the amount collected, less a processing fee, within the county. Over the past few years, fees collected have been relatively stable. Staff estimates vehicle fees totaling \$757,485 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Additionally, KMAA realizes non-operating revenues in the form of interest revenue by investing cash balances through the Kern County Treasurers' cash investment program. Staff estimates interest revenue totaling \$85,240 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES

KMAA staff proposes Total Expenditures of \$721,125 to fund current operating expenditures for 511 traveler information, litter removal, program outreach, and depreciation expenses.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Sections 2550-2559 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways, authorizes the use of KMAA monies for traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure, transportation demand management services, and safety-related hazard and obstruction removal.

KMAA program services are delivered through an extensive public-private partnership. Partnership members and related responsibilities include the following:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Kern Council of Governments	Program management and contract administration
Kern County Public Works	Safety-related hazard and obstruction removal (including litter removal)
City of Bakersfield	Safety-related hazard and obstruction removal (including litter removal)
Arcadis	Kern 511 operation and maintenance of website and interactive voice recognition system.

CONCLUSION

The KMAA program will complete thirty-five (35) years of service to the motoring public at the end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. KMAA continues to aid the residents of Kern County by achieving it's objectives of maintaining the Kern 511 traveler information program and partnering with local agencies to provide funding to assist with hazard and litter removal on state highways traversing through Kern County. The Board can take pride in the improvements to motorist safety within Kern County. Staff requests the board consider in favor of the final Kern Motorist Aid Authority Final Financial Plan for fiscal year 2026-2027

Respectfully,



John (Jay) Schlosser, P.E.
Executive Director

KMAA COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (KMAA)
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Description	FY 2024-25 Estimated	FY 2025-26 Estimated	FY 2026-27 Proposed
BEGINNING FUND EQUITY	3,288,986	3,469,042	3,687,560
Contributed Capital (Assets)	-	-	-
APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES:			
Reserved for ADA Compliance	-	-	-
FUND EQUITY AVAILABLE	3,288,986	3,469,042	3,687,560
REVENUES:			
Vehicle Registration Fees	646,289	775,204	757,485
Interest	76,234	80,214	85,240
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	722,523	855,418	842,725
EXPENDITURES:			
Communications--			
A.T. & T./Sprint	117	99	99
Miscellaneous	-	500	500
Communications--Subtotal	117	599	599
Insurance--			
Comprehensive General Liability	6,259	7,511	9,013
Public Officials Liability	-	-	-
Insurance--Subtotal	6,259	7,511	9,013
Maintenance/Equipment--			
511 System Maintenance	-	-	-
Maintenance/Equipment--Subtotal	-	-	-
Miscellaneous--			
511 Marketing/Supplies	43,840	55,000	60,000
Professional Services--			
California Highway Patrol/Enforcement	-	10,000	10,000
County of Kern/Canyon Call Boxes	-	-	-
511 Consultant	165,000	208,800	208,800
Litter Removal	241,484	275,000	300,000
KMAA Project	-	-	-
External Auditing Firm	-	-	34,525
Professional Services--Subtotal	406,484	493,800	553,325
Expense Transfers--			
Program Operations	67,222	61,446	79,643
Administration	-	-	-
Expense Transfers--Subtotal	67,222	61,446	79,643
Depreciation--			
Equipment	18,544	18,544	18,544
Capital Assets--			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	542,467	636,900	721,125
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	180,056	218,518	121,601
Adjustments to Fund Balance for Fixed Assets	-	-	-
ENDING UNRESERVED FUND EQUITY	3,469,042	3,687,560	3,809,160

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WHEREAS, the KMAA FY 2026-2027 Financial Plan includes \$842,725 in estimated operating revenues and \$721,125 in total expenditures to fund all operating expenditures and projects outlined in the 2026-2027 FY Overall Work Program, which includes 511 traveler information, litter removal, program outreach, and depreciation expense; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Kern Motorist Aid Authority Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan is adopted; and
2. The Executive Director is authorized to submit the final document to the Kern County Auditor-Controller for inclusion in the Kern County budgetary control system; and
3. The Kern Council of Governments does hereby approve the Final Kern Motorist Aid Authority Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan and certifies that its budgetary process will be implemented throughout this document in accordance with:
 - a. Section 6(c) of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Executive Director shall be responsible for supervising and directing the preparation of the annual budget.
 - b. Sections 2550-2559 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways, authorizes the use of KMAA monies for traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure, transportation demand management services, and safety-related hazard and obstruction removal.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Bob Smith, Chairman
Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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John Schlosser, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

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

JUNE

- 2027 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 8) Applications are due by June 22 to the California Transportation Commission
- California Transportation Commission Meeting in Folsom, 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 San Diego, August 20-21, 2026

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- CommuteKERN Rideshare Week, October 5-9, 2026