

2026-2027 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM



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I. INTRODUCTION

General

Kern County covers 8,161 square miles at the southern end of California's San Joaquin Valley, ranging west to the southern slope of the Coast Ranges and east beyond the southern slope of the eastern Sierra Nevada into the Mojave Desert. The population was 909,235 in 2020, making it the 11th most populous county in the state. The county's economy is heavily linked to agriculture and to petroleum extraction along with a strong aviation, space and military presence, such as Edwards Air Force Base and China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.

Kern Council of Governments' (Kern COG's) areawide planning program is a continuous, comprehensive and coordinated process involving Kern COG member agencies as well as tribal governments and various state and federal agencies. The program is designed to address regional planning concerns, state and federal funding priorities and state and local comprehensive planning requirements.

Kern COG's Joint Powers Agreement states that Kern COG was established to:

- Provide a forum to discuss and study regional problems of mutual concern to governmental agencies in Kern County;
- Provide for efficiency and economy in governmental operations through the cooperation of member governments and the pooling of common resources;
- Establish an agency responsible for identifying, clarifying and planning for solutions to regional problems;
- Establish an agency capable of developing regional plans and policies and performing area wide planning duties; and
- Facilitate cooperation and agreement among local government bodies for specific projects, interrelated developmental action and the adoption of common policies with respect to issues and problems that are shared by its members.

Transportation Planning Approach

Transportation planning within the Kern region is a continuous, comprehensive and cooperative process designed to meet state and federal planning guidelines. Kern COG has been involved in transportation planning since its inception in 1970.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA):

Encourages and promotes the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the

mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development within and between States and urbanized areas, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution through metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes.

Environmental Justice, addressed in Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and later reinforced by Executive Order 12898 in 1994, helps to ensure nondiscrimination in federally funded activities.

Also, Executive Order 13175--Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments helps "to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials."

Master Fund Transfer Agreement Number 74A1612 delineates fund sources covered that may be included in the Annual Overall Work Program and Overall Work Program Agreement. The Agreement discusses required Quarterly Progress and Expenditure Reports, Allowable Costs and Reimbursement, Audits and Reports, Miscellaneous Provisions and General Provisions.

The 2017 Planning and Programming Memorandum of Understanding is related to development of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and the STIP required by Government Code Section 14527, et. Seq. and the monitoring of project implementation.

SB 45 requires that the California Department of Transportation prepare a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). State regulations require that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) include a transportation system management element that describes how the region intends to guide the movement of goods and people by improving the operation of the transportation system. Kern COG must prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Agency Organizational Structure and Interagency Arrangements

Kern COG was created in response to the need for a coordinated approach to addressing multi-jurisdictional issues, such as land use, housing, energy, air quality, water quality, transportation, as well as community and economic development. These issues cross jurisdictional boundaries. The regional approach offered by Kern COG provides the comprehensive planning and intergovernmental coordination necessary to address such complex issues.

An important element of the transportation planning process is the development of transportation policy. Transportation policy is set by the COG Board and is based on technical and policy advice from the following committees:

Transportation Planning Policy Committee (TPPC)

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC)

Transit Operators Committee (TOC)
Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)
Transportation Modeling Committee (TMC)

A discussion of each committee may be found at www.kerncog.org.

The 11 incorporated cities and the County of Kern coordinate and cooperate among each other, as well as with other local special district agencies, Kern COG and affected agencies of the state and federal governments. Cooperation in developing general and specific plans is ensured by the joint powers agreement establishing Kern COG. Kern COG members from each jurisdiction are a link between Kern COG staff and the chief administrative officer of each jurisdiction. City and county staff participate fully in functional planning that affects their jurisdiction. Involvement of local staff in planning projects helps ensure an orderly transition from plan to implementation.

To improve intergovernmental coordination, Kern COG has entered into myriad of memorandums of understanding and other cooperative agreements that specify responsibilities of each party, including: the other seven San Joaquin Valley metropolitan planning organizations; San Luis Obispo Council of Governments; Inyo County Local Transportation Commission; Mono County Local Transportation Commission; Southern California Association of Governments and San Bernardino Associated Governments.

Native American Tribal Governments

On October 24, 2025 Kern COG, Caltrans, and Kern County Public Works staff met with the Tubatulabal Tribe, a state recognized tribe in the Kern River Valley, to discuss transportation improvements to the Faye Ranch Road, providing access to a Tribal Rancheria in Lake Isabella. In addition, discussions were held regarding state route signage on 178 denoting the tribe language names for the area. Tubatulabal Tribe is actively working on becoming a federally recognized Tribe.

The federally recognized Tejon Indian Tribe is currently a member of the Kern COG Regional Planning Advisory Committee. The Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) oversees development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and holds meetings monthly.

On July 29, 2024 Kern COG staff met with the Tejon Tribe and held a workshop to receive feedback on the Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations (KARGO) Prosperity/Protection Study. A series of hybrid and virtual workshops were held throughout Kern County to get feedback on the Kern Community Prosperity/Protection Study. This feedback has been integrated into Kern's planning work and will help create a dependable, more efficient, climate change resilient transportation system. More information can be found at <https://www.kerncog.org/kargo/>.

On March 23, 2024 Kern COG staff attended the Tejon Tribe's, Health Services event. Development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy was discussed with tribal officers and members. At the event, Kern COG provided a draft

government-to-government agreement to better facilitate the interaction between the two government organizations. Kern COG continues to engage with tribal officers, but the Tejon Indian tribe has not signed the government-to-government agreement to date.

The Tejon Tribe indicates their goal is to be entirely self-reliant as a community. They do not want to depend on the state or county to provide a service they as a Tribe have the opportunity to create, maintain and sustain.

Federal Land Planning Program

The United States depends on a safe and efficient transportation system to strengthen communities, provide access to jobs, services, and centers of trade, and retain and enhance our economic competitiveness in the global marketplace. The transportation planning process is a forum through which transportation decisions are made to address these issues. The States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and Federal Land Management Agencies are required to conduct continuing, comprehensive and collaborative intermodal transportation planning that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods in all areas.

Activities under the Federal Lands Planning Program include: long range transportation plans; performance management activities -- including the development and implementation of safety, bridge, pavement, and congestion management systems; road and bridge inventory; and development and updating of the Transportation Improvement Program.

Public Participation

Kern COG's public participation process is designed to encourage both individual and organizational participation in the comprehensive planning process. Early consultation during the planning process is a key element in the development and implementation of an effective regional plan.

Kern COG has agreements with several community-based organizations to encourage participation in the planning process. The Golden Empire Transit District, Consolidated Transportation Service Agency, Social Services Technical Advisory Committee, and the Kern Transportation Foundation, for example, were created to address transportation issues and funding options and to educate the community. Kern COG staff serves on these committees.

Consultation in Kern COG's plan development process requires continual communication with Disadvantaged, Environmental Justice and Title VI communities. The multi-district county and geographic separation of communities creates difficulty in fostering public participation. Despite the hurdles, staff is dedicated to encouraging public participation at every level of project development.

Expanded outreach to under-served groups, such as minority and low-income populations (i.e. African-American, Latino, Asian-American, American Indian/Alaskan

Native, and Pacific Islander), is a cornerstone of Kern COG's mission. This expanded effort includes many advertising efforts, including newspaper display ads; direct mailings and phone and electronic correspondence.

Faced with geographical and district boundary hurdles, a dual level public participation program has been developed. The communication needs of special interest groups, media, communities, department of transportation districts and air districts are tailored for each geographic area of the region. Kern COG encourages participation from all interested parties, seeks participation from underserved communities and furnishes appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with special needs an equal opportunity for participation.

In 2025, Kern COG made a strong effort to collect input and gain public participation for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS). As an agency, we attended and held informational booths at multiple community events, as well as hosted several workshops to gather feedback from a wide range of communities which led to the collection of over 7,100 responses.

Saturday, August 23, 2025: Tehachapi Mountain Festival – Tehachapi, CA

Wednesday, September 17, 2025: Kern County Fair- Bakersfield, CA

Friday, October 10, 2025: RTP/SCS Workshop with Bike Bakersfield – Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, October 18, 2025: Taft Oildorado Days – Taft, CA

Monday, October 20, 2025: RTP/SCS Workshop with Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment – Delano, CA

Saturday, November 1, 2025: AkaMya Culture Group – 1st Annual Regional Hoop Dance Championship- Ridgecrest, CA

Thursday, November 6, 2025: RTP/SCS Workshop with FARO Church – Arvin, CA

Thursday, November 13, 2025: RTP/SCS Workshop with City of Wasco Police Activities League (PAL) Program – Wasco, CA

Feedback from community events and workshops will be integrated into Kern's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) designed to help reduce emissions from passenger vehicle travel. The plan is accompanied by a program level environmental document that analyzes cumulative impacts, and the regional air quality conformity analysis required by federal regulations. More information can be found at <https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>

Kern COG's public participation program, documented in a Council adopted policy statement, is periodically reviewed and updated and may be found at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Draft_2023_PIP.pdf.

To get involved in the public participation process, contact Kern COG at 1401 19th Street, Suite 300; Bakersfield, CA 93301. Phone: (661) 635-2900 Fax: (661) 324-8215 E-mail: jschlosser@kerncog.org Home Page: kerncog.org.

Progress Made Toward Implementing the RTP and TIP

The core of this OWP effort is the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This OWP governs a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing process as required for initiatives to be eligible for federal transportation funding. This year is the first year of the continuing process for the 4-year RTP cycle and the 2-year TIP. Both processes allow for periodic amendments as needed. Some of the requirements addressed by the RTP include Federal Code Title 23 Part 450.320 congestion management process (CMP) and California Government Code Sec. 65080(b)(2) sustainable communities strategy (SCS), and the review and compliance of California Transportation Plan (CTP) 14 recommendations, the California Rail Plan, and District and Statewide Transit Plans. The cooperative nature of these documents include an on-going and continuing public outreach process that begins shortly after adoption of the previous RTP and TIP. In addition, the process includes a comprehensive approach that includes an increasingly more sophisticated and integrated performance monitoring process.

II. LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL DESIGNATIONS

Regional Transportation Planning Agency

Pursuant to state law, Kern COG is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Kern region. Acting in this capacity, Kern COG is responsible for adopting a regional transportation plan and a regional transportation improvement program.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Kern COG is a forum for cooperative transportation decision-making. Kern COG receives state and federal transportation funds to accomplish regional transportation planning objectives through the activities detailed in the Overall Work Program (OWP).

Transportation Management Area

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act designates urbanized areas (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with populations of over 200,000 as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). Kern COG is the TMA responsible for designing a congestion management system that provides for effective management and operation of new and existing transportation facilities through the use of travel demand reduction and operational management strategies.

Area-wide Planning Organization

In accordance with federal law, Kern COG is designated the Areawide Planning Organization (APO) for the Kern region. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that an APO develop and maintain areawide land use, housing and open space plans.

Local Clearinghouse

In accordance with Executive Order 12372, Kern COG is designated the Local Clearinghouse for the Kern region. Kern COG's primary responsibility is to review and comment on local applications for state and federal funding assistance.

Affiliate Data Center

The California Department of Finance has designated Kern COG as the Affiliate State Census Data Center for the Kern region. Kern COG provides assistance to census data users, maintains a publicly accessible collection of Census Bureau reference and determines the need for census workshops within Kern region.

Home Mortgage Disclosure Depository

The Federal Reserve Board has designated Kern COG as the central depository for bank mortgage residential loan reports. Kern COG is required to provide public access to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act information.

Kern County Transportation Authority

On May 31, 1988, the Kern County Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 88-466 appointed Kern COG as the Local Transportation Authority, in accordance with Division 19 of the Public Utilities Code (Section 180000 et seq.). Prior to a sales tax initiative for transportation projects being placed on a ballot, Kern COG is to adopt an ordinance that outlines an expenditure plan of transportation projects and a proposed increase in transactions and use taxes.

Kern Motorist Aid Authority

In accordance with Sections 2550, et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code, the County of Kern and the incorporated cities, the Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) was created on May 19, 1988. KMAA is authorized to finance, implement, operate and maintain a motorist aid system and other services in coordination with the California Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol.

Kern Congestion Management Agency

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089(a), Kern COG is the designated the Congestion Management Agency (CMA).

III. PROGRAMS, PROCESSES AND PLANS

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

The FAST Act maintains the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) program, designed to ensure equal opportunity in transportation contracting markets and to address the effects of discrimination in transportation contracting. The program establishes a flexible goal for the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises, including small firms owned and controlled by women and minorities.

Regional Plans

A list of and web link for the major transportation documents that are developed and adopted by Kern COG follows:

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

<http://www.kerncog.org/regional-transportation-plan>

Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP)

<http://www.kerncog.org/regional-transportation-improvement-program>

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

<http://www.kerncog.org/federal-transportation-improvement-program>

Congestion Management Program (CMP)

Part of RTP

Regional Housing Allocation Plan

<http://www.kerncog.org/regional-housing>

Other Transportation-Related Planning Reports and Documents

<http://www.kerncog.org/publications>

Certification Process and Criteria

Pursuant to joint urban transportation planning regulations published in the United States **Federal Register** on October 28, 1993, Kern COG is required to certify that its planning process is executed in conformance with all applicable federal requirements. Based on the certification review conducted by FHWA and FTA in June 2019, the Kern COG transportation planning process is certified as meeting transportation planning requirements.

IV. FEDERAL EMPHASIS AREAS, PLANNING FACTORS, AND REGIONAL PLANNING PRIORITIES

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation’s infrastructure, competitiveness, and communities. The legislation provides the tools and resources to significantly advance national safety priorities across the Department’s programs by more than doubling funding for surface transportation programs that improve the safety of people and vehicles in our transportation system, including highways, trucks, rail, and pipeline and hazardous materials transport.

Federal Planning Emphasis Areas

(At the publication of this document new Federal Planning Emphasis Areas have not yet been adopted. Kern COG will update this section in the future as needed).

Core Planning Functions

MPOs are reminded that their Overall Work Programs (OWP) must identify the Core Planning Functions and what work will be done during the program year to advance those functions. The Core Functions typically include:

- Overall Work Program
- Public Participation and Education
- Regional Transportation Plan
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program
- Congestion Management Process (required for TMAs)
- Annual Listing of Projects

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) invests in making our roadways safer for all users. The new and first of its kind \$6 billion Safe Streets and Roads for All program will fund local efforts to reduce roadway crashes and fatalities through grants for planning and projects – especially for people who walk and bike who are disproportionately impacted by crashes. These funds will support existing safety efforts as well as establish new local data-driven efforts to reverse trends comparable to similar safety-oriented plans and programs such as Vision Zero and the Road to Zero Coalition.

The BIL also acknowledges the importance of Complete Streets policies and standards. The legislation requires States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to spend funds on activities that support Complete Streets, such as adopting and developing standards, policies, and plans. Additionally, the BIL includes \$16 billion over five years to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

The FHWA and FTA request that all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) review the Overall Work Plan (OWP) development process to ensure all activities and products mandated by the metropolitan transportation planning regulations in 23 CFR 450 are a priority for FHWA and FTA combined planning grant funding available to the region. The

MPO OWP work elements and subsequent work tasks must be developed in sufficient detail (i.e. activity description, products, schedule, cost, etc.) to clearly explain the purpose and results of the work to be accomplished, including how they support the Federal transportation planning process (see 23 CFR 420.111 for documentation requirements for FHWA Planning funds).

Performance Management

Caltrans and most of California's MPOs have developed performance measures that inform their Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIPs). The objective of the performance- and outcome-based program is for states and MPOs to invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward the achievement of the national goals. Performance measure areas are listed below:

- **Safety** - To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- **Infrastructure condition** - To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair
- **Congestion reduction** - To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System
- **System reliability** - To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system
- **Freight movement and economic vitality** - To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development.
- **Environmental sustainability** - To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- **Reduced project delivery delays** - To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.
- **Transit Safety** - Each transit ride must be carefully executed to ensure the safety, security, and timeliness of service.

State of Good Repair

MPOs are required to evaluate their transportation system to assess the capital investment needed to maintain a state of good repair for the region's transportation facilities and equipment. MPOs shall coordinate with the transit providers in their region to incorporate the Transit Asset Management Plans (TAMs) prepared by the transit providers the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and into the Region Transportation Plan (RTP). Analysis of State of Good Repair needs and investments shall be part of any RTP update, and must be included in the Overall Work Program task for developing the Regional Transportation Plan. MPOs are expected to regularly

coordinate with transit operators to evaluate current information on the state of transit assets; to understand the transit operators transit asset management plans; and to ensure that the transit operators are continually providing transit asset information to support the MPO planning process.

Federal Planning Factors

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth, housing, and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

MAP 21/FAST ACT PLANNING FACTORS													
	WE 101.1	WE 102.1	WE 201.1	WE 203.1B & 601.3	WE 203.2B & 601.4	WE 203.3B & 603.3	WE 203.4B	WE 601.1	WE 601.2 & 602.1	WE 603.1, 606.3 & 603.2	WE 604.1 & 604.2	WE 606.1, 608.1 & 609.1	WE 610.1 & 610.2
Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.						*				*			
Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.				*	*		*	*	*	*	*		
Increase accessibility and ability of people and freight.				*	*		*	*	*		*		*
Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements.	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.				*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*
Promote efficient system management and operation.			*			*		*	*	*	*	*	*
Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.				*	*		*	*		*	*	*	
Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation and mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation.		*		*	*		*						
Enhance travel and tourism.				*	*	*	*	*					

V. WORK ELEMENTS

The environment is a complex system composed of both natural and artificial elements that interact with each other and with human beings. It encompasses various components such as forests, rivers, oceans, deserts, mountains, cities, and the air we breathe. Each of these elements plays a vital role in maintaining life on Earth. Understanding these interactions is essential for protecting and preserving our natural resources for future generations.

A special emphasis has been placed on air quality and the problems of pollution control. Air and water quality must be protected. Land uses are related to every human activity and are intricately interwoven with environmental issues. Identifying and analyzing problems, which adversely affect the environment, and developing solutions to mitigate causes, is a part of the comprehensive planning process.

Work Elements in this section represent annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year.

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Work Element # 101.1 – AIR QUALITY MODELING/TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT**

Purpose & Goal*

Maintain an active planning program to reduce transportation emissions and improve regional air quality through transportation system management. The following is a list of

*Meets Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, air quality conformity, and Performance Management.

Previous Work

1. Conformity analyses for Regional Transportation Plan and Federal Transportation Improvement Program since 1990: 2022RTP, 2023 FTIP, 2025 FTIP;
2. Transportation/air quality consultation procedures updates;
3. Use of EMFAC emissions modeling for 2022 RTP, 2023 FTIP and 2025 FTIP;
4. Development of latest planning assumptions for conformity 2022 RTP;
5. Identification and tracking of transportation system management strategies;
6. Interagency consultation process: Performing PM2.5 and PM10 hot-spot assessment for member agencies: Hot-Spot Assessments for The Signalization Project at McKee Road and Ashe Road Intersection; Hot Spot Assessment for Traffic Signal at McKee Road and Wible Road; Hot-Spot Assessments for The Kern County Signalization Projects: Flower and Virginia Streets, Manor Street and Day Avenue, Elizabeth Norris Road and Lake Isabella Blvd, Cummings Valley Road and Bear Valley Road (KER180507), Cottonwood Road (now S. MLK Blvd) and Cheatham Avenue, Snow Road and Quail Creek Road, Allen Road and Jomani Drive. Hot-spot Conformity Assessment for H Street Corridor Improvements Project in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County. Hot-spot Conformity Assessment for Adaptive Signal Coordination Project along Panama Lane from Parsons Way to Martin Luther King Blvd in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County.
7. Interagency consultation process: Performing IAC for air conformity analysis and transportation analysis for 2022 RTP.
8. Development of latest planning assumptions for conformity 2026 RTP.

