

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION:

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

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I. ROLL CALL:

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

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. Meeting of June 3, 2026.

B. Meeting of April 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT (Romero Valdivia)

Comment: To help meet more stringent air standards, Kern COG promotes early deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies such as plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) and compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles. This report covers the period April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

Action: Information.

V. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA - EMAIL REQUESTS DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026 (Romero Valdivia)

Comment: The 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This is an annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC.

Action: Information and feedback: Member agency technical assistance requests are due to Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri at RInvina@kerncog.org by October 2, 2026.

VI. 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 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The public engagement process is complete and the public review period for the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS closed July 2, 2026.

Action: Information.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Legislative Update: SB 1169, SB 1116, SB 1117

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT - The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2026.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR JUNE 3, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY
June 3, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Ricardo Perez called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

RPAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Isiah Medina	Arvin
	Brianahi DeLeon	McFarland
	Clarisa Olaguez	Shafter
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Luke Risner	Taft
	Corey Costello	Tehachapi
	Andrea Nason	Caltrans
KERN COG STAFF:	Ben Raymond	Karl Davisson
	Rob Ball	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Melody Saberon Ybarra	Raquel Pacheco
	Irene Enriquez	Sukhmony Brar
OTHERS:	Jose Lara	Delano
	Katherine Rzepczynski	Caltrans
	Rick Franz	Caltrans
	Lynette Guzman	
	Gordon Danke	
	Dave Domehowski	

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There were no questions or comments from the public.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

- Meeting of April 1, 2026

There were no comments or questions from the public. Approval is placed on hold until next meeting due to lack of quorum for this meeting.

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

Action: There were no comments or questions from the public. This item was for information only.

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

Action: There were no comments or questions from the public. Recommendation for approval was previously granted by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and will move forward to Transportation Planning and Policy Committee (TPPC) due to lack of quorum for this committee meeting. This item became information only.

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

Action: There were no comments or questions from the public. This item was for information only.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Legislative Update: SB 1169, SB 2002, SB 2296, SB 1116, SB 1117.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. It was announced that the July meeting may be dark, if dark a cancelation notice will be sent out and the next scheduled meeting of the RPAC will be August 5, 2026.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY
April 1, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Acting Chairman Ricardo Perez called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

RPAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Isiah Medina	Arvin
	Roque Nino	Bakersfield
	Jose Lara	Delano
	Brianahi DeLeon	McFarland
	Clarisa Olaquez	Shafter
	Luke Risner	Taft
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Andrea Nason	Caltrans
KERN COG STAFF:	Ben Raymond	Karl Davisson
	Rob Ball	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Jay Schlosser	Melody Saberon Ybarra
OTHERS:	Rick Franz	Caltrans
	Katherine Rzepczynski	Caltrans
	Christine Viterelli	Arvin
	Ashley Knight	Bakersfield
	Lynette Guzman	
	Ed Noriega	

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There were no comments.

III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES

- Meeting of November 5, 2025
- Meeting of February 4, 2026

There were no comments or questions. Committee Member J. Lara made a motion to approve the minutes of November and February; seconded by Committee Member K. Cobb, unanimously approved by voice vote.

IV. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP

Mr. Raymond provided an update on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development and coordination with CARB on review of Kern's technical methodology for meeting SB375

targets. The public engagement process for the RTP 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.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/>.

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

V. PRESENTATION: SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTING THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES (SCS)

KMr. Ball presented a summary of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Success Stories highlighting how our local agencies and communities have been successfully implementing strategies that support the SCS..

Mr. Perez commented that GET is moving toward zero emission with hydrogen fleet busses which started in 2019 and is targeted for completion by 2029.

This item was information only.

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

Mr. Davisson discussed the availability of the Draft KARGO study report and invited member agencies to review and comment on the draft document. He also mentioned that there is a workshop scheduled for May 6th and that the comment period had been extended to May 6th also.

GET asked if this will benefit HWY 99 HOV lanes. Rob talked about Caltrans high-level plans. No additional benefit for Car/Van pool; Other solutions rather than HOV lanes. Mr. Ball commented on increase of truck traffic on I-5 impacted Kern so we need to identify "green" pass to get trucks out of using inside streets in town; especially downtown.

Comments on the draft final report are due to Karl Davisson kdavisson@kerncog.org or (661) 635-2919 by April 30th, 2026. This item was information only.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Raymond informed the committee that it was time for the committee to elect officers to serve for Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, he asked the committee to begin my nominating a committee member to serve as Chair.

Ricardo Perez was nominated by L. Risner and seconded by K. Cobb. With no other nominations, a motion was made to elect Mr. Perez to serve a chairman. Roll call vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Perez as chairman.

R. Perez nominated Keri Cobb. Brianahi DeLeon nominated herself, Keri Cobb withdrew. A motion was made by J. Lara and seconded by K. Cobb. Brianahi DeLeon was unanimously elected by Roll Call vote.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC is December 3, 2025 (**May be dark**).

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IV. RPAC

August 5, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Victoria Romero Valdivia, Regional Planner
Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: IV.

MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM - STATUS
REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

To help meet more stringent air standards, Kern COG promotes early deployment of alternative fuel vehicle technologies such as plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) and compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles. This report covers the period April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Kern EV Charging Spaces: Please find the most recent charging space inventory by zip code attached to this staff report. The report shows that as of June 30, 2026, there is a 7.87% increase in charging spaces (277 spaces) throughout Kern County over February 2026 base month and year, when Kern COG began tracking electric vehicle charging spaces. Fifteen new locations have been identified in this reporting period.

EV Ready Communities:

- Kern COG Staff completed written reports to the CEC and participated in monthly calls with the CEC Contract Agreement Manager.

Fast Charge California Project - The California Energy Commission is accepting applications for its Fast Charge California Project Program, which provides incentives for purchasing and installing eligible direct current (DC) fast chargers. To be considered for a rebate, applications must have a minimum of 50% CCS connectors installed for incentive funding. There will be two windows in October 2026 and February 2027. For more information about the program, please review the program guidelines and application.

Here is a link to the program: <https://calevip.org/fast-charge-california-project>

Participation in committees and workgroups

Kern COG staff participated in monthly or quarterly meetings held by several working group committees as time and schedule allowed, including the

- **Kern COG EV Blue Print Virtual Stakeholder Meeting # 2**

Upcoming activities:

Tune In Tune Up – Valley Clean Air Now (CAN) will be hosting a free smog repair event. Below are dates and locations for the events. All community members are welcome at this event. Please see the link below for more information.

Bakersfield: October 31, 2026 – Kern County Fairgrounds at 7:45 A.M.-11:45 A.M.

