

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION:

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

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Teleconference):**

City of Arvin
200 Campus Drive Arvin, CA. 93203

City of California City – City Hall
21000 Hacienda Blvd., California City, CA 93505

City of Ridgecrest
100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

City of Taft
209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268

I. ROLL CALL:

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Committee at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

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- III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Minutes from meeting of May 6, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

- IV. FINAL DRAFT - KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT (KARGO) COMMUNITY PROTECTION/PROSPERITY STUDY (Davisson)**

Comment: Kern Council of Governments has completed the KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study, a countywide assessment of goods movement needs, climate vulnerability, economic opportunities, and recommended transportation investments worth \$3.15 billion in current dollars. The final draft study report is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>.

Action: 1. Recommend that the TPPC receive and file the Final KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study; 2. Recommend that the TPPC adopt a resolution requesting

member agencies integrate study recommendations into their General Plan Circulation Elements. ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. ACCESS FOR ALL PROGRAM: LOCAL ACCESS FUND ADMINISTRATOR (Flickinger)

Comment: Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. Kern COG is estimated to receive approximately \$500,000 annually in Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) funds for elderly/disabled transit from a new Uber/Lyft tax.

Action: Recommend the Kern COG board approve Resolution 26-22 authorizing the execution of the certification to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator for the Access for All Program for the County of Kern. ROLL CALL VOTE.

VI. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE – MONITORING PROGRAM (Romero Valdivia)

Comment: This is the annual project status report.

Action: Information.

VII. PUBLIC REVIEW 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: The public review period for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan; Environmental Impact Report; 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis ends at 5 PM July 2, 2026. All draft documents are available at www.kerncog.org.

Action: Information.

VIII. KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT- CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR ALLOCATION ESTIMATE (Enriquez)

Comment: Caltrans State of Good Repair (SGR) Transit Program allocates annual funds from Senate Bill No.1 legislation to the Kern region. The **estimated** SGR allocation for fiscal year 2026-27 is \$1,745,717.

Action: Information.

IX. FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – KERN COUNTY (Banuelos)

Comment: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for County of Kern (\$11,452,122).

Action: Review FY 25-26 TDA Public Transit claim for County of Kern and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. City Council meetings and Kern County Board of Supervisors schedule for the public review of the following draft documents: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis (attached flier).
- B. 2027 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 8) Applications are due by June 22, 2026 (through Submittable) to the California Transportation Commission. ATP Application guidelines and information: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>. A copy of the application must also be submitted to Kern COG along with confirmation of submittal to CTC. **Please email the copy of the application to rinvina@kerncog.org.**
- C. Caltrans Office of Federal Programming and Data Management notified KCOG that all amendments to the 2025 FTIP must be completed by July 31, 2026. Please submit FTIP Amendment requests by June 19, 2026.
- D. HSIP Cycle 13 Call-for-Projects is for approximately \$370M. Applications are due September 14, 2026.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS

- A. Caltrans Report

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2026 (may be dark).

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**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION SUMMARY FOR MAY 6, 2026 MEETING

Kern COG Board Room/Microsoft Teams Meeting
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, California

Wednesday
May 6, 2026
10:00 A.M.

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS

(Teleconference):

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- City of California City – City Hall - 21000 Hacienda Blvd, California City, CA 93505
- City of Ridgecrest - 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Chairman Paul Archer called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 A.M. Roll call and minutes were conducted by Ms. Invina-Jayasiri.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Viterelli	City of Arvin
Paul Archer	City of Bakersfield
Anu Doravari	City of California City
Brandon Rodriguez	City of Delano
Steve Barnes	Golden Empire Transit
Angela Willis	County of Kern
Yerlys Hernandez	City of McFarland
Luis Molina	City of Ridgecrest
Ravi Pudipeddi	City of Shafter
Don Marsh	City of Tehachapi
Craig Jones	City of Taft
Kameron Arnold	City of Wasco
Braden Duran	Caltrans

OTHER:

Andrea Nason	Caltrans
Cindy Parra	Bike Bakersfield
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans
Viviana Alapisco	City of Delano

STAFF:

Jay Schlosser	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
Rob Ball	Irene Enriquez
Raquel Pacheco	Ceasar Valle
Karl Davisson	Angie Banuelos
Ben Raymond	

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No Comments.

