

# **KERN COG Upcoming Public Workshop**

## **KERN COG PUBLIC OUTREACH RESULTS FOR 2026 RTP**

**Presenter: Ben Raymond/Rob Ball, KCOG**

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**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

**6:00-6:20 PM**

**Kern Council of Governments  
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Bakersfield California**

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**AGENDA  
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026  
6:30 P.M.**

**PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION**

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

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**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. MOMENT OF SILENCE, REFLECTION, OR PRAYER:**

**III. ROLL CALL:**

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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**A. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Minutes from meeting of May 21, 2026.  
ROLL CALL VOTE.

**B. FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – COUNTY OF KERN (Banuelos)**

**Comment:** Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for County of Kern (\$11,452,122). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item and unanimously recommended the adoption of this claim at its June 3, 2026, meeting.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 26-24 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for County of Kern for \$11,452,122.

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

**Comment:** An update on the activity related to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and the adoption timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). This item was reviewed by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

**Action:** Information.

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

**Comment:** This is the annual project status report. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Information.

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

**VI. FINAL - 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 draft study report is available online at

<https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>. This item has been reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommends receive and file the report and adoption of the resolution.

**Action:** Receive and file the Final KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study; Adopt the resolution requesting member agencies integrate study recommendations into their General Plan Circulation Elements. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Valle)**

**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](http://www.kerncog.org). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING      HEAR COMMENTS      CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Action:** Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close public hearing.

**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. This item has been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

**Action:** Information.

**IX. BOARD MEMBER'S MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

**X. CALTRANS REPORT:**

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

**XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING –** The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 16, 2026 (may be dark).

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

**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 6:37 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:**

**II. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

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

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**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 16, 2026**

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

**Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 26-17 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Tehachapi for \$245,826. Adopt Resolution No. 26-18 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2025-

26 for City of Tehachapi for \$378,592. Adopt Resolution No. 26-19 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for City of Arvin for \$1,049,549.

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

**Action:** Information.

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

**Action:** Information.

**E. TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; DRAFT 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (Pacheco)**

**Action:** Information.

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

**Action:** Information.

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

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

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

**Action:** Information.

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

**VIII. CALTRANS REPORT:**

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

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Projects:

- a. SR 99 and SR 58 missing connectors
- b. 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/SR 43
- c. Truck Climbing Lanes on SR 58 Phases I & II
- d. Cal City Blvd./SR 58 safety project – DCIP Application
- e. Cherry Avenue Grade Separation
- f. Kratzmeyer / Olive Grade Separation
- g. Renfro Grade Separation
- h. West Urban Corridor Alignment
- i. Delano High Street BUILD Grant

- j. SR-58-I-40 BUILD Planning Grant
- k. Congressional Appropriation Support
- l. Comments on the KARGO study – deadline end of June 2026
- 2. Meetings:
  - a. Report on SJV Policy Council Retreat in Merced on 4/30/26
  - b. CTC in the Sacramento set for 6/25-6/26
- 3. Caltrans D9
- 4. Caltrans D6
  - a. Roadside Wildfire mitigation
- 5. High Speed Rail
  - a. Report on changes to Board composition
  - b. Individual Engineering meetings with Shafter and Bakersfield set for 5/27/26

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

Respectfully Submitted

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Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 05.21.2026

# Caltrans District 6 Kern COG Board Meeting Project Updates

May 2026

## **Emergency Projects:**

### **06-1K420 Emergency Spill Cleanup**

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

**Traffic Control:** Eastbound shoulder

**Status:** Cleanup operations are still ongoing. Caltrans had to switch from the original contractor (Industrial Construction Enterprises) to a second contractor. The second contractor (Griffith) should be onboarding this week and should be onsite within the next 2-3 days to complete the cleanup operation. Work will be ongoing until all contaminated soil and burnt trailer have been removed offsite.

### **06-1J380 Repair roadway and install new drainage system**

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

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

**Status:** Geotechnical exploration was completed last week. We're currently waiting for the Geotechnical report which will determine the depth of the road excavation. The Geotech report is expected to be done within the next 2 weeks. Construction is expected to last 30 to 45 days.

### **06-1J310 Bridge Guard Rail Repair**

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

**Traffic Control:** 1 lane with K rail

**Status:** Contractor is working pouring the ST-75 bridge rail curb/transition barrier, installing the ST-75 rail, joint seals and removing falsework. These operations will be ongoing for the next 3 weeks followed by the installation of the MGS system. Construction is expected to be completed in mid June.

### **Capital Projects:**

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

**Status:** Construction is 75% complete. Remaining work includes installing poles for the HAWK system and striping. Waiting for electrical material to complete work. Several items require METS inspection

**Project Manager:** Marlo Carlos

**Location:** In Wasco on SR 46 at Poplar

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

**PA&ED:** 4/15/2025

**RTL:** 7/12/2025

**Approve Contract:** 10/21/2025

**Begin Construction:** 1/26/2026

**Traffic Control:** Lane Closure

**Contract Acceptance:** Summer 2026

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

**Status:** Construction is 75% complete. Remaining work includes installing poles for the HAWK system and striping. Waiting for electrical material to complete work. Several items require METS inspection.

**Project Manager:** Mohamad Annan

**Location:** In Wasco on SR 43 at 8<sup>th</sup> Street

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

**PA&ED:** 11/13/2024

**RTL:** 6/17/2025

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

**Begin Construction:** Construction started in January 2026.

**Traffic Control:** Lane Closure.

**Contract Acceptance:** July 2026

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### **06-0X770 SR46/43 Roadway Improvements**

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

**Status:** Construction will begin after railroad and utility coordination. Caltrans is coordinating with the City Manager to schedule another presentation for the City Council in June 2026. Currently in delayed start period while utility relocations are being coordinated and contract submittals are being processed.