Tune In Tune Up: [Smog Events – Valley CAN](#)

If member agencies are interested in identifying funds for a specific project, Kern COG staff may be able to assist you. Please contact Irene Enriquez, Regional Planner, at ienriquez@kerncog.org.

ATTACHMENT: Kern County Electric Vehicle Public Charging Spaces Report by Zip Code Report

ACTION: Information

Kern County Electric Vehicle Public Charging Spaces by Zip Code

August 2026 Report

The 2025 EV Charging Station Blueprint updated its scenario targets for the deployment of EV charging stations. Kern Council of Governments has set a goal of 4,426 electric vehicle charging spaces in Kern County by 2035. This report shows a 7.87% increase (277) in the number of charging spaces compared to the February 2026 baseline inventory of 3,520 spaces. Highlighted numbers reflect updates from the previous report. Some of this change in inventory may be due to better reporting and not new chargers or disconnections. This change in inventory may also include station closings.

The number of parking spaces and station status are validated by telephone and occasionally in person. The primary resource for identifying stations is the Alternate Fuel Data Center (AFDC) Station Locator (www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations). The AFDC data was downloaded on July 1, 2026. Plugshare.com and charging station networks are also used to update the inventory. Not all sites list their locations on these websites. Level 1, Level 2, DC Fast Charging, Tesla Superchargers, and wall plugs are counted. Note that some chargers may serve more than one parking space. These reports charging *spaces*, not the *charging stations*. This follows along with the expression to move cords, not cars. Public transit charging is not counted in this inventory.

City	Zip Code	# of Charging Spaces	Baseline February 2026
Arvin	93203	157	147
Buttonwillow	93206	54	48
Delano	93215	284	280
Kernville	93238	5	4
Lake Isabella	93240	1	1
Lamont	93241	11	11
Lebec	93243	80	80
Lost Hills	93249	228	54
McFarland	93250	25	17
Shafter	93263	44	42
Taft	93268	5	5
Wasco	93280	28	22
Bakersfield	93301	248	240
Bakersfield	93304	52	46
Bakersfield	93305	28	28
Bakersfield	93306	258	258
Bakersfield	93307	41	41
Bakersfield	93308	391	390
Bakersfield	93309	170	158
Bakersfield	93311	609	601
Bakersfield	93312	486	486
Bakersfield	93313	71	57
Bakersfield	93314	139	139
Mojave	93501	77	76
California City	93505	13	13
Boron	93516	11	11
North Edwards	93523	8	8
Inyokern	93527	36	36
Ridgecrest	93555	98	87
Tehachapi	93561	139	134
	TOTAL	3797	3520

Fifteen new locations were identified in this reporting period.

EZ Trip Plaza, Buttonwillow, 93206
Denny's Diner, Delano, 93215
Tesla Oasis, Lost Hills, 93249
Lost Hills Site, Lost Hills, 93249
31988 CA- 46, McFarland, 93250
Jim Burke Ford, Bakersfield, 93301
Dignity Health, Bakersfield, 93301
Foods Co., Bakersfield, 93304
Triangle Building, Bakersfield, 93309
Commerce Dr. Associates, Bakersfield, 93309
Hard Rock Casino, Bakersfield, 93313
Hard Rock Casino, Bakersfield, 93313
Mojave Air & Spaceport, Bakersfield, 93501
Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Ridgecrest, 93555
SWTCH Energy, Ridgecrest, 93555

Caltrans Districts works with Kern COG and other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the San Joaquin Valley to identify gaps along highway corridors in order to seek FAST Alternative Fuel Corridor designations of "Corridor Ready" by the Federal Highway Administration. (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/) Caltrans and the California Energy Commission are implementation partners for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI), which will allocate \$384 million to California over 5 years.

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August 5, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

FROM: JAY SCHLOSSER, Executive Director

BY: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri, Regional Planner
Victoria Romero Valdivia, Regional Planner
Vincent Liu, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: V.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND
FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA - **EMAIL REQUESTS DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER
2, 2026**

DESCRIPTION:

The 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals and provide technical assistance and grant writing assistance to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This is an annual process reviewed by the TTAC and RPAC.

DISCUSSION:

A 2-part strategy was proposed in the 2014 RTP/SCS, and continued in subsequent cycles, to help our member agencies voluntarily monitor their progress toward the region's air emission goals. The strategy also helps member agencies develop projects that will better compete for funding under policies that emphasize sustainability. Kern COG provides monitoring data along with technical assistance and grant writing assistance. The data provides sub-regional monitoring feedback and helps prioritize assistance using the regional travel model as part of this process.

COG Technical Assistance

The 2014 RTP was the first to contain an SCS as required by the state Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375). Kern COG began working with member agencies on developing more sustainable projects and strategies immediately after the adoption of the 2008 Kern Regional Blueprint.

Since 2009, Kern COG has been awarded over \$500,000 in technical assistance grants and/or staff time support to provide member agencies with resources to identify and implement projects that would further the goals of the 2008 Kern Regional Blueprint and now the SCS. Available funding for Kern COG technical assistance grants, and staff time support to assist member agencies in applying for the numerous grant resources vary from year to year based on need

and resource availability. This program has helped fund:

- In kind staff-time match for sustainable community planning grants for modeling/public outreach
- Regional travel demand modeling and GIS mapping support
- community bike and complete street plans
- community visioning/design workshops
- 2D/3D community visualizations
- transportation impact fee programs
- general plan circulation element updates
- Early transportation project development planning studies

Member Agencies Email Sustainable Community Planning/Project Development Ideas to Kern COG by Friday, October 2, 2026

Under this Kern COG local government assistance program, staff can recommend technical assistance resources be prioritized for agencies with the greatest potential need (see monitoring section below). Requests may be made by email and should include a brief preliminary scope and budget regarding the planning level work needed. Agencies are encouraged to contact COG staff for assistance in developing the request for sustainable community strategy implementation and planning funds. Staff will provide assistance to member agencies in deciding which grant resources (see attachment 1) are most appropriate and effective. Please contact Rob Ball - 661-635-2902, rball@kerncog.org or Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri - 661-635-2908, rinvina@kerncog.org

Member Agencies Provided with Free Access to GrantFinder.com

Kern COG has secured GrantFinder software licenses on behalf of its member agencies, and local public transit agencies for the period ending May 31, 2027, which is renewed annually. GrantFinder (<http://grantfinder.com>) is a real-time database of federal, state, and private grant opportunities tailored to municipalities and nonprofits. The program allows users to tailor their grant searches to their needs. To receive access, the member agency may designate up to two users. GrantFinder training is available by request; Program contact: Irene Enriquez ienriquez@kerncog.org.