- III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Minutes from meeting of April 1, 2026. There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Marsh made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote, and the motion was carried out unanimously.

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

The 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) 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 Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan will be released May 8th. The Draft Environmental Impact Report will be released May 18th. The Draft 2027 FTIP and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis will be released June 1st. Comments for all documents are due July 2nd. The tentative schedule in the staff report will be used to move these documents through the review process with final approval by federal agencies in December 2026.

This item is for information only.

V. CALL FOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PROGRAM

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.

There were no comments or questions. This item was for information only.

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

Section 12.4 of the Intelligent Transportation System Plan for the Kern Region reads: Annually, a listing of projects recommended in the ITS Plan will be produced and a

project status update will be requested. Please review and provide updates to Table 12-1 by May 22nd. Updates received will be part of a staff report for the June Kern COG Board meeting.

This item is for information only

(Ms. Doravari joined the meeting virtually during this item.)

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

Comments are invited on the growing goods movement activity in the Kern region and ways to protect our communities while promoting their prosperity. The draft study report is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>

Information. Comments are due today, May 6. For June meeting, committee will be asked to recommend that final draft study report be approved to be received and file by COG board on June 18. Board is expected to adopt a resolution to encourage member agencies to consider including the findings in these projects in General Plan Circulation Elements supporting AB98/@B415 requiring identification of the truck routes.

**VIII. 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**

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).

At this time, staff recommends review and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee.

There were no comments or questions from the committee members. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the discussion summary, Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri performed a roll call vote, and the motion was carried out unanimously.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- A. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri shared the flier of City Council meetings and Kern County Board of Supervisors schedule for the public review of the following draft documents: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis.
- B. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri reminded the 2027 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 8) Applications are due by June 22, 2026 (through Submittable) to the California Transportation Commission.
- C. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri shared the flier for the California Air Resources Board One-Stop Truck Event on May 15, 2026 at 5101 California Ave, Bakersfield

- D. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri also invited members to the Kern Transportation Foundation Conference on May 13 at the Career & Technical Education Center
- E. Mr. Davisson shared details about a new Senate Bill 1169
- F. Mr. Valle reminded the deadline for agencies to submit Request for Authorizations to Districts is Wednesday June 17th.
- G. Mr. Valle reported staff attended a 2-day Mini and Modular Roundabout training. This training showed examples of how agencies are reducing roundabout costs to receive higher benefit cost ratios for Highway Safety Improvement Program applications. HSIP Cycle 13 announcement is expected this May. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri shared CalRecycle staff reached out to Kern COG and wanted to know if any of our member agencies would be interested in a presentation about the Rubberize Pavement Grant Program.
- H. Ms. Invina-Jayasiri announced May is Bike Month and shared CommuteKern's promotion

X. MEMBER ITEMS

- A. Caltrans Report by Mr. Duran:
 - 1. Anticipated award announcements for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants this month. In addition, headquarters will be holding workshops on May 12 and May 14 for stakeholder input into the planning grant guidelines
 - 2. Safe Streets and Roads for All NOFO is out. If agencies are planning to apply and would like a Caltrans letter of support, please reach out to Mr. Duran.
 - 3. There are two federal rail program NOFOs available - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program, and Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
 - 4. Caltrans staff will be in Delano on Monday, May 18th for presentation to the City Council on the State Route 155 rehab project
 - 5. Invitation for the District 6th Annual Workers Memorial Ceremony, on Tuesday, May 12th at the District 6 office in Fresno

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2026.



IV TTAC

June 3, 2026

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Item: IV.

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

DESCRIPTION:

Kern Council of Governments has completed the KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study, a countywide assessment of goods movement needs, climate vulnerability, economic opportunities, and recommended transportation investments worth \$3.15 billion in current dollars. The final draft study report is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>.

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 that reduce impacts on local and disadvantaged communities while maximizing co-benefits countywide.

The study evaluates countywide freight demand, climate vulnerabilities, high-risk corridors, and priority transportation improvements to support safety, resiliency, and economic development. The study developed concepts for 12 different tranches of projects that are referred to as “phases” or “corridors” throughout the county worth more than \$3.15 Billion in current dollars.