**Project Manager:** Shelley Maggard

**Location:** In Wasco at 46/43

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

**PA&ED:** 6/29/2021

**RTL:** 3/28/2025

**Approve Contract:** 2/11/2026

**Begin Construction:** Contract has a delayed start to allow for utility relocations (including relocation of PG&E transmission lines that have a seasonal window for relocation and require pole deliveries 6 months in advance). Currently on schedule to complete

relocations in Winter 2026. Other utility relocations are taking place in the meantime. Actual project construction to begin late 2026/early 2027. Griffith Company is the prime contractor.

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 9/14/2029

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### **06-48468 SB 99 to WB 58 Connector Ramp**

**Status:** Completed 95% Constructability Review on 5/6/2026

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

**Project Manager:** Marlo Carlos

**Location:** In Bakersfield at 59/99

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

**PA&ED:** 10/17/2023

**RTL:** 10/1/2026

**Approve Contract:** Summer 2027

**Begin Construction:** Fall 2027

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

**Contract Acceptance:** Spring 2030

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### **06-48466 Bakersfield Freeway Connector 58/99 – No Change**

**Status:** Construction nearly complete, punch list items remain.

**Project Manager:** Marlo Carlos

**Location:** In Bakersfield at 58/99

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

**PA&ED:** 12/4/2015

**RTL:** 8/24/2018

**Approve Contract:** 2/19/2019

**Contract Acceptance:** 6/30/2026

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**06-0W810 Delano SR 155 Rehabilitation – No Change**

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

**Project Manager:** Victor Aldama

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

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

**PA&ED:** 3/21/2022

**RTL:** 8/22/2025

**Approve Contract:** 4/17/2026

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

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 1/14/2028

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**06-1C280 SR43 / 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road Roundabout – Oversight project with the County –  
No Change**

**Status:** Design is complete and the project is advancing toward construction. The construction cooperative agreement has been executed, and right of way certification is complete. The project is expected to be awarded in June 2026, with construction to follow pending contract approval. Construction QMA Co-op agreement executed 2/4/2026. Kern County will be the implementing agency for Construction.

RW Certification was approved 1/5/2026.

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

**Project Manager:** Marlo Carlos

**Location:** Northwest of Bakersfield at 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road and SR 43 (Enos Lane)

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

**PA&ED:** 5/21/2024

**RTL:** 3/5/2026

**Approve Contract:** Spring 2027

**Begin Construction:** Spring 2027 – No delays anticipated now.

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

**Contract Acceptance:** Summer 2028

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**06-1A470 SR 43 and Santa Fe Roundabout**

**Status:** Project advertised March 2, 2026. Bids were opened on April 15, 2026 with anticipated contract approval by June 2026. The project has a delayed start with construction anticipated to start at the end of Spring 2027.

**Project Manager:** Victor Aldama

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

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

**PA&ED:** 10/7/22

**RTL:** 11/14/2025

**Approve Contract:** 6/9/2026

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

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 12/23/2028

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### **06-0X450 Kern 58 CAPM**

**Status:** Target completion of environmental phase by End of May. Construction moved out 1 year due to SHOPP rebalancing.

**Project Manager:** Anourack Khampraseuth

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

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

**PA&ED:** End of May 2026

**RTL:** 8/1/2028

**Approve Contract:** 3/29/2029

**Begin Construction:** 3/29/2029

**Traffic Control:** TBD

**Contract Acceptance:** 1/29/2031

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**06-0S050 SR 166 CA Aqueduct Bridge Rehabilitation – No Change**

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

**Project Manager:** Victor Aldama

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

**Description:** Bridge rehabilitation (micropiles, bridge rail upgrade)

**PA&ED:** 8/31/2022

**RTL:** 1/29/2024

**Approve Contract:** 9/10/2024

**Begin Construction:** September 2025

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 11/9/2026

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**06-0X370 Bakersfield 99 Rehab II (South)**

**Status:** Completed 95% Constructability Review on 5/6/2026.

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

**Project Manager:** Marlo Carlos

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

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

**PA&ED:** 1/30/2024

**RTL:** Fall 2026

**Approve Contract:** Summer 2027

**Begin Construction:** Fall 2027

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

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

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

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

**Contract Acceptance:** Spring 2030

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### **06-0V610 Pumpkin Center Rehabilitation**

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

**Project Manager:** Manuel Ornelas

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

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

**PA&ED:** 12/8/2020

**RTL:** 6/30/2025

**Approve Contract:** 1/13/2026

**Begin Construction:** Target Mid-July 2026

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 1/19/2029

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### **06-0U290 Weedpatch Highway rehab**

**Status:** Project was awarded to Griffith Construction; construction of the project began at the end of January 2026. Project is approximately 25% complete. Pavement within the City of Lamont has been completed. Work is estimated to be around 35% complete.

**Project Manager:** Victor Aldama

**Location:** Lamont from Dunsmere St. to Breckenridge Rd.

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

**PA&ED:** 12/15/2020

**RTL:** 12/4/2024

**Approve Contract:** 8/25/2025

**Begin Construction:** November 2025

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 4/26/2027

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### **06-0W920 Grapevine Rehab**

**Status:** The project is currently in construction and Contractor is working on demo on the existing barrier and installing temporary barriers.