Study Design (Tasks and Responsible Agencies)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Administer Air Quality Modeling/Transportation Management Program 2022 RTP and 2026RTP. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%

2	Coordinate activities and provide staff support for transportation air quality, as required for the Air Quality Attainment Plans in Kern County. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
3	Participate with SJVAPCD/Kern APCD in preparing transportation components of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Maintain a conformity program for transportation plans, programs, and projects with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Monitor and implement federal air quality regulations. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	8%
6	Monitor transportation/air quality programs to determine needs for transportation and air quality modeling. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	8%
7	Review plans and programs for conformity with state and federal Clean Air Acts, conduct necessary modeling, and maintain data and documentation. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	8%
8	Assist air districts in developing mobile source emission inventories. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
9	Attend interregional model coordinating meetings and statewide air quality meetings. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
10	Participate in air quality working groups as required. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	2%
11	Provide modeling of transportation programs, plans and projects. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	2%
12	Meet and consult with various agencies during updates of EMFAC, CUBE, and other modeling software. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	2%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Air Quality Conformity Analysis for plans, programs and amendments 2022 RTP. (quarterly).
2. RTP/FTIP, document updates and associated conformity analyses and determinations. 2022 RTP (quarterly, even-numbered years) and 2025 FTIP.
3. Conformity SIP program. (quarterly as required by Air District schedules).
4. Air Quality Modeling Output Using EMFAC2014 for 2022 RTP. (quarterly).

List of designated Area Non-Attainment, Attainment or Maintenance

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Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA			FTA			TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG					\$80,746				\$80,746	\$0	\$0	\$9,262	\$0
Consultant									\$0				
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,746	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,746	\$0	\$0	\$9,262	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FHWA PL C/O													\$ -
CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTA 5303	\$ 16,149	\$16,149	\$ 8,075	\$8,075	\$ 6,460	\$ 6,460	\$ 6,460	\$4,037	\$4,037	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,615	\$80,746
Local													\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 16,149	\$16,149	\$ 8,075	\$8,075	\$ 6,460	\$ 6,460	\$ 6,460	\$4,037	\$4,037	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,615	\$80,746

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #102.1 – ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW & MONITORING PROGRAM

Purpose & Goal

In alignment with CFR § 450.300 et seq. Review local government agency environmental documents to convey regional planning impacts pertaining to discretionary development projects requiring general plan amendments and/or zone changes, general plan updates and other master plan updates. Review Local Agency Formation Commission inquiries concerning proposed changes in boundaries of cities, the county and special districts. Monitor ongoing Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and its relationship with the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions, including the Regional Transportation Program.

Previous Work

1. Review and comment on regional projects' environmental documents that impact the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy RTP/SCS;
2. Develop response letter for Local Agency Formation Commission inquiries;
3. Develop response letter for regional projects' environmental documents;
4. Integrated Regional Water Management Plans;
5. Water quality monitoring integration in the 2018 and 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy; and
6. Monitor the American Farmland Trust "Saving Farmland, Growing Cities" program.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Review and comment on Local Agency Formation Commission inquiries concerning proposed changes in boundaries of cities and special districts. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
2	Review and comment on regionally significant environmental documents of responsible agencies for compliance with and impact on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	58%
3	Maintain repository of southern San Joaquin Valley regional water quality studies and documents. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	1%
4	Participate when appropriate in the Kern IRWMP. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	1%
5	Attend conferences, trainings and workshops related to changes and updates to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and/or the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Track and monitor regulatory changes to NEPA and CEQA that may affect Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	20%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Issue responses to Local Agency Formation Commission inquiries concerning proposed changes in the boundaries of cities and special districts to assure compliance with the RTP/SCS. (monthly, when requested).
2. Issue letters responding to regionally significant environmental documents of cities, the county and special districts for compliance with the RTP/SCS. (monthly, when requested).
3. On an as needed basis, inform member agencies of changes to environmental regulations and receive feedback from member agencies on the same.

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA		FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG				\$40,681				\$40,681	\$0	\$0	\$4,666	\$0
Consultant								\$0				
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,681	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,681	\$0	\$0	\$4,666	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FHWA PL	-	-	-	-			\$ -
FHWA PL C/O							\$ -
CMAQ							\$ -
FTA 5303	4,068	23,595	407	407	4,068	8,136	\$ 40,681
FTA 5303 C/O							\$ -
Local							\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 4,068	\$ 23,595	\$ 407	\$ 407	\$ 4,068	\$ 8,136	\$ 40,681

200 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development is a practice-based concept and an academic discipline that promotes participative democracy, sustainable development, rights, and economic opportunity. It achieves these goals through the organization, education, and empowerment of people within their communities—whether these be defined by locality, identity, or interest—in both urban and rural settings.

Land management and livable community concepts address many of these issues and contribute to a new perspective on housing and land use as they relate to the environment and quality of life in the Kern region.

Work Elements in this section represent annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year.

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 201.1 - COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
INVENTORY MAPPING SYSTEM

Purpose & Goal*

To prepare and consolidate a comprehensive community and environmental planning inventory and quickly identify environmental factors in plans, programs, and studies through Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The GIS mapping program is designed to both maintain map layers such as land use, imagery, and roads for RTP and SCS analysis as well as providing supporting data for use in the transportation demand model.

*Meets Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Previous Work

1. Restarted Kern Geographic Information Network (Kern GEONET) coordination meetings;
2. Kern COG GIS Program updates;
3. Updated local jurisdiction land use data for modeling inputs;
4. Kern Multi-Agency Aerial Imagery Project 2020 distribution;
5. Enabled use of 1937- partial 1952 Kern aerial photography in GIS.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Support mapping data needs for land use modeling	June	5%
2	Identify, compile and maintain mapping data in a single database. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June	35%
3	Update Disadvantaged Communities Mapping. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	April	5%
4	Update historical aerial imagery for modern GIS systems. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant).	June	5%
5	Coordinate partnership activity for multi-agency imagery collection and distribution. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June	5%
6	Create, maintain and analyze planning maps for RTP and other documents. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Continuous	45%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Update Disadvantaged Communities mapping. (April 2026)
2. Kern COG ArcGIS Online integration. (monthly)
3. Update layers and maps for RTP and EIR documents (June 2026)
4. Historical aerial imagery 1952 update (June 2026)
5. Map and analyze data for Kern COG documents (monthly)

Revenue Budget

FHWA			FTA				TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE				
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$277,195				\$272,249				\$549,444	\$31,794	\$0	\$31,227	\$0
Consultant									\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$277,195	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$272,249	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$549,444	\$31,794	\$0	\$31,227	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FHWA PL	13,860	97,018	13,860	13,860	13,860	124,738	\$ 277,195
FHWA PL C/O	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
RSTP							\$ -
CMAQ							\$ -
FTA 5303	13,612	95,287	13,612	13,612	13,612	122,512	\$ 272,249
FTA 5303 C/O	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
SB-1F 26-27							\$ -
HCD							\$ -
Local	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 27,472	\$ 192,305	\$ 27,472	\$ 27,472	\$ 27,472	\$ 247,250	\$ 549,444

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 201.2 – MAPPING SERVICES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Purpose & Goal

To collaborate and coordinate on comprehensive mapping projects, services, training and technical support among local agencies and other entities as needed to enhance transportation planning and security while eliminating overlapping purchases and services. A goal of this Work Element is to ensure that local jurisdictions have up-to-date land use and other GIS data needed for development of the RTP/SCS.

*Meets Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan.

Previous Work

1. Arvin and McFarland mapping agreements;
2. Wonderful Ranch 3710 Study;
3. Amazon and Landings Study;
4. Malibu Ranch Study;
5. Lost Hills;
6. Project (shopping warehouse) on S. H St and North of Hosking;
7. Project on S. H St and South of Hosking;
8. Project on Rosedale and Gosford.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Support mapping agreements with member agencies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	Continuous	15%
2	Generate maps in response to community/public requests. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	As needed	15%
3	Support modeling in response to community/public requests. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	As needed	70%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Support member agency mapping service agreements (monthly),
2. Member agency and community mapping requests (monthly).
3. Member agency and community modeling requests (monthly).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA			FTA				TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$0				\$0					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS					TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	
FHWA PL	0	-	-	-	-	\$ -
FTA 5303	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 203.1B– SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Purpose & Goal

The goal of this program is to fulfill the requirements of the SB 375 Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), as well as the Regional Transportation Guidelines for consultation and coordination by all interested parties. This program contributes to Caltrans' mission and overarching objectives for SB 1 formula grant resources: sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health and social equity. It also contributes to Sustainable Communities Grant Specific Objectives: to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's RTP/SCS, contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets and other State goals. This Work Element uses 2026/27 SB 1 formula grant funding.

Previous Work

1. 2018 and 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies;
2. Public Information Policies and Procedures Update for 2026 Regional Transportation Plan – May 2023.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

	Task	Completion Date	% Effort
1	Design public outreach content and timing, ensure that the planning process successfully integrates environmental justice into decision making, produce public outreach reports and data analysis for the RTP/SCS. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	12%
2	Identify transportation needs of target populations, including disadvantaged communities and Environmental Justice communities; Quantitatively assess benefits and burdens of transportation plans. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	10%
3	Continue government to government relationship with the Tejon Tribe and other tribal communities for the RTP/SCS process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	10%
4	Contract consultant to service, design and develop at least two online surveys for development of the RTP/SCS (Fall and Spring). (Responsible Agency: Consultant)	June 30	28%
5	Provide planning support to member agencies in development of grants and applications. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	During Fiscal Year	20%
6	Update Public Information Policies and Procedures for development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	May 30	20%

End Products (Schedule)

1. FY26-27 Updated Public Information Policies and Procedures (May 2027)
2. FY26-27 Online Surveys – 2 per year (Fall 2026, Spring 2027)
3. FY26-27 SCS outreach meetings, workshops, and events for target populations to ensure transportation planning efforts with disadvantaged communities and Environmental Justice communities. (As needed and/or requested)

4. FY26-27 SCS planning support in development of grants and applications.
(June 2027)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	Formula Funds			TOTAL
	FY 26-27 SB-1F	SB-1F Carryover	Local	
Kern COG	\$ 94,469		\$12,240	\$106,709
Consultant	\$ 36,342		\$ 4,708	\$ 41,050
Total	\$ 130,811	\$ -	\$16,948	\$147,759

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SB-1F 26-27	\$ 15,983	\$ 13,081	\$ 13,081	\$ 36,342	\$ 26,162	\$ 26,162	\$ 130,811
SB-1F 25-26 Carryover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 2,071	\$ 1,695	\$ 1,695	\$ 4,708	\$ 3,390	\$ 3,390	\$ 16,948
TOTAL	\$ 18,054	\$ 14,776	\$ 14,776	\$ 41,050	\$ 29,552	\$ 29,552	\$ 147,759

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 203.2B– 2026-2027 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Purpose & Goal

The goal of this program is to fulfill the requirements of the SB 375 Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), as well as the Regional Transportation Guidelines for performance measure monitoring. Kern COG was cited in the State 2010 Guidelines as a Best Practice for a Small/Medium/Rural MPO. This program contributes to Caltrans' mission and overarching objectives for SB 1 Formula grant resources: sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health and social equity. It also contributes to Sustainable Communities Grant Specific Objectives: to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's RTP/SCS, contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets and other State goals. This Work Element uses 2026-27 SB 1 Formula grant funding.

