

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION

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

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I. ROLL CALL:

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. ROLL CALL VOTE.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 21, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. CONCURRENCE IN ACTIONS OF TPPC

C. LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE:

The State Clearinghouse (SCH) notifies state and local elected officials and agencies and the public of the grant applications through the Submissions page of the Office of Planning and Research Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs website email and via email notifications to registered users of the website. This notification process allows elected officials and agencies and the public the opportunity to review applications and the option to comment or collaborate on a particular application. Since the SCH does not receive a complete copy of the federal assistance full proposal or budget, any person wishing to review a proposal further must contact the applicant directly for more information. Kern COG takes no position on any of the projects presented but provides the information for public consideration only.

1. **Applicant:** City of Delano
Address: 1015 11th Avenue
Delano, CA 93215-2262
Contact: Brandon Rodriguez
Telephone: (661) 720-2219
Email: brodriguez@cityofdelano.org

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Funding Opportunity Number: DOT-SS4A-FY26-01
Title: USDOT FY26 Safe Streets And Roads For All Project
Description: Delano Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Federal Funds: \$280,000.00
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$70,000
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$350,000.00

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

Federal Agency: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.423
Funding Opportunity Number: DOL-OESE-33914
Title: Supporting Effective Educator Development 84.423A
Description: ELEVATE-AI: Enhancing Leadership, Evaluation, Vision, and Training for AI

Federal Funds: \$1,207,912.00

State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$419,291.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$1,627,203.00

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

Federal Agency: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.141
Funding Opportunity Number: DOL-OESE-34092
Title: High School Equivalency Program 81.141A
Description: CSU Bakersfield HEP Program 2026-31

Federal Funds: \$2,748,831.00
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$2,748,831.00

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

Federal Agency: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.149
Funding Opportunity Number: DOL-OESE-34111
Title: College Assistance Migrant Program 84.149A
Description: CSU Bakersfield CAMP Program 2026-31

Federal Funds: \$2,749,099.00
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$2,749,099.00

5. **Applicant:** Kern Council of Governments
Address: 1401 19th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4400
Contact: Irene Enriquez
Telephone: (661) 635-2918
Email: ienriquez@kerncog.org

Federal Agency: DOT – Federal Railroad Administration

Assistance Listing Number: 20.327
Funding Opportunity Number: FR-RCE-26-001
Title: FY 25-26 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program
Description: Cherry Avenue, Kratzmeyer Road, and Renfro Road Grade Separations Project

Federal Funds: \$135,816,000.00
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$0.00
Local: \$26,154,000.00
Other: \$7,800,000.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$169,770,000.00

6. **Applicant:** Semitropic Elementary School District
Address: 25300 Highway 46
Wasco, CA 93280-9540
Contact: Wendy Castenada-Leal
Telephone: (661) 758-6412
Email: wcastanedaleal@semitropicschool.org

Federal Agency: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.215
Funding Opportunity Number: DOL-OESE-33831
Title: Innovative Approaches to Literacy 84.215G
Description: Kern Rural Reading Partnership

Federal Funds: \$3,054,098.00
State Funds: \$6,282,090.00
Applicant: \$0.00
Local: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$9,336,188.00

7. **Applicant:** Kern County Superintendent of Schools
Address: 1300 17th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4504
Contact: Robin Woodward
Telephone: (661) 636-4687
Email: rowoodward@kern.org

Federal Agency: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.374
Funding Opportunity Number: DOL-OESE-33844
Title: Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants (formerly the Teacher Initiative Fund)
Description: California Rural Talent Systems Initiative

Federal Funds: \$6,368,018.85
State Funds: \$176,610.44
Applicant: \$2,458,170.56
Local: \$0.00
Other: \$549,228.43
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$9,552,028.28

D. FINAL SALARY SCHEDULE IN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN (Sanchez)

Comment: This item is a document correction only and represents no monetary change to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 adopted Financial Plan (Budget) or to Resolution No. 26-20 signed on May 21, 2026. It is replacing the previous draft salary schedule in the Annual Financial Plan document with the final version that aligns with the Board's action on May 21, 2026.