**Project Manager:** Anourack Khampraseuth

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

**Description:** Rehabilitation

**PA&ED:** 1/18/2024

**RTL:** 6/26/2025

**Approve Contract:** 1/12/2026

**Begin Construction:** 4/6/2026

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

**Contract Acceptance:** 8/15/2028

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**06-0Y150 Arvin SR 223 CAPM – No Change**

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

**Project Manager:** Marlo Carlos

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

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

**PA&ED:** 5/14/2024

**RTL:** 10/6/2025

**Approve Contract:** 10/30/2026

**Begin Construction:** Spring 2027

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

**Contract Acceptance:** Winter 2028

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**06-0Y130 Kern 33 Rehab (Blackwell's Corner CAPM) – No Change**

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

**Project Manager:** Aldama

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

**Description:** Pavement rehabilitation (18.9 miles)

**PA&ED:** 5/3/2022

**RTL:** 12/13/2023

**Approve Contract:** 7/10/2024

**Begin Construction:** September 2024

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

**Contract Acceptance:** Project achieved contract acceptance on 04/30/2026.

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**06-0W830 South Taft Rehab – No Change**

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

**Project Manager:** Mohamad Annan

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

**Description:** Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM)

**PA&ED:** 1/20/2026

**RTL:** 6/22/2026

**Approve Contract:** 5/31/2028

**Begin Construction:** Summer 2028

**Traffic Control:** TBD

**Contract Acceptance:** 5/31/2030

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**06-1A680 Semitropic CAPM – No Change**

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

**Project Manager:** Shavonne Conley

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

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

**PA&ED:** 12/9/2024

**RTL:** 5/11/2026

**Approve Contract:** 3/28/2028

**Begin Construction:** TBD – likely spring/summer 2028

**Traffic Control:** Reversing

**Contract Acceptance:** 10/2/2028

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**06-1F260 Kern 204 Bridge Rail Upgrades – *No Change***

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

**Project Manager:** Victor Aldama

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

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

**PA&ED:** 11/19/2025

**RTL:** 12/1/2027

**Approve Contract:** 7/28/2028

**Begin Construction:** TBD – likely early fall 2028

**Traffic Control:** TBD

**Contract Acceptance:** 8/15/2029

**Status:** Moved from 25/26 for SHOPP rebalancing

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**06-1C060 Kern 223 Rehab**

**Status:** The project is currently in construction and performing cold plane.

**Project Manager:** Anourack Khampraseuth

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

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

**PA&ED:** 6/10/2024

**RTL:** 5/16/2025

**Approve Contract:** 1/14/2026

**Begin Construction:** 3/10/2026

**Traffic Control: Daytime lane closures**

Route 223 will operate under one-way traffic control, and the contractor may temporarily close the off-ramp to Route 223 at Bear Mountain Road (PM 33.23), the on-ramp from Route 223 at Bear Mountain Road (PM 33.65), and the street at Route 223 and Old River Road (PM 4.87), if needed to safely perform the work. Closures are from 6 AM and 6 PM.

**Contract Acceptance:** 2/11/2027

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# D9 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – Kern COG

## May 21, 2026 | Caltrans District 9

### KERN COUNTY PROJECTS

#	Project	PM	Location	Description	PA&ED	RTL	CON	Status
1	<b>178 INYOKERN PAVEMENT 09-38331</b>	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-178-0/0	NEAR INYOKERN AND RIDGECREST FROM RED ROCK/INYOKERN ROAD TO 0.2 MILE EAST OF THE ROUTE 178/395 GRADE SEPARATION AND FROM 0.1 MILE WEST OF MAHAN STREET TO THE KERN/SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LINE	2024	2027	2028	PS&E/RW
2	<b>CACHE CREEK PAVEMENT 09-38310</b>	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-058-R99.4/R107.7	NEAR TEHACHAPI FROM 0.1 MILE WEST OF SAND CANYON ROAD UNDERCROSSING TO 1.2 MILES WEST OF CALIFORNIA CITY BLVD	2026	2028	2028	PA&ED
3	<b>FREEMAN GULCH SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS 09-39140</b>	Tognazzini, Jill C	KER-014-46.2/58.6	10 MILES SOUTH OF INDIAN WELLS FROM 1.1 MILES NORTH OF REDROCK CANYON ROAD TO 1.0 MILE NORTH OF STATE ROUTE 178 WEST – Shoulder widening and rumble strips	2026	2029	2030	PA&ED
4	<b>KEENE PAVEMENT 09-37920</b>	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-058-76.3/88.56	NEAR TEHACHAPI FROM 0.1 MILE EAST OF BEALVILLE ROAD TO BRANCH TEHACHAPI CREEK BRIDGE – Pavement repair and truck climbing lane	2022	2026	2027	PS&E/RW
5	<b>MOJAVE PAVEMENT 09-37520</b>	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-014-R12.6/16.7	AT MOJAVE FROM 0.1 MILE NORTH OF SILVER QUEEN ROAD TO 0.6 MILE NORTH OF NORTH JUNCTION BUSINESS 58 (WEST) - Rehab/CAPM	2023	2027	2028	PS&E/RW

#	Project	PM	Location	Description	PA&ED	RTL	CON	Status
				pavement and upgrade ADA.				
6	<b>ROSAMOND REHAB 09-39050</b>	Dusaint, Robin A	KER-014-0/4.7	IN ROSAMOND FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY LINE TO 1.4 MILES SOUTH OF DAWN ROAD OVERCROSSING - Restore pavement	2027	2030	2030	PA&ED
7	<b>RIDGECREST/INYOKERN PAVEMENT 09-38330</b>	Milos, Jeremy J	KER-178-92/104.6	NEAR INYOKERN AND RIDGECREST FROM 0.2 MILE EAST OF THE EAST JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 14 TO THE KERN/SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LINE. Restore pavement, fix drainage and ADA.	2024	2030	2031	PS&E/RW