Key Findings:

Climate vulnerability findings indicate that over 50% of transportation assets are exposed to heat, wildfire, flooding, or landslide risks. High-risk corridors include I-5 through the Grapevine, SR-99, SR-155, SR-178, SR-58, and transportation assets near Tehachapi Pass.

Freight analysis shows strong economic dependence, with inland port scenarios creating up to 48,454 jobs and generating \$16B in annual output.

Priority Project Portfolio and Cost Summary:

The Study identifies 12 major corridor/phase programs totaling \$3.15B in current dollars and \$4.64B in escalated 2035 dollars.

PHASE No.	PROJECT PHASE DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COST	ESCALATED COST (2035)
1	Arvin/Maricopa/Taft Greenpass Network	\$608,400,000	\$902,050,000
2	SR 58 Tehachapi Grade Improvements	\$661,150,000	\$978,500,000
3	Delano/McFarland and Greenpass Network	\$171,770,000	\$254,730,000
4	I-5 Grapevine Improvements	\$176,950,000	\$261,600,000
5	Lamont/SE Bakersfield Greenpass Network	\$280,000,000	\$414,050,000
6	US 395 Goods Movement/Safety Improvements	\$168,200,000	\$249,200,000
7	NW Bakersfield Greenpass Network	\$415,800,000	\$585,500,000
8	Rosamond Greenpass Network	\$128,350,000	\$190,400,000
9	SR 33/7th Standard Rd Safety Improvements	\$382,650,000	\$565,450,000
10	SR 58/Stockdale Hwy Connection to I-5 Safety Corridor Improvements	\$51,450,000	\$76,200,000
11	Wasco AV/HSR Frontage Rd	\$53,400,000	\$79,100,000
12	California City Blvd Extension to EAFB North Gate Safety Corridor	\$55,750,000	\$82,500,000
GRAND TOTAL =		\$3,153,870,000	\$4,639,280,000
* Assumes escalation of 4% per year. No Adjustments in escalation for time between design and construction were made.			

The study recommends member jurisdictions incorporate the study and project corridors into their General Plan Circulation Elements in alignment with AB 98 and SB 415 requirements to include heavy-duty truck routes in their General Plan Circulation Elements.

The study included two rounds of extensive public engagement, totaling 13 public workshops held at multiple locations across Kern County between 2024 and 2026, with no fewer than 92 participants. Kern COG also issued an open invitation to meet individually with member agencies, resulting in separate meetings with staff from Shafter, McFarland, Bakersfield, and Kern County.

The draft study was released for public review on April 1, 2026, with comments accepted through May 6. A public workshop on the draft was also held on May 6. The final Study will be incorporated into and strengthen future Regional Transportation Plans.

ACTION:

1. Recommend that the TPPC receive and file the Final KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study; 2. Recommend that the TPPC adopt a resolution requesting member agencies integrate study recommendations into their General Plan Circulation Elements. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Attachments: Response to comments.

Kern COG KARGO Study - Agency Comments

City of Taft

1. They would like us to add some passing lane projects on 119. Please insert these projects in the Final KARGO Study as part of the Arvin Greenpass project. They have corresponding projects in the RTP unconstrained table 5.2 but the prices are for full widenings. Please prepare a quick cost estimate for these two passing lane projects and include in the final KARGO study. The projects will remain in the unconstrained portion of the RTP.
Phase 1.6 and 1.7 now includes passing lanes, shown in map (Chapter 5) and exhibits and cost estimates (Appendix).

City of Shafter

1. Table 2-1 (pg. 21)
 - a. It looks like some projects are listed twice. (ex 7th Standard Road/I-5 Airport Dr., Sante Fe Way, Burbank-Rosedale Hwy).
Projects are listed twice due to different types of improvement. Table revisions made to combined projects with same name.
 - b. Please verify they are not the same projects and adjust descriptions as needed.
Projects are listed twice due to different types of improvement. Table revisions made to combined projects with same name.
 - c. Sante Fe Way is spelled wrong should be Santa Fe Way
Text revision.
 - d. Shafter is spelled wrong on Number 55 (Shaffter)
Text revision.
2. Table 2-2 (pg 23)
 - a. Check Spelling of Santa Fe way
Text revision.
3. Table 2-4 (pg 27)
 - a. Why is 7th Standard on this again, does it fall in the eastern Kern Region?
Projects are listed twice due to different types of improvement. Table revisions made to combined projects with same name.
4. Pg 55 needs to be rotated in the pdf
Format revision.