Previous Work

1. 2014, 2018-2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies Integrated Performance Measure Analysis

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	SCS Performance Measure Analysis Program – for environmental justice and all communities in support of SCS development. SCS system level integrated performance measure analysis (see also 601.4). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
2	SCS update of disadvantaged communities mapping as needed using Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) U.S. EPA EJScreen Tool. SCS disadvantaged communities/environmental justice performance measure analysis. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
3	SCS smart mobility framework performance measure analysis; SCS health equity performance measure analysis. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
4	SCS public outreach scenario comparison performance measures. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
5	Project level performance measures to support the transportation improvement program and grant applications. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	During Fiscal Year	15%
6	Research on developing and monitoring health performance and other emerging measures in coordination with stakeholders. Include established Environmental Justice and Business and Industry Roundtable Stakeholder groups in development of performance measures. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. FY26-27 SCS performance status and modeling report (bi-annual)
2. FY26-27 SCS development and modeling for disadvantaged communities for the SCS environmental justice performance report (on a four-year cycle)
3. FY26-27 SCS roundtable stakeholder meeting(s) report (on a four-year cycle)
4. FY26-27 Draft SCS integrated performance measures analysis (on a four-year cycle)
5. FY26-27 Final SCS integrated performance measures analysis (on a four-year cycle)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	FY 26-27 SB-1F	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG			\$105,765						\$13,721	\$119,486
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$105,765	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,721	\$119,486

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
SB-1F 26-27	31,730	15,865	15,865	15,865	15,865	10,577	\$ 105,765
HCD							\$ -
Local	4,116	2,058	2,058	2,058	2,058	1,372	\$ 13,721
TOTAL	\$ 35,846	\$ 17,923	\$ 17,923	\$ 17,923	\$ 17,923	\$ 11,949	\$ 119,486

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 203.3B – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES MOBILITY
INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PLANNING

Purpose & Goal*

The goal of this program is to fulfill the requirements of the SB 375 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) to support SCS development by identifying advanced transportation technology projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in all communities, and specifically in CalEnviroscreen-identified disadvantaged communities, especially racial minority, and low-income communities (see also WE 603.3). This program contributes to Caltrans' mission and overarching objectives for SB 1 Formula grant resources: sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health, and social equity. This program contributes to Sustainable Communities Grant-Specific Objectives: (a) to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's RTP/SCS and (b) contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets and other State goals. This Work Element uses 2026-2027 SB 1 Formula grant funding.

Previous Work

1. Project delivery, grant research, and write grants;
2. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (and 2018);
3. 2013-2023 San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership member;
4. 2013-2023 San Joaquin Valley Natural Gas Partnership member;
5. 2018-2020; 2022-2024 Kern COG TRANSITions Transit Symposium;
6. 2021 TRANSITions Webinar Series.
7. 2016-2023 National Drive Electric Week Events and Media Campaigns;
8. 2021-2023 First Responder Training Workshops;
9. Kern Electric Charging Space Inventory (2016 Baseline).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	SCS Mobility Innovations Program- Respond to inquiries related to mobility innovations, alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
2	Host or sponsor public workshops on mobility innovations, funding resources or technician trainings. (Responsible Agencies: Kern COG, Stakeholder Groups).	June 30	15%
3	Meet with member agencies and other public agencies to determine interest in shared mobility options, alternative fuel vehicles and fueling or charging infrastructure, and FAST Alternative Fuel Corridor designations to better tailor outreach, awareness, and education efforts to meet local needs. (see also WE 603.3). (Responsible Agencies: Kern COG, Stakeholder Groups).	June 30	10%
4	Attend the Advanced Clean Transportation Expo (2027), the NorCal Clean Tech Forum or other related	May 31	10%

	conferences either in person or online. Advocate for new investment in Kern County. (see also WE 603.3). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).		
5	Monitor and track charging station and alternative fuel infrastructure development to document 2019 Kern EV Charging Station Blueprint progress. (Responsible Agencies: Kern COG, Stakeholder groups).	May 31	10%
6	Coordinate, host, sponsor and participate in local activities to support the development of zero emission vehicle market or infrastructure. Partner with local agencies as appropriate, attend meetings, and workshops with consideration for DACs. (see also WE 603.3) (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
7	Partner with local agencies as appropriate, attend meetings, and serve on committees with consideration for DACs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
8	Promote mobility innovations, alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure activities and events through media releases, paid public awareness campaigns and public outreach. (see also WE 603.3) (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Zero Emission public awareness campaign (October 2026, June 2027).
2. Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces in Kern County by Zip Code Report (November 2026, June 2027).
3. Public electric vehicle events or training workshops (June 2027).
4. Conference, meeting, or workshop participation (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	FY 26-27 SB-1F	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG			\$65,168						\$8,443	\$73,611
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$65,168	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,443	\$73,611

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
FHWA PL									
FHWA PL C/O									\$ -
SB-1F 26-27	3,258	9,775	6,517	6,517	6,517	19,550	6,517	6,517	\$ 65,168
HCD									\$ -
Local	422	1,266	844	844	844	2,533	844	844	\$ 8,443
TOTAL	\$ 3,681	\$ 11,042	\$ 7,361	\$ 7,361	\$ 7,361	\$ 22,083	\$ 7,361	\$ 7,361	\$ 73,611

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 203.4B – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FORECAST
AND TRAVEL MODEL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Purpose & Goal

The goal of this program is to fulfill the requirements of the SB 375 Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), as well as the Regional Transportation Guidelines for consultation and coordination by all interested parties. This program contributes to Caltrans' mission and overarching objectives for SB 1 Formula grant resources: sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health and social equity. It also contributes to Sustainable Communities Grant Specific Objectives: to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's RTP/SCS, contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets and other State goals. This program, similar to work elements 604.2 & 604.3 will focus on SCS Socio-economic, Land Use, and Travel Model Forecasting Activity – for environmental justice and all communities in support of SCS development. This Work Element uses 2026-27 SB 1 formula grant funding.

Previous Work

1. Revised SCS Model Methodology Submittal – Feb 2026
2. SCS Status Reports - April 2026; November 2025
3. Model Methodology Report – November 2025
4. Regional Growth Allocation/Modeling Report – July 2026
5. Regional Growth Forecast 2024-2050 – April 2024
6. 2018 and 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy;

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Increase number of TAZs as needed. Calculate a build-out analysis of all general plans in Kern County by TAZ. (Responsible Party: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Coordinate modeling assumptions through Regional Transportation Modeling Committee/Regional Planning Advisory Committee. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
3	Prep land-use model for distribution of regional growth forecast. (Responsible Party: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
4	Provide modeling/support for regional transportation decision-making, air quality conformity modeling and local projects and programs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	25%
5	Conduct environmental justice analysis of the short-range program and long-range plans to evaluate and determine transportation impacts. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Prepare data for SCS technical modeling methodology to meet SB 375 requirements. (Responsible Party: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
7	Participate in San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

8	Assess the intermodal feasibility of proposed aviation, highway, public transit, goods movement, and non-motorized transportation projects. Continue to monitor and update proposed at-grade and grade-separated rail safety projects (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
9	Identify short- and long-range strategies and actions to meet projected demands (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. FY26-27 SCS status and modeling report (twice a year).
2. FY26-27 Draft SCS technical methodology evaluation submittal (August 2026)
3. FY26-27 Final SCS technical methodology evaluation submittal (June 2027)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	Formula Funds	Carryover	TOTAL	
	FY 26-27 SB-1F	SB-1F	Local	
Kern COG	\$ 92,556		\$ 12,026	\$ 104,582
Consultant			\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 92,556		\$ 12,026	\$ 104,582

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS									TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
SB-1F 26-27	\$ 4,628	\$ 4,628	\$ 18,511	\$ 23,139	\$ 9,256	\$ 18,511	\$ 4,628	\$ 4,628	\$ 4,628	\$ 92,556
Local	\$ 601	\$ 601	\$ 2,405	\$ 3,007	\$ 1,203	\$ 2,405	\$ 601	\$ 601	\$ 601	\$ 12,026
TOTAL	\$ 5,229	\$ 5,229	\$ 20,916	\$ 26,146	\$ 10,458	\$ 20,916	\$ 5,229	\$ 5,229	\$ 5,229	\$ 104,582

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 203.5 - Housing & Regional Housing Needs Allocation
(RHNA)

Purpose & Goal

Understand, track, and assist with promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns coordination of regional issues related to housing. This includes management and maintenance of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), coordination with regional stakeholders, fostering acceleration of housing production, facilitating compliance and implementation of both regional and local sixth cycle RHNA goals, and tracking of annual reporting to HCD. Preparation for the seventh RHNA cycle. Expressly including understanding new legislation, trends, data in housing. Maintain an active planning program to reduce transportation emissions and improve regional air quality through transportation system management.

