

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE, REFLECTION, OR PRAYER:

III. ROLL CALL:

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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A. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of April 16, 2026.
ROLL CALL VOTE.

**B. FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI
FY 2025-26 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI
FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN (Banuelos)**

Comment: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for City of Tehachapi (\$245,826) and City of Arvin (\$1,049,549) and Fiscal Year 2025-26 TDA street and roads claim for City of Tehachapi (\$378,592). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item and unanimously recommended the adoption of these claims at its May 6, 2026, meeting.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 26-17 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Tehachapi for \$245,826.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-18 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Tehachapi for \$378,592.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-19 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Arvin for \$1,049,549.

C. DRAFT REPORT - KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT (KARGO) COMMUNITY PROTECTION/PROSPERITY STUDY (Davisson)

Comment: Kern COG is finalizing a countywide goods movement weather resiliency study that identifies projects needed for our region's growing logistics needs. The draft study report is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>. This item has been reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

Action: Information.

D. UPDATE: SB 375 AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (Raymond)

Comment: An update on the activity related to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and the adoption timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The public engagement process is complete and the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS is available for public review from May 8 to July 2, 2026 at: <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/>. This item was reviewed by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

Action: Information.

E. TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)

Comment: Update schedule for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan; Environmental Impact Report; 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis. All draft documents will be available at www.kerncog.org when each respective public review period begins. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

F. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM (Valle)

Comment: As per the ITS Plan for Kern Region - Monitoring Program, updates to the ITS Plan project list are due May 22, 2026. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

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

VI. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM (Enriquez)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity of the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, administers funding for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program (Bicycle and Pedestrian). Applications are due July 6, 2026. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

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

VIII. CALTRANS REPORT:

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

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 18, 2026.

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

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 6:31 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

III. 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: Alex Terronez, Luren Prehoda, Alexa G.

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

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 19, 2026

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

Action: Information.

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

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

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

Action: Information.

E. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Valle)

Action: Information.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER S. Ayon MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A_ THROUGH _E_, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER C. Parra, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

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

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

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

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

IX. CALTRANS REPORT:

- District 6 Capital Projects. (Attached)
- District 9 Capital Projects. (Attached)

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

1. Projects:
 - a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
 - b. 7th Standard/SR 43
 - c. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58 Phases I & II
 - d. Cal City Blvd./SR 58 safety project
 - e. Cherry Avenue Grade Separation
 - f. West Urban Corridor Alignment
 - g. Delano High Street BUILD Grant
 - h. SR-58-I-40 BUILD Planning Grant
 - i. Congressional Appropriation Support
 - j. Comments on the KARGO study – deadline end of June 2026

2. Meetings:
 - a. Plan to attend the SJV Policy Council Retreat in Merced on 4/30/26
 - b. Kern EDC Summit set for 5/7/26
 - c. CTC in the Bay Area set for 5/14-5/15
3. Caltrans D9
4. Caltrans D6
5. High Speed Rail
 - a. Second face-to-face meeting with HSR on 4/16/26
 - b. Plan to attend HSR Board Meeting on 4/29/26 and 5/20/26
 - c. 2026 Draft Business Plan comment letter is underway
6. Highlight Contingency List Approvals

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

Respectfully Submitted

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 05.21.2026

CALTRANS DISTRICT 6

KERN COG BOARD UPDATE

April 2026

Updates:

Staffing Announcements:

- Philip Vallejo has agreed to serve as the District 6 Deputy Director for Planning, effective April 1st.
- Philip has served as the District 6 Deputy Director for Environmental since 2022, and prior to that served as an Office Chief in District 10.

Active Transportation Program Cycle 8

- Cycle 8 of the State Active Transportation Program is now open. Applications are due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by June 22, 2026. We encourage all interested applicants to apply.

Local Assistance

- May is fast approaching; we strongly encourage our local agencies to submit projects to your Local Assistance Engineer for federal authorization as soon as possible. We encourage staff to reach out to their local assistance area engineer with any questions.

Adoption of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

- At the March California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, the commission voted to approve the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program, or the STIP.
- STIP funding plays a key role in continuing our long-standing commitments to both regional and interregional projects such as SR 99 and 58 projects.
- We sincerely appreciate the partnership with our partners here, and recognize the enormous amount of behind the scenes work that went into ensuring the inclusion of these projects into the STIP.

Misc:

Emergency Projects:

06-1K420 Emergency Spill Cleanup –

PM: Gerardo Rocha

Description: In Bakersfield on SR 46, eastbound direction, near Jumper Avenue west of Wasco, a truck carrying a corrosive substance caught on fire, parked on the dirt shoulder and burnt onsite. The substance leaked into the dirt shoulder for about 0.5 miles.

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Traffic Control: eastbound shoulder

Status: Construction started on 4/2/2026. Contractor is working on cleaning up the contaminated soil on the dirt shoulder. Work will be ongoing until all contaminated soil and burnt trailer have been removed offsite.

06-1J380 Repair roadway and install new drainage system –

PM: Gerardo Rocha

Description: In Bakersfield on SR 166, east of Maricopa, near Pentland Road, the road is experiencing subsidence and is showing signs of longitudinal cracking along the center line.

Traffic Control: full closures are expected, detouring to SR 33 and SR 119. The detour is expected to last ±20 days once Geotech finalizes recommendations.

Status: Geotechnical exploration will start at the end of April with Construction starting 2-3 weeks afterwards. Construction is expected to last 30 to 45 days.

06-1J310 Bridge Guard Rail Repair –

PM: Gerardo Rocha

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

Traffic Control: 1 lane with K rail

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

Capital Projects

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

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

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

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Location: In Wasco on SR 46 at Poplar

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

PA&ED: 4/15/2025

RTL: 7/12/2025

Approve Contract: 10/21/2025

Begin Construction: 1/26/2026

Traffic Control: Lane Closure

Contract Acceptance: Summer 2026

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

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

Project Manager: Mohamad Annan

Location: In Wasco on SR 43 at 8th Street

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

PA&ED: 11/13/2024

RTL: 6/17/2025

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

Begin Construction: Project awarded, Construction target date is May 2026

Traffic Control: Closure information pending

Contract Acceptance: 12/31/2026

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06-0X770 SR46/43 Roadway Improvements –

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

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

Project Manager: Shelley Maggard

Location: In Wasco at 46/43

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

PA&ED: 6/29/2021

RTL: 3/28/2025

Approve Contract: 2/11/2026

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

Traffic Control: Once active construction begins, any needed lane closures of SR46 and SR43 will be reversing night-time closures. Limited full closures of SR46 are anticipated for bridge demo operations (less than a week of closures).

Contract Acceptance: 9/14/2029

06-48468 SB 99 to WB 58 Connector Ramp –

Status: Constructability review meeting scheduled for April 2026.

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

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In Bakersfield at 59/99

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

PA&ED: 10/17/2023

RTL: 10/1/2026

Approve Contract: Summer 2027

Begin Construction: Fall 2027

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

Contract Acceptance: Spring 2030

06-48466 Bakersfield Freeway Connector 58/99 –

Status: Construction nearly complete, punchlist items remain.

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

Location: In Bakersfield at 58/99

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

PA&ED: 12/4/2015

RTL: 8/24/2018

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Approve Contract: 2/19/2019

Contract Acceptance: 6/30/2026

06-0W810 Delano SR 155 Rehabilitation

Status: Project was awarded to Security Paving, the project is anticipated to start construction July/August 2026.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

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

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

PA&ED: 3/21/2022

RTL: 8/22/2025

Approve Contract: 4/17/2026

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

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

Contract Acceptance: 1/14/2028

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

Status: Design is complete and the project is advancing toward construction. The construction cooperative agreement has been executed, and right of way certification is complete. The project is expected to award in June 2026, with construction to follow

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

RW Certification was approved 1/5/2026.

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

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

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

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

PA&ED: 5/21/2024

RTL: 3/5/2026

Approve Contract: Spring 2027

Begin Construction: Spring 2027 – No delays anticipated now.

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

Contract Acceptance: Summer 2028

06-1A470 SR 43 and Santa Fe Roundabout –

Status: Project advertised March 2, 2026. Bid opening is scheduled for April 15, 2026 with anticipated contract approval by June 2026. The project has a delayed start with construction anticipated to start at the end of Spring 2027.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

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

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

PA&ED: 10/7/22

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RTL: 11/14/2025

Approve Contract: 6/9/2026

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

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

Contract Acceptance: 12/23/2028

06-0X450 Kern 58 CAPM

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

Project Manager: Anourack Khampraseuth

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

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

PA&ED: 4/17/2026

RTL: 8/1/2028

Approve Contract: 3/29/2029

Begin Construction: 3/29/29

Traffic Control: TBD

Contract Acceptance: 1/29/2031

06-0S050 SR 166 CA Aqueduct Bridge Rehabilitation –

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Status: The project is 95% complete. SR 166 reopened January 27, 2026. Contractor is Granite Construction. The project is considered substantially completed with minor punch list item pending.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

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

Description: Bridge rehabilitation (micropiles, bridge rail upgrade)

PA&ED: 8/31/2022

RTL: 1/29/2024

Approve Contract: 9/10/2024

Begin Construction: September 2025

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

Contract Acceptance: 11/9/2026

06-0X370 Bakersfield 99 Rehab II (South)

Status: Constructability review meeting scheduled for April 2026.

Caltrans is coordinating with Kern COG on the Project Change Request (PCR) to combine this project with the 8th movement (SB 99 to WB 58) Efforts are focused on advancing design, with completion anticipated in fall 2026. The potential to combine with 06-48468 is expected to be revisited in fall 2026 to improve delivery efficiencies.

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

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

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

PA&ED: 1/30/2024

RTL: Fall 2026

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Approve Contract: Summer 2027

Begin Construction: Fall 2027

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

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

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

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

Contract Acceptance: Spring 2030

06-0V610 Pumpkin Center Rehabilitation

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

Project Manager: Manuel Ornelas

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

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

PA&ED: 12/8/2020

RTL: 6/30/2025

Approve Contract: 1/13/2026

Begin Construction: Target Mid-April 2026

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

Contract Acceptance: 1/19/2029

06-0U290 Weedpatch Highway rehab –

Status: Project was awarded to Griffith Construction; construction of the project began at the end of January 2026. Project is approximately 25% complete. Contractor anticipates initiating paving operation in the City of Lamont area by Mid April 2026.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

Location: Lamont from Dunsmere St. to Breckenridge Rd.

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

PA&ED: 12/15/2020

RTL: 12/4/2024

Approve Contract: 8/25/2025

Begin Construction: November 2025

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

Contract Acceptance: 4/26/2027

06-0W920 Grapevine Rehab –

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

Project Manager: Anourack Khampraseuth

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

Description: Rehabilitation

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PA&ED: 1/18/2024

RTL: 6/26/2025

Approve Contract: 1/12/2026

Begin Construction: 4/6/2026

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

Contract Acceptance: 8/15/2028

06-0Y150 Arvin SR 223 CAPM –

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

Project Manager: Marlo Carlos

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

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

PA&ED: 5/14/2024

RTL: 10/6/2025

Approve Contract: 10/30/2026

Begin Construction: Spring 2027

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

Contract Acceptance: Winter 2028

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

Status: Contract was awarded to Granite Construction. Project was completed at the end of March 2026 with minor punch list items pending.