## NEW AND ONGOING TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Check status at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-9/district-9-traffic-advisories>

### New Traffic Impacts

#### Eastern Kern County

- **Ridgecrest Utility Work** – On State Route 178 E from Norma Street to Guam Street, the shoulders in both directions will close while utility crews access underground gas lines. Work is scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Cache Creek Sweeping Operation** – On State Route 58 from the truck scale house to Cameron Canyon Road, the westbound outside lane and shoulder will close while crews sweep the roadway on Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Drivers may experience brief delays.
- **Tehachapi Sign Work** – On State Route 58 at the westbound Mill Street off-ramp, the ramp will fully close while crews replace signs on Wednesday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Detours will be available.
- **Walker Pass Guardrail Repair** – On State Route 178 W near the Walker Pass Trailhead-Campground, crews will repair guardrail on Tuesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be one-way traffic control, and drivers may experience 5-minute delays.
- **Johannesburg Guardrail Repair** – On U.S. 395 from Pico Avenue to approximately one mile north of Redrock Randsburg Road, crews will repair guardrail on the northbound shoulder on Wednesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be one-way traffic control, and drivers may experience 10-minute delays.

## PLANNING ITEMS

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

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

### District Transit Plan Workshop

- Virtual workshop is in May and agency staff have been sent invites
- Workshop will cover results from initial survey, review of initial highway system analysis, and seek feedback on solutions for identified on-system needs.

### US 395/S. China Lake Blvd. Intersection Improvements – PID application

- Waiting to hear from Caltrans HQ if we have received an award to develop a State-Sponsored Non-SHOPP PID.
- As of 5/18/2026 HQ has not released the approved project list, but this project has been accepted through the second round of prioritization.

### Cameron Canyon Rd. Culvert Feasibility Study Report (09-987197)

- KER-58-R100/R104
- Purpose of the project is to improve drainage and enhance the highway's resilience against precipitation events and reduce its climate change vulnerability.
- Kickoff meeting in April and initial field review complete
- Target final report in 2026

## Local Assistance

- Local Assistance would like to offer regular workshops for local agency staff focused on providing guidance and support related to project programming and funding. The workshops are intended to promote a proactive approach by sharing the latest tools, databases, processes, and guidelines to help ensure Local Assistance projects are successfully programmed and delivered within applicable funding authorization and allocation timelines.



V.B.  
TPPC

June 18, 2026

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

FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – COUNTY OF KERN

DESCRIPTION:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for County of Kern (\$11,452,122). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item and unanimously recommended the adoption of this claim at its June 3, 2026, meeting.

DISCUSSION:

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

<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
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. TTAC unanimously recommended the adoption of this claim at its June 3, 2026, meeting.

ACTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-24 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for County of Kern for \$11,452,122.

Attachments: TDA annual estimates for FY 2025-26 Schedule "A" and Resolution Number 26-24.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-24

In the matter of:

FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – COUNTY OF KERN

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

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

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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 Bob Smith, Chair  
 Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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

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 John Schlosser, Executive Director  
 Kern Council of Governments

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

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

NOTES:

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

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

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V.C.  
TPPC

June 18, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director  
Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

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

UPDATE: SB 375 AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

DESCRIPTION:

An update on the activity related to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and the adoption timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). This item was reviewed by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. The public engagement process is complete and the draft documents are scheduled for public review from May 8 to July 2, 2026 and will be available online at: <https://www.kerncoq.org/2026-rtp/>

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

June 2026 – Continuing presentations on Draft 2026 RTP/SCS in Arvin/Lamont, Bakersfield, Mojave, and Tehachapi; presentation also at the Kern County Board Supervisors Meeting and at the Kern COG Board Meeting.

May 2026 – Provided presentations on Draft 2026 RTP/SCS in Arvin, California City, Delano, Maricopa, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Shafter, Taft, and at the GET Board Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Preliminary Timeline 2026 RTP/SCS**

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

**ACTION:** Information.

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V.D.  
TPPC

June 18, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Ceasar Valle, Regional Planner

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

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) KERN UPDATE –  
MONITORING PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

This is the annual project status report. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

DISCUSSION:

**Background**

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

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

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

**Monitoring Program**

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

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

ACTION: Information.

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# VI TPPC

June 18, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda Item: VI

FINAL - 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 draft study report is available online at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>. This item has been reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommends receive and file the report and adoption of the resolution.

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
<b>GRAND TOTAL =</b>		<b>\$3,153,870,000</b>	<b>\$4,639,280,000</b>
* 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 input from most member agencies and separate meetings with staff from Taft, Shafter, McFarland, Bakersfield, and Kern County.

Response to Agency Comments: Several agencies identified errata.

- City of Taft
  - Requested adding two SR-119 passing-lane projects to the Arvin Greenpass project.
  - Passing lanes now included in Phases 1.6 and 1.7, with updated maps, exhibits, and appendices.
- City of Shafter
  - Identified duplicate project listings in Table 2-1; duplicates were due to different improvement types and were consolidated.
  - Clarification: Merced Ave included in NW Bakersfield Greenpass due to rehab and a connecting bridge project.
  - Lerdo Hwy included in SR 33/7th Standard corridor as part of a proposed resiliency route.
- Caltrans District 6
  - Inland port feasibility based on stakeholder and industry input. Funding for future truck-route maintenance addressed in Phase II Study (e.g., economic improvement districts, developer mitigation).
  - Truck parking demand analyzed; specific sites not identified.
  - Added reference to Work Element 605.2 in OWP.
- Caltrans District 9
  - District 9 culverts are included in the appendix.
  - SR 58 mudslide risk addressed through text, visuals, and cost acknowledgment.
  - Clarified ranking logic: lower scores = higher priority.
  - SR 14/Purdy Road project scored lower priority and placed in future projects. US-395/China Lake Blvd Interchange added post-prioritization, so no score.
  - Tehachapi Willow Springs Road not included because the Rosamond Greenpass focuses on maintaining EAFB access; no truck-demand analysis was conducted for that segment.