Prioritized Funding Policy for More Sustainable Projects

In November 2012 and most recently updated in April 2021, the Kern COG Board adopted the new project delivery policies and procedure (<https://www.kerncog.org/policies/>) to assist the region in promoting projects that better match the goals of the RTP/SCS. Dependent on the funding category, the procedure provides points for ranking projects for future funding. Up to half of the points go to projects that promote more sustainable/livable communities and lower air emissions. Since this policy and procedure update, Kern COG has funded park & ride facilities in California City and South Bakersfield, the Golden Empire Transit District has implemented a new/more convenient bus rapid transit, express bus and On Demand micro-transit network, and the City of Tehachapi has adopted the first city-wide “form-based-code” General Plan in California. These types of projects are proliferating in the region in part because Kern COG adopted project delivery policies.

Monitoring Data Feedback

The table in Attachment 2 shows the latest modeling of auto Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per person (household population + employment by place of work) from the most recently adopted RTP. The total shows a 3.1 percent decrease in VMT between 2024 and 2049. All regions show lower VMT per capita household population + employment by 2049 compared to 2024. The following region has seen an increase in VMT compared to the prior 2022 RTP: Greater Taft.

This technical and grant writing assistance program RTP strategy will continue to be funded as

planning funds and grants are available. Subject to the Board's direction, Kern COG resources may be prioritized to communities that may be showing difficulty in making progress towards reducing emissions and passenger vehicle travel. Grants and incentives are subject to state and federal funding requirements.

Action: Information and feedback: Member agency technical assistance requests are due to Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri at RInvina@kerncog.org by October 2, 2026.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources – July 2026

Attachment 2 – 2026 RTP/SCS Change in Daily Auto Miles Traveled

Attachment 3 – Kern Sub Area Index and Vehicle Miles Traveled Maps

Attachment 1

Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources (Updated July 2026)

Program	Program Description	Resource and Contact
Kern Council of Governments	Technical Assistance Program: Requests may be made by email and should include a draft scope, budget and timeline regarding the planning need. Agencies are encouraged to contact Kern COG staff for assistance in developing the request for planning resources and strategizing which sources are most appropriate. Awards are subject to available funding, need, and past geographic distribution of past awards. The awards will be used in developing the programming for next fiscal year's Kern COG Overall Work Program. Past awards have included: - Travel modeling and GIS mapping support technical support - In-kind staff time in data collection/outreach to help match a sustainable planning grant - Grant writing assistance - Community bike and complete street plans - Community visioning/design workshops - Transportation impact fee programs - General plan circulation element updates - Transportation project development planning studies To support grant applications Kern COG posts regional plans, resources and toolkits on the Kern COG website www.kerncog.org. For example: - Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Chapter 4 – Sustainable Communities Strategy provides projects and strategies for implementing Kern region's efforts to reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles. - 2025 Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Blueprint Update – Kern COG, its member agencies, and the Kern County community can take advantage of the numerous local, state, and federal funding opportunities for EV Chargin Stations. - Kern COG EV Charging Station Installation Resource List - 2023 Kern Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Blueprint features five high-impact sites which may serve as examples to follow. The five sites may be eligible for a new CEC funding. Check CEC website for funding opportunities.	Email Request to Rob Ball rball@kerncog.org or Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri rinvina@kerncog.org Due by Friday, October 2, 2026

	- 2018 Kern Regional Active Transportation Plan provides eligible bike and pedestrian projects for all jurisdictions in Kern. - 2020 Kern County Rural Alternative Transportation Plan provides transit ZEV projects for all outlying jurisdictions in Kern.	
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Grants and Incentive Programs for Public Agencies	- AB 836 Clean Air Centers Pilot Program The Clean Air Centers Pilot Program provides funding to create Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations and establish a network of publicly accessible facilities with high-efficiency air filtration systems for valley residents who may not otherwise have access to clean air during wildfire events. - Alternate Fuel Mechanic Training Provides funds for mechanic education or training in alternative-fuel vehicles and infrastructure. - Bike Paths: Bikeway Incentive Program Provides funds to establish bicycle infrastructure such as Class I (Bicycle Path Construction), Class II (Bicycle Lane Striping), or Class III (Bicycle Route) projects. - Clean Alternatives to Fireworks Pilot Incentive Program Provides incentives for clean, non-firework alternatives in lieu of a portion or all of large-scale public fireworks displays celebrating the Fourth of July or New Year's Eve, or other celebratory public gatherings. - Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program Provides monetary incentives to replace Class 6-7 on-road diesel and non-diesel Internal Combustion (IC) engine-powered trucks with zero-emission trucks. - Clean Vehicle Fueling Infrastructure Program Provides funds on a first-come, first-served basis for new stations, conversion of an existing fueling station, and expansion of stations for hydrogen fuel and electric battery charging stations for heavy-duty vehicles. - Charge Up! Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Program Provides funds for public agencies, businesses, and property owners of multi-unit dwellings to purchase and install electric vehicle chargers for public use. - Emergency Vehicle Replacement Program Provides funds on a first-come, first-served basis to replace existing in-use emergency vehicles with new reduced-emission vehicles. - E-Mobility Commerce Provides funds to develop or expand electronic telecommunication services.	Grants Valley Air District - Some applications accepted year-round. Highlighted: Programs Currently Accepting Applications

	- Locomotive Program Provides incentive funds for the replacement of old high-polluting locomotives to new Tier 4 units. Alternative switcher locomotives include genset locomotives (multi-engine switcher) and electric-hybrid locomotives. - Plug in Electric Vehicle Resources Center Provides information about plug-in electric vehicles including available incentive funding, charging infrastructure and locations, and the District's activities to increase and sustain electric vehicles in the Valley. - Public Benefit Grants Program Provides funds to purchase new, alternative-fuel vehicles and infrastructure and develop advanced transit and transportation systems. - Public Transportation Subsidy and Park & Ride Lots Provides funds to subsidize transportation passes for bus, shuttle and commuter rail services. Funds are also available for the construction of park and ride lots. - Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment Voucher Program Provides incentives for the replacement of landscape maintenance equipment to lawn care providers. - Zero-Emission School Bus Replacement Incentive Program Provides monetary incentives to replace existing yellow school buses that transport public school children to and from school with zero-emission school buses in disadvantaged or low-income communities.	
Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District	- Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program Apply within 30 days of purchasing a new, eligible ZEV. Up to \$4,000 funding available for purchase of a Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) with EPA Smog Score of 10. - DMV Grant Program Acceptable program projects (\$50k max. per project) include Paving Dirt Roads to reduce fugitive dust emissions caused by vehicle travel, Installation of EV Charging Station or CNG refilling stations, Alternative Fuel Mechanics Training, Public Education Courses, and Innovative Vehicle-Related Emission Reduction Proposals. Applications open annually in the fall. Check Eastern Kern APCD's website in late 2026 for the next round of funding.	Eastern Kern APCD Grants Contact: 661-862-5250 Some grant funds are distributed annually.