Action: Receive and File.

E. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ACTING AS THE KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY, AND THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD FOR SAFTY- RELATED HAZARD AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS (Sanchez)

Comment: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County for up to \$225,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield; and authorize Chair to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ACTING AS THE KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY, AND THE COUNTY OF KERN FOR SAFTY- RELATED HAZARD AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS (Sanchez)

Comment: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County for up to \$75,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern; and authorize Chair to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE

G. 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 \$500,000 Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) funds for elderly/disabled transit from the new Uber/Lyft tax. This item was reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).

Action: Authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-22. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

IV. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

V. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Timeline

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS: On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

IX. CLOSED SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be July 16, 2026 (may be dark).

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2026

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

THURSDAY
MAY 21, 2026
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:10 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: B. Smith, P. Smith, C. Parlier, O. Calderon, M. Hawkins, C. Prout, S. Gorman

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: M. Warney, C. Parra, A. Williams, P. Vallejo

Members Absent: B. Osorio, C. Morse, S. Ayon, D. Noerr, G. Reyna, D. Couch

Others: Jason Cater, Bryan Godbe, Norm Witt

Staff: R. Invina-Jayasiri, C. Valle, R. Ball, B. Raymond, R. Pacheco, I. Enriquez, S. Brar, K. Rivera (KC Counsel), J. Schlosser, S. Sanchez (online), M. Heimer, K. Davisson, M. Saberon Ybarra, F. Montalvo (online), A. Banuelos (online)

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None.

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 16, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. CONCURRENCE IN ACTIONS OF TPPC

C. LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE:

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wishing to review a proposal further must contact the applicant directly for more information. Kern COG takes no position on any of the projects presented but provides the information for public consideration only.

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

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

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

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

Federal Agency: Office of Postsecondary Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.044
Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANT-26-022
Title: Talent Search Program
Description: CSUB TRIO Talent Search Program 2026-2031
Federal Funds: \$5,000,000.00
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$5,000,000.00

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE MADE NOR WAS THERE A MEMBER WISHING TO PULL ANY ITEM OFF OF CONSENT. MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. Smith TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH C, SECOND BY DIRECTOR O. Calderon, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KERN COG AND REAP 2.0 SUB-RECIPIENTS: CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, CITY OF WASCO, KERN COMMUNITY

COLLEGE DISTRICT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY OF ARVIN (Davisson)

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

No Comments. Motion: O. Calderon; Second: M. Hawkins. Approved.

V. 2026 COMMUNITY SURVEY FINAL REPORT (Raymond)

Action: Information.

No Comments.

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

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

No Comments. Motion: O. Calderon; Second: M. Hawkins. Approved.

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

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

No Comments. Motion: O. Calderon; Second: P. Smith. Approved.

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

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

No Comments. Motion: O. Calderon; Second: P. Smith. Approved.

IX. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

X. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

XI. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Schlosser made the following comments:

- Timeline
- Completed 9 Council/Board Visits to introduce the RTP/EIR/SCS/FTIP/Conformity adoption. 4 Additional expected in June
- Report on KTF Conference 5/13
- Board Folder Items

XIII. **MEMBER STATEMENTS:** None.

XIV. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – June 18, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 05/21/2026



III.D. COG

June 18, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Stephan Sanchez
Deputy Director – Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: III.D.
FINAL SALARY SCHEDULE IN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FISCAL
YEAR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN

DESCRIPTION: This item is a document correction only and represents no monetary change to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 adopted Financial Plan (Budget) or to Resolution No. 26-20 signed on May 21, 2026. It is replacing the previous draft salary schedule in the Annual Financial Plan document with the final version that aligns with the Board's action on May 21, 2026.

DISCUSSION: Attached is a corrected version of the Kern COG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan. This version corrects the section titled "Position Classification & Salary Schedule" on page 13 of the Annual Financial Plan document and supersedes the version previously reviewed and adopted during the Kern COG Board meeting on May 21, 2026. All other sections and pages of the Annual Financial Plan document remain the same and no monetary changes were made to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan (Budget). Resolution No. 26-20 signed on May 21, 2026, still remains in effect.