Previous Work

1. Quarterly & Annual Reports for REAP 2.0
2. Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) (2023-2031) - HCD Approval received 8-18-22/
3. Adopted 6th Cycle RHNA methodology;
4. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan (2013-2023);.
5. Assist member agencies with update of general plan housing elements (2022).
6. REAP 1.0 Allocation distribution plan.
7. Quarterly & Annual Reports for REAP 1.0

Study Design (Tasks and Responsible Agencies)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Update Regional Planning Advisory Committee and Transportation Planning and Policy Committee about the sixth cycle RHNA and housing element updates as needed and desired. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
2	Provide support to Kern COG members to facilitate achievement of sixth cycle (2023-31) RHNA goals. Including consultation, tracking of issues and coordination with agencies and entities consequential to housing production in the Kern region. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
3	Attend conferences, trainings and workshops related to housing, housing legislation and RHNA. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
4	Track and provide comments on regulatory changes. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
5	Develop 7 th Cycle RHNA/Housing Element Timeline	June 30	20%
6	Meet with Stakeholders in order to forward coordination of regional transportation planning activities with housing	June 30	10%

	activities of local land use agencies and local system planning studies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).		
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End Products (Schedule)

1. Projected Kern COG Timeline for a 7th RHNA/Housing Element Cycle
2. On an annual basis reports on issues related to the sixth cycle RHNA (Anticipated Q1 2026).
3. Meet with stakeholders regarding future RHNA matters, including possible areas of concern.

Revenue Budget

AGENCY					FTA		TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	HCD	Local	
Kern COG							\$ 65,745	\$ 65,745
Consultant								\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,745	\$ 65,745

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	TASKS	4	5	TOTAL
			3			
HCD						\$ -
Local	\$ 3,287	\$ 26,298	\$ 26,298	\$ 3,287	\$ 6,575	\$ 65,745
TOTAL	\$ 3,287	\$ 26,298	\$ 26,298	\$ 3,287	\$ 6,575	\$ 65,745

300 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development is the creation of wealth from which community benefits are realized. It encompasses a broad range of activities aimed at improving the economic well-being and quality of life for residents in a community. This process involves strategic initiatives that foster growth, enhance competitiveness, and create a vibrant economy.

Strengthening of the economic climate will assist in developing a balanced multi modal transportation system that is designed to contribute to the attainment of air quality and other environmental goals; to provide reasonable and affordable transportation for the elderly, handicapped and disadvantaged

No projects are programmed in FY 2026-27.

400 HEALTH

Kern COG is concerned about any adverse effects its policies and programs might have on community health and related issues. All activities are carefully reviewed for potential impacts on community health. In addition, Kern COG attempts to take advantage of all opportunities to improve and protect public health through its environmental and other projects (please see Work Element 601.4).

Kern COG also considers health and related issues in its role as area wide clearinghouse.

No projects are programmed in FY 2026-2027.

500 SAFETY AND JUSTICE

Safety and justice are interconnected concepts that focus on creating secure communities while ensuring fair treatment within the legal system. The relationship between safety and justice involves addressing crime, public safety concerns, and the equitable treatment of individuals in the criminal justice system.

Kern COG has a responsibility to ensure its programs and policies protect public safety and promote justice. The area-wide housing plan is intended to promote policies that encourage the provision of a safe and pleasant community environment for all. Transportation planning policies promote a safe means of travel for all segments of society.

No projects are programmed in FY 2026-2027.

600 INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Intermodal transportation planning is a strategic approach that involves coordinating the movement of goods using multiple modes of transport, such as truck, rail, ship, and air. This method aims to optimize logistics operations by leveraging the strengths of each mode while addressing the complexities associated with their integration.

Kern COG is responsible for managing a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process and program. The Regional Transportation Plan is the key long-range planning document to ensure integrated transportation system improvements and meet the challenges of a mobile society today and in the future.

Transportation is related to land use, housing, recreation, open space and resource conservation. Emphasis is placed on service level improvement for all modes and refinement of the relationship of each mode to the overall transportation plan.

Work Elements in this section generally represent annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year. Exceptions Work Elements 605.2 and 606.2 that are grant funded.

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
**Work Element # 601.1 – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/
 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

Purpose & Goal*

Using a collaborative, comprehensive, continuous four-year cycle, amend and update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to address short- and long-term multi-modal transportation needs over a 20+ year timeframe in compliance with applicable federal and state requirements, using an integrated document approach. Some of the requirements addressed by the RTP include Federal Code Title 23 Part 450.320 congestion management process (CMP) and California Government Code Sec. 65080(b)(2) sustainable communities strategy (SCS).

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, air quality conformity, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. RTP development status reports (January 2026, June 2026)
2. Modeling runs in support of RTP Development; Amendments; Revenue Projections; Capital Improvement Program and mapping; (June 2026)
3. Capital Improvement Program; (June 2026)
4. Conformity analysis including RTP amendments; and (June 2026)
5. 2022 RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR);
6. 2022 and 2026 RTPs, SCSs, CMPs, supportive studies (freight, transit, complete streets, etc.), and inclusive of programmatic environmental documents;
7. 2024 and 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs;
8. 2023 and 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, amendments, and Conformity Analysis;
9. 2025, California Air Resources Board official acceptance of the 2022 SCS.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Continue the four-year cycle update process for the RTP/SCS, including: status reports, revised modeling, revenue projections, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list development, mapping, visualizations and element updates (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant).	June 30	20%
2	2026 RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (Responsible Agencies: Consultant, Kern COG).	June 30	15%
3	Review and revise conformity analysis, as necessary and re-adopt resolution documenting air quality conformity (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant).	June 30	5%
4	Review RTP guidelines and updates to maintain compliance with state and federal mandates, goals, policies, the California Transportation Plan (CTP) 14 recommendations, the California Rail Plan, District and Statewide Transit Plans, and implementing actions of the RTP (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
5	Assess the intermodal feasibility of proposed: aviation, highway, public transit, goods movement and non-motorized transportation projects.	June 30	10%

	Continue to monitor and update proposed at-grade and grade-separated rail safety projects (Responsibility Agency: Kern COG)		
6	Identify short- and long-range strategies and actions to meet projected demands; When updating the RTP, include Freight Movement analyses findings, as well as ITS studies (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant);	June 30	15%
7	Evaluate the federal congestion management process for consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan (Responsible Agency: Kern COG);	December 30	10%
8	Coordinate the system planning process with Caltrans Districts 6 and 9; Coordinate with member agencies to implement the currently adopted Regional Transportation Plan (Responsible Agency: Kern COG);	June 30	5%
9	Determine a means to address federal surface transportation funding requirements for ground access improvements (Responsible Agency: Kern COG);	June 30	5%
10	As necessary, revise, amend and update the Regional Transportation Plan, assuring compliance with state and federal air quality requirements (California Clean Air Act, Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and State Implementation Plan) as well as the Air Quality Attainment Plan adopted by the two local air districts (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
11	Coordinate development of the RTP/SCS with representatives from Department of Defense on infrastructure and connectivity needs for the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET). Coordinated with the Federal Land Management Agency on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Adopt 2026 RTP/SCS with Appendices (July 2026)
2. RTP development status reports (January 2027, June 2027)
3. Modeling runs in support of RTP Development; Amendments; Revenue Projections; Capital Improvement Program and mapping; (June 2027)
4. Capital Improvement Program Amendments (June 2027)
5. Conformity analysis including RTP amendments; and (June 2027)
6. Contract with Consultant for PEIR (Consultant \$175,000 STIP PPM)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$152,784									\$152,784	\$17,524	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant	\$175,000									\$175,000	\$20,073	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$327,784	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$327,784	\$37,597	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$ 65,557	\$ 16,389	\$ 32,778	\$ 32,778	\$ 32,778	\$ 49,168	\$ 32,778	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,389	\$ 327,784
FTA 5303	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP PPM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 65,557	\$ 16,389	\$ 32,778	\$ 32,778	\$ 32,778	\$ 49,168	\$ 32,778	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,389	\$ 327,784

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 601.2 – RTP/CIP FINANCIAL ELEMENT**

Purpose & Goal*

Revise, amend and implement the action and financial elements (Capital Improvement Program) of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to address short and long-term financial planning over the life of the Plan.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. 2022 RTP, inclusive of program environmental impact reports;
2. 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Programs;
3. Congestion Management Program as updated;
4. Develop financial nexus for future corridor and subarea studies, such as the Bakersfield System Study and high-speed rail analysis;
5. Kern Data publications; and
6. Other Kern COG planning studies.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Prepare Draft 2026 RTP Capital Improvement Program updates based on updated lists of transportation projects for further document development and modeling. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	50%
2	Update the financial element narrative and CIP analysis to support transportation demand management and transportation control measures. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
3	Coordinate transportation demand management actions and transportation control measures to meet needs of major capital improvements. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Update funding strategies and actions to meet projected financial demand and shortfall. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Maintain a prioritized list of aviation, highway, street and road, public transit, goods movement and non-motorized projects as well as intermodal options, for the region. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Develop data for available transportation funding options with private sector participation. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Financial element/Capital Improvement Program amendments as necessary to maintain compatibility with other elements of the 2026 RTP to be adopted summer 2026. (June 2027)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	STIP PPM
Kern COG								\$47,058		\$47,058	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,398
Consultant										\$0				
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,058	\$0	\$47,058	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,398

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
STIP PPM	\$ 23,529	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 47,058
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 23,529	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,706	\$ 47,058

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 601.3 –REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY
SURVEY & OUTREACH

Purpose & Goal

To gain public input on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS) process and integrate U.S. Department of Transportation Environmental Justice regulations and Title VI requirements into Kern COG's planning processes. This Work Element uses PL and STIP PPM funds to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning, provide education and outreach to disadvantaged communities and strive to achieve sustainability, preservation, mobility, improved health and social equity.

Previous Work

(Kern COG has a continuous 4-year RTP/SCS update process, so many previous work items are the same as in the prior year.)