5. Table 4-1

- a. Why is Merced Ave expressway on the NW Bakersfield Green pass Network

Merced Ave is a safety rehab along Merced Ave. Phase 13.7 is a bridge that will allow Merced Ave to connect to Cherry Ave as part of the NW Bakersfield network. Both are in the same area of Bakersfield.

- b. Why is Lerdo Hwy on the ST 33/7th Standard Rd corridor

Lerdo Hwy is included in the 7th Std Rd because it is part of the proposed resiliency route connecting 33 to Cherry Ave, via Lerdo to Rowlee and/or Main Drain Rd to 7th Std.

Caltrans District 6

Questions via General Comments on page 3

1. On page 20 (Figure 2-1) What criteria were used for determining the feasibility of potential inland port site locations?
Potential inland port locations were provided based on Kern COG's stakeholder engagement process, which included feedback from key industry representatives and local developers.
2. On page 23 (Table 2-2) What funding opportunities will be projected in funding the ongoing maintenance of proposed future truck routes?
Funding opportunities are detailed in Phase II KARGO Study and include strategies such as economic improvement districts, developer mitigation, etc.
3. On page 47 (Truck Parking Analysis) Does the study report show any locations for future truck parking locations? Expanding and enhancing truck parking facilities is a very important freight issue in California.
Specific locations for truck parking were not identified as part of this Study, only the need or demand was analyzed.
4. Page 52/53 (Community Context) The blue font is bold on page 52 but not bold on page 53.
Formatting revision.
5. Please note that Work Element (WE) 605.2 Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operation (KARGO) Climate-Change Adaptation Mitigation Study (C-CAMS)
Added reference to OWP after the cover page.

Caltrans District 9

1. Table 2-4: Searles- not Seales
Text revision
2. Page 36: None of the D09 culverts are listed
Culverts are listed in the Appendix.
3. Page 39: SR 58 mudslides not accounted for

Mudslide risk (especially SR 58) is addressed in the report through text, visuals, and cost acknowledgment so it holds up during adoption.

4. Page 47: Great visualization

No changes requested.

5. Page 83: Why is the ranking different from the total score -- i.e. the highest score would have the highest rank? The SR 14/Purdy Rd interchange project is missing from Table 4-1.

The lower scores indicate a higher need or priority.

SR 14/Purdy Road received higher scores, indicating a lower need or priority, therefore grouped in future projects category.

6. Page 85: Why no scores? (Phase 6.2 US 365/China Lk Bl Interchange)

Project was included upon robust community engagement, and was identified by stakeholders after the project prioritization was conducted.

7. Page 106: My question once again - Once the trucks get to Tehachapi Willow Springs road, there is still a two lane highway between SR 58 and the north end of Rosamond Green- Pass Network. Why is the upgrade of Tehachapi Willow Springs to four lanes not included in this project?

Rosamond Green-pass Network is intended to provide a secondary route crossing the railroad/highway within Rosamond to maintain connection to Edwards Air Force Base. Truck demand analysis was not conducted along Tehachapi Willow Springs road.



June 3, 2026

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Item: V.

ACCESS FOR ALL PROGRAM: LOCAL ACCESS FUND ADMINISTRATOR

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. Kern COG is estimated to receive approximately \$500,000 annually in Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) funds for elderly/disabled transit from a new Uber/Lyft tax.

DISCUSSION:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or the Commission) created the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All Program to implement Senate Bill (SB) 1376 (Hill: 2018), which directed the Commission to establish a program to address the accessibility of TNC services for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users who need a wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV).

The program is funded by a \$0.10 fee collected from every TNC trip and is redistributed to each MPO region to develop programs that incentivize the expansion of on-demand transportation services for people with disabilities including wheelchair accessible vehicles/rides.