For a more detailed list of the proposed total revenues and expenditures in the Kern COG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Financial Plan.

ACTION: Receive and file

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-20
<https://www.kerncog.org/owp-financial-plans/>

Kern Council of Governments
ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

CHAIR

Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield

VICE-CHAIR

Philip Smith, City of Tehachapi

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBMITTED BY:
Jay Schlosser
Executive Director
May 21, 2026

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



May 21, 2026

The Honorable Board of Directors
Kern Council of Governments

Dear Chairman and Board:

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

REVENUES

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

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

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

EXPENDITURES

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

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

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

PROGRAMS

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

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

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Schlosser", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Kern Council of Governments

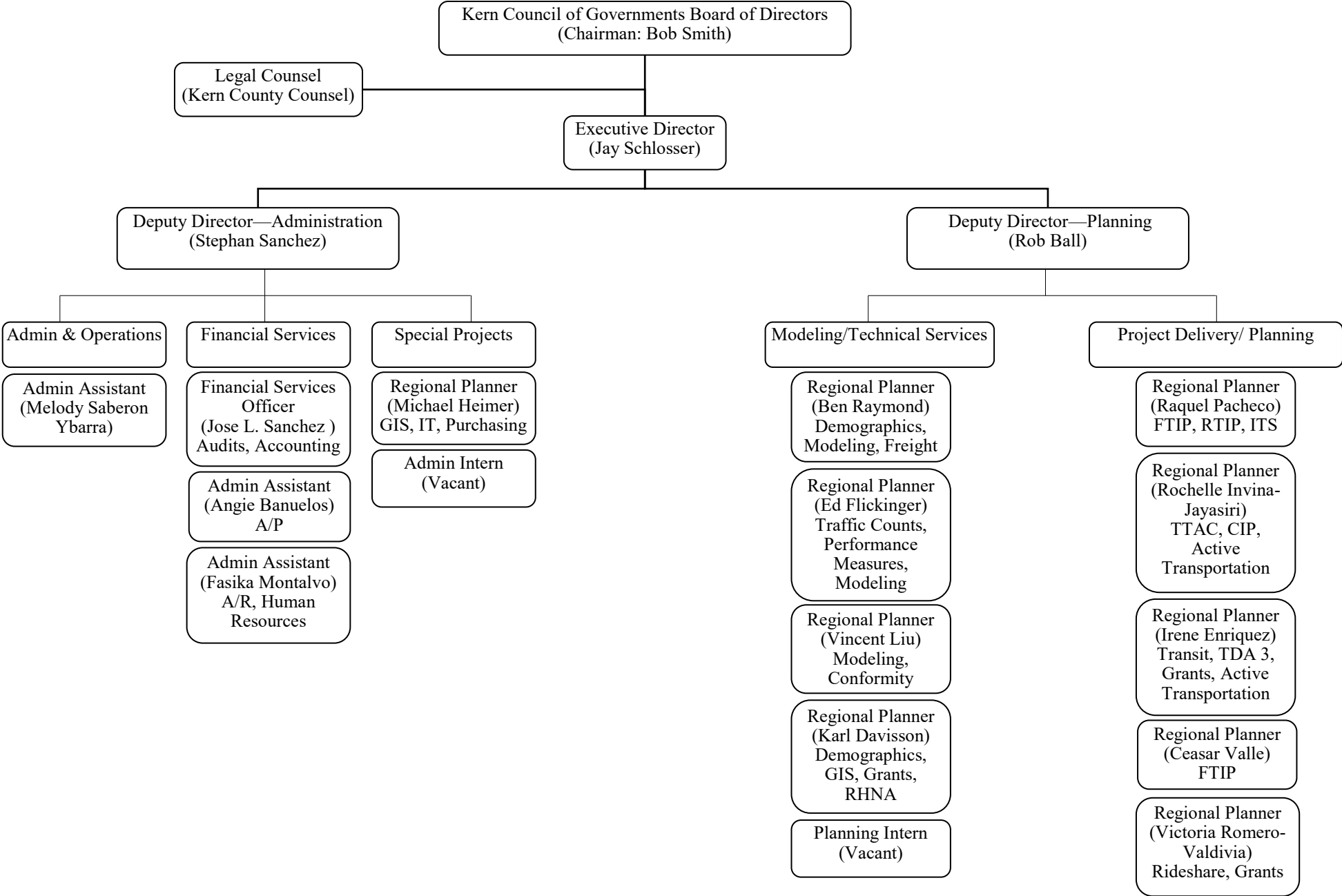
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUNCTIONS

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

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

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

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



Kern Council of Governments

STAFF ALLOCATION
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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

Full-Time Positions: 17
Part-Time Positions: 2

Kern Council of Governments

STAFF

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

POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
POSITION CLASSIFICATION & SALARY SCHEDULE

Bi-weekly Pay

(rev. 05/21/2026)

Position/Class	Deputy Director Administration	Deputy Director Planning	Financial Services Officer	Regional Planner	Administrative Assistant	Executive Secretary	Office Services Specialist	Planning/Admin Intern	Proposed Per Hour
1	\$ 4,287.83	\$ 4,287.83	\$ 3,712.31	\$ 2,415.34	\$ 2,341.35	\$ 1,885.77	\$ 1,419.96	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 21.00
2	\$ 4,395.03	\$ 4,395.03	\$ 3,805.11	\$ 2,475.72	\$ 2,399.89	\$ 1,932.91	\$ 1,455.46	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 21.53
3	\$ 4,504.90	\$ 4,504.90	\$ 3,900.24	\$ 2,537.61	\$ 2,459.88	\$ 1,981.24	\$ 1,491.84	\$ 1,765.05	\$ 22.06
4	\$ 4,617.53	\$ 4,617.53	\$ 3,997.75	\$ 2,601.05	\$ 2,521.38	\$ 2,030.77	\$ 1,529.14	\$ 1,809.18	\$ 22.61
5	\$ 4,732.96	\$ 4,732.96	\$ 4,097.69	\$ 2,666.08	\$ 2,584.42	\$ 2,081.54	\$ 1,567.37	\$ 1,854.41	\$ 23.18
6	\$ 4,851.29	\$ 4,851.29	\$ 4,200.13	\$ 2,732.73	\$ 2,649.03	\$ 2,133.57	\$ 1,606.55	\$ 1,900.77	\$ 23.76
7	\$ 4,972.57	\$ 4,972.57	\$ 4,305.14	\$ 2,801.05	\$ 2,715.25	\$ 2,186.91	\$ 1,646.71	\$ 1,948.28	\$ 24.35
8	\$ 5,096.89	\$ 5,096.89	\$ 4,412.77	\$ 2,871.08	\$ 2,783.13	\$ 2,241.59	\$ 1,687.88	\$ 1,996.99	\$ 24.96
9	\$ 5,224.31	\$ 5,224.31	\$ 4,523.08	\$ 2,942.85	\$ 2,852.71	\$ 2,297.63	\$ 1,730.08	\$ 2,046.92	\$ 25.59
10	\$ 5,354.92	\$ 5,354.92	\$ 4,636.16	\$ 3,016.42	\$ 2,924.03	\$ 2,355.07	\$ 1,773.33	\$ 2,098.09	\$ 26.23
11	\$ 5,488.79	\$ 5,488.79	\$ 4,752.07	\$ 3,091.83	\$ 2,997.13	\$ 2,413.94	\$ 1,817.67	\$ 2,150.54	\$ 26.88
12	\$ 5,626.01	\$ 5,626.01	\$ 4,870.87	\$ 3,169.13	\$ 3,072.06	\$ 2,474.29	\$ 1,863.11	\$ 2,204.31	\$ 27.55
13				\$ 3,248.36	\$ 3,148.86				
14				\$ 3,329.57	\$ 3,227.58				
15				\$ 3,412.81	\$ 3,308.27				
16				\$ 3,498.13	\$ 3,390.98				
17				\$ 3,585.58	\$ 3,475.75				
18				\$ 3,675.22	\$ 3,562.65				
19				\$ 3,767.10	\$ 3,651.71				
20				\$ 3,861.28	\$ 3,743.00				
21				\$ 3,957.81	\$ 3,836.58				
22				\$ 4,056.75	\$ 3,932.49				
23				\$ 4,158.17	\$ 4,030.81				
24				\$ 4,262.13	\$ 4,131.58				
25				\$ 4,368.68	\$ 4,234.87				
26				\$ 4,477.90	\$ 4,340.74				
27				\$ 4,589.85	\$ 4,449.26				