1. Public workshops/Community meetings 2023-26;
2. Website and newspaper advertising 2023-26;
3. Regional community survey 2009 through 2026;
4. 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2023 Environmental Justice and Social Equity Roundtable;
5. California Central Valley Tribal Transportation Environmental Justice Collaborative Project (FY 2008-09);
6. Tribal Notification Area Map for San Joaquin Valley (GIS map);
7. Tejon Indian Tribe designated as a member of the Regional Planning Advisory Group 2023;
8. Continue government-to-government coordination with the Tejon Indian Tribe 2025-26;
9. Updated Public Information Policies and Procedures – May 2023.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Design public outreach content and timing, ensure that the planning process successfully integrates environmental justice and federal land management agencies into decision making, produce public outreach reports and data analysis for the RTP/SCS. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
2	Identify transportation needs of target populations, including disadvantaged communities and Environmental Justice communities; Quantitatively assess benefits and burdens of transportation plans. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
3	Continue government-to-government relationship with the Tejon Tribe and other tribal communities for the RTP/SCS process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
4	Continue government-to-government relationship with Tejon Tribe with the goal of developing an agreement with	June 30	15%

	policies and procedures that outline roles, responsibilities and key decision points. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).		
5	Prepare and conduct the annual quality of life community survey. (Responsible Agency: Consultant).	May 31	10%
6	Updated Public Information Policies and Procedures	May 30	20%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Outreach at Community Events (July 2026 – June 2027).
2. Newspaper advertising (July 2026 – June 2027).
3. Public workshops and community meetings (July 2026 – June 2027).
4. Regional community survey (Consultant) (March/April 2027) (\$75,000 – STIP PPM).
5. GIS maps of minority and low-income populations (June 2027).
6. Integrate U.S. Department of Transportation Environmental Justice regulations into the Regional Transportation Plan process (June 2027).
7. Monitor Integrated Performance Measures Analysis from 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (June 2027).
8. Revise environmental justice modeling metro and non-metro TAZs and job centers TAZs (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA		TOTAL			TOLL CREDITS		
	PL	PL carryover	STIP PPM	Local		STIP PPM	PL	PL carryover
Kern COG			\$ 35,066	\$ -	\$ 35,066	\$ 4,022	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant			\$ 42,450		\$ 42,450	\$ 4,869		
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,516	\$ -	\$ 77,516	\$ 8,891		\$ -

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	TASKS	4	5	6	TOTAL
			3				
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP PPM	\$ 19,379	\$ 11,627	\$ 11,627	\$ 11,627	\$ 7,752	\$ 15,503	\$ 77,516
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 19,379	\$ 11,627	\$ 11,627	\$ 11,627	\$ 7,752	\$ 15,503	\$ 77,516

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 601.4 – FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES DATA AND ANALYSIS

Purpose & Goal*

Establish and monitor a variety of highway safety, bridge, pavement and overall system performance measures within the transportation planning process. Provides for data gathering and analysis to promote a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance the region's economy, health and livability.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, and Performance Management.

Previous Work

(Kern COG has a continuous RTP/SCS update process so many of the previous work items are the same as prior years).

1. 2018 - 2024 Federal MPO/State Safety Performance Measure (PM 1);
2. 2018 – 2022 Federal MPO/State Pavement & Bridge Performance Measure (PM2);
3. 2018 - 2022 Federal MPO/State Travel Time Reliability Performance Measure (PM3);
4. Completion of PM 1-3 targets (2023-24);
5. Participated in PM1-3 Webinars and Trainings (2023-24);
6. 2022 Completed Local Road Safety Plans for 9 cities (2024);
7. 2014, 2018 and 2022 Environmental Justice Measures Analysis;
8. 2021, 2023 Project Delivery Policies and Procedures; and
9. Health Equity Performance Measures (2022).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	PM 1 – Consider and adopt two measures to assess motorized fatalities: (1) Number of fatalities; (2) Rate of fatalities. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	February	10%
2	PM 1 – Consider and adopt two measures to assess motorized serious injuries: (1) Number of serious injuries; (2) Rate of serious injuries. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	February	15%
3	PM 1 – Consider and adopt one measure for non-motorized safety performance: (1) Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries. Note: Pedestrian and non-motorized fatalities and severe injuries are combined as requested by Caltrans MAP-21 Safety Performance Management (PM 1) Team in accordance with FHWA. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	February	5%
4	PM 2 – Consider and adopt two measures for Interstate System pavement condition: (1) Percentage of pavements on the Interstate System in Good condition: (2) Percentage of	November	5%

	pavements on the Interstate System in Poor condition. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).		
5	PM 2 – Consider and adopt two measures for National Highway System (NHS) pavement condition: (1) Percentage of pavements on the NHS (excluding the Interstate System) in good condition; (2) Percentage of pavements on the NHS (excluding the Interstate System) in Poor condition. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November	5%
6	PM 2 – Consider and adopt two measures of bridge condition: (1) Percentage of NHS bridges in Good condition; (2) Percentage of NHS bridges in Poor condition. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November	5%
7	PM 3 – Consider and adopt four system-wide measures: (1) Percentage of reliable person-miles traveled on the Interstate; (2) Percentage of reliable person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS; (3) Percent change in CO2 emissions from 2017, generated by on-road mobile sources on the NHS; (4) A measure evaluating truck travel time reliability on the Interstate system (average truck reliability index). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November	5%
8	PM 3 – Consider and adopt three measures to assess the federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program; (1) Total emission reductions for applicable criteria pollutants, for non-attainment and maintenance areas. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November	5%
9	PM 3 – Consider and adopt two measures to assess traffic congestion: (1) Annual hours of peak hour excessive delay per capita; (2) Modal share; specifically, the percent of non-single occupancy vehicle travel, including travel avoided by telecommuting. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November	5%
10	Update disadvantaged communities mapping as needed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
11	Implement a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit asset Management Plan and Performance Measures (rolling stock, equipment, facilities, infrastructure; and Caltrans transit “State of Good Repair” countywide reporting. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
12	System level integrated performance measures for Environmental Justice, Title VI, and smart mobility framework. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
13	Project Level Performance measures to support the transportation improvement program and grant applications. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
14	Continue developing and monitoring health performance measures in coordination with health advocates. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. MPO PM 1 Targets (annually) (February 2025)
2. MPO PM 2-3 Targets (every-other-year) (November 2025)
3. MPO PM Online Report (annually) (November 2025)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$69,284									\$69,284	\$7,947	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0				
Total	\$69,284	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,284	\$7,947	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS														TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
FHWA PL	\$ 6,928	\$ 10,393	\$ 3,464	\$ 6,928	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 10,393	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 69,284
HSIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 6,928	\$ 10,393	\$ 3,464	\$ 6,928	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 10,393	\$ 3,464	\$ 3,464	\$ 69,284

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 602.1 – TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Purpose & Goal*

Develop a multimodal transportation system and implement long-range transportation plans in the Kern County area.

*Meets Core Planning Functions including Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Congestion Management Process, air quality, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and amendments;
2. 2025 Regional/Federal Transportation Improvement Program;
3. Amendments to the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program;
4. Develop and submit 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
5. Develop 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and
6. California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Develop and manage the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, maintain fiscal constraint. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
2	Develop and manage the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	December 15	15%
3	Conduct outreach meetings and workshops to develop Transportation Improvement Programs and lists of capital projects. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
4	Coordinate state and federal-aid capital improvement programs including ranking and development, review and approval for project applications. Monitor Sites of Repeated Disaster Damage table when selecting projects. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
5	Conduct conformity analysis, adopt resolution and accept conformity findings and document conformity with various air quality strategies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
6	Monitor proposed at-grade and grade-separated rail projects. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
7	Evaluate compliance with air quality conformity, state implementation plan, NEPA and title VI in project delivery process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
8	Monitor California Transportation Commission and legislative proposals related to transportation financing. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
9	Continue CTIPS and participate in statewide programming coordination meetings. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
10	Update transportation improvement project selection policy as needed to include new state and federally mandated air quality and planning policies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

11	Coordinate development of the Transportation Improvement Program with representatives from Department of Defense on infrastructure and connectivity needs for the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET). Coordinated with the Federal Land Management Agency on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
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End Products (Schedule)

1. 2025 FTIP (December 2026)
2. 2027 FTIP (December 2026)
3. 2027 FTIP Amendments (June 2027)

Future End Products (Schedule)

1. 2026 RTIP (December 2027)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$383,568									\$383,568	\$43,995	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0				
Total	\$383,568	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$383,568	\$43,995	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS											TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
FHWA PL	\$ 95,892	\$ 57,535	\$ 19,178	\$ 57,535	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 38,357	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 383,568
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP PPM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 95,892	\$ 57,535	\$ 19,178	\$ 57,535	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 38,357	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 19,178	\$ 383,568

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 602.2 – PROJECT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS**

Purpose & Goal*

Assist local agencies with planning and development of federal aid projects consistent with federal Title 23 requirements. Work cooperatively with Caltrans Planning, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration to facilitate planning, development of federal aid projects to reduce duplication of effort.

*Meets various Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Activities including the Regional Transportation Plan and Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and amendments;
2. 2025 Regional/Federal Transportation Improvement Programs and amendments;
3. Short-range transit plans;
4. Accessing California Transportation Improvement Program System database;
5. Congestion Management Program Updates;
6. 2025-2026 Progress Report for Projects of Regional Significance

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Assist local agencies and Caltrans with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project planning & development and other state funded programs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
2	Host local assistance planning & project development and other state funded programs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
3	Monitor RIP, IIP, RSTP, CMAQ, ATP and other federal-aid projects. Review project scopes for alignment with federal performance measures including: safety, pavement, and bridge condition, system performance, and emissions-reduction goals. Monitor state funded projects including SB 1 programs and projects. Report project development status to Caltrans, CTC and member agencies annually. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
4	Participate with Caltrans Districts 6 and 9 in state highway project planning, development, coordination and programming. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Monitor Caltrans Districts 6 and 9 expenditures and project development activities to assure Kern regional projects are timely and budget constrained. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Develop and submit responses to project planning & development inquiries to local agencies, Caltrans Local Assistance, Caltrans Planning, FHWA, and FTA. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Project status reports (CMAQ/RSTP/ATP/TDA Article 3) to local agencies (November 2026 and February 2027).
2. Progress Report for Projects of Regional Significance (October 2026 and April 2027).
3. Project status workshop (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA			FTA				TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$329,581									\$329,581	\$37,803	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0				
Total	\$329,581	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$329,581	\$37,803	\$0	\$0	\$0

Revenue Budget

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FHWA PL	\$ 65,916	\$ 32,958	\$ 98,874	\$ 32,958	\$ 32,958	\$ 65,916	\$ 329,581
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP PPM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 65,916	\$ 32,958	\$ 98,874	\$ 32,958	\$ 32,958	\$ 65,916	\$ 329,581

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 603.1 - TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
MONITORING AND COORDINATION**

