

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