Project Manager: Victor Aldama

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

Description: Pavement rehabilitation (18.9 miles)

PA&ED: 5/3/2022

RTL: 12/13/2023

Approve Contract: 7/10/2024

Begin Construction: September 2024

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

Contract Acceptance: 7/15/2026

06-0W830 South Taft Rehab

Status: In the design phase, moved out one year due to funding. Planned Re-RTL June 2027

Project Manager: Mohamad Annan

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

Description: Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM)

PA&ED: 1/20/2026

RTL: 6/22/2026

Approve Contract: 5/31/2028

Begin Construction: Summer 2028

Traffic Control: TBD

Contract Acceptance: 5/31/2030

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06-1A680 Semitropic CAPM

Status: Moved from 25/26 to the 27/28 FY for SHOPP rebalancing

Project Manager: Shavonne Conley

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

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

PA&ED: 12/9/2024

RTL: 5/11/2026

Approve Contract: 3/28/2028

Begin Construction: TBD – likely spring/summer 2028

Traffic Control: Reversing

Contract Acceptance: 10/2/2028

06-1F260 Kern 204 Bridge Rail Upgrades –

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

Project Manager: Shelley Maggard

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

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

PA&ED: 11/19/2025

RTL: 12/1/2027

Approve Contract: 7/28/2028

CALTRANS DISTRICT 6

KERN COG BOARD UPDATE

April 2026

Begin Construction: TBD – likely early fall 2028

Traffic Control: TBD

Contract Acceptance: 8/15/2029

Status: Moved from 25/26 for SHOPP rebalancing

06-1C060 Kern 223 Rehab –

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

Project Manager: Anourack Khampraseuth

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

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

PA&ED: 6/10/2024

RTL: 5/16/2025

Approve Contract: 1/14/2026

Begin Construction: 3/10/2026

Traffic Control:

Daytime lane closure :

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

Contract Acceptance: 2/11/2027

HM Projects

HM Update – Gurpaul Bath, Project Manager (559) 978-1885:

**CALTRANS DISTRICT 6
KERN COG BOARD UPDATE
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Below projects expected to be in construction this year unless noted otherwise.

06-1G180 – SR 5 – At Various Locations – All 4 Lanes Facilities except one location at PM 4.47 with 8 Lanes facility. –

All Nighttime Closures.

Assigned RE: **Jim Burford**

This project proposes to overlay methacrylate and polyester concrete on the bridge decks.

This project is currently in construction

06-1G190 – SR 58, 65, 99, 178 – At Various Locations – 4 & 6 Lanes Facilities on SR 58; 4 Lanes Facilities on SR 65; 2, 4, & 6 Lanes Facilities on SR 99; 6 Lanes Facilities on SR 178. –

All Nighttime Closures.

Assigned CM: **Amarjit Dhaliwal**

This project proposes to overlay methacrylate and polyester concrete on the bridge decks.

Start Date: TBD

06-1H050 – SR 223 – PM 5.84/30.07 – 2 Lanes Facilities. –

Daytime Closures.

Assigned CM: **Amarjit Dhaliwal**

Replace culverts/end treatments & install liners. This project is currently in construction

06-1H060 – SR 155 – 6.7 Miles East of Route 65 To 0.4 Mile West of White River Road – 2 Lanes Facilities.

Daytime Closures.

Assigned CM: **Amrit Brar**

This project proposes to remove/replace 4 culverts, liner to 3 culverts, and add FES and RSP to 2 culverts.

This project is currently in construction

Construction completed, pending for Final Payment.

06-1H020 – SR 58 (PM 51.38/51.73) – At Various Locations – 6 Lanes Facilities. –

All Nighttime Closures.

Assigned RE: **Jim Burford**

Repair/replace signal and lighting systems. Project has been awarded in 4/17/2025. This is a \$ Job project.

This project is currently under construction

Follow up items:

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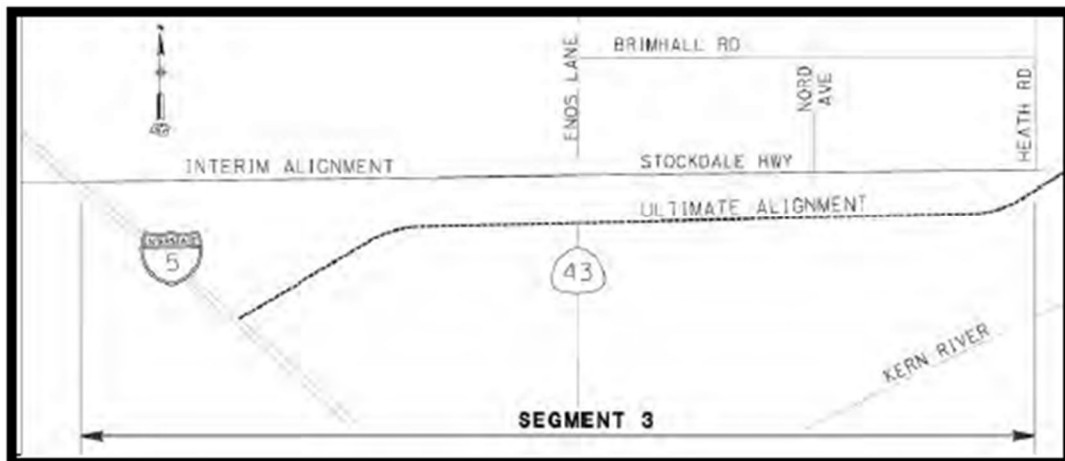
Done - Stockdale Highway 4 lane – Response from PM:

Segment 3 is the ultimate Centennial Corridor alignment, extending from I-5 to Heath Road along Stockdale Highway.

Segment 3 follows an east-west alignment parallel to the Cross Valley Canal, approximately 2 miles south of Stockdale Highway, from the intersection of Heath Road and Stockdale Highway to about 1.2 miles west of State Route 43. The alignment continues along the canal, but at this point, it shifts to a southwest direction and connects to I-5 north of the Cross Valley Canal. See Project Report ([link](#)) for more details.

The construction timeline of Segment 3 is unknown but will not occur until there is sufficient funding and an increase in traffic demand. According to the traffic analysis, the ultimate improvements won't be needed until after 2038.

Figure 4 – Segment 3 of Centennial Corridor





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KERN COUNTY PROJECTS

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

NEW AND ONGOING TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Inyokern Utility Work – On State Route 178 W from U.S. 395 to N. Comet Avenue, the eastbound shoulder will close while utility crews cross wire over the roadway on Wednesday, April 15, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

PLANNING ITEMS

ATP Cycle 8 is Open

- Application deadline is June 22, 2026.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

- Established by IIJA, this program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- Applications are due by May 26, 2026. More information is available at www.Grants.gov.

US 395/S. China Lake Blvd. Intersection Improvements

- Waiting to hear from Caltrans HQ if we have received an internal award to develop a State-Sponsored Non-SHOPP PID.
- Thank you to stakeholders for letters of support.
- Looking forward to coordinating with KernCOG, Kern County, and the City of Ridgecrest.

Cameron Canyon Rd. Culvert Feasibility Study Report

- Recently awarded.

Local Assistance

- To facilitate a proactive approach, our Local Assistance team would like to set up regular workshops to discuss project programming and funding with local agency staff.
- The primary purpose of these workshops would be to provide staff with the latest tools (databases), processes, and guidelines to ensure projects are successfully and timely programmed prior to funding authorization and/or allocation.



V.B.
TPPC

May 21, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Angelica Banuelos, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Consent Agenda Item: V.B.

FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI
FY 2025-26 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI
FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN

DESCRIPTION:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for City of Tehachapi (\$245,826) and City of Arvin (\$1,049,549) and Fiscal Year 2025-26 TDA street and roads claim for City of Tehachapi (\$378,592). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item and unanimously recommended the adoption of these claims at its May 6, 2026, meeting.

DISCUSSION:

According to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG Transportation Development Act Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems and streets and roads. Kern COG staff has received and reviewed the following TDA Public Transit and Streets & Roads claims:

<u>Claimants</u>	<u>LTF</u>	<u>STAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FY 2025-26 Public Transit City of Tehachapi	\$20,938	\$224,888	\$245,826
FY 2025-26 Streets & Roads City of Tehachapi	\$378,592	\$0	\$378,592

FY 2025-2026 Public Transit City of Arvin	\$1,049,549	\$0	\$1,049,549
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Regional Claims Total	\$1,449,079	\$224,888	\$1,673,967
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These claims have been evaluated in accordance with the following criteria: 1) Conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan; 2) Participation in the California Driver Pull Notice Program; 3) Adherence to the applicable farebox return ratio; and 4) Compliance with PUC Section 99314.6 Operations qualifying Criteria. Staff recommends approval. TTAC unanimously recommended the adoption of these claims at its May 6, 2026, meeting.

ACTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-17 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Tehachapi for \$245,826.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-18 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Tehachapi for \$378,592.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-19 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Arvin for \$1,049,549.

Attachments: TDA annual estimates for FY 2025-26 Schedule "A" and Resolutions Numbers 26-17 through 26-19.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT "SCHEDULE A": LTF - STAF FUNDING ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT FACTORS
 FY 2025/26 AS OF 3/5/2025

Revised: 3/5/25 for FY2025/26 Estimates	POPULATION BASIS As Of 01/01/24	POPULATION RATIO	L.T.F. POPULATION APPORTIONMENT	S.T.A.F. 99313 POPULATION APPORTIONMENT	REVENUE BASIS	S.T.A.F. REVENUE RATIO	S.T.A.F. 99314 REVENUE APPORTIONMENT	L.T.F. & S.T.A.F TOTAL ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT
ARVIN	19,651	2.16%	\$ 1,199,362	\$ 199,744	62,152	0.77%	\$ 4,339	\$ 1,403,445
BAKERSFIELD (1)	411,109	45.16%	\$ 23,836,704	\$ 4,178,752	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 28,015,456
CALIFORNIA CITY	13,079	1.44%	\$ 798,252	\$ 132,943	25,760	0.32%	\$ 1,798	\$ 932,993
DELANO	52,484	5.77%	\$ 3,203,263	\$ 533,478	279,451	3.45%	\$ 19,511	\$ 3,756,252
GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANS (1)	N/A	-	\$ -	\$ -	5,882,508	72.68%	\$ 410,713	\$ 410,713
MARICOPA	1,004	0.11%	\$ 61,277	\$ 10,205	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 71,483
MCFARLAND	13,965	1.53%	\$ 852,328	\$ 141,948	12,106	0.15%	\$ 848	\$ 995,124
RIDGECREST	27,940	3.07%	\$ 1,705,266	\$ 283,998	159,250	1.97%	\$ 11,119	\$ 2,000,383
SHAFTER	22,226	2.44%	\$ 1,356,522	\$ 225,918	57,568	0.71%	\$ 4,019	\$ 1,586,459
TAFT	6,953	0.76%	\$ 424,363	\$ 70,674	360,169	4.45%	\$ 25,147	\$ 520,185
TEHACHAPI	11,092	1.22%	\$ 676,979	\$ 112,746	28,252	0.35%	\$ 1,972	\$ 791,697
WASCO	27,028	2.97%	\$ 1,649,603	\$ 274,728	31,839	0.39%	\$ 2,223	\$ 1,926,555
KERN CO.-IN (1)	148,215	16.28%	\$ 8,593,733	\$ 1,506,546	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 10,100,278
KERN CO.-OUT	155,554	17.09%	\$ 9,493,937	\$ 1,581,140	1,194,767	14.76%	\$ 83,418	\$ 11,158,495
METRO-BAKERSFIELD CTSA	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,706,865	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ 1,706,865
ESTIMATED TOTAL	910,300	100%	\$ 55,558,454	\$ 9,252,821	8,093,822	100%	\$ 565,107	\$ 65,376,382
PROOF	910,300	100.00%	\$ 55,558,454	\$ 9,252,821	8,093,822	100.00%	\$ 565,107	\$ 65,376,382
KERN COG ADMINISTRATION	N/A	1.00%	\$ 590,360	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 590,360
KERN PEDESTRIAN/BIKEWAY	N/A	2.00%	\$ 1,168,913	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 1,168,913
KERN COG PLANNING (2)	N/A	3.00%	\$ 1,718,303	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 1,718,303
ESTIMATED TOTAL	N/A		\$ 59,036,030	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 68,853,958

NOTES:

(1) THE GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT RETAINS CLAIMANT PRIORITY TO THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND KERN-IN FUNDS.
 THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND COUNTY OF KERN SHALL FUND 73.50% AND 26.50% OF GET'S CLAIM, RESPECTIVELY.