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

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – BUDGET REVIEW SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL PLAN SUMMARY

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

Revised: May 12, 2026

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

Footnotes:

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

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

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

REVENUE SUMMARY

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

Revised: May 12, 2026

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

PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

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

(Revision Date: May 11, 2026)

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

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

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

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

SERVICES AND SUPPLIES EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

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

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

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

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

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

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

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III.E. COG

June 18, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Stephan Sanchez
Deputy Director – Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: III.E.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ACTING AS THE KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY, AND THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD FOR SAFETY- RELATED HAZARD AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS

DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County for up to \$225,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

DISCUSSION: This Agreement benefits the City of Bakersfield, as it grants an opportunity for the City of Bakersfield to partner with local Non-Profit Organizations (NPO's) to carry out the contract for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways, providing additional employment opportunities for residents within the City of Bakersfield, while also maintaining state highways clear of debris.

Attached for the Board's consideration is an Agreement between the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), acting as Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA), and the City of Bakersfield to contribute up to \$225,000 in motorist aid funds for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal from the state highways throughout the City of Bakersfield. This year's Agreement amount of up to \$225,000 is similar to the prior year's Agreement. The City of Bakersfield continues to be a valuable partner in highway safety and has expressed interest in continuing their state highway hazard and obstruction removal program.

ACTION: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield; and authorize Chair to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE

Attachments: Memorandum of Agreement between Kern COG, acting as KMAA, and the City of Bakersfield

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ACTING AS THE
KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY AND
THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**"), made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026 ("**Execution Date**"), is by and between the City of Bakersfield, a charter city and municipal corporation, ("**CITY** ") and Kern Council of Governments acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, a joint powers entity ("**KERN COG**"). City and Kern COG are referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

W I T N E S S E T H

- A. KERN COG adopted the FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan; and
- B. KERN COG acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority adopted a Financial Plan for operation and maintenance of a motorist aid system; and
- C. California Streets and Highways Code Section 2557(d) states that monies that exceed the amount needed for full implementation and ongoing costs to maintain and operate the motorist aid system, may be used for purposes of safety-related motorist aid projects; and
- D. Studies show that roadway hazards and obstructions, including litter and debris cause numerous accidents per year in North America; and
- E. The CITY has established a program for hazard and obstruction removal on state highways traversing the CITY; and
- F. KERN COG acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority is willing to provide funding to assist with hazard and obstruction removal on state highways traversing through the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. CITY shall be the lead agency for the operation of the hazard and obstruction removal program on state highways traversing through the CITY.
- 2. CITY, beginning July 1, 2026 shall submit a monthly invoice to KERN COG for funds to be used for hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County. The first invoice shall be dated after the Execution Date of this Agreement, and the final invoice shall be dated before July 26, 2027.
- 3. KERN COG shall provide CITY up to two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) from funds programmed in the Kern Motorist Aid Financial Plan to pay for costs incurred by CITY in hazard and obstruction removal on state highways traversing the CITY.
- 4. CITY shall provide a written monthly report to Kern COG on the amount of hazards and obstructions removed from state highways traversing the CITY.
- 5. The term of this Agreement shall be from the Execution Date through June 30, 2027.
- 6. Either Party may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement at any time by giving 30 days written notice to the other Party.
- 7. CITY shall indemnify, defend (upon written request of KERN COG) and save harmless KERN COG, its officers, agents and employees from any and all losses, damages, liability, claims or causes of action of every nature whatsoever for physical damage to or destruction

of property, including the property of KERN COG, or physical injury to or death of any person or persons, including KERN COG's officers, agents and employees, which may arise out of any act or omission of the CITY, its officers, agents, independent contractors or employees during the performance of this Agreement.