Kern County Air Pollution Mitigation Fund	For projects designed to reduce particulate or ozone air pollution in Kern. Administered by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment and Sierra Club. Applications may be active in 2027. Maximum funding requests vary by cycle.	KC Air Pollution Mitigation Fund
Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants FY 2027-2028	The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program includes Sustainable Communities Grants , Climate Adaptation Planning Grant , Strategic Partnerships Grants - Call for applications open in August 2026 and grant application deadline in October 2026. Applicants are encouraged to visit the California Grants Portal and subscribe to receive notifications about State funding opportunities.	Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Caltrans
Caltrans Transportation Planning Resources	Website links to Upcoming Events; Major Outreach and Engagement; Key Transportation Plans; Tools and Analysis; Resources for Districts and Regional and Local Partners	Division of Transportation Planning Caltrans
Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP)	California Transportation Commission (CTC) ATP Cycle 8 Call for Projects opened March 19-20 and closed on June 22, 2026. - For MPO-directed funding, the Kern COG process follows the statewide application process, using that process to score projects for Kern COG consideration. Kern COG announces the ATP Cycle funding to its member agencies via email and in technical advisory committee meetings.	Active Transportation Program (ATP) Caltrans
California Dept. of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a list of housing programs that currently have funding available: - CalHome Program , Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) , Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) , Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program , Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Program	Grants & Funding California Department of Housing and Community Development
California Dept. of Housing and Community Development	AHSC Program makes it easier for Californians to drive less by making sure housing, jobs, and key destinations are accessible by walking, biking, and transit. (Cont. nextpage)	California Department of Housing and

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)	AHSC Round 10 is processing on schedule. NOFA released in March 2026 with applications due on May 4, 2026.	Community Development AHSC
Strategic Growth Council (SGC)	SGC's grant programs promote sustainability, health, and equity across California. Find funding for affordable housing, transit-oriented development, open space conservation, and climate change resilience. Currently accepting applications.	Strategic Growth Council Grant Programs
California Natural Resources Agency	The California Natural Resources Agency Bonds and Grant unit administers various programs. They offer listserv registration for some program notifications. For instance, the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program is an annual program (no solicitation for 2026) offering grants to local, state and federal governmental agencies and to nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts caused by new or modified public transportation facilities.	CA Natural Resources Grant Programs
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	Air Quality Incentive Programs. Visit the website for eligibility requirements and due dates. - Community Planning and Capacity Building program supports transportation equity in disadvantaged and low-income communities with a focus on focus on early-stage planning and readiness activities. <i>Application period closed on February 10, 2026.</i>	Incentives California Air Resources Board
California Energy Commission (CEC)	The CEC offers a variety of funding opportunities to advance the state's transition to clean energy and transportation through technological innovation and efficiency. CALeVIP's Fast Charge California Project is launching two new project windows in October 2026 and February 2027. Get ready to apply for DC fast charger funding! - Fast Charge California Project Window 2 (October 7, 2026 – January 14, 2027) - Fast Charge California Project Window 3 (February 24, 2027 – May 27, 2027)	CEC Funding Opportunities
US Dept. of Energy	CA Incentives for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Alternative Fuels Data Center - Find transportation data and information about alternative fuels and advanced vehicles in California, including laws and incentives, fueling stations, and fuel prices.	Alternative Fuels Data Center California Laws and Incentives

US Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Railroad Administration – Grants & Loans - To develop safety improvements and encourage the expansion and upgrade of passenger and freight rail infrastructure and services, FRA supports the nation's rail network through a variety of competitive and dedicated grant programs.	US DOT Railroad Grant Program
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Competitive Grant Funding List: - ADCMS - Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems: A program to promote, implement, deploy, demonstrate, showcase, support and document the application of advanced digital construction management systems, practices, performances, and benefits. - AID - Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Program: Provides grants to support the pilot/demonstration of innovations on projects, in areas such as planning, financing, operations, pavements, structures, materials, environment, and construction. - Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment (also known as Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program): Provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. - Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program: Funding beyond FY23 is subject to the availability appropriations; the program provides grants to construct safe and connected active transportation facilities in an active transportation network or active transportation spine and to develop plans for active transportation networks and active transportation spines. - Bridge Investment Program: Provides grants for projects to improve the condition of bridges and culverts and the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges. - BUILD - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant Program: Provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact (aka Local and Regional Project Assistance). - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants Program (Community Charging): Provides grants for projects to develop electric vehicle charging and hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure access along alternative fuel corridors throughout the	US DOT Grants Competitive Grant Funding List

	country, including in rural areas, low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, and communities with a low ratio of private parking spaces to households or a high ratio of multiunit dwellings to single family homes. - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants Program (Corridor Charging): Deploys publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure and hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. - Congestion Relief Program: Provides grants to advance innovative, integrated, and multimodal solutions to reduce congestion and the related economic and environmental costs in the most congested metropolitan areas with an urbanized area population of at least 1 million. - INFRA - Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects: Provides grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance. - MEGA - National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program: Provides grants to surface transportation infrastructure that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs that will have a significant national or regional impact. - Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP): Provides grants to Tribes and Federal land management agencies to complete projects that will provide substantial benefits to their communities or parklands. - PROTECT: Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Grants: Provides grants for activities that enable communities to address vulnerabilities to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions, including sea level rise, and plan transportation improvements and emergency response strategies to address those vulnerabilities. - Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Grant Program (RTEPF): Studies and provides grants to reduce idling at port facilities, including through the electrification of port operations. - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): Provides grants to support local initiatives to prevent transportation-related death and serious injury on roads and streets (commonly referred to as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” initiatives). <i>The FY 2026 NOFO for this program closed on May 26, 2026.</i> - Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program: Provides grants to support projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions, and in carrying out that purpose, improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.	
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California Grants Portal	The California Grants Portal (a project by the California State Library) is your one destination to find all grants and loans offered on a competitive or first-come basis by California state agencies.	CA Grants Portal
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Note that the above listing of programs is not comprehensive and are subject to change. The listing is intended as an example resource guide of programs that can help implement the Kern region's Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Attachment 2 – How Sub Areas of Kern County are Doing on Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled

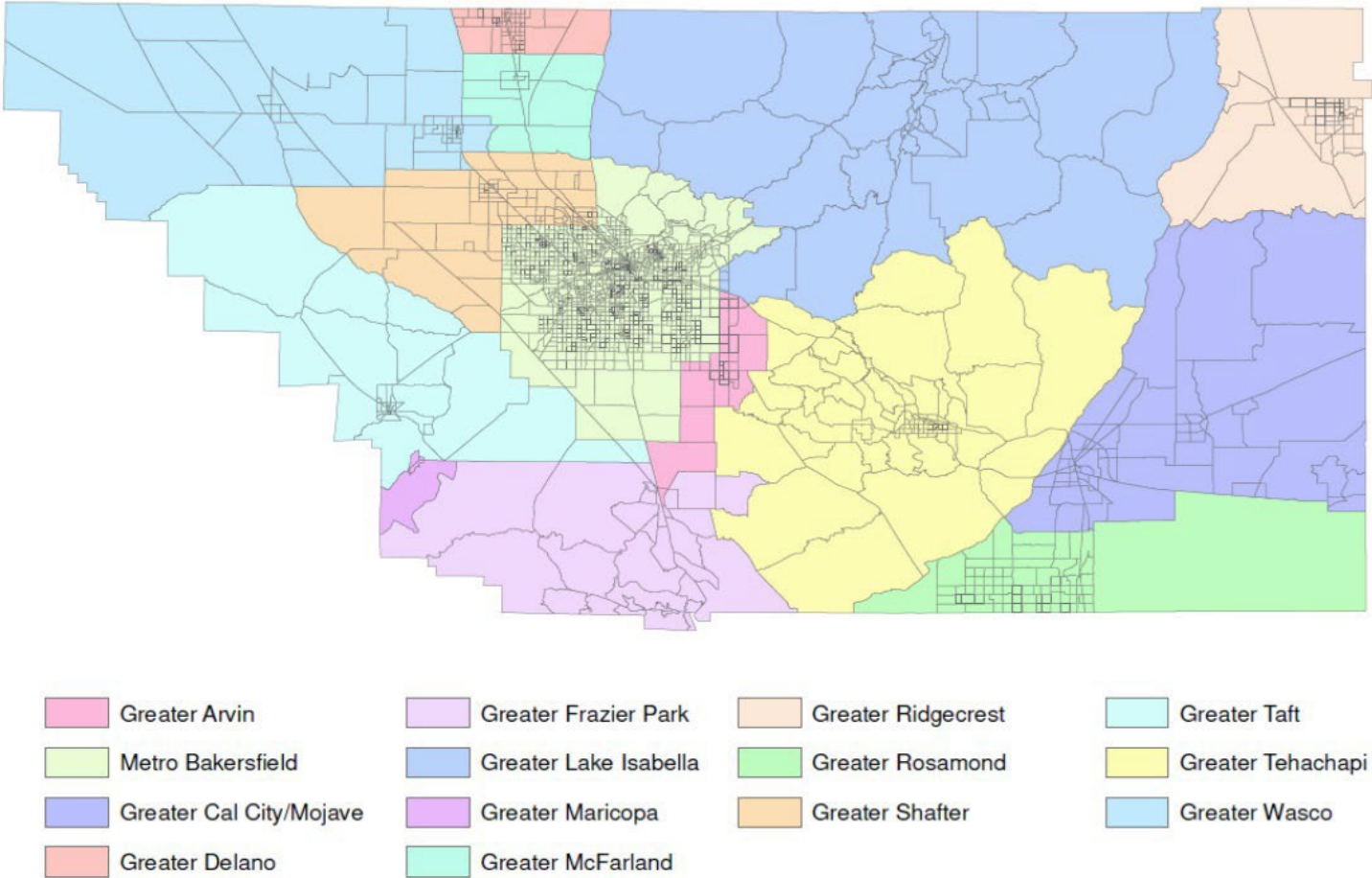
2022 RTP Change in Daily Auto Miles Traveled Compared to the Old Plan

Data Source: 2026 RTP Modeling		RSA Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)			Persons = Hhold. Pop. + Empls. (by place of work)			VMT Per Person (pop. + emps.)			% Change from Base 2024		Progress
		2024	2049 Old Plan	2049 Plan	2024	2049 Old Plan	2049 Plan	2024	2049 Old Plan	2049 Plan	2024 & 2049 Old Plan	2024 & 2049 Plan	Compar- ed to Old Plan
Regional Statistical Areas (RSA)		(miles x 1,000)			(persons)			(miles/person)			(percent)		
1	Greater Taft	1,098	1,206	1,185	27,769	31,786	30,185	39.53	37.93	39.27	-4.1%	-0.7%	3.4%
2	Greater McFarland	875	981	1,074	19,018	21,701	24,373	46.00	45.22	44.08	-1.7%	-4.2%	-2.5%
3	Greater Wasco	1,503	1,643	1,558	39,123	46,682	45,221	38.41	35.20	34.44	-8.4%	-10.3%	-2.0%
4	Greater Tehachapi	1,276	1,437	1,357	41,812	47,322	46,301	30.51	30.36	29.32	-0.5%	-3.9%	-3.4%
5	Greater Bakersfield	13,711	15,120	14,730	822,222	912,274	912,203	16.68	16.57	16.15	-0.6%	-3.2%	-2.6%
6	Greater Cal City/Mojave	1,182	1,470	1,145	26,711	35,160	28,451	44.26	41.80	40.24	-5.6%	-9.1%	-3.5%
7	Greater Lake Isabella	738	717	673	20,492	21,298	20,098	36.04	33.66	33.51	-6.6%	-7.0%	-0.4%
8	Greater Ridgecrest	1,197	1,246	1,183	48,540	52,196	51,537	24.66	23.88	22.95	-3.2%	-7.0%	-3.8%
9	Greater Frazier Park	1,051	2,682	2,692	18,820	57,727	60,323	55.84	46.46	44.63	-16.8%	-20.1%	-3.3%
10	Greater Shafter	2,064	2,701	2,676	49,165	70,034	74,963	41.97	38.56	35.70	-8.1%	-14.9%	-6.8%
11	Greater Arvin	782	876	881	23,391	25,844	26,806	33.41	33.88	32.85	1.4%	-1.7%	-3.1%
12	Greater Delano	1,882	2,033	2,036	53,533	56,031	58,535	35.15	36.29	34.77	3.2%	-1.1%	-4.3%
13	Greater Maricopa	49	47	45	1,548	1,519	1,496	31.65	30.77	30.15	-2.8%	-4.7%	-2.0%
14	Greater Rosamond	1,875	2,064	1,946	37,153	42,524	41,606	50.47	48.54	46.76	-3.8%	-7.4%	-3.5%
Countywide total/average		29,282	34,222	33,182	1,229,296	1,422,099	1,422,100	23.82	24.06	23.33	1.0%	-2.0%	-3.1%
Gateways		29,570	32,762	32,451									
All Travel		58,852	66,984	65,632									