Purpose & Goal*

To monitor and coordinate transportation planning, the transportation plan implementation process and management system requirements of the Federal transportation re-authorization bill.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Public Participation and Education, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. 2026 Annual report for 2018 Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan for the Kern Region

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Participate in transportation monitoring systems for projects funded in the FTIP through project status meetings with member agencies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
2	Provide technical assistance and transportation-related assistance to member agencies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
3	Analyze, update and integrate new population estimates and other demographic information to provide consistent population, economic and employment projections for a comprehensive areawide planning process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
4	Coordinate and cooperate with Caltrans Districts 6 and 9 in developing system planning studies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Encourage and coordinate public involvement in transportation planning services at state, regional and local levels. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
6	Coordinate regional transportation planning activities with local land use agencies and local system planning studies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
7	Monitor and coordinate the operational and physical continuity of the transportation system within the region with neighboring regions. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
8	Monitor local planning activities for transportation related energy conservation measures that meet federal, state and local goals and objectives. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
9	Continue to monitor and update proposed at-grade and grade-separated rail safety projects for Kern County. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
10	Review each transportation proposal, short-range transit plan or social service requests to be included with or measured against, the Regional Transportation Plan. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

11	Monitor and review Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) activity at the federal, state, valley and local level. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	35%
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End Products (Schedule)

1. Project status meeting report. (June 2027 Kern COG TPPC meeting).
2. ITS database update. (As requested and approved by the Architecture Maintenance Committee – June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE		
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	STIP PPM
Kern COG								\$51,895		\$51,895	\$0	\$0	\$5,952
Consultant										\$0			
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,895	\$0	\$51,895	\$0	\$0	\$5,952

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS											TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PL Carryover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP PPM	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 2,595	\$ 5,190	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 18,163	\$ 51,895
TOTAL	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 2,595	\$ 5,190	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,595	\$ 18,163	\$ 51,895

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 603.2 – TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM**

Purpose & Goal*

Provide data to assess existing and planned transportation systems performance as required by the Clean Air Act; for transportation planning management system requirements of the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) law; and to avoid duplication of traffic count effort among local jurisdictions.

*Meets several Federal Planning Functions, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. Federally mandated Highway Performance Monitoring system (HPMS);
2. 1984-present, local agency traffic counts;
3. Annual transportation report;
4. Kern Regional Transportation Modeling Committee;
5. Kern COG regional transportation model calibration;
6. Monitor directional splits for calibration of the Kern COG peak hour model;
7. Predict commodity flow and freight movements;
8. Monitor speed data for posted speed limit change analysis;
9. Monitor recurring unsafe speed locations additional speed enforcement activity signalization safety improvement analysis;
10. Planning, design and construction of federal aid projects;
11. Apportionment or allocation of federal funds;
12. Air Quality, Environmental impact analysis;
13. Pavement maintenance, research and supporting the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP);
14. Upgraded traffic count website;
15. Develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Monitoring Plan within the Regional Transportation Monitoring Plan;
16. Establish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program, including a list of anticipated count locations;
17. Developed a regional traffic count program that includes counts in both incorporated and unincorporated disadvantaged communities.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Participate in the Highway Performance Monitoring system (HPMS) Program, including traffic counts on designated segments. Coordinate HPMS information into the Kern GeoNet system. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Oversee a Regional Traffic Count Program. (Responsible Agency: Consultant).	June 30	30%
3	Hold bi-monthly Kern Regional Transportation Modeling Committee meetings. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Bi-monthly	10%

4	Oversee Regional Traffic Count Service contract and perform quality assurance testing for all deliverables. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
5	Maintain a Regional Speed Survey program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
6	Conduct a bike census. Maintain a Bike and Pedestrian County website. (Responsible Agency: Consultant).	June 30	5%
7	Maintain and update traffic, bicycle and pedestrian count plan, ensuring adequate coverage of disadvantaged communities. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
8	Coordinate the Disadvantaged Communities/Environmental Justice Mapping in Work Element 201.1 with the Bicycle and Pedestrian County Program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Annual HPMS Survey. (May 2027).
2. Annual traffic count resource. (June 2027).
3. Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program. (Consultant) (June 2027).
4. Traffic Count Website maintenance (Consultant) (June 2027).
5. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Website maintenance (Consultant) (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY FHWA					FTA				TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$ 9,901	\$ 9,901
Consultant			\$ 79,677						\$ 16,568	\$ 96,245
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,469	\$ 106,146

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS								TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
FHWA RSTP	\$ 3,984	\$ 23,903	\$ 7,968	\$ 23,903	\$ 3,984	\$ 3,984	\$ 7,968	\$ 3,984	\$ 79,677
Local	\$ 1,323	\$ 7,941	\$ 2,647	\$ 7,941	\$ 1,323	\$ 1,323	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,323	\$ 26,469
TOTAL	\$ 5,307	\$ 31,844	\$ 10,615	\$ 31,844	\$ 5,307	\$ 5,307	\$ 10,615	\$ 5,307	\$ 106,146

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 603.3 – MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES

Purpose & Goal*

To promote advanced transportation technologies in public and private fleets and infrastructure operations throughout the Kern region to reduce emissions, promote sustainable travel modes and maximize system efficiency. Provides a more sustainable, efficient transportation system through innovation.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and Performance Management.

Previous Work

1. Project delivery, grant research, and write grants;
2. 2013-2023 San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership member;
3. 2013-2023 San Joaquin Valley Natural Gas Partnership member;
4. 2016-2023 National Drive Electric Week and Media Campaigns;
5. 2018-2020; 2022-2024 TRANSITions Transit Symposium;
6. 2021 TRANSITions Webinar Series;
7. 2021-2023 First Responder Training Workshops;
8. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (and 2018)
9. 2024 Public Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission workshop

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Host or sponsor public workshops on mobility innovations, funding resources, or technician training with consideration for DACs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant).	June 30	20%
2	Meet with member agencies and other public agencies to determine interest in shared mobility options, alternative fuel vehicles and fueling or charging infrastructure, and FAST Alternative Fuel Corridor designations. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
3	Attend the Advanced Clean Transportation Expo (May 2027), the NorCal Clean Tech Forum or other related conferences either in person or online. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Coordinate, host, sponsor and participate in local activities to support the development of zero emission vehicle market or infrastructure. Partner with local agencies as appropriate, attend meetings, and workshops with consideration for DACs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	40%
5	Promote mobility innovations, alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure activities and events through media releases, paid public awareness campaigns, and public outreach. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Project status reports (November, June)
2. Advertising and marketing materials. (June) (Local) WE 1001.1

3. Public EV Charging Station events or training workshops (June)(Local)
4. Conference, meeting and workshop participation (June) (Local)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$35,504									\$35,504	\$4,072	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant	\$20,000									\$20,000	\$2,294			
Total	\$55,504	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,504	\$6,366	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS					TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	
FHWA PL	\$ 11,101	\$ 2,775	\$ 5,550	\$ 22,202	\$ 13,876	\$ 55,504
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 11,101	\$ 2,775	\$ 5,550	\$ 22,202	\$ 13,876	\$ 55,504

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 603.4 – KERN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) READINESS BLUEPRINT

Purpose & Goal*

The goal of this program is to implement the 2019 Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint developed to place Kern County on a pathway to achieve its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy greenhouse gas emission reduction goals at an accelerated rate through high-impact transportation electrification projects.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors and Performance Management.

Previous Work

1. 2018 and 2022 Regional Transportation Plan;
2. 2016 – Present Electric vehicle charging space inventory;
3. 2019 EV Charging Station Blueprint and Toolkits;
4. California Energy Commission Solicitation GFO-19-603 EV Ready Communities Funding agreement and amendment ARV-20-0101 (April 2021/June 2022).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Kern County is challenged by poor air quality and barriers to the deployment of emission reduction technologies. According to the CalEnviroScreen, 81-90% of the County qualifies as Disadvantaged Area Communities (DACs). DACs generally lack private investment and a capacity to develop clean transportation projects. Nonprofits and governments are overwhelmed and capital-restrained in their efforts to support emission reduction efforts. Kern COG applied for, and in January 2021 was awarded funding from the California Energy Commission (CEC) to implement the 2019 Kern EV Charging Station Blueprint. In September 2021, the CEC issued a new Notice of Proposed Award, increasing funding to Kern COG. The agreement between Kern COG and the CEC extends to January 2026. Major Partners (receiving more than \$100,000) will be responsible for implementing some of the tasks as indicated below.

The project will address implementation strategies under three goals identified in the Blueprint and encompass (1) the installation of EV Charging Stations in High Impact locations and elsewhere in Kern County, (2) through the purchase of a BEAM EV ARC and two Level 2 Charging stations, support EV and EV Infrastructure workforce development through the Bakersfield College Automotive Technology Program, creating pathways to higher education and technical careers (3) support expansion of MioCar electric carsharing operations in Kern County, (4) purchase and pilot eBikes in Kern County DACs, (5) increase public awareness, and (6) collect and analyze data. This effort complements public education and outreach efforts under Mobility Innovations Work Elements 203.3A and 603.3.

Task #	Task	Completion	% of Effort
1	Site hosts submit monthly or quarterly project status reports for Kern COG to aggregate into a report no less than quarterly to the California Energy Commission (CEC).	June 30	10%

2	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation by Site Hosts. Kern COG shares project status and documents with the CEC no less than quarterly.	June 30	5%
3	Workforce Development: Kern Community College District is responsible for Implementation. Install charging stations to support new course offerings in Automotive Technology Training on campus, or at a regional training center.	June 30	20%
4	Outreach and Program Management consultants will provide services to the program	June 30	20%
5	2026 Update to the 2019 EV Charging Station Blueprint	June 30	20%
6	Conduct Electric Bike Pilot Program throughout Kern County.	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Project Status Reports to the California Energy Commission (July, October, January, April).
2. Photographs of charging stations and students at Kern Community College District Automotive Training and Technology Center(s) (June).
3. Consultant progress reports (June).
4. Electric Bikes Pilot progress report (June).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY					FHWA		FTA				TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	FY 26-27 SB-1 F	CEC	Local			
Kern COG								\$ 57,775			\$ 57,775	
Consultant								\$1,146,197			\$1,146,197	
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,203,972	\$ -		\$1,203,972	

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS							TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
CEC	\$ 120,397	\$ 60,199	\$ 240,794	\$ 240,794	\$ 240,794	\$ 240,794	\$ 60,199	\$ 1,203,972
TOTAL	\$ 120,397	\$ 60,199	\$ 240,794	\$ 240,794	\$ 240,794	\$ 240,794	\$ 60,199	\$ 1,203,972

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 604.1 – REGIONAL TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL MAINTENANCE

Purpose & Goal*

To develop and maintain the regional travel demand model. The maintenance of the regional travel demand model will ensure Kern COG has updated travel data and projections that will inform decision-making and the RTP. This activity will include a consultant contract for the purposes of maintaining the model. All modeling assumptions will be coordinated with Kern COG's Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, air quality planning and Performance Management.