8. No waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach, or of such provision. Failure of either Party to enforce at any time, or from time-to-time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The remedies herein reserved shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies in law or equity.
9. Should any part, term, portion, or provision of this Agreement be finally decided to be in conflict with any law of the United States or the State of California, or otherwise be unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, portions, or provisions shall be deemed severable and shall not be affected thereby, provided such remaining portions or provisions can be construed in substance to constitute the agreement which the Parties intended to enter into in the first instance.
10. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force or effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing, signed by the party to be charged.
11. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed and interpreted under, and all respective rights and duties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of California.
12. Any notice or notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement may be personally served on the other Party by the Party giving such notice or may be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

TO KERN COG: John (Jay) Schlosser, Executive Director
 Kern Council of Governments
 1401 19th Street, Suite 300
 Bakersfield, California 93301

TO CITY: Zachary Meyer
 Public Works Department
 City of Bakersfield
 1501 Truxtun Avenue
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
13. The individual executing this Agreement on behalf of each Party warrants that he/she is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of their agency and that the agency will be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.
14. CITY acknowledges that CITY, and all subcontractors hired by CITY to perform services under this Agreement, are aware of and understand the Immigration Reform and Control Act ("IRCA"). CITY is and shall remain in compliance with the IRCA and shall ensure that any subcontractors hired by CITY to perform services under this Agreement are in compliance with the IRCA. In addition, CITY agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless KERN COG, its agents, officers and employees, from any liability, damages or causes of action arising out of or relating to any claims that CITY's employees, or the employees of any subcontractor hired by CITY, are not authorized to work in the United States for CITY or its subcontractor and/or any other claims based upon alleged IRCA violations committed by CITY or CITY's subcontractor(s).

15. CITY agrees to maintain and make available to KERN COG accurate books and records relative to all its activities under this Agreement. CITY shall permit KERN COG to audit, examine and make excerpts and transcripts from such records, and to conduct audits of all invoices, materials, and records of personnel or other data related to all other matters covered by this Agreement. CITY shall maintain such data and records in an accessible location and condition for a period of not less than three years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, or until after the conclusion of any audit, whichever occurs last. The State of California and/or any federal agency having an interest in the subject of this Agreement shall have the same rights conferred upon KERN COG herein.
16. CITY shall observe and comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations now in effect or hereafter enacted, each of which are hereby made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT to be executed by their respective officers and agents thereunto duly authorized as of the Execution Date.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

 Bob Smith, Chair
 "KERN COG"

 Karen Goh
 City of Bakersfield
 "CITY"

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

 John Schlosser, Executive Director
 Kern Council of Governments

 Zachary Meyer, Public Works Director
 City of Bakersfield Public Works Dept.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Brian Van Wyk,
 Deputy County Counsel
 For KERN COG

 Ashley Zambrano,
 Deputy City Attorney II
 City of Bakersfield

COUNTERSIGNED:

 Randy McKeegan
 Finance Director



III.F.
COG

June 18, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments
FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
By: Stephan Sanchez
Deputy Director – Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: III.F.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ACTING AS THE KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY, AND THE COUNTY OF KERN FOR SAFTY- RELATED HAZARD AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS

DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County for up to \$75,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

DISCUSSION: This Agreement benefits the County of Kern, as it grants an opportunity for Kern County to partner with local Non-Profit Organizations (NPO's) to carry out the contract for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways, providing additional employment opportunities for residents within Kern County, while also maintaining state highways clear of debris.

Attached for the Board's consideration is an Agreement between the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), acting as Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA), and the County of Kern to contribute \$75,000 in motorist aid funds for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal from the state highways throughout Kern County. This year's Agreement has been increased by \$25,000 over the prior year's Agreement. Kern County continues to be a valuable partner in highway safety and has expressed interest in continuing their state highway hazard and obstruction removal program.