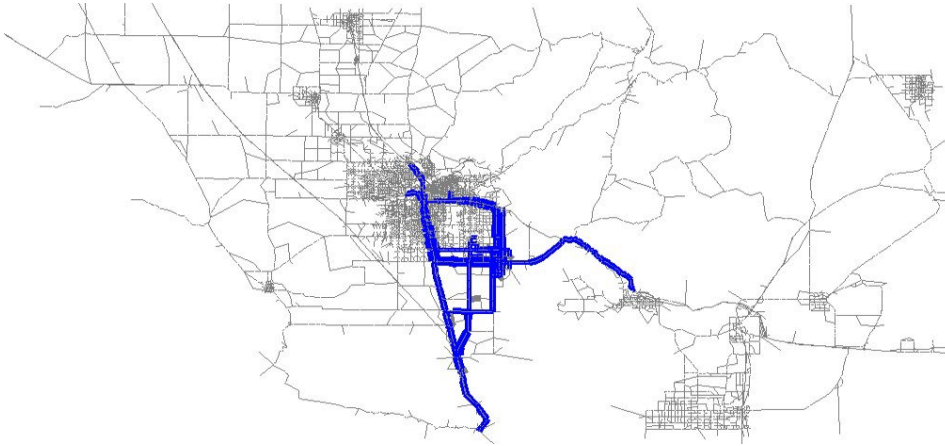
Attachment 3 – Map of Sub Areas

Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs) by Regional Statistical Areas (RSAs)