Background –

Local Access Fund Administrators (LAFAs) are required to:

- Maintain a webpage and include information on SB1376 and Access Provider Application Process
- Make a good faith effort to reach out to the local disability community to get their input during the planning process of the Local Access Fund Administrators program.
- Screen applications based on the eligibility requirements outlined in the “Eligibility Requirements for Access Providers” and “TNCs as Access Providers”
- Establish a process for Access Provider competitive solicitation

- Contract with Access Providers
- Develop a process to collect the required data from Access Providers
- Submit Consolidated Quarterly Report
- Submit annual and other quarterly reports to ensure that progress is made toward the broader goals and objectives of the program and SB 1376

Funds would be available to the MPOs by September 30, 2026. If approved by the Board to be the Access Fund Administrator, Kern COG would proceed with developing a program that meets the grant requirements. All funds must be obligated by July 2027 and expended by June 2028. Kern COG is allowed 15% for administration of the program.

Should Kern COG decline to serve as the fund administrator, the CPUC would solicit a statewide administrator to oversee the program. All funds generated from the Kern County would have to be allocated to providers servicing Kern County. Any unused funding would be carried over to the next year.

Kern COG recognizes that due to the complex required reporting criteria, operational infrastructure capabilities, safety/driver training requirements, and insurance coverages, it would require partnerships with implementation agencies who currently have procedures in place to meet the program criteria. Kern COG discussed the potential funding from this program with rural and urban transit providers and has determined that the funds may be utilized to further support existing services to the disabled community to expand wheelchair accessible trips with a social services emphasis. Kern COG staff will work with our existing service providers to help determine a fair, low-overhead method of distributing this new funding source.

On March 26, 2026, Kern COG submitted an application to the CPUC to become a LAFA. On July 2, the CPUC expects to award Kern COG to be a LAFA. The CPUC needs a signed resolution from Kern COG by July 16, 2026. Since Kern COG may not meet in July, the CPUC allowed for a resolution to be signed in June 2026. The resolution is derived from a template from the CPUC.

For any questions regarding this program, please contact Ed Flickinger at eflickinger@kerncog.org.

ACTION: Recommend the Kern COG board approve Resolution 26-22 authorizing the execution of the certification to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator for the Access for All Program for the County of Kern.

Attachments:

- 1) Resolution 26-22

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-22

In the matter of:

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATION TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL ACCESS FUND ADMINISTRATOR (LAFA) FOR THE ACCESS FOR ALL PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

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

WHEREAS, Kern COG is an eligible Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Regional Transportation Planning Agency and may receive state funding from the Access For All Program to develop a local program to expand on-demand wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional administering agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1376 (2018) designated the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) as the administrative agency for the Access For All Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has developed the Access for All Program Overview & Requirements for Access Fund Administrators (AFAs), for the purpose of selecting Local AFAs (LAFAs), and administering and distributing Access Funds to eligible local Access Providers of on-demand WAV transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to execute required documents and any amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Kern COG as the Access Fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification document and applicable statutes, regulations, and Program Requirements for the Access for All Program.
2. The Kern COG Executive Director or designee be authorized to execute all required documents of the Program and any amendments thereto with the Commission.
3. Hereby authorizes the Kern Council of Governments to serve as the LAFA of the Access for All Program for the County of Kern.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Bob Smith, Chair
Kern Council of Governments

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of Kern Council of Governments duly authorized at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 18th day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

John Schlosser, Executive Director



June 3, 2026

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Item: VI.

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE –
MONITORING PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

This is the annual project status report.

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.kerncoq.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.

Updates to Table 12-1 Kern Region Prioritized Project List were due May 22nd. No updates were received.

ACTION: Information.

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VII TTAC

June 3, 2026

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory 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
Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri, Regional Planner
Vincent Liu, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Item: VII.

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

DESCRIPTION:

The public review period for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan; Environmental Impact Report; 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis ends at 5 PM July 2, 2026. All draft documents are available at www.kerncog.org.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 375, Kern COG is required to conduct at least two public hearings on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that contains the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). If feasible the public hearings are to be conducted in different parts of the region to maximize the opportunity for participation by members of the public. The first of two public hearings scheduled within the Kern region was held at the City of Tehachapi Council meeting, 220 West C Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561 at 6 PM on June 1, 2026. The second public hearing will be held at Kern Council of Governments, 1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301 at 6:30 P.M. on June 18, 2026.