(2) PURSUANT TO P.U.C. SECTION 99262, CLAIMANTS MAY DESIGNATE FUNDING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS.
 SEE SCHEDULE "B" FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS AMOUNT BY AREA OF APPORTIONMENT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-17

In the matter of:

FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) has received and evaluated a claim from the above-named claimant pursuant to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and its own rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG is authorized by TDA to allocate monies from the Local Transportation Fund and the State Transit Assistance Fund and direct the Kern County Auditor-Controller to disburse said monies to eligible claimants in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, and approved claim, and written Kern COG allocation instructions; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted by Kern COG, has established goals, objectives, and policies for the implementation of transportation systems in Kern County; and

WHEREAS, a triennial performance audit and annual financial/compliance audit of claimant's operations have been completed; and

WHEREAS, claimant's claim, submitted and on file as part of the official Kern COG records, is made a part of this resolution by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This allocation is made for the fiscal year 2025-26 to the claimant listed above and in accordance with Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution by this reference; and
2. Kern COG hereby makes the following findings:
 - a) Claimant's proposed transit services are responding to transit needs currently not being met in the area of apportionment; and
 - b) Claimant's proposed transit services shall, if appropriate, be integrated with existing transit services; and
 - c) Claimant's proposed budget, as itemized in the claim, designate revenues and expenses conforming with the RTP; and
 - d) The ratio of fare revenue to operating costs is sufficient to enable claimant to meet the requirements of California Public Utilities Code Sections 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.4, 99268.5, 99268.6, 99268.7, 99268.9, 99268.11, 99268.12, 99268.26, 99268.17, and 99268.19, as applicable; and
 - e) Claimant has made full use of federal funds available under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended; and
 - f) The sum of claimant's allocation from the Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund does not exceed the amount eligible to be received during the fiscal year. Claimant may, however, be required to repay excess funds, pursuant to Title 21 California Code of Regulations Section 6735; and

- g) Kern COG has considered claims to offset unanticipated increases in fuel costs, to enhance existing transit services, to meet high priority regional sub-regional transit needs; and
 - h) Claimant has made reasonable efforts to implement the productivity improvements developed pursuant to PUC section 99244; and
 - i) Claimant is not precluded by contract from employing part-time drivers or from contracting with common carriers operating under franchise or license; and
 - j) Claimant has received certification by the California Highway Patrol within the last thirteen months indicating that the operations are in compliance with California Vehicle Code Section 1808.1.
3. Claimant is allocated Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance fund monies in amounts not to exceed that listed on Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution by this reference; and
 4. Disbursement of transit monies, allocated for the regional planning process, shall be made from claimant's Local Transportation Fund reserve accounts to the Kern COG planning account as the first priority payment; and
 5. Disbursement of claimant's remaining transit allocation to its local treasury shall be made as the second priority payment in mutually agreed installments; and
 6. The Kern County Auditor-Controller is authorized to make disbursements of Local Transportation fund monies as they become available and in accordance with written Kern COG instructions; and
 7. The Kern COG Executive Director is authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Kern County Auditor-Controller in support of disbursements.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

 Bob Smith, Chair
 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-18

In the matter of:

FY 2025-26 TDA STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI

WHEREAS, The State of California has declared that public transportation is an essential component of a balanced transportation system and that it is desirable that public transportation systems be designed and operated so as to encourage maximum utilization of the service for the benefit of all the people of the state, including the elderly, handicapped, youth, and citizens of limited means of the ability to freely utilize the system (Section 99220, Public Utilities Code (PUC); and

WHEREAS, The Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act, also known as the Transportation Development Act (TDA), established public funding for the support of public transportation systems and other purposes consistent with the Act, including local streets and roads, and facilities provided for exclusive use by pedestrians and bicycles (Section 99400(a) PUC); and

WHEREAS, The Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is required to ensure that the following factors are identified and considered prior to the allocation of TDA funds for street and road claims or any other purposes not directly related to public transportation services (Section 99401.5, PUC):

- 1) Size and location of identifiable groups likely to be dependent upon transit, including but not necessarily limited to, the elderly, the handicapped and the poor; 2) Adequacy of existing public transportation services; and 3) Potential alternative public transportation and specialized transportation services, and service improvement that would meet travel demand; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG is further required to hold a public hearing to receive testimony identifying or commenting on unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction of claimants that might be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services or expanding existing services (Section 99238.5, PUC); and

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted by Kern COG, established goals, objectives, and policies for the implementation of public transportation systems in Kern County, and public testimony received at public hearings, evidence Kern COG's efforts to identify transportation needs pursuant to Section 99238.5, PUC; and

WHEREAS, The RTP, adopted by Kern COG, established goals, objectives, and policies for the implementation of public transportation systems in Kern County; and

WHEREAS, Claimant has filed a claim for street and road funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Article 8 Section 99400(a); and

WHEREAS, Kern COG, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the TDA and its own rules and regulations, has received and evaluated Claimant's Article 8 street and road claim consistent with the provisions of Section 99400(a), Article 8 of the PUC, and Section 99313.3, Article 6.5 of the PUC; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 99238.5, PUC, Kern COG has held a public hearing to receive testimony identifying and commenting on unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction of claimant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects are consistent with claimant's projected TDA revenues and the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Claimant proposes to use the funds for projects shown on the claim submitted by claimant and filed in the Kern COG office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council, after consideration of all available information, including the RTP, the Kern COG transportation needs studies, and testimony received at public hearings, finds that:
 - a) There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within the jurisdiction of claimants. No additional unmet transit needs have been identified which can support a public transit service which meets the legally-required farebox recovery ratio (21 Cal. Admin. Code Section 6633.2-6633.9); and b) this claim on the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for Article 8 is consistent with the RTP.
2. This claim is approved, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Claimant is herein allocated the LTF and STAF funds available for apportionment shown on Attachment "A," plus any interest and balance from prior years, for use on projects also shown on Attachment "A"); b) Before any streets and roads payments are made to claimant under Articles 8 or 6.5, those allocations approved by this Council for transit, Articles 4 and 6.5, shall be credited to claimant's transit reserve account in trust fund #24075, Article 8, and #24076, Article 6.5; and c) Remaining Article 8 and 6.5 funds shall be credited to and retained in claimant's non-transit streets and roads reserve account in trust fund #24075 and #24076 and shall be transferred or disbursed to claimant in accordance with Attachment "A" of this resolution and written instructions for disbursement issued by Kern COG staff.
3. The Chairman and Executive Director of Kern COG are hereby authorized to perform any and all acts necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolution, including the submission of allocation instructions to the Kern County Auditor-Controller pursuant to 21 California Administrative Code, Section 6659.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chair
Kern Council of Governments

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.

Date:

John Schlosser, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-19

In the matter of:

FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) has received and evaluated a claim from the above-named claimant pursuant to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and its own rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG is authorized by TDA to allocate monies from the Local Transportation Fund and the State Transit Assistance Fund and direct the Kern County Auditor-Controller to disburse said monies to eligible claimants in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, and approved claim, and written Kern COG allocation instructions; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted by Kern COG, has established goals, objectives, and policies for the implementation of transportation systems in Kern County; and

WHEREAS, a triennial performance audit and annual financial/compliance audit of claimant's operations have been completed; and

WHEREAS, claimant's claim, submitted and on file as part of the official Kern COG records, is made a part of this resolution by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This allocation is made for the fiscal year 2025-26 to the claimant listed above and in accordance with Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution by this reference; and
2. Kern COG hereby makes the following findings:
 - a) Claimant's proposed transit services are responding to transit needs currently not being met in the area of apportionment; and
 - b) Claimant's proposed transit services shall, if appropriate, be integrated with existing transit services; and
 - c) Claimant's proposed budget, as itemized in the claim, designate revenues and expenses conforming with the RTP; and
 - d) The ratio of fare revenue to operating costs is sufficient to enable claimant to meet the requirements of California Public Utilities Code Sections 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.4, 99268.5, 99268.6, 99268.7, 99268.9, 99268.11, 99268.12, 99268.26, 99268.17, and 99268.19, as applicable; and
 - e) Claimant has made full use of federal funds available under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended; and
 - f) The sum of claimant's allocation from the Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund does not exceed the amount eligible to be received during the fiscal year. Claimant may, however, be required to repay excess funds, pursuant to Title 21 California Code of Regulations Section 6735; and

- g) Kern COG has considered claims to offset unanticipated increases in fuel costs, to enhance existing transit services, to meet high priority regional sub-regional transit needs; and
 - h) Claimant has made reasonable efforts to implement the productivity improvements developed pursuant to PUC section 99244; and
 - i) Claimant is not precluded by contract from employing part-time drivers or from contracting with common carriers operating under franchise or license; and
 - j) Claimant has received certification by the California Highway Patrol within the last thirteen months indicating that the operations are in compliance with California Vehicle Code Section 1808.1.
3. Claimant is allocated Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance fund monies in amounts not to exceed that listed on Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution by this reference; and
 4. Disbursement of transit monies, allocated for the regional planning process, shall be made from claimant's Local Transportation Fund reserve accounts to the Kern COG planning account as the first priority payment; and
 5. Disbursement of claimant's remaining transit allocation to its local treasury shall be made as the second priority payment in mutually agreed installments; and
 6. The Kern County Auditor-Controller is authorized to make disbursements of Local Transportation fund monies as they become available and in accordance with written Kern COG instructions; and
 7. The Kern COG Executive Director is authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Kern County Auditor-Controller in support of disbursements.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

 Bob Smith, Chair
 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



V.C.
TPPC

May 21, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

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

DRAFT REPORT - KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT (KARGO)
COMMUNITY PROTECTION/PROSPERITY STUDY

DESCRIPTION:

Kern COG is finalizing a countywide goods movement weather resiliency study that identifies projects needed for our region's growing logistics needs. The draft study report is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>. This item has been reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION:

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

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

implementation of the identified adaptation measures, including 30% design and cost estimates of drainage culverts, wildlife crossing infrastructure, retaining walls, vegetation management and restoration, resiliency connectors and other safety, community, economic and habitat co-benefits.

Through an extensive public outreach and engagement process, Kern COG worked with consulting firm Mark Thomas to develop the draft Final Study Report. The report includes cost estimates and up-to-30% conceptual designs for the projects prioritized by the TTAC in November 2024.

Public comments were received on the Draft Study Report throughout April 2026. Member agencies also met to discuss report details relevant to their jurisdictions, communities, and areas. In addition, a public workshop on the draft study report was held on May 6, where further comments were collected. The consultant and staff are now incorporating all received feedback into the report.

The final draft will be presented to the RPAC and TTAC on June 3 with an anticipated action to recommendation that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC) receive and file the Final Study Report. TPPC's June action is expected to include a resolution requesting that member agencies consider incorporating the study's projects into their General Plan Circulation Elements, supporting implementation of AB 98/SB 415, which require truck routes to be included in Circulation Elements.

Attachment: May 8, Workshop Slides.

ACTION: Information. The Study is scheduled to be brought back to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee for consideration at the June 18, 2026 meeting.

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KARGO – Kern Area Regional Goods Movement and Operations

Community Prosperity/Protection Study

May 2026



Purpose:

Evaluates the County's transportation network's durability in extreme weather events, identifies improvements to strengthen the transportation system, and identifies funding opportunities for these proposed projects.