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. This study will be incorporated into and strengthen future Regional Transportation Plans.

The study was reviewed by both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommends Receive and File the report and adoption of the resolution.

**ACTION:**

1. Receive and file the Final KARGO Community Prosperity/Protection Study;
2. Adopt the resolution requesting member agencies integrate study recommendations into their General Plan Circulation Elements.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution 26-23
2. DRAFT Presentation Slides – KARGO Phase III.

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

Resolution No. 26-23

In the matter of:

RESOLUTION OF THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD RECEIVING AND FILING THE KARGO COMMUNITY PROSPERITY AND PROTECTION STUDY (PHASE III), AND ENCOURAGING MEMBER JURISDICTIONS TO INCORPORATE ITS FINDINGS INTO LOCAL GENERAL PLANS AND CIRCULATION ELEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is the regional transportation planning agency responsible for coordinating transportation planning and policy across Kern County; and

WHEREAS, Kern COG has led the Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations (KARGO) initiative to assess and plan for the continued growth of goods movement industries while addressing transportation safety, infrastructure resilience, and community impacts; and

WHEREAS, the KARGO initiative includes multiple phases, including:

- Phase I: Integrated Circulation Study
- Phase II: Sustainability Study
- Phase III: Community Prosperity and Protection Study is also known as KARGO C-CAMS; and

WHEREAS, the Community Prosperity and Protection Study is funded by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) through its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, which supports planning efforts to improve transportation system resilience, enhance safety, address climate-related vulnerabilities, and advance projects that promote economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and equitable outcomes for communities; and

WHEREAS, the Phase III Community Prosperity and Protection Study evaluates transportation conditions, climate vulnerabilities, economic trends, and community concerns to identify transportation strategies and prioritized improvements that:

- Improve goods movement efficiency
- Enhance system resiliency
- Support economic development
- Reduce impacts on local and disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the Study identifies and prioritizes regional transportation investments, including safety goods movement corridors, Green-Pass truck routing networks, and multimodal improvements intended to improve freight mobility and reduce conflicts within communities; and

WHEREAS, the Study includes supporting maps, technical analysis, and implementation strategies that provide a regional framework for transportation improvements and truck route planning across Kern County; and

WHEREAS, the Study is intended to serve as a long-term planning and implementation framework to guide future transportation investments and coordination among Kern COG, local jurisdictions, and partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, State legislation, including Senate Bill 415 (SB 415), requires local jurisdictions to adopt or update designated truck routes within their circulation elements by January 2028; and

WHEREAS, the KARGO Phase II and Phase III studies provide the technical basis, recommended networks, and supporting maps that can assist local jurisdictions in complying with these statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Study's findings provide a defensible, Countywide framework that supports coordination of truck route planning and regional goods movement improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Kern Council of Governments Board hereby:

1. Receives and files the KARGO Community Prosperity and Protection Study (Phase III), including all supporting technical analyses, maps, and implementation strategies.
2. Recognizes the Study as a regional planning framework that supports coordinated goods movement, transportation resiliency, economic development, and community protection throughout Kern County.
3. Encourages all member jurisdictions to review and consider the Study's findings, recommendations, and maps when updating local planning documents, including:
  - General Plans
  - Circulation Elements
  - Truck Route Networks
4. Encourages jurisdictions to incorporate the Study's recommended truck routes and network improvements, as appropriate, to support compliance with State requirements under SB 415, including adoption of designated truck routes by January 2028.
5. Supports the use of Study findings and maps as a technical and policy foundation for:
  - Establishing or modifying truck routes
  - Improving regional freight mobility

- Reducing truck impacts on local communities
  - Advancing safety and resiliency improvements
6. Affirms that the Study provides a coordinated regional basis for future transportation planning, funding, and project development efforts, including those led by Kern COG and partner agencies.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Bob Smith, Chairman  
Kern Council of Governments

**ATTEST:**

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true resolution of the Kern Council of Governments duly adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

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John Sclosser  
Executive Director  
Kern Council of Governments

Date: June 18, 2026

June 2026

# KARGO Phase III.

## Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations

### Community Prosperity/Protection Study

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## Kern Goods Movement & Logistics Milestones

- 2003** – Target Distribution Center opens (7th Standard Rd, Shafter);  
– IKEA Distribution Center opens (Tejon Commerce Center, I-5/Grapevine)
- 2005** – 7th Standard Corridor Committee formed (Bakersfield, County, Shafter, COG)
- 2011** – 7th Standard Rd widened to four lanes (Coffee Rd to Santa Fe Way)
- 2015** – Ross Dress for Less Distribution Center opens (Shafter)
- 2019** – Amazon Distribution Center groundbreaking (north of Meadows Field);  
– KARGO Phase I launched (goods movement study, \$90K)
- 2021** – KARGO Phase II expands countywide (Caltrans grant, \$300K)
- 2023** – KARGO Phase III advances climate adaptation and co-benefits (\$3M grant)
- 2026** – Wonderful Logistics Center Rail Terminal under construction

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## Community Prosperity/Protection Study