The Draft 2026 RTP is a long-term blueprint for transportation projects. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the RTP contains a summary of alternatives considered. The Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a near-term list of transportation projects. The Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis demonstrates that both the near- and long-term project lists will not delay the region’s efforts to improve the air. A 55-day public review period is being held for the RTP/SCS. A 45-day public review period is being held for the EIR. A 30-day public review period is being held for the FTIP and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis documents. A summary of public comments received will be incorporated into the final documentation as appropriate. Final consideration of all documents is scheduled for August 20, 2026, during the Kern COG Board meeting.

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 documents are available at www.kerncog.org.

ACTION: Information.



VIII
TTAC

June 3, 2026

TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Item: VIII

KERN COG SENATE BILL NO. 1 TRANSIT- CALTRANS STATE OF GOOD
REPAIR ALLOCATION ESTIMATE

DESCRIPTION:

Caltrans State of Good Repair (SGR) Transit Program allocates annual funds from Senate Bill No.1 legislation to the Kern region. The **estimated** SGR allocation for fiscal year 2026-27 is \$1,745,717.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG staff is publishing Caltrans' SGR FY 2026-27 estimated annual apportionment initiated by Caltrans State of Good Repair (SGR) Transit Program staff totaling \$1,745,717. Kern COG SGR policy will allow an even-year allocation of \$164,578 to the cities of Arvin, California City, Delano, Tehachapi and Wasco per Kern COG SGR Policy. Caltrans expects to open the CalSmart website for the FY 2026-27 Kern region program of projects and project entry between late July and beginning of August 2026.

In FY 22/23 Golden Empire Transit District (GET) transferred its "50 percent" apportionment to the City Tehachapi. In return the City of Tehachapi will transfer its FY 26-27 "50 percent" apportionment to GET to complete the exchange.

Kern COG staff has prepared a preliminary SGR apportionment schedule (See below) for the Kern region to ensure this year's SGR projects are funded. The schedule also reflects the planned fund transfer between GET and the City of Tehachapi.

Agency	99313	50 percent	99314	Total Apportionment
Arvin	\$17,585	\$164,578	\$767	\$182,930
California City	\$11,674	\$164,578	\$318	\$176,570
Delano	\$46,535	\$164,578	\$3,451	\$214,564
GET	\$508,326	\$164,578	\$72,636	\$745,540
Kern Transit	\$139,255	\$0	\$14,753	\$154,008
McFarland	\$12,734	\$0	\$149	\$12,883
Ridgecrest	\$25,441	\$0	\$1,966	\$27,407
Shafter	\$21,804	\$0	\$711	\$22,515
Taft	\$6,126	\$0	\$4,447	\$10,573
Tehachapi	\$10,482	Transferred to GET	\$349	\$10,831
Wasco	\$22,925	\$164,578	\$393	\$187,896
Region Total	\$822,887	\$822,890	\$99,940	\$1,745,717

The State Controller's Office provides the January and August (pending) estimates. These amounts are estimates only and the amount of FY 26/27 SGR funding to be realized may be different.

Member agencies are requested to submit proposed SGR project descriptions for FY 2026-27 to Kern COG staff no later Monday, June 15, 2026.

Caltrans requires Kern COG to submit a Kern COG Board adopted resolution that supports the Kern region SGR Program of Projects (POP). Caltrans SGR eligible applicants are required to complete an SGR Project Submittal List in Caltrans' CalSmart online reporting tool (<https://calsmart.dot.ca.gov>).

Please contact Irene Enriquez at 661-635-2918 or email ienriquez@kerncog.org for any questions or additional information.

ACTION: Information.

Attachments: SCO Kern Region SGR Allocation Estimate for FY 2026-27
FY 26-27 SGR Draft Apportionment and POP

State Controller's Office

State of Good Repair

Allocation Detail of State of Good Repair Program Allocation Amount Based on Public Utilities Code (PUC) section 99313 pursuant to PUC section 99312.1(c).

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Estimate

For assistance, please contact Lucas Rasmussen at 916-323-1374 or at LRasmussen@sco.ca.gov.