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Project Benefits:

- Attracts high-paying, high-tech industries like logistics
- Maintains and improves roadways
- Enhances air quality and safety
- Builds resilience in the face of climate events

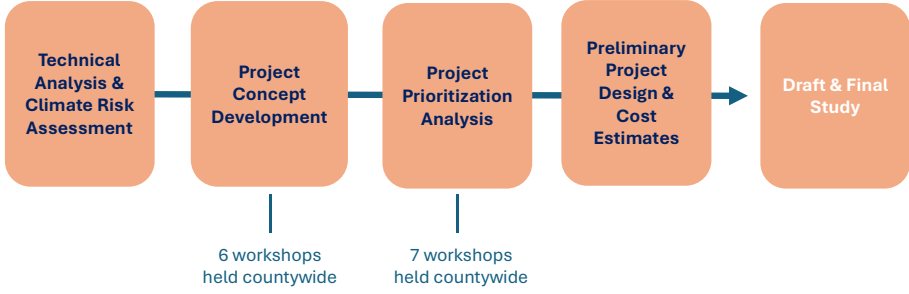


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These projects will help Kern County by...

- Ensuring high paying jobs in our region by attracting new high-tech industries, like logistics
- Finding funding solutions for transportation improvements
- Maintaining our roadways
- Ensuring safety, especially on rural highways
- Keeping our transportation system reliable in the face of more extreme weather events
- Identifying improvements that will continue to improve air quality





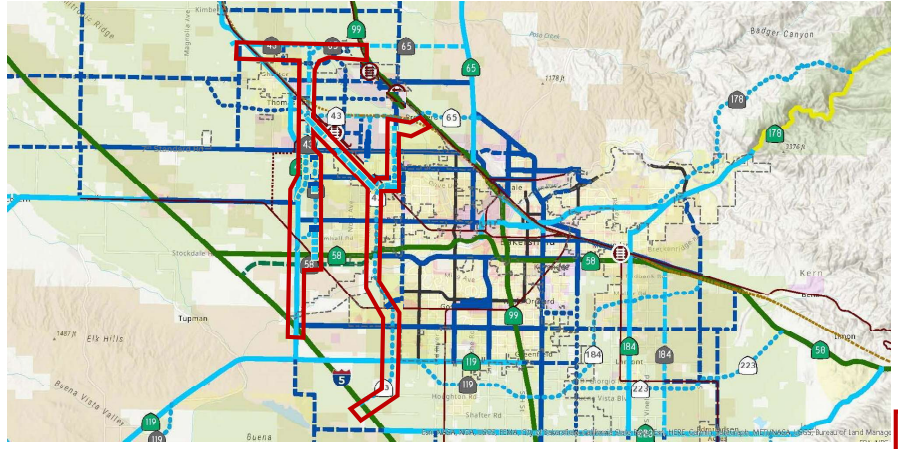
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- **Safety Goods Movement Corridors** - Focus on improving truck and freight routes to enhance safety, reliability, and infrastructure durability to better accommodate heavy vehicles while reducing collision risk and roadway damage (e.g. pavement, intersection and interchange upgrades, operational safety enhancements)
- **Green-Pass Networks** - Designed to reroute regional and long-haul truck traffic away from downtown areas and neighborhood streets, while enabling Complete Streets concepts, while reducing noise, emissions, and safety conflicts in disadvantaged and residential areas.



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Federal/State STAA and Local Truck Routes – Greenpass Alignments



W Urban Corridor Greenpass Alignments

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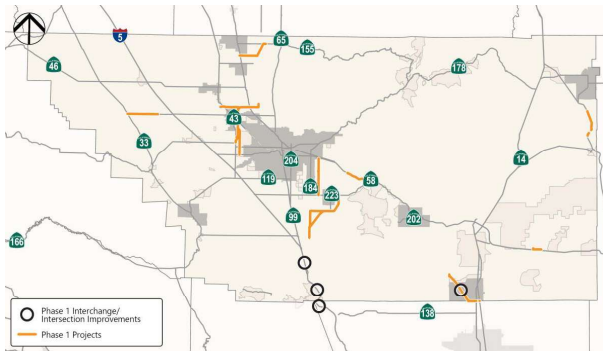
Phase I Workshops (in-person, hybrid, and virtual)

- July 24, 2024 – Tehachapi, Cummings Valley Elementary School Cafeteria
- July 29, 2024 – Tejon, Tejon Indian Tribe, Auditorium
- July 30, 2024 – Rosamond, Rosamond Community Services District, Board Room
- August 2, 2024 – Delano, Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment
- August 14, 2024 – West Kern, West Kern Virtual Workshop
- August 22, 2024 – East Kern, East Kern Virtual Workshop



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Participants identified priority improvement areas across the region, informing a phased project delivery approach.



Phase II Workshops (in-person, hybrid, and virtual)

- May 21, 2025 – Arvin, Arvin City Council Chamber
- May 22, 2025 – Shafter, Wonderful Company
- May 27, 2025 – Keene, Cesar E. Chavez National Monument
- May 28, 2025 – California City, City of California City Hall
- June 2, 2025 – Virtual Workshop
- June 3, 2025 – Virtual Workshop
- June 4, 2025 – Virtual Workshop

What We Heard

- Safety & Infrastructure Improvements**
Priorities include improved road connections and safer crossings
- Pollution & Truck Traffic**
Calls for rerouting heavy trucks away from residential areas and schools
- Local Traffic Needs**
Emphasis on minimizing disruption to neighborhoods and supporting local traffic rather than through-traffic (e.g., redirecting trucks off roads like SR 43 through the center of Shafter)
- Economic Development**
Interest in balancing job creation (especially higher-skilled warehouse jobs) with air quality and community health

What We Are Doing

Realignment and rehabilitation to strengthen east-west mobility, support freight movement, and improve roadway safety.



What We Are Doing

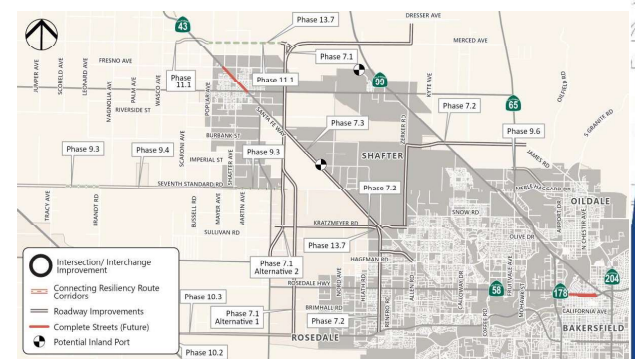
Roadway and safety rehabilitation projects totaling over 30 miles of improvements across Lerdo Highway, Rowlee Road, 7th Standard Road, and Main Drain Road in the Shafter and Rosedale areas.



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What We Are Doing

The NW Bakersfield Green-Pass Network Program consists of multiple roadway improvement projects totaling over 10.8 miles of new and upgraded corridors to enhance freight mobility, regional connectivity, and community safety.



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What We Are Doing

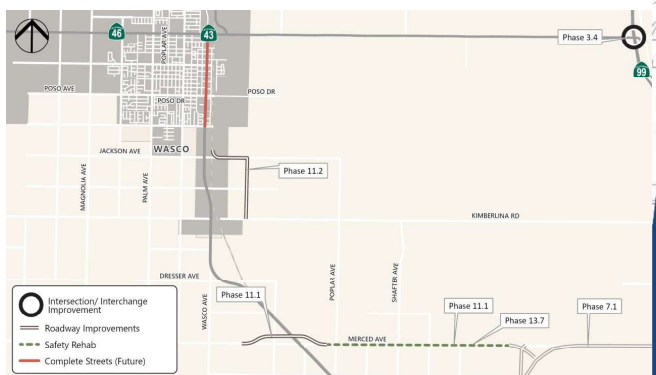
Improving safety and traffic flow along the I-5/SR-58 corridor. These upgrades will reduce congestion, improve safety, and support efficient freight movement through this key corridor.



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What We Are Doing

Safety and connectivity improvements across two key corridors in Shafter and Wasco, totaling 13.94 miles of new and rehabilitated roadway. Together, these projects will improve roadway durability, enhance traffic safety, and strengthen regional mobility.



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What We Heard



Safety Enhancements

Requests for improved lighting on major roads, installation of roundabouts, and better visibility at intersections



Road Maintenance & Expansion

Calls for repaving, widening, and drainage improvements to prevent flooding and water-related hazards



Public Transit & Active Transportation

Support for more benches and shade at bus stops, expanded bike lanes, and pedestrian pathways



Environmental Protection

Concerns about air pollution from trucks and industrial growth, with advocacy for cleaner transportation solutions and additional EV charging stations



Community Well-being

Desire for infrastructure improvements that balance industrial growth with safety, health, and quality of life



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What We Are Doing

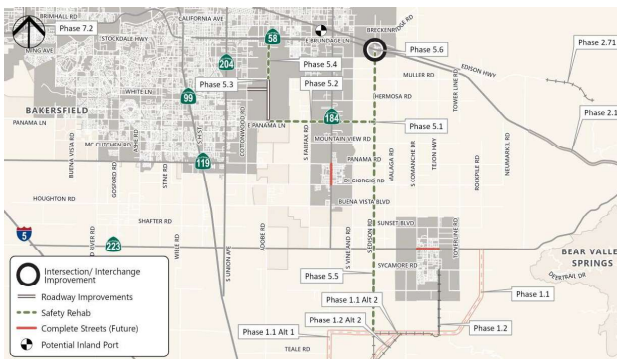
Roadway and rail improvements designed to enhance regional connectivity, freight movement, and climate resilience in Kern County.



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What We Are Doing

Roadway improvements and safety rehabilitation designed to enhance connectivity, reduce flood-related closures, and improve regional mobility in the Lamont and Arvin areas.



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What We Are Doing

The I-5 Grapevine Improvements Program encompasses two critical infrastructure improvements along the I-5 corridor to enhance freight efficiency, roadway safety, and regional mobility. These improvements will alleviate congestion on steep grades, enhance operational efficiency for freight and passenger vehicles, and strengthen the resiliency of this critical interstate corridor.



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What We Heard

Emergency Preparedness

Improve emergency access routes and overpasses to support evacuation and disaster response



Flooding Hazards

Concerns about safety and traffic impacts due to flooding and mudslides



Traffic & Connectivity

Need for alternate routes to address morning base traffic and improve east-west access



Sustainable Transportation

Expand EV charging infrastructure and optimize rail alignments for safety and efficiency



Climate Resilience Planning

Address past climate stressors and prepare for future environmental challenges

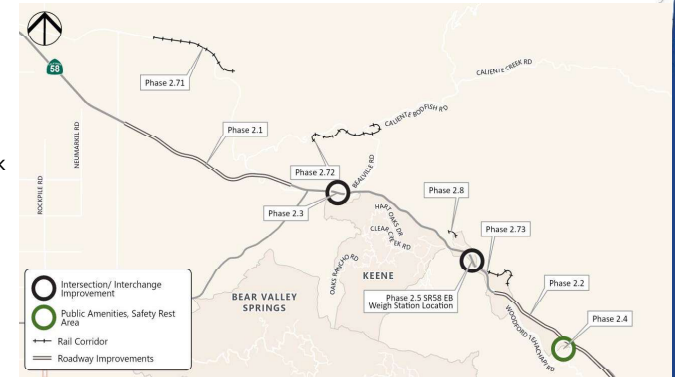


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What We Are Doing

Enhancing roadway and rail infrastructure along the Tehachapi Pass.

Key roadway upgrades such as 5.2 miles of truck climbing and safety passing lanes between Tower Line Road and SR 233, and 6.5 miles of similar improvements between Keene and Cable to address steep grades and improve traffic flow.



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What We Are Doing

The US 395 Goods Movement/Safety Improvements Program in Indian Wells Valley is a multi-phase infrastructure project designed to enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and support regional freight mobility.