**Purpose:**

- Address impacts of increasing goods movement in the region
- Builds on KARGO Phases I and II, including financing strategies and truck route planning
- Evaluates the durability of the County’s freight network under extreme weather events
- Identify improvements to strengthen the transportation system while protecting local communities from increased truck traffic
- Prioritize projects and estimate costs for implementation

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## Project Development Process

- Project Concept Development: 6 workshops (countywide)
- Project Prioritization Analysis: 7 workshops (countywide)

2025 Public Workshop in Delano, CA (Hosted by the Center for Race, Poverty & the Environment; provided Spanish Translation For 33 Attendees)

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## What We Heard: Community Priorities

NORTH KERN	SOUTH KERN	EAST KERN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve road connections &amp; build grade separations</li> <li>Avoid new rail yards/truck routes near communities</li> <li>Support truck routes that avoid/protect neighborhoods</li> <li>Enhance safety at Lerdo Hwy &amp; Cherry Ave</li> <li>Business pays their way</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade lighting, repave &amp; widen roads</li> <li>Add roundabouts to ease traffic</li> <li>Improve drainage to reduce flooding</li> <li>Reduce truck activity &amp; parking on Union Ave</li> <li>Truck free bike &amp; ped friendly downtowns in Arvin/Lamont</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use historical climate data in planning</li> <li>Raise awareness of past climate stressors</li> <li>Strengthen Teh. emergency routes (Deertrail Dr → Hwy 223)</li> <li>Optimize rail safety (e.g., 2<sup>nd</sup> RR Xing - Rosamond)</li> <li>Improve access to major employers &amp; expand EV infrastructure in Rosamond</li> </ul>

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## Community Perception of Warehouse Growth

### Are warehouse impacts worth the benefits?

1,200 Kern residents surveyed annually

Year	NO	YES	MIXED OPINION	DON'T KNOW
2026	10.6%	43.7%	33.2%	12.5%
2025	11.9%	40.8%	34.9%	12.4%
2024	14.0%	45.9%	27.9%	12.2%

**NO** The new warehouse facilities built in the last few years have caused more commercial truck traffic and are not worth the extra traffic, safety hazards and cost of additional road repairs  
**YES** The new warehouse facilities built in the last few years have created new construction and distribution jobs, and increased sales and property tax revenues in Kern County and are a benefit to the County  
 Mixed opinions  
 DK/NA

Kern Council of Governments Source: Kern COG Statistically Valid Quality of Life Surveys (2024–2026) <https://www.kerncog.org/quality-of-life-survey/>

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## ZEV TRUCKS

### Planned HD Truck Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) Are Part of the Solution

- 900 kWh
- 753 kWh
- 653 kWh
- 475 kWh
- 396 kWh

40 Truck Charging Units of WattEV Solar Battery Electric Off-Grid Truck Stop  
City of Arvin Public Works

Tejon Ranch Commerce Center, Building #4

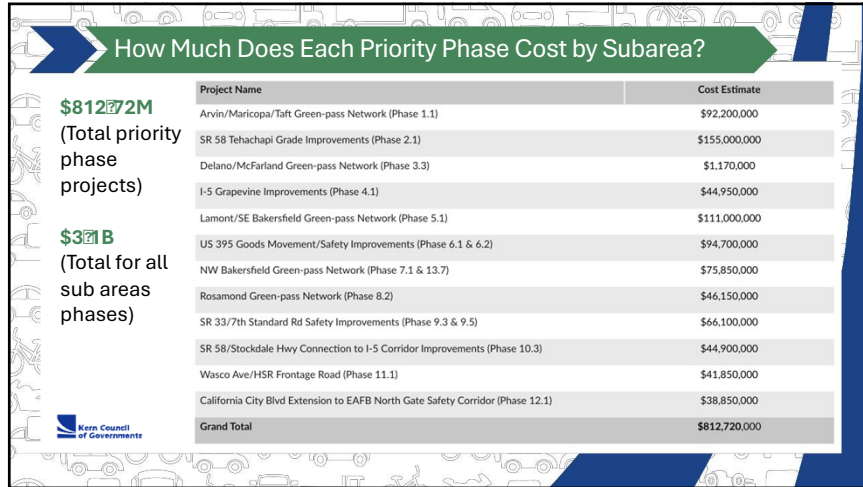
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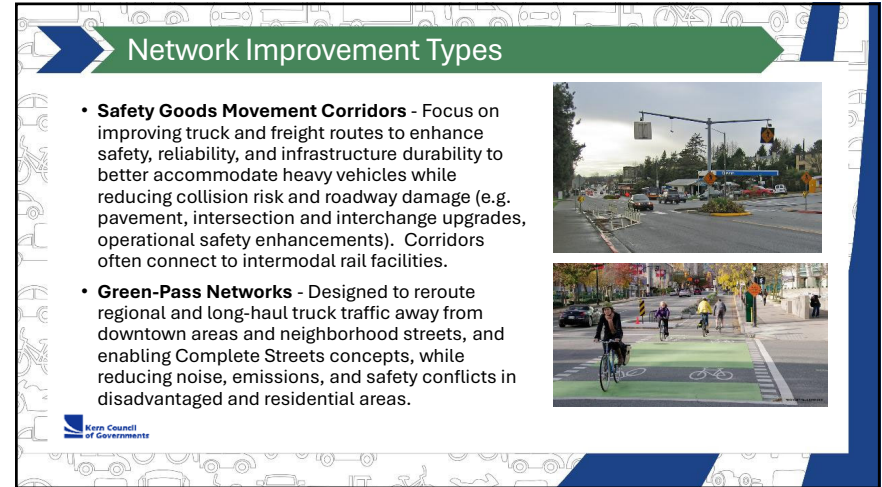
## KARGO Study - Countywide Priority Phases