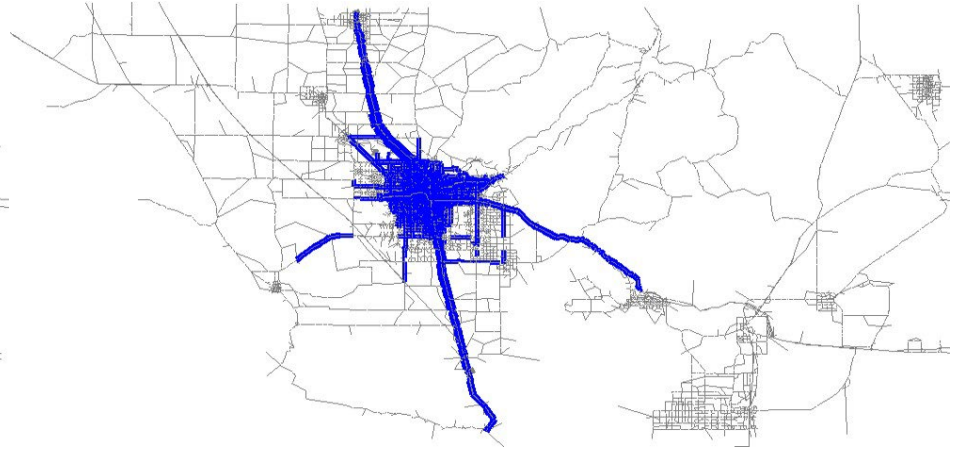
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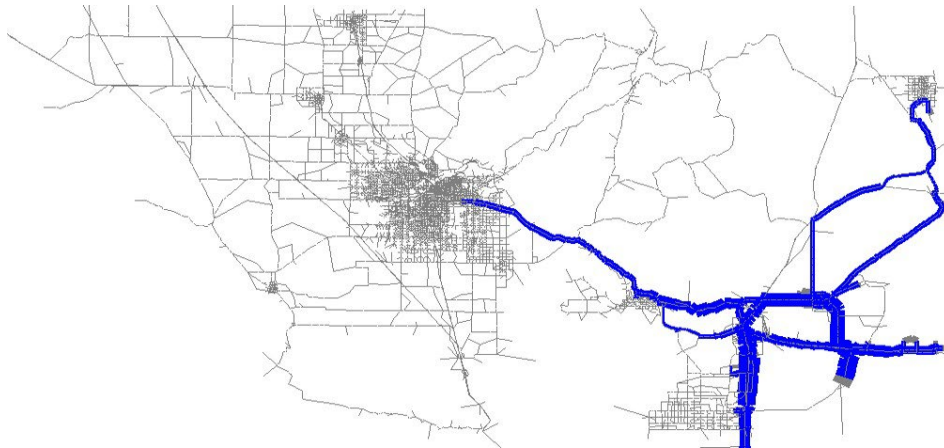
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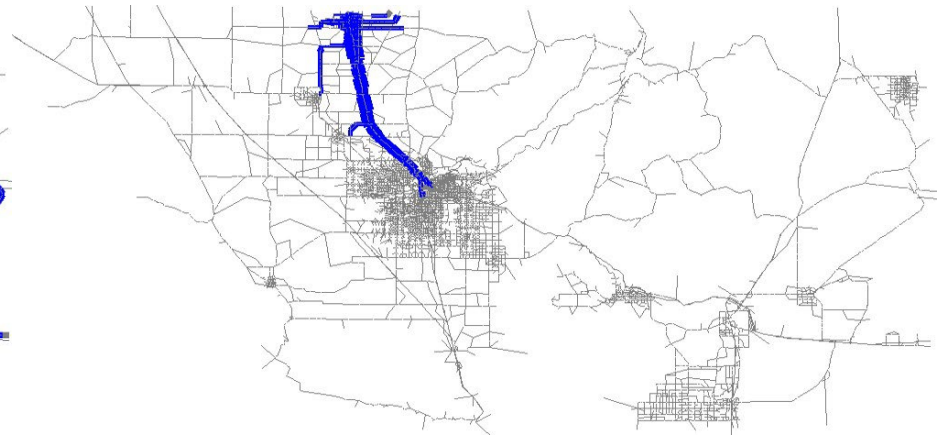
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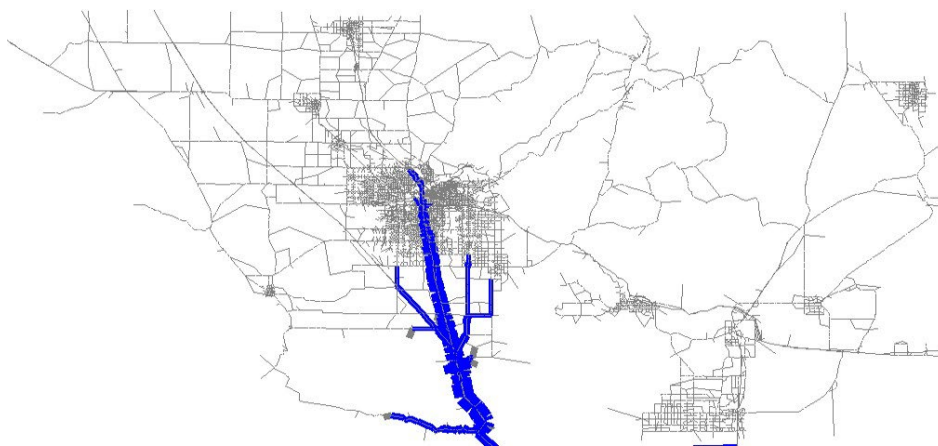
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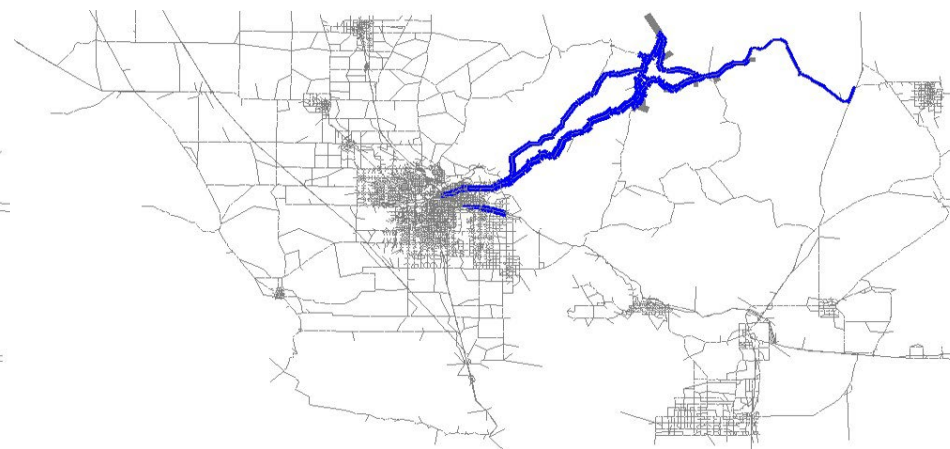
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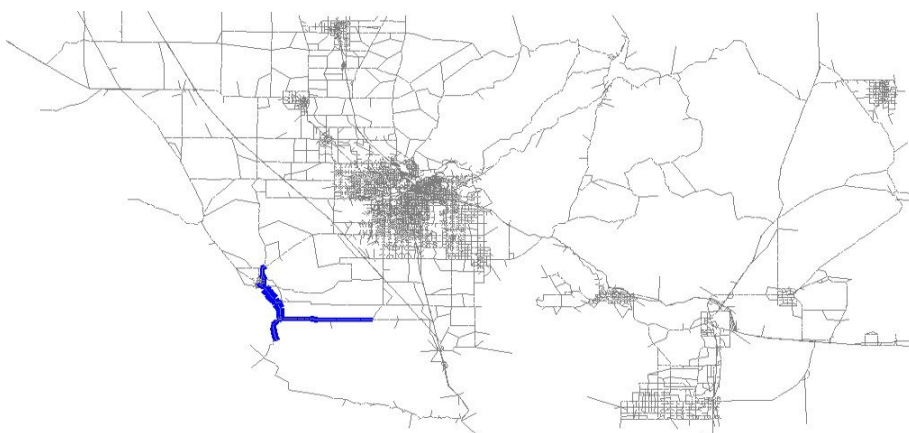
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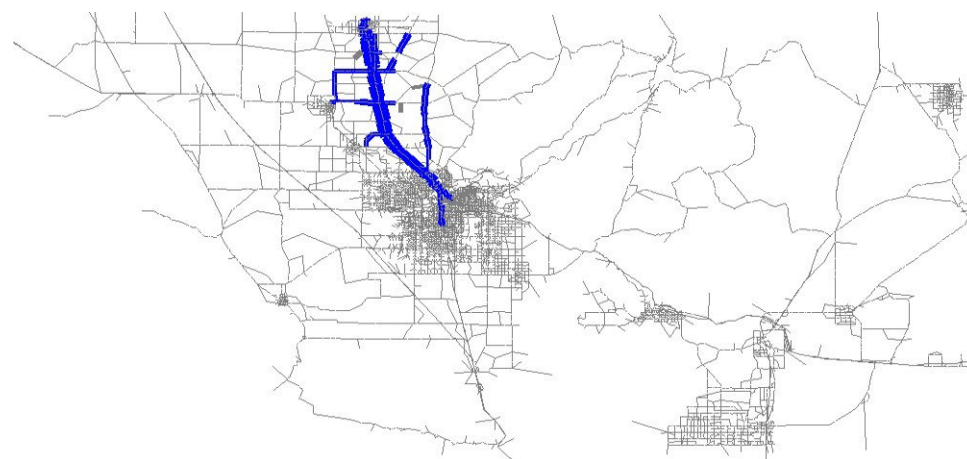
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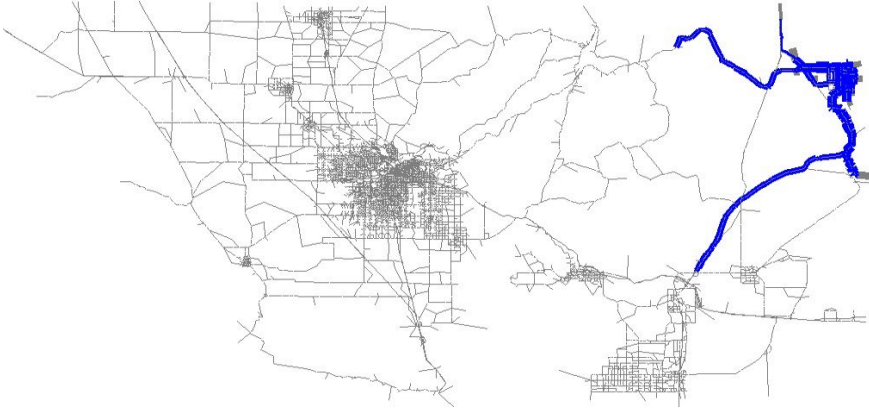
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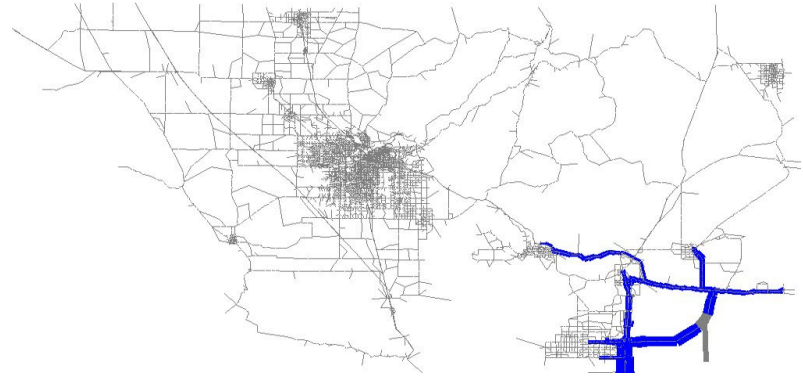
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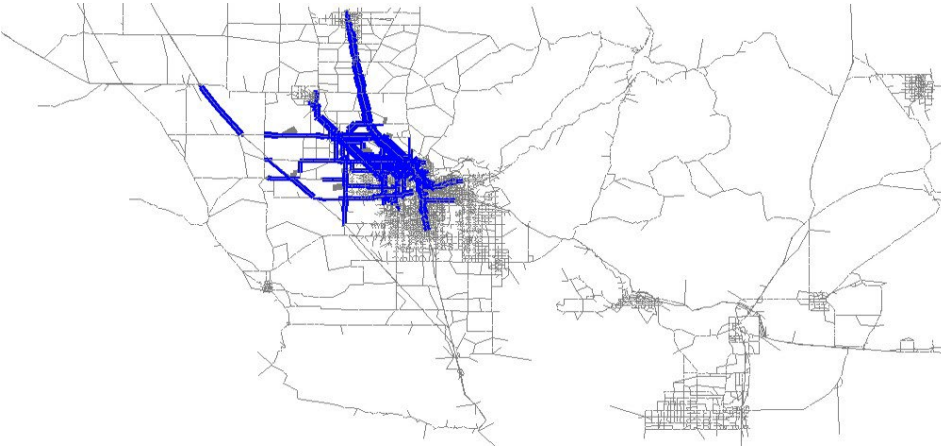
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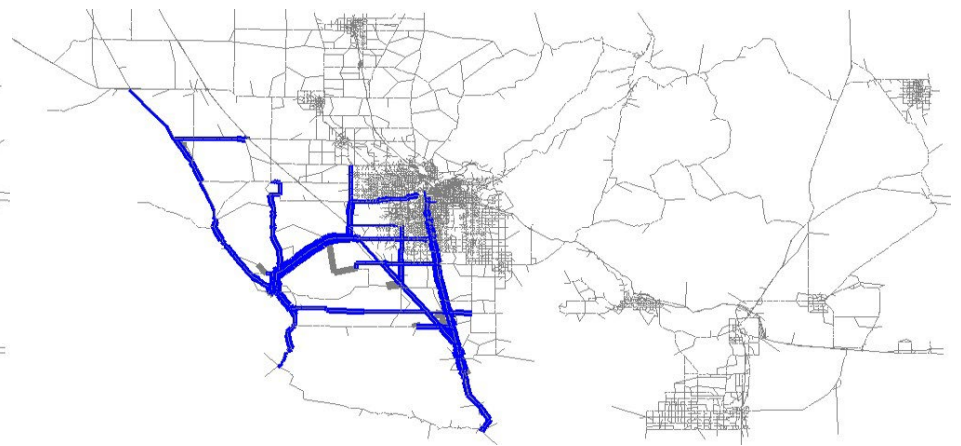
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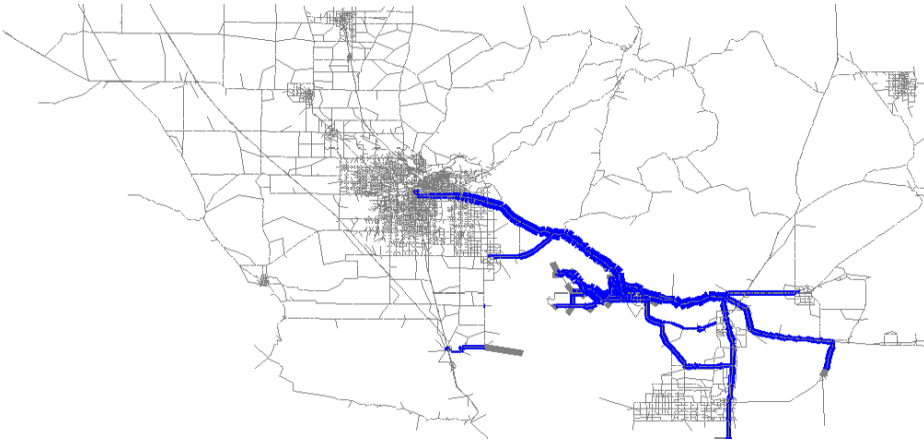
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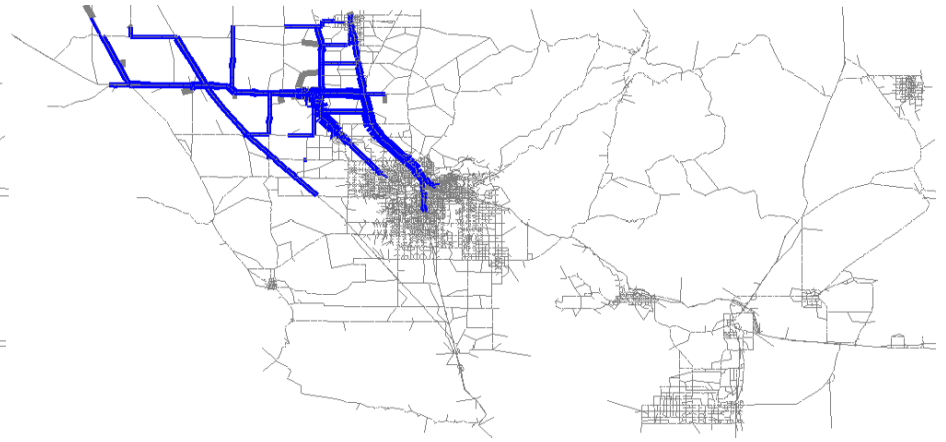
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Greater Tehachapi



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VI. RPAC

August 5, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee
FROM: JAY SCHLOSSER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director
Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: VI.

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 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The public engagement process is complete and the public review period for the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS closed July 2, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

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

September 2nd, 2026 – A staff report summarizing the comments received on the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS and its associated documents, along with staff responses, is anticipated to be presented to RPAC and TTAC at their September meetings.

July-August 2026 – Kern COG received more than 30 written comment submissions, in the form of letters and emails, on the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS and associated documents. Staff is reviewing the comments and preparing appropriate responses for inclusion in the final adoption materials.

June 2026 – Presentations on Draft 2026 RTP/SCS took place in Arvin/Lamont, Bakersfield, Mojave, and Tehachapi; Bakersfield presentations included a presentation 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 10, 2023 - At the quarterly SJV Inter-Agency Consultation meeting, ARB staff announced that the SCSs for Kern, Stanislaus, and Tulare COGs have been approved and will receive official documentation in September. Fresno and San Joaquin COGs have completed their reviews and

are in the process of making some required board actions before they can receive their official approval. Kings, Madera, and Merced are still under review by ARB staff.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preliminary Timeline 2026 RTP/SCS

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

ACTION: Information.