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Project Name

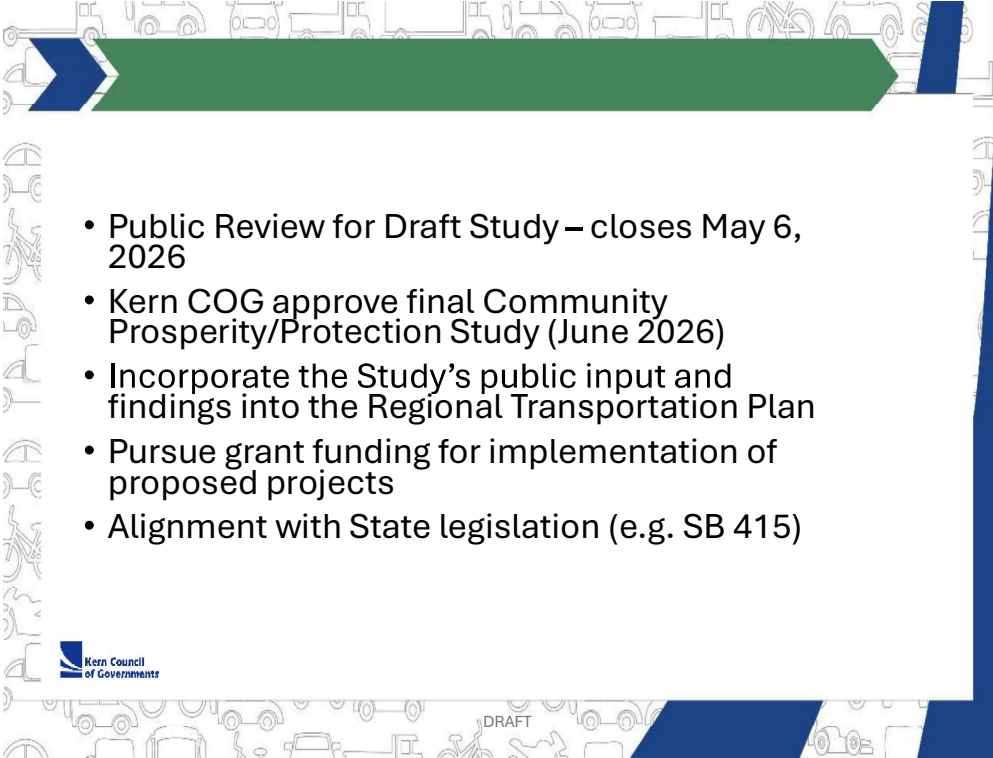
Cost Estimate

Project Name	Cost Estimate
Arvin/Maricopa/Taft Green-pass Network – Phase 1	\$92.2M
SR 58 Tehachapi Grade Improvements – Phase 1	\$115M
Delano/McFarland Green-pass Network – Phase 1	\$78.3M
I-5 Grapevine Improvements – Phase 1	\$44.9M
Lamon/SE Bakersfield Green-pass Network – Phase 1	\$111M
US 395 Goods Movement/Safety Improvements – Phase 1	\$54.6M
NW Bakersfield Green-pass Network – Phase 1	\$63.6M
Rosamond Green-pass Network – Phase 1	\$82M
SR 33/7 th Standard Rd Safety Improvements – Phase 1	\$110M
SR 58/Stockdale Hwy Connection to I-5 Corridor Improvements – Phase 1	\$6.5M
Wasco Ave/HSR Frontage Road – Phase 1	\$41.8M
California City Blvd Extension to EAFB North Gate Safety Corridor – Phase 1	\$38.8M

* Total project costs at \$838.9M; these projects are not currently funded.



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- Public Review for Draft Study – closes May 6, 2026
 - Kern COG approve final Community Prosperity/Protection Study (June 2026)
 - Incorporate the Study's public input and findings into the Regional Transportation Plan
 - Pursue grant funding for implementation of proposed projects
 - Alignment with State legislation (e.g. SB 415)

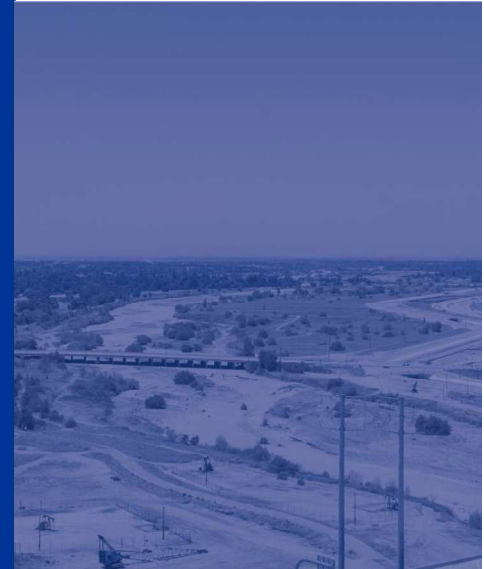


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May 21, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Ben Raymond, Regional Planner
SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Meeting Consent Agenda Item: V.D.
UPDATE: SB 375 AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

DESCRIPTION:

An update on the activity related to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and the adoption timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The public engagement process is complete and the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS is available for public review from May 8 to July 2, 2026 at: <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/> . This item was reviewed by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION:

This discussion provides an update on the activity related to the RTP and the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The report is updated regularly with the most recent developments listed first.

May 6, 2026 – Received email from CARB accepting Kern Technical Methodology.

April 7th, 14th & 15th, 2026 – Coordination calls with California Air Resource Board staff (CARB) to further discuss the Technical Methodology submitted by Kern COG in February.

March 23, 2026 – Kern COG staff had a coordination call with California Air Resource Board staff (CARB) to discuss the Technical Methodology submitted by Kern COG in February. Very limited clarifications were addressed and coordinated

February 27, 2026 – Submitted the 2026 Kern SCS Technical Methodology Version 2 to the California Air Resources Board (ARB).

December 10, 2025 – Received revised modeling protocol from the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to account for impact of the revocation of the ARB waiver for setting more stringent emissions than the rest of the nation.

November 13, 2025 – Concluded the 4-year outreach process engaging over 10,000 participants on the 2026 RTP SCS via statically valid phone/text surveys, fairs/festivals, workshops and more.

October 10 – November 13, 2025 – Completed 7 stakeholder outreach events on the RTP SCS engaging 300 participants. The effort garnered input from 7 stakeholder groups in the communities of Bakersfield, Taft, Delano, Ridgecrest, Arvin, Rosedale, and Wasco. The stakeholder groups included Bike Bakersfield, Taft Chamber of Commerce, Center for Race Poverty and the Environment, AkaMya Indian Culture Group, FARO Church/Arvin HS Students, Riverlakes Farmers Market, and Wasco Youth Police Activities League.

September 17-28, 2025 – Received input from over 1000 people at the Kern County Fair booth on the development pattern scenarios for the 2026 RTP.

August 6, 2025 – Kern Regional Transportation Modeling Committee met to review Kern Travel Model validation and documentation for the 2026 RTP/SCS. Information is posted on Kern COG website under RPAC agendas.

May 21st – June 4th, 2025 – Kern COG hosted four hybrid (in-person/online) community workshops and three online workshops collecting input on the KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study and Freight related projects for the RTP/SCS. Workshops were held in Arvin, California City, Keene, and Shafter.

May 13, 2025 – CARB formally adopted their determination that Kern COG's 2022 RTP/SCS, when implemented, would achieve the SB 375 Target Reductions by 2035. In June 2023, Kern COG received an email from CARB to notify that the 2022 SCS was "officially approved."

April 23, 2025 – SB 375 Target Setting Update – Kern COG staff is participating in a workshop hosted by ARB for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to discuss SB 375 Target Updates and other SB 375 program-related items.

April 17, 2025 – Kern COG Annual Statistically Valid Community Survey was conducted in January. Survey results have been compiled and presented to the Kern COG board at the April Board Meeting. Results of the Annual Community Survey are available on Kern COG's website.

September 18th – 29th, 2024 – Kern COG collected input for 2026 RTP/SCS and collected input on transportation issues in the community at the Kern COG booth during the Kern County Fair.

July 24th – August 2nd, 2024 – Kern COG hosted four community workshops collecting input on the KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study and Freight related projects for the RTP/SCS. Workshops were held in Greater Arvin area (at the Tejon Indian Tribe Community Center), Delano, Rosamond, and Tehachapi.

June 28, 2024 – Kern COG submitted to the ARB the Kern COG 2026 SCS Technical Methodology and responses to their draft comments on the 2022 SCS. ARB staff responded that their final comments on the 2022 SCS are moving up their management reviews. As of July 22, the final comments have yet to be provided.

May 20, 2024 – Kern COG hosted an outreach roundtable for the Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations (KARGO) Study, which will feed into the 2026 RTP and include additional outreach events to collect input on the study and development of the 2026 RTP. Community based organizations and local/state agencies provided feedback on the outreach plan.

May 3, 2024 – Golden Empire Transit (GET) hosted a workshop on the Metro Bakersfield Moves – Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is a key input in the development of the 2026 RTP. During the outreach process for the LRTP, surveys collected public input for both the LRTP and the RTP.

April 18, 2024 – The Kern COG Board adopted the 2024-2050 Regional Growth Forecast. The Regional Growth Forecast establishes population forecasts for the horizon of the 2026 RTP.

February 20, 2024 – ARB provided another email re-confirming that they officially accept Kern COG's 2022 SCS, and provided a draft of 11 recommendations for the 2026 SCS. No estimate on when their final acceptance letter will be submitted.

January 9, 2024 and November 2, 2023 – ARB provided an email update on the status of Kern COG's promised 2022 RTP/SCS acceptance letter. A key upper management review person is not available this month pushing the issuance of the final letter into 2024, 7-months after ARB indicated acceptance of Kern COG's SCS in their June 13th email.

August 10, 2023 - At the quarterly SJV Inter-Agency Consultation meeting, ARB staff announced that the SCSs for Kern, Stanislaus, and Tulare COGs have been approved and will receive official documentation in September. Fresno and San Joaquin COGs have completed their reviews and are in the process of making some required board actions before they can receive their official approval. Kings, Madera, and Merced are still under review by ARB staff.

July 26, 2023 – 2026 RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting was held for environmental, equity, business & industry groups on the public outreach process at Kern COG and included 14 representatives from the Delores Huerta Foundation, Central California Asthma Collaborative, Sierra Club, Home Builders Association, Golden Empire Transit, Caltrans, County Public Works, and staff from the cities of McFarland, Taft, and Wasco.

June 15, 2023 – Kern COG Board approved the 2023 Public Involvement Procedures document after a 45-day public review. The document is online at <https://www.kerncog.org/policies/>.

June 13, 2023 – ARB staff emailed Kern COG and the California Transportation Commission that “the SCS is officially approved.” However, the final acceptance letter is still working its way through upper management reviews and will take several weeks before it is issued.

May 19, 2023 – ARB staff acknowledged receipt of the requested transmittal letter signed by the Kern COG Chair, and associated TPPC staff report. ARB staff indicated they would provide a status update by May 31, and try to meet Kern COG’s request for an expedited review by June 8, but that they could not commit to any date earlier than June 27.

May 5, 2023 - Kern COG submitted a draft Kern COG TPPC staff report and transmittal letter to ARB with a request for the Kern COG Chair to sign. Approved by the Board on May 18, 2023, the letter documents technical changes that do not affect the adopted RTP/SCS text or conclusions and includes updates from the November 2022 SCS technical data submittal per ARB guidelines.

May 1, 2023 – Kern COG circulated the draft Public Involvement Procedure for a 45-day public review ending June 15. The Executive Director and other San Joaquin Valley COG directors also met with ARB’s SJV representative, where staff indicated Kern was close to an acceptance finding for its SCS.

April 26, 2023 – Kern COG submitted to ARB a cover letter and revised technical methodology data submittal with all the requested updates since the November data submittal. ARB requested that it be approved by the Kern COG Board and have Kern COG’s chair’s signature.