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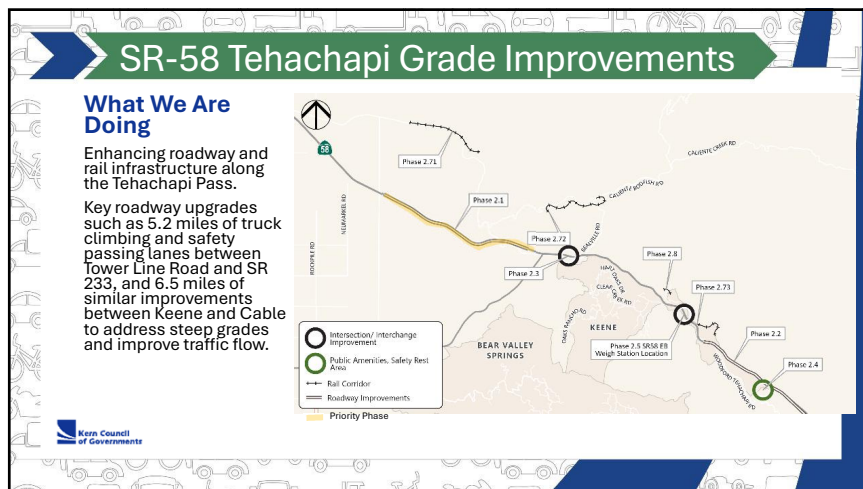
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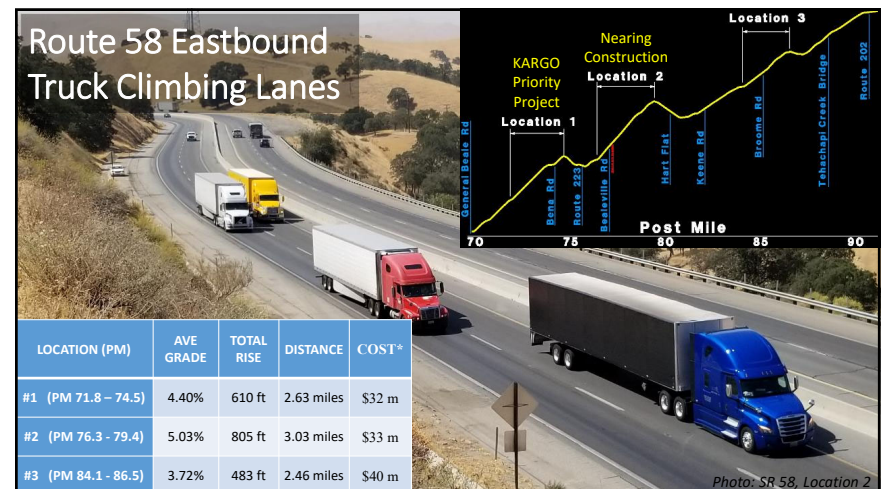
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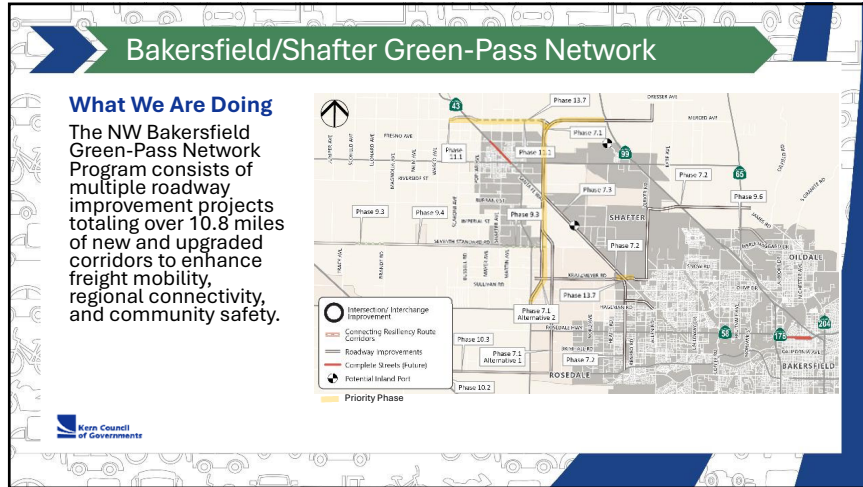
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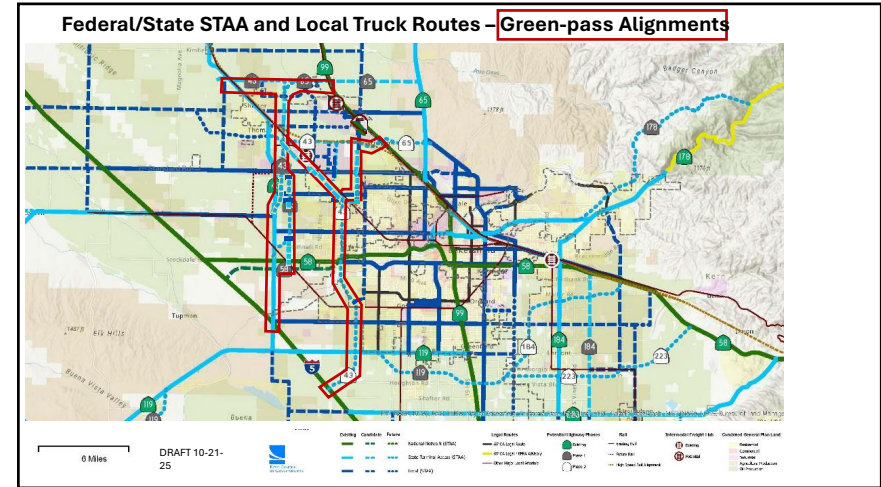
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### Shipping by Rail Benefits