County	Amount Based on PUC section 99313 Amount
Kern Council of Governments (Kern County Treasurer)	\$1,645,777.00

State Controller's Office

State of Good Repair

**Allocation Detail of State of Good Repair Program Allocation Amount
Based on Public Utilities Code (PUC) section 99314 Pursuant to PUC
section 99312.1(c).**

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Estimate

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Regional Entity and Operator(s)	Revenue Basis	PUC section 99314 Amount
Kern Council of Governments	blank text	blank text
City of Arvin	\$62,152	\$767.00
City of California City	\$25,760	\$318.00
City of Delano	\$279,451	\$3,451.00
Golden Empire Transit District	\$5,882,508	\$72,636.00
County of Kern	\$1,194,767	\$14,753.00
City of McFarland	\$12,106	\$149.00
City of Ridgecrest	\$159,250	\$1,966.00
City of Shafter	\$57,568	\$711.00
City of Taft	\$360,169	\$4,447.00
City of Tehachapi	\$28,252	\$349.00
City of Wasco	\$31,839	\$393.00
Regional Entity Totals	\$8,093,822	\$99,940.00

FY 2026/2027 State of Good Repair Draft Apportionment Estimate & Program of Projects

Agency	Project Description	99313	99314	Total Apportionment
Arvin		\$182,163	\$767	\$182,930
California City		\$176,252	\$318	\$176,570
Delano		\$211,113	\$3,451	\$214,564
GET		\$672,904	\$72,636	\$745,540
Kern Transit		\$139,255	\$14,753	\$154,008
McFarland		\$12,734	\$149	\$12,883
Ridgecrest		\$25,441	\$1,966	\$27,407
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Tehachapi		\$10,482.00	\$349	\$10,831
Wasco		\$187,503	\$393	\$187,896
Regional Totals		\$1,645,777.00	\$99,940	\$1,745,717

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IX
TTAC

June 03, 2026

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Angelica Banuelos, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Item: IX.

FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – KERN COUNTY

DESCRIPTION:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for County of Kern (\$11,452,122).

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 claim by the May 22, 2026, TTAC agenda deadline:

<u>Claimants</u>	<u>LTF</u>	<u>STAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FY 2025-26 Public Transit County of Kern	\$9,787,564	\$1,664,558	\$11,452,122
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Regional Claims Total	\$9,787,564	\$1,664,558	\$11,452,122

This claim has 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.

ACTION: Review FY 25-26 TDA Public Transit claim for County of Kern and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE.



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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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¡Acompáñanos y comparte tu opinión!

El periodo de comentarios públicos sobre el Borrador del Plan Regional de Transporte/Estrategia de Comunidades Sostenibles (RTP/SCS) 2026 comienza el 8 de mayo de 2026. El personal del Kern COG presentará información sobre el RTP/SCS en las reuniones de los concejos municipales locales y en la reunión de Supervisores del Condado de Kern. También, se llevarán a cabo audiencias públicas en Tehachapi y Bakersfield.

FECHA	UBICACIÓN
12 de mayo a las 5:00 p. m.	Reunión del Consejo de California City
12 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Maricopa
13 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de McFarland
18 de mayo a las 5:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Delano
19 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Shafter
19 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Taft
19 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Wasco
20 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Ridgecrest
26 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Arvin
1 de junio a las 6:00 p. m.	*Reunión de Consejo de Tehachapi
16 de junio a las 2:00 p. m.	Reunión de Supervisores del Condado de Kern
18 de junio a las 6:30 p. m.	*Reunión del Comité de Políticas de Planificación del Transporte de Kern COG
24 de junio a las 3:30 p. m.	Reunión de Consejo de Bakersfield

**Audiencias Públicas*

Fechas importantes:

8 de mayo	Comienza el periodo de revisión pública de 55 días para el Borrador del RTP/SCS 2026
18 de mayo	Comienza el periodo de revisión pública de 45 días para el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental del RTP/SCS 2026
1 de junio	Comienza el periodo de revisión pública de 30 días para el Borrador del Programa Federal de Mejoras al Transporte (FTIP) 2027 y el Borrador del Análisis de Conformidad de la Calidad del Aire
2 de julio	Finaliza el periodo de revisión pública para todos los documentos



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