April 17, 2023 – Kern COG web conferenced with ARB staff for the 14th time in 3 years to discuss the 2022 SCS technical methodology. ARB is required to provide their findings and recommendations 2 months after the submitted package from Nov. 29, 2022, is found complete.

February 17, March 29, April 7, April 14, 2023 – Kern COG web conferenced with ARB to further refine SCS modeling methodology and in February provided draft comments on the 2022 SCS.

January 20, 2023 – ARB responded to Kern COGs SCS technical methodology submittal from November 29, 2022 with questions. A meeting was held on January 24, 2023, to clarify questions.

December 16, 2022 – The 2022 RTP/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) short range transportation program air quality conformity was federally approved.

November 29, 2022 – Kern COG submitted the technical methodology data package to the ARB.

July 21, 2022 - the Kern COG Board adopted the 2022 RTP/SCS and associated documents. The documents are available on the Kern COG website at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>.

Table 1 – 2018 & 2022 SB 375 Targets for the Kern Region

Per Capita GHG Reduction Target/	2020	2035
2022 RTP/SCS demonstration (July 21, 2022) w/ required off-model adjustments (2020 is pre-COVID)	-10.9%	-15.1%
2018 RTP/SCS demonstration (August 15, 2018)	-12.5%	-12.7%
Targets for 2022 RTP/SCS (set March 22, 2018, by ARB, effective October 1, 2018)	- 9%	-15%

March 22, 2018 - ARB adopted new SB375 Targets for the third cycle RTP/SCS to be effective October 1, 2018. Next ARB target setting will be during the 2022-2026 window.

Preliminary Timeline 2026 RTP/SCS

- ~~June 2023 – Update Public Involvement Procedure~~
- ~~July 2023 – Stakeholder roundtable process to vet outreach and performance measures~~
- ~~April 2024 – Regional Growth Forecast Update~~
- ~~June 11, 2024, – Bakersfield Downtown Transit Ctr. – LRT Plan Update walk-up event~~
- ~~July-August 2024 KARGO Study RTP/SCS Freight Outreach Events~~
- ~~April 2025 – Annual Statistically Valid Community Phone Surveys~~
- ~~May 2025 – KARGO Study RTP/SCS Freight Outreach Events~~
- ~~August 6, 2025 – Transportation Modeling Committee Special Meeting~~
- ~~August 23-24, 2025 – 2026 RTP/SCS Outreach at Tehachapi Mountain Festival~~
- ~~August 29, 2025 – Mini-Grants Applications Due~~
- ~~September 17-28, 2025 – 2026 RTP/SCS Outreach at Kern County Fair~~
- ~~September each year – Technical Assistance Requests to Kern COG Due~~
- ~~October 18, 2025 – 2026 RTP/SCS Outreach at Oildorado Days in Taft~~
- ~~Fall 2025 – Mini-Grant Stakeholder Hosted RTP/SCS Workshops (see attached flyer)~~
- ~~Fall 2023 to Fall 2025 – Fairs/Festivals/Farmer’s Market Outreach~~
- ~~Spring 2023 to Spring 2026 – RTP/SCS Public Outreach Process~~
- ~~Spring 2023 to Spring 2026 – Annual Statistically Valid Community Phone Surveys~~
- May 8 to July 2, 2026 – 55-day public review process for RTP/SCS, congestion management plan, environmental document, air quality conformity, federal transportation improvement program. Documents are available at <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/> Kern COG will be presenting on the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS at local city council meetings and at the Kern County Supervisors meeting, see attached flyer.
- August 20, 2026 – Kern COG Board scheduled to adopt the 2026 RTP/SCS and associated documents

ACTION: Information.

Attachment: 2026 RTP/SCS Presentation Schedule Flyer



**Kern Council
of Governments**

Join us and share your input!

The Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) public comment period begins May 8, 2026. Kern COG staff will be presenting information about the RTP/SCS at local city council meetings and the Kern County Board of Supervisors meeting, with public hearings scheduled in Tehachapi and Bakersfield.

DATE	LOCATION
May 12 @ 5:00PM	California City Council Meeting
May 12 @ 6:00PM	Maricopa City Council Meeting
May 13 @ 6:00PM	McFarland City Council Meeting
May 18 @ 5:00PM	Delano City Council Meeting
May 19 @ 6:00PM	Shafter City Council Meeting
May 19 @ 6:00PM	Taft City Council Meeting
May 19 @ 6:00PM	Wasco City Council Meeting
May 20 @ 6:00PM	Ridgecrest City Council Meeting
May 26 @ 6:00PM	Arvin City Council Meeting
June 1 @ 6:00PM	*Tehachapi City Council Meeting
June 16 @ 2:00PM	Kern County Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 18 @ 6:30PM	*Kern COG Transportation Planning Policy Committee Meeting
June 24 @ 3:30PM	Bakersfield City Council Meeting

**Public Hearing*

Important dates:

- May 8 55-day public review period begins for Draft 2026 RTP/SCS
- May 18 45-day public review period begins for Draft 2026 RTP/SCS Environmental Impact Report
- June 1 30-day public review period begins for Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program & Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis
- July 2 **Public review period ends for all documents**



Visit our website or scan the QR code for more details:
kerncog.org/2026-rtp/



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May 21, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director / Planning Director
Ben Raymond, Regional Planner
Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner
Raquel Pacheco, Regional Planner
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Vincent Liu, Regional Planner

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

TIMELINE FOR:
DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION:

Update schedule for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan; Environmental Impact Report; 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis. All draft documents will be available at www.kerncog.org when each respective public review period begins. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (programming document) is a near-term list of transportation projects, while the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan is a long-term blueprint for transportation projects. The Air Quality Conformity Analysis demonstrates that both the near- and long-term lists will not delay the region's efforts to improve the air. The federal programming document is being developed and was distributed for technical review (prior to the public review period). The programming years reflected in the programming document will be: federal fiscal years 2026/27 through 2029/30. Final documents will be sent to the California State Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration at the end of August. The tentative schedule will be used to move these documents through the review process with final approval by federal agencies in December 2026.

Timeline for Review of all documents

Date	Event
May 6, 2026	Timeline presented to Transportation Technical Advisory Committee/Regional Planning Advisory Committee
May 8, 2026	55-day public review period begins for Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan
May 18, 2026	45-day public review period begins for Draft Environmental Impact Report
May 21, 2026	Timeline presented to Transportation Planning Policy Committee
June 1, 2026	30-day public review period begins for Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis
June 1, 2026	Public hearing at City of Tehachapi Council Meeting
June 3, 2026	Public review draft documents presented to Transportation Technical Advisory Committee/ Regional Planning Advisory Committee
June 18, 2026	Public review draft documents presented to Transportation Planning Policy Committee (public hearing)
July 2, 2026	Public review period ends for all documents
August 5, 2026	Present to Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and/or Regional Planning Advisory Committee to recommend approval
August 20, 2026	Present to Transportation Planning Policy Committee for adoption
August 27, 2026	Send final documents with response to comments to state and federal agencies for approval
December 2026	Anticipated federal approval of Conformity, the near-term and long-term documents

The noted schedule is a work in progress and subject to change. The San Joaquin Valley planning agencies must work cooperatively through this process, and ongoing discussions with state and federal agencies may alter this timeline.

All draft documents will be available at www.kerncog.org when each respective public review period begins.

ACTION: Information only.



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May 21, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner

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

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE –
MONITORING PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

As per the ITS Plan for Kern Region - Monitoring Program, updates to the ITS Plan project list are due May 22, 2026. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The ITS Plan for the Kern Region was approved by the Kern COG Board on June 21, 2018 and Federally acknowledged on July 9, 2018. The ITS Plan serves as a planning roadmap for ITS strategies and projects to be implemented in the region. This Plan provides guidance to stakeholders on the planning, development, and funding of ITS projects. The contents of this document include project and strategy prioritization and phasing and then makes recommendations for the use and maintenance of the Regional ITS Architecture to ensure that the projects and strategies from the Plan are implemented.

The 2018 ITS Plan for the Kern Region is posted on the Kern COG website at:

<https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Final-Del-12-2018-ITS-Plan-for-the-Kern-Region.pdf>.

Monitoring Program

Section 12.4 of the ITS Plan reads: Annually, a listing of the projects recommended in the ITS Plan will be produced and a project status update will be requested. A status report would be provided to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Kern COG Board.

Please review Table 12-1 Kern Region Prioritized Project List and provide updates by May 22, 2026 to cvalle@kerncog.org. Updates received will be part of a staff report for the June 3, 2026 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and June 18, 2026 Kern COG Board meeting.

ACTION: Information.

Attachments: Table 12-1: Kern Region Prioritized Project List

Table 12-1: Kern Region Prioritized Project List

Project ID	Project	Project Description	Term	Total	Need	Program Area	Planned Participating Entities	Interdependencies
SHORT TERM								
1	ITS Data Warehouse (Phase 1)	As part of Phase 1, this system will develop an ITS historical data archive for all relevant ITS data and provide a centralized system to share data between Caltrans and other local transportation agencies. Data collected can provide information for use in monitoring and evaluating the performance and safety of the transportation system, fulfilling data reporting requirements, and other planning or operational functions. Such a data archive could be utilized as the foundation for real time data and information exchange and/or for providing content to a real-time traveler information system. This system would also interconnect transit management systems and centers within the Region. This project would enable transit agencies to exchange incident, vehicle location, and arrival status information among multiple transit operators. This would enable the agencies to share vehicle location information to better coordinate service at common service boundaries.	Short Term	116	Improve information exchange between Caltrans and local transportation agencies	Data Management Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system will depend on a vehicle detection system • The system will depend on the collection and sharing of video and traffic data • The system will depend on robust communications in the Region • The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data

Project ID	Project	Project Description	Term	Total	Need	Program Area	Planned Participating Entities	Interdependencies
2	Construction and Maintenance Coordination	This system will be used to share information between all agencies to coordinate any construction and maintenance efforts.	Short Term	113	Coordinate construction and maintenance project schedules within and between agencies	Maintenance and Construction Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
3	Work Zone Technology	This proposed system will provide the deployment of technology to collect and distribute warning information about potential work zone hazards.	Short Term	102	Warn work crews of errant vehicles	Maintenance and Construction Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the deployment of technologies capable of communicating with a central system or internet to access third party data/management system
4	Traffic Signal System (Phase 1)	This project will implement signal timing and coordination improvements to help reducing traffic congestion.	Short Term	118	Improve signal timing/coordination	Traffic Management Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the jurisdictions having a traffic signal control system
				107	Reduce recurring traffic congestion			
5	Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC) Coordination and Traveler	This project supports the ITS data warehouse project. The links would enable data sharing among the transportation agencies and emergency response to provide up to date information to travelers.	Short Term	129	Provide routing (detour) information to travelers during incident, construction, weather events, special events, etc.	Traveler Information Program	Airports Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on a robust traffic signal control system The system will depend on

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	Information (Phase 1)			122	Provide/enhance road weather conditions information to travelers		City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern Delano Area Rapid Transit (DART) Golden Empire Transit District (GET) Kern Transit Media National Weather Service Private Sector Data Collector	willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
			116	Provide roadway closure/restriction information				
			129	Provide information on planned special events				
			103	Provide incident information to travelers				
6	Traffic Information to Emergency Responders	This system will provide technology to distribute traffic information to emergency responders.	Short Term	103	Provide real-time traffic information to emergency responders	Public Safety Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
7	Efficient Incident Clearance Education	Work with all emergency responders in the region to establish a plan to reduce incident clearance time.	Short Term	97	Reduce incident clearance time	Public Safety Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern CHP Central Division Private Emergency Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
MEDIUM TERM								