ACTION: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern; and authorize Chair to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE

Attachments: Memorandum of Agreement between Kern COG, acting as KMAA, and the County of Kern

ventures, affiliates, successors, and assigns from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, demands, suits, losses, expenses, damages, fines, judgments, settlements, and penalties, including, without limitation, costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees incident thereto, arising out of or based upon contract damages, property damage, or bodily injury (including death at any time resulting there from) to any person, including the indemnifying party's employees, affiliates, or agents, occasioned by or in connection with (1) the indemnifying party's negligent performance of (or failure to perform) the contract duties hereunder; (2) a violation of any laws or any negligent act or omission by the indemnifying party's or its affiliates, subcontractors, agents or employees during the performance of the contract duties hereunder; or (3) a breach of this Agreement by the indemnifying party or any of its affiliates, subcontractors, agents, or employees. The aforesaid obligation of indemnity shall be construed so as to extend to all legal, defense and investigation costs, as well as all other reasonable costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by the party indemnified (including reasonable attorney's fees), from and after the time at which the party indemnified received notification (whether verbal or written) that a claim or demand is to be made or may be made. Both parties' obligations under this Section do not extend to any liability caused by the sole negligence of the other party. This Section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

8. No waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach, or of such provision. Failure of either Party to enforce at any time, or from time-to-time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The remedies herein reserved shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies in law or equity.
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12. Any notice or notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement may be personally served on the other Party by the Party giving such notice or may be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

TO KERN COG: John (Jay) Schlosser, Executive Director
 Kern Council of Governments
 1401 19th Street, Suite 300
 Bakersfield, California 93301

TO COUNTY: Kern County Public Works
 Attn: Denise Saucedo
 2700 M Street, Suite 400
 Bakersfield, CA 93301

13. The individual executing this Agreement on behalf of each Party warrants that he/she is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of their agency and that the agency will be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.
14. COUNTY acknowledges that COUNTY, and all subcontractors hired by COUNTY to perform services under this Agreement, are aware of and understand the Immigration Reform and Control Act ("**IRCA**"). COUNTY is and shall remain in compliance with the IRCA and shall ensure that any subcontractors hired by COUNTY to perform services under this Agreement are in compliance with the IRCA.
15. COUNTY agrees to maintain and make available to KERN COG accurate books and records relative to all its activities under this Agreement. COUNTY shall permit KERN COG to audit, examine, and make excerpts and transcripts from such records, and to conduct audits of all invoices, materials, and records of personnel or other data related to all other matters covered by this Agreement. COUNTY shall maintain such data and records in an accessible location and condition for a period of not less than three years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, or until after the conclusion of any audit, whichever occurs last. The State of California and/or any federal agency having an interest in the subject of this Agreement shall have the same rights conferred upon KERN COG herein.
16. COUNTY shall observe and comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations now in effect or hereafter enacted, each of which are hereby made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT to be executed by their respective officers and agents thereunto duly authorized as of the Execution Date.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

COUNTY OF KERN

Bob Smith, Chairman
"KERN COG"

COUNTY OF KERN
"COUNTY"

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

John Schlosser, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

Joshua Champlin, Director
County of Kern

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian Van Wyk,
Deputy County Counsel
For KERN COG

Joshua H. Rudnick,
Deputy County Counsel
COUNTY OF KERN

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III.G. COG

June 18, 2026

TO: Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Consent Agenda Item: III.G.

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 \$500,000 Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) funds for elderly/disabled transit from the new Uber/Lyft tax. This item was reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).

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 and start soliciting for access providers. 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 can 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 does 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@kerncoq.org.

ACTION: Authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 26-22. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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:

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

Timeline

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The 2026 KERN COG TIMELINE is a list of actions and events that may appear on future agendas or are of general interest to Board Member

JULY

- Combined Public Review Scheduled to **Concludes** - Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Environmental Document/Air Quality Conformity/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) May 8 to July 2, 2026.

AUGUST

- **Adoption** - Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Environmental Document/Air Quality Conformity/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- California Transportation Commission Meeting in San Diego, August 20-21, 2026

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- CommuteKERN Rideshare Week, October 5-9, 2026