**600 Containers at the Shafter Wonderful Container Depot**

**Shipping by Rail Benefits:**

- 10x more energy efficient
- 7x less polluting
- Reduces roadway wear & tear
- Improves congestion and roadway safety

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### Shafter Inland Port

**A Growing Logistics and Rail Hub in Kern County**

A 100+ acre rail terminal supporting regional goods movement, jobs, and economic growth

**Legend:**  
 - Rail & Intermodal  
 - Logistics & Warehousing  
 - Major Tenants

- Rail & Intermodal**
  - 100+ acre rail terminal on the BNSF mainline
  - 160 container spaces
  - \$100 million private investment
  - Currently under construction
- Logistics & Warehousing**
  - 11 distribution centers (DCs), with more planned
  - Over 8 million square feet built or under construction
  - More than half built in the last 5 years
- Major Tenants**
  - Amazon, Walmart, Target, Ross, FedEx, Smuckers, Wonderful Co.
  - Mix of fulfillment, grocery, and container operations

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## SR 33/7th Standard Rd Safety Corridor

**What We Are Doing**

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

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## SR 33/7th Standard Rd Safety Corridor

**Innovative funding concepts**

This corridor may be a candidate for innovative funding and grants for habitat crossings and autonomous truck testing.

**Safe Wildlife Crossings**

**Autonomous Truck Testing**

**Volvo Autonomous Vehicle**  
<https://www.entrepreneur.com/business-news/story-truckers-volvos-autonomous-vehicles-2016-06-01/335385>

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## I-5 Grapevine Improvements

**What We Are Doing**

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

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## Potential Funding Tools to Advance KARGO Priorities

**Targeted / Emerging Tools**

- EIFD (Tax Increment Financing)**  
Captures future property tax growth within defined areas; no new taxes
- Mobility / VMT Fee (ZEV Trucking)**  
Aligns with shift to zero-emission freight; addresses declining fuel tax
- CEQA Mitigation (Project-Level)**  
Developer-funded improvements tied to local project impacts

**Voter-Approved Funding Tools**

- Local Sales Tax Measure**  
Highest revenue potential; supports large-scale regional projects
- Community Facilities District (Mello-Roos)**  
Effective for funding infrastructure in new development areas
- Fuel Taxes (Gas / Diesel)**  
User-based funding, though long-term viability is declining
- Business / Industrial Parcel Taxes**  
Targets freight and industrial beneficiaries

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## Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)

**Key Features**

- Established by a City, County, or Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
- Can include multiple or non-contiguous areas
- Does **not** raise new taxes

**How It Works**

- Captures incremental increases in property tax revenue over time
- Participating agencies contribute a share of future growth (not existing revenue)
- Without an EIFD, this growth would go to the General Fund

**Requirements**

- Approval from each participating taxing entity
- Defined district boundary and infrastructure investment plan

**Eligible Uses**

- Transportation and freight infrastructure
- Capital projects with 15+ year useful life
- Projects of community-wide or regional benefit

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## Sales Tax Measure

**Approval Process**

- 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s voter approval

**Advantages**

- Provides largest and most flexible funding source
- Strong case for Kern to join other 24 Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC)
- Tax exempt bond financing potential (“up-front” revenue)
- Maximum local control on use of funds

**Disadvantages**

- Voter approval may be difficult

Illustrative Revenue Generation (high-level Calculation)

Assumptions	
Annual Population Growth =	1.29%
Real Sales Tax Revenue Growth	
Revenue	
2022 - with 1/4% Sales Tax	\$62,685,468
2046 - with 1/4% Sales Tax	\$85,297,000
Total Revenue (24 years): 1/4% Sales Tax	\$ 1,836,000,000

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## Next Steps

- Public Review Draft – closed May 6, 2026
- Incorporate the Study’s public input and findings into the Regional Transportation Plan out for public review – Comments due July 2, 2026; [www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp](http://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp)
- Pursue grant and other funding options identified in KARGO Phase II for implementation of proposed projects (e.g., Active Transportation Plan Update, 58/I-40 Corridor Study)
- Alignment with State legislation (e.g., SB 415) requiring local circulation elements to include truck routes by January 1, 2028

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# Thank you!

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# VII TPPC

June 18, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda Item: VII.

PUBLIC HEARING:  
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](http://www.kerncog.org). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

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 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**

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

Public comments may be submitted in writing no later than **5 P.M. July 2, 2026**.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING    HEAR COMMENTS    CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**ACTION:** Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close public hearing.



# VIII TPPC

June 3, 2026

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee Agenda

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Policy 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. This item has been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

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
<b>GET</b>	\$508,326	<b>\$164,578</b>	<b>\$72,636</b>	<b>\$745,540</b>
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](mailto: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.**

<b>County</b>	<b>Amount Based on PUC section 99313 Amount</b>
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).**

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<b>Regional Entity and Operator(s)</b>	<b>Revenue Basis</b>	<b>PUC section 99314 Amount</b>
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**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>99313</b>	<b>99314</b>	<b>Total Apportionment</b>
Arvin		\$182,163	\$767	\$182,930
California City		\$176,252	\$318	\$176,570
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<b>Regional Totals</b>		<b>\$1,645,777.00</b>	<b>\$99,940</b>	<b>\$1,745,717</b>