Project ID	Project	Project Description	Term	Total	Need	Program Area	Planned Participating Entities	Interdependencies
8	HAZMAT Response and Tracking	This system will support commercial vehicle operations to improve response time to the Emergency Management Center and develop tracking for HAZMAT vehicles.	Medium Term	93	Improve response to HAZMAT incidents	Commercial Vehicle Operations Program	Caltrans Districts Commercial Vehicle Companies	• The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
				72	Provide tracking of HAZMAT vehicles			
9	Commercial Vehicle Tracking	This system will implement tracking technology for commercial vehicles that has the capabilities of providing routing information.	Medium Term	75	Provide better vehicle restrictions and roadway closure information to commercial vehicles	Commercial Vehicle Operations Program	CHP Central Division	• The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
10	ITS Data Warehouse (Phase 2)	As part of Phase 2, the system established in Phase 1 will be integrated to provide an ITS historical data archive for all relevant ITS data and provide a centralized system to share data between the transportation and transit agencies. Data collected can provide information for use in monitoring and evaluating the performance and safety of the transportation system, fulfilling data reporting requirements, and other planning or operational functions. Such a data archive could be utilized as the foundation for real time data and information exchange and/or for providing content to a real-time traveler information system. This system would also interconnect transit management systems and centers within the Region. This project would enable transit agencies to exchange incident, vehicle location, and arrival status information among multiple transit operators. This would enable the agencies to share vehicle location information to better coordinate service at common service boundaries.	Medium Term	95	Improve information exchange between transportation and transit agencies	Data Management Program		• The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
				92	Improve data collection and archiving			
				84	Implement a central information/data clearinghouse			

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11	ITS Data Implementation	This strategy will use information gathered from connected vehicles and the ITS Data warehouse to planning, modeling, and other analysis purposes.	Medium Term	95	Use archived data for planning, modeling, analysis and traffic management strategy development	Data Management Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the implementation of an ITS Data Warehouse from which analysis can be performed
12	Infrastructure Conditions Monitoring	This proposed system will implement technology to collect infrastructure condition information.	Medium Term	91	Monitor transportation infrastructure	Data Management Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
13	Work Zone Monitoring and Information Distribution	This system will manage work zones, control traffic in work zone areas. Traffic conditions will be monitored using CCTV cameras and controlled using dynamic message signs (DMS), Highway Advisory Radio (HAR), gates and barriers. Work zone information will be coordinated with other transportation agencies. The system will provide information about work zone speeds and delays to motorist prior to the work zones.	Medium Term	91	Provide/enhance enforcement in work zones	Maintenance and Construction Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the collection and sharing of video and traffic data The system will depend on regional TMC coordination
				89	Provide travel times/delays through work zones			
14	Emergency Communication System	Upgrade emergency communications to have the ability to share real-time condition information with emergency responders and public safety to support faster emergency response. This may involve CAD system center-to-center interfaces, list serves, or other standardized methods of communicating conditions between services in the region.	Medium Term	99	Improve a multi-agency, system-coordinated response to major incidents	Public Safety Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern CHP Central Division Private Emergency Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on robust communications in the Region The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
				97	Provide incident information to emergency management agencies			
				95	Improve communications in rural areas			
				93	Improve interagency communications			
				93	Improve incident notification to agencies			

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				91	Improve incident response			
15	Emergency Vehicle Technology	This system will update emergency vehicle technologies to include preemption and provide more robust information sharing technologies.	Medium Term	82	Expand emergency vehicle preemption	Public Safety Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern CHP Central Division Private Emergency Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future EVP deployments may utilize appropriate connected vehicle communications infrastructure and technologies
				78	Provide/enhance mobile data terminals for emergency vehicles			
				76	Provide/enhance automatic vehicle location (AVL) for emergency vehicles			
16	Transit Management System	Upgrade and or install computer aided (CAD) and automated vehicle location (AVL) systems in transit vehicles, including interfaces with other transit management systems. The system should be able to receive and send out location and any emergency information.	Medium Term	96	Receive real-time roadway congestion information	Public Transportation Program	DART Golden Empire Transit District (GET) Kern Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system will depend on the jurisdictions having a traffic signal control system • The system will depend on robust communications in the Region
				88	Coordinate timed transfers between routes, providers and modes			
				87	Develop mobile apps to provide static and real-time transit information			
				86	Expand/enhance/upgrade computer aided dispatch (CAD) system			
				85	Provide transit information using social media			
				84	Enhance 511 to provide static and real-time transit information			
				83	Receive roadway incident information			

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				81	Implement/enhance web-based trip planner			
				79	Provide real-time transit arrival/departure information on web site			
				76	Expand/enhance/upgrade automatic vehicle location (AVL) system			
				75	Expand security cameras on transit vehicles, at transit stations/stops and park-and-ride facilities			
				74	Implement transit signal priority technology			
17	Speed Warning and Enforcement System	This proposed system will monitor vehicle speeds and supports warning drivers when their speed is excessive. The system can also include notifications to an enforcement agency to enforce the speed limits at a location. Roadside equipment and communications will need to be installed to support this system.	Medium Term	90	Provide/enhance speed enforcement at high risk locations	Traffic Management Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern CHP Central Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
18	Traffic Congestion Data Collection	This system will work to share congestion, public safety data, incident information, and surveillance video among different traffic management centers.	Medium Term	99	Share congestion information with other agencies	Traffic Management Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern CHP Central Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the jurisdictions having a traffic signal control system
				89	Share public safety/computer aided dispatch (CAD) data with transportation agencies			
				81	Share incident information with other agencies			

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				71	Share surveillance video and data with PSAPs/emergency responders			
19	Arterial Traffic Congestion Warning	This project will work in conjunction with the Regional TMC Coordination and Traveler Information (Phase 1) and the Freeway Traffic Congestion Warning systems to provide motorists with advance notice of traffic congestion and suggestion of alternate routes during incidents.	Medium Term	85	Reduce traffic congestion during incidents	Traffic Management Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern CHP Central Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the jurisdictions collecting traffic congestion data The system will depend on a robust traffic signal control system
20	Traffic Signal System (Phase 2)	Upgrade traffic signal hardware and provide technology to provide the ability to control signal timing remotely.	Medium Term	82	Upgrade signal hardware	Traffic Management Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the jurisdictions having a traffic signal control system
				80	Coordinate arterial and freeway management strategies			
				79	Improve/implement ability to remotely modify signal timing			
21	Intersection Warning System	This system will warn approaching vehicles of upcoming crashes at an upcoming intersection.	Medium Term	73	Implement intersection collision warning/avoidance systems	Traffic Management Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on a robust traffic signal control system
22	Incident Response System	This project will work in coordination with emergency responders to provide incident detection technology and provide updated computer aided dispatch (CAD) systems.	Medium Term	91	Improve incident detection	Traffic Management Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to
				86	Enhance computer aided dispatch (CAD) systems			

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								connect and share data
23	Freeway Traffic Congestion Warning	This project will work in conjunction with the Regional TMC Coordination and Traveler Information (Phase 1) and the Arterial Traffic Congestion Warning systems to provide motorists with advance notice of traffic congestion and suggestion of alternate routes during incidents.	Medium Term	96	Reduce recurring traffic congestion	Traffic Management Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on a robust traffic signal control system
				85	Reduce traffic congestion during incidents			
				90	Provide/enhance speed enforcement at high risk locations			
24	Roadway Hazard Warning System	This system will implement sensors and other technology to provide warning to transportation agencies, emergency management centers, and motorists on flooding on roadways.	Medium Term	86	Provide roadway flood warnings	Traffic Management Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on a robust traffic signal control system
25	Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC) Coordination and Traveler Information (Phase 2)	This project supports the ITS data warehouse project. The links would enable data sharing among a wide variety of traffic, transit and emergency management agencies in the Region. Communications links may interconnect all local jurisdictions and agencies, emergency operations centers, and public safety agencies, such as law enforcement and other emergency responder entities. This project would also provide interfaces to traveler information systems, from which the public can access traveler information via cell phones, land lines, websites, and personal electronic devices.	Medium Term	96	Provide/enhance congestion information to travelers	Traveler Information Program	Airports Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern DART Golden Empire Transit District Kern Motorist Aid Authority Kern Transit Media Private Sector Data Collector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on robust communications in the Region The system will depend on a robust traffic signal control system The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data The system will depend on transportation management entities having robust, modern, full function transportation management systems
				95	Improve quality, consistency and thoroughness of traveler information			
				94	Provide more timely incident information to travelers			
				93	Provide information on roadway construction and maintenance activities			
				89	Use social media for traveler information dissemination			
				89	Improve 511 system/web site			
				89	Enhance freeway/expressway traffic map			

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				85	Send email alerts of major incidents to major employers			
				75	Provide freeway/expressway travel times			
				75	Provide arterial travel times (on major arterials)			
				71	Improve ridesharing program/website			
				70	Enhance arterial traffic map			
26	Queue Length Warning System	This proposed system will monitor and advice motorists of upcoming queues in and near work zones.	Medium Term	93	Provide advisory to warn traffic of a stopped queue in/near work zones	Vehicle Safety Program		• The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
				70	Monitor queue lengths in/near work zones			
27	Environmental Detection System	This proposed system will establish technology for detection and monitoring of environmental, weather, and road conditions throughout the region. The system will detect environmental hazards and alert drivers of unsafe conditions or road closures.	Medium Term	88	Expand coverage of environmental/weather /road conditions detection/monitoring systems	Weather Program	Caltrans Districts County of Kern National Weather Service	• The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
28	Establish Freeway Service Patrol System	Establish a freeway service patrol system service including staff, vehicles, and equipment to support the service.	Medium Term	56	Install/upgrade automatic vehicle location (AVL) on freeway service patrol vehicles	Public Safety Program	Caltrans Districts	• The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
LONG TERM								
29	Upgraded Arterial Management System	This system may include the following elements, but is not limited to: enhancements to the central system(s), closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras and systems, highway	Long Term	69	Expand CCTV camera coverage on arterials	Traffic Management Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter	• The system will depend on the collection and sharing of video and traffic data
				68	Develop/implement system-wide arterial management strategies			

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		advisory radio (HAR) systems and transmitters, arterial changeable message signs (CMS), traffic monitoring stations (TMS), and communications infrastructure.		63	Reduce vehicle delays at rail grade crossings		City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system will depend on the jurisdictions having a traffic signal control system • The system will depend on robust communications in the Region • The system will depend on regional TMC coordination
			54	Implement/expand dynamic message sign (DMS) installations on arterials				
			53	Implement/improve inter-jurisdictional signal coordination				
			63	Provide health monitoring of traffic signal equipment at intersections and rail crossings				
30	Upgraded Freeway Management System	This project includes the expansion of the many and varied Caltrans freeway management systems and field elements that are monitored and controlled by Caltrans. System elements referenced by this project include, but are not limited to: enhancements to the central system(s), closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras and systems, highway advisory radio (HAR) systems and transmitters, road weather information systems (RWIS) and field sensors, changeable message signs (CMS), traffic monitoring stations (TMS) and communications infrastructure. This project also includes deploying robust communications infrastructure capable of providing backbone, interconnect, and redundant communications between ITS field devices and a central system, and between ITS filed devices in the field.	Long Term	69	Implement/improve incident detection capabilities	Traffic Management Program	Caltrans Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system will depend on the collection and sharing of video and traffic data
			54	Expand freeway/expressway dynamic message signs (DMS)				
			45	Expand highway advisory radio (HAR) coverage on freeways/expressways				
			69	Expand CCTV coverage on freeways/expressways				
			51	Improve/expand vehicle detection coverage on freeways/expressways				
			50	Implement variable speed limits				
			44	Improve ramp metering operations				
			18	Implement automated/remote control gate systems				

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31	Roadway Condition Warning System	This system will provide roadway warnings including curve speed, vehicle-over-height detection, and provide monitoring technology for queue lengths at ramps.	Long Term	66	Provide curve speed warning	Vehicle Safety Program	City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	• The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
				61	Provide vehicle-over-height detection/warnings			
				49	Monitor queue lengths at ramp locations			
32	Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	This proposed system will monitor commercial vehicle violations with the deployment of weigh-in-motion technologies especially in areas with a history of violations. The system shall also provide information on commercial vehicle operations permit restrictions.	Long Term	69	Provide target enforcement at locations with history of violations	Commercial Vehicle Operations Program	CHP Central Division	• The system will depend on the collection and sharing of commercial vehicle information with private fleets and CHP/DMV
				59	Reduce commercial vehicle weight, width and height violations			
				58	Provide information on commercial vehicle operations (CVO) permit restrictions			
				52	Deploy weigh-in-motion/mobile weigh enforcement technology			
33	Commercial Vehicle Traveler Information	This system will implement traveler information services that provide both pre-trip and en-route information to commercial vehicles which can include information such as truck parking locations.	Long Term	54	Provide interstate/inter-regional traveler information for commercial vehicles	Commercial Vehicle Operations Program	CHP Central Division	• The system will depend on the collection and sharing of commercial vehicle information with private fleets and CHP/DMV • The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data

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34	Data Collection for Roadway Network	This system will provide a framework to improve data collection capabilities for the arterial and freeway management systems.	Long Term	65	Improve data collection capabilities	Data Management Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the collection and sharing of video and traffic data The system will depend on willingness of multiple agencies to connect and share data
				57	Improve data collection on freeways/expressways			
35	Smart Work Zone Technology	This system improves the work zone technology to provide smart technology where data is collected and distributed to provide warning information about potential work zone hazards. The smart work zone technology should also be able to warn travelers about trucks that are entering and exiting work zones and be able to track work zone maintenance fleets.	Long Term	69	Implement Smart Work Zone technology	Maintenance and Construction Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
				51	Warn travelers about trucks entering/exiting work zones			
				43	Track locations of maintenance fleet			
36	Parking Management System	This proposed system will monitor and provide information on available parking facilities and parking availability. This system monitors and manages parking spaces in lots, garages, and other parking areas and facilities.	Long Term	53	Provide information on available truck parking facilities	Parking Management Program	Caltrans Districts City of Bakersfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
37	Upgrade Freeway Service Patrol System	Provide technology upgrades to the freeway service patrol system.	Long Term	56	Install/upgrade automatic vehicle location (AVL) on freeway service patrol vehicles	Public Safety Program	Caltrans Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
				53	Implement/upgrade computer aided dispatch (CAD) system for freeway service patrol			

Project ID	Project	Project Description	Term	Total	Need	Program Area	Planned Participating Entities	Interdependencies
38	Transit Vehicle Technologies System	Upgrade transit vehicles with enhanced remote for monitoring mechanical conditions, upgrade to automated enunciators and automatic passenger counters.	Long Term	68	Implement/enhance remote monitoring of transit vehicle mechanical condition	Public Transportation Program	DART Golden Empire Transit District Kern Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
				66	Provide on-line reservation system for demand-responsive transit services			
				64	Provide on-board automated enunciators			
				59	Expand/upgrade automated passenger counters			
39	Air Quality Data Collection and Monitoring	This proposed system would implement data collection and monitoring of air quality throughout the region.	Long Term	68	Monitor/collect air quality data	Sustainable Travel Program	Caltrans Districts County of Kern Kern COG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on having a central management system from which to monitor and manage technology
				57	Monitor/collect air quality data			
40	Traffic Signal System (Phase 3)	Upgrade traffic signal hardware and provide autonomous commercial vehicle and autonomous passenger vehicle technology.	Long Term	82	Upgrade signal hardware	Traffic Management Program	Caltrans Districts City of Arvin City of Bakersfield City of Delano City of McFarland City of Shafter City of Taft City of Tehachapi County of Kern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will depend on the jurisdictions having a traffic signal control system
				80	Coordinate arterial and freeway management strategies			
				79	Improve/implement ability to remotely modify signal timing			



VI TPPC

May 21, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda Item: VI

CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity of the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, administers funding for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program (Bicycle and Pedestrian). Applications are due July 6, 2026. Members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

Public Utilities Code Section 99230 requires the Regional Transportation Planning Agency to annually review anticipated Local Transportation Fund revenues, assess the relative needs of all claimants, and determine the amount of funding to be allocated to each eligible claimant.

Article 3 funds are used to pay for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs, bicycle parking facilities, bicycle travel facilities, and pedestrian facilities. Approximately \$1,103,629 is available for distribution from FY 26/27 funding cycle.

Kern COG completed its review of FY 25/26 unallocated funds and expired agency allocations and transferred all lapsed funds to the unallocated TDA Article 3 reserve. As a result, the total amount available for allocation in FY 2026/27 is \$ 2,673,688.78

Eligible claimants of Article 3 funding are the eleven incorporated cities within Kern County and the County of Kern. Each project proposed must be submitted on forms provided by the Kern Council of Governments and are awarded on a competitive basis. The proposal deadline is **12:00 p.m.(noon) on Monday, July 6, 2026**. Applications are available at <https://www.kerncog.org/tda/>

Currently, there is \$1,956,197 in outstanding projects that have not been completed. A list of all TDA Article 3 projects and fund expiration date is included in the attachments.

ACTION: Information

Attachments: Kern County LTF Fund estimate and apportionment schedule A
Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 project list

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT "SCHEDULE A"
LTF - STAF FUNDING ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT FACTORS
FY 2026/27 AS OF 3/4/2026

TDA SCHEDULE "A" FY 2026/27 ESTIMATES	POPULATION BASIS As Of 1/1/2025 in E-5	POPULATION RATIO	L.T.F. POPULATION APPORTIONMENT	S.T.A.F. 99313 POPULATION APPORTIONMENT	S.T.A.F. REVENUE BASIS	S.T.A.F. REVENUE RATIO	S.T.A.F. 99314 REVENUE APPORTIONMENT	L.T.F. & S.T.A.F. TOTAL ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT
ARVIN	19,651	2.16%	\$ 1,132,377	\$ 181,299	62,152	0.77%	\$ 3,916	\$ 1,317,592
BAKERSFIELD (1)	411,109	45.16%	\$ 22,505,416	\$ 3,792,864	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 26,298,280
CALIFORNIA CITY	13,079	1.44%	\$ 753,670	\$ 120,666	25,760	0.32%	\$ 1,625	\$ 875,961
DELANO	52,484	5.77%	\$ 3,024,359	\$ 484,214	279,451	3.45%	\$ 17,608	\$ 3,526,181
GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANS (1)	N/A	-	\$ -	\$ -	5,882,508	72.68%	\$ 370,662	\$ 370,662
MARICOPA	1,004	0.11%	\$ 57,855	\$ 9,263	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 67,118
MCFARLAND	13,965	1.53%	\$ 804,725	\$ 128,840	12,106	0.15%	\$ 763	\$ 934,328
RIDGECREST	27,940	3.07%	\$ 1,610,026	\$ 257,773	159,250	1.97%	\$ 10,034	\$ 1,877,832
SHAFTER	22,226	2.44%	\$ 1,280,760	\$ 205,056	57,568	0.71%	\$ 3,628	\$ 1,489,444
TAFT	6,953	0.76%	\$ 400,662	\$ 64,148	360,169	4.45%	\$ 22,695	\$ 487,505
TEHACHAPI	11,092	1.22%	\$ 639,170	\$ 102,334	28,252	0.35%	\$ 1,781	\$ 743,285
WASCO	27,028	2.97%	\$ 1,557,472	\$ 249,359	31,839	0.39%	\$ 2,007	\$ 1,808,838
KERN CO.-IN (1)	148,215	16.28%	\$ 8,113,770	\$ 1,367,423	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 9,481,193
KERN CO.-OUT	155,554	17.09%	\$ 8,963,697	\$ 1,435,129	1,194,767	14.76%	\$ 75,284	\$ 10,474,110
METRO-BAKERSFIELD CTSA	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,611,536	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ 1,611,536
ESTIMATED TOTAL	910,300	100%	\$ 52,455,495	\$ 8,398,367	8,093,822	100%	\$ 510,003	\$ 61,363,865
PROOF	910,300	100%	\$ 52,455,495	\$ 8,398,367	8,093,822	100%	\$ 510,003	\$ 61,363,865
KERN COG ADMINISTRATION	N/A	1%	\$ 557,388	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 557,388
KERN PEDESTRIAN/BIKEWAY	N/A	2%	\$ 1,103,629	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 1,103,629
KERN COG PLANNING (2)	N/A	3%	\$ 1,622,335	\$ -	N/A		\$ -	\$ 1,622,335
ESTIMATED TOTAL	N/A		\$ 55,738,848	\$ -	N/A		\$ 8,908,370.00	\$ 64,647,218

NOTES:

(1) THE GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT RETAINS CLAIMANT PRIORITY TO THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND KERN-IN FUNDS.
THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND COUNTY OF KERN SHALL FUND 73.50% AND 26.50% OF GET'S CLAIM, RESPECTIVELY.

(2) PURSUANT TO P.U.C. SECTION 99262, CLAIMANTS MAY DESIGNATE FUNDING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS.
SEE SCHEDULE "B" FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS AMOUNT BY AREA OF APPORTIONMENT.

TDA Article 3 FY 2024 Adopted Projects							
Jurisdiction	Auth. Date	Project ID	Project Name	Funding	Status Code	Notes	Fund Expiration Date
Bakersfield	7/18/2024	24-14	Bike Safety Program	\$2,000	1	Bike Bakersfield will follow up on the status of expended funds	6/30/2027
Wasco	7/18/2024	24-11	Bike Parking Facilities	\$3,000	1	Deciding best purchase choice for funding	6/30/2027
Shafter	7/18/2024	24-13	Tulare Avenue ADA Improvements	\$440,824	1	Expects to construct Summer 2026- invoice expected 8/29/2026	6/30/2027
Bakersfield	7/18/2024	24-02	RRFB Chester at 22 nd St	\$155,250	1	Project is now ready to be advertised in the coming weeks	6/30/2027
Bakersfield	7/18/2024	24-03	RRFB Truxtun at Pine St	\$237,400	1	Project construction will begin next month	6/30/2027
Total FY 2024 Projects Not Submitted				\$838,474			

TDA Article 3 FY 2025 Adopted Projects							
Jurisdiction	Auth. Date	Project ID	Project Name	Funding	Status Code	Notes	Fund Expiration Date
Bakersfield	7/17/2025	T3-25-02	Bike Parking Facilities	\$3,000	1	City Will make determination on where bicycle parking is needed	6/30/2028
Bakersfield	7/17/2025	T3-25-01	Bike Safety	\$2,000	1	Bike Bakersfield will follow up on the status of expended funds	6/30/2028
Kern County	7/17/2025	T3-25-03	Bike Safety	\$22,000	1	KCPW organizing Events for summer 2027 invoice expected 6/2028	6/30/2028
Taft	7/17/2025	T3-25-04	E. Kern St.- Bicycle Lane Improvements- 1st St. to Williams Way	\$57,880	1	In design phase; invoice submittal: 12/31/27 per project delivery letter	6/30/2028
McFarland	7/17/2025	T3-25-05	In-fill Sidewalk Improvements-various locations	\$202,500	1	In design phase expected submittal date 9/30/2026 project delivery letter	6/30/2028
California City	7/17/2025	T3-25-06	Hacienda Blvd. Pedestrian Improvements	\$347,743	1	In design phase expected submittal date 12/31/26 per Project delivery letter	6/30/2028
Shafter	7/17/2025	T3-25-07	Schnaidt St. & Valley St. Pedestrian Improvements	\$315,000	1	Working on design. Construction expected summer 2026	6/30/2028
Taft	7/17/2025	T3-25-08	E. Kern Street - Pedestrian Improvements -1st St. to Williams Way.	\$167,600	1	In design phase; invoice submittal: 12/31/27 per project delivery letter	6/30/2028
Total Projects FY 2025 Projects Not Submitted				\$1,117,723			
Total TDA Article 3 Projects Not Submitted (All Fiscal Years)				\$ 1,956,197			