Previous Work

(Kern COG's continuous, 4-year RTP/SCS update process results in previous work that is the same as in prior years.)

1. Acquired training, computer software and hardware for Regional Transportation Model (2023-26);
2. Maintained travel/transit networks, model scripts and planning assumptions in support of modeling for Federal Air Quality Conformity, Regional Transportation Planning and Programming, Environmental Analysis, Cumulative effects analysis, impact fee analysis (2023-26);
3. Transportation investment studies for transit and multiple occupancy vehicle use (2023-26).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Maintain TAZ boundaries as needed (model maintenance). (Responsible Party: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Maintain transit network in Cube (model maintenance). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
3	Maintain transit access file using GIS (model maintenance). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Calibrate & validate outlying communities in Cube model to base year 2023 (model maintenance). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
5	Develop Milestone years to check for reasonableness. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
6	Bring network and modeling assumptions for the base (existing and future (2049) years into conformance with existing general plans and assumptions (model maintenance). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
7	Conduct Title VI environmental justice analysis of the short-range program and long-range plans to evaluate and determine transportation impacts. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

8	Coordinate modeling assumptions and cumulative effect modeling through Regional Planning Advisory Committee. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
9	Conform model for various years requested by ARB through 2049. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG). Note: Model maintenance performed by Kern COG with occasional assistance from consultant as needed.	June 30	20%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agendas and Minutes (at least quarterly).
2. Model maintenance: updated networks, scripts, and inputs of transportation model (ongoing).
3. Environmental Justice Analysis Report (June 2027).
4. Develop future year model output (June 2027).
5. Model maintenance contract and support (Ongoing) (Consultant).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA			FTA					TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$81,269								\$406,244	\$487,513	\$9,322	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant	\$96,000									\$96,000	\$11,011			
Total	\$177,269	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$406,244	\$583,513	\$20,333	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS									TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
FHWA PL	\$ 8,863	\$ 17,727	\$ 17,727	\$ 35,454	\$ 35,454	\$ 8,863	\$ 8,863	\$ 8,863	\$ 35,454	\$ 177,269
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 20,312	\$ 40,624	\$ 40,624	\$ 81,249	\$ 81,249	\$ 20,312	\$ 20,312	\$ 20,312	\$ 81,249	\$ 406,244
TOTAL	\$ 29,176	\$ 58,351	\$ 58,351	\$ 116,703	\$ 116,703	\$ 29,176	\$ 29,176	\$ 29,176	\$ 116,703	\$ 583,513

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 604.2 – REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST MODEL
DATA & ANALYSIS

Purpose & Goal

Provide growth forecast information to develop and maintain the regional travel demand model. Provides for data gathering and analysis to promote a more safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance the region's economy, health and livability.

Previous Work

1. Status and Modeling Report FY25-26 (June 2026).
2. Updated employment data to 2023 base year (November 2024);
3. Updated household data to 2023 base year (November 2024);
4. Regional Growth Forecast Update 2024-2050 (April 2024);

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Increase number of TAZs as needed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Redistribute socio-economic data based on latest assumptions to transportation analysis zones (TAZs) and map data for visual verification. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
3	Calculate a build-out analysis of all general plans in Kern County by TAZs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
3	Coordinate modeling assumptions through Regional Transportation Modeling Committee/Regional Planning Advisory Committee. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
4	Refine and update UPLAN land-use model for distribution of regional growth forecast. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
5	Develop updated land use modeling software tool for redistribution of regional growth forecast. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG, Consultant).	June 30	25%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Status and modeling report FY26-27 (June 2027).
2. Finalized TAZ data of growth forecast (Fall 2026);

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$160,225									\$160,225	\$18,378		\$0	\$0
Consultant	\$30,000									\$30,000	\$3,441	\$0		
Total	\$190,225	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$190,225	\$21,819	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FHWA PL	\$ 9,511	\$ 47,556	\$ 19,023	\$ 9,511	\$ 57,068	\$ 47,556	\$ 190,225
PL Carryover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local							\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 9,511	\$ 47,556	\$ 19,023	\$ 9,511	\$ 57,068	\$ 47,556	\$ 190,225

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 604.3 – REGIONAL TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL ANALYSIS

Purpose & Goal*

Kern COG's transportation model assists in regional transportation and land use planning decisions. Provides for data gathering and analysis to promote a safer, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance the region's economy, health and livability.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and Federal Transportation Improvement Program, air quality conformity, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. Amazon Site Study;
2. Westside Parkway Highway Study;
3. Metro Bakersfield Land Use/Circulation Plan;
4. Morning Drive Corridor Study;
5. Route 58 Study;
6. GET Public Transportation Study;
7. GET Metropolitan Transportation Investment Strategy;
8. Downtown Delano Study;
9. SE Kern Transportation Study Tier I EIR specific requests;
10. MIP 2 Travel Model Development Report;
11. Cube Land integrated land use and transportation model pilot project;
12. Centennial Corridor Study;
13. Wasco High Speed Rail Impact Study;
14. Delano Transit Study;
15. Modeling support for Phase 1 of the Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations Study (KARGO);
16. Kern County Base Year 2020 model.
17. Modeling support for Phase 2 of the Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations Study (KARGO);
18. Warehouse project near the Meadow Field Airport;
19. Tehachapi Bench Warehouse Project
20. HighStreet Flyover Project

Study Design (Tasks and Responsible Agencies)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Provide modeling/support for regional transportation decision-making, air quality conformity modeling, local transportation impact fees and regional and member agency requested corridor studies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	40%
2	Conduct Title VI environmental justice analysis of the short-range program and long-range plans to evaluate and determine transportation impacts. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

3	Maintain airport ground access routes in the travel demand model. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Participate in San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Assess the intermodal feasibility of proposed aviation, highway, public transit, goods movement and non-motorized projects. Continue to monitor and update proposed at-grade and grade-separated rail safety projects. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Identify short- and long-range strategies and actions to meet projected demands. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
7	Provide oversight for modeling support contracts. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Model support for regional air quality conformity analysis and amendments 2026 RTP (quarterly).
2. Modeling to support development of local transportation impact fees. (annually)
3. Transportation modeling (monthly).
4. Modeling to support development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (monthly).
5. Model support for regional air quality conformity analysis 2026 FTIP (annually).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA				TOTAL
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$26,721	\$26,721
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,721	\$26,721

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	TASKS	5	6	7	TOTAL
				4				
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 10,688	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 26,721
TOTAL	\$ 10,688	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,672	\$ 26,721

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 605.1 - CORRIDOR/MAJOR INVESTMENT/IMPACT STUDIES

Purpose & Goal*

To study transportation corridors, interchanges and proposed roadway system improvements throughout the region.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

(Kern COG's continuous, 4-year RTP/SCS update process results in previous work that is often the same as in prior years.)

1. Web-based regional traffic-count historical analysis (2023-26);
2. Technical analysis and background supporting Regional Transportation Plan environmental documents (2023-26).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Analyze traffic count data. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	55%
2	Conduct detailed roadway analyses in areas affected by planned developments, increasing traffic congestion and impacts on air quality. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
3	Provide technical assistance to local agencies upon request. (Responsible Party: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
4	Assist Caltrans District 6 and 9 with system planning activities by modeling overall transportation network future demands. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
5	Assess the intermodal feasibility of proposed transportation projects, strategies and actions. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
6	Identify corridor and subarea studies to support decisions on the design concepts and scope of proposed major transportation investments. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
7	Ensure the Title VI, environmental justice criteria is applied to all corridor plans. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
8	Attend Advisory Committee Transportation Concept Report meetings to provide direction and comment on Corridor Management Plans. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%
9	Work with local agencies and Caltrans to better coordinate CEQA and NEPA during transportation project development in the regional transportation planning process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	5%

10	Coordinate corridor and roadway system improvements with representatives from Department of Defense on infrastructure and connectivity needs for the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET). Coordinated with the Federal Land Management Agency on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands.(Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
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End Products (Schedule)

1. Web-based regional traffic-count historical analysis. (June 2027).
2. Technical analysis and background supporting Regional Transportation Plan environmental documents. (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA			FTA				TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$12,113									\$12,113	\$1,389	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0				
Total	\$12,113	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,113	\$1,389	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS										TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
FHWA PL	\$ 6,662	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 12,113
LOCAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 6,662	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 12,113

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #606.1 – TRANSIT, AVIATION AND PASSENGER RAIL PLANNING

Purpose & Goal*

To provide comprehensive short and long-range transit planning for the Kern region while improving safety and security for all public transportation riders and airport users.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Performance Management, and State of Good Repair.

1. Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program of Projects (2024) - Adopted 04/18/24
2. Kern COG MOU with Golden Empire Transit District (GET) for planning and programming including TAM and Public Transportation Safety performance targets (February 2024)
3. TIRCP/ZETCP Short Term Financial Plan (Dec 2023)
4. 2018 Active Transportation Plan including Transit Infrastructure Recommendations.
5. Kern County Rural Alternative Transportation plan (June 2020);
6. State of Good Repair Program of Projects (2024).- Adopted 07/18/2024

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Work with Golden Empire Transit District to address service planning. ADA compliance, and services for the elderly and disabled. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Coordinate short and long-range transit and land-use planning efforts for getting Kern County and member cities in the TIP process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
3	Monitor and/or conduct public workshops to identify local transportation issues, transportation options, recommended actions, and implementation programs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Identify corridor and subarea studies to be performed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
5	Implement Kern COG's Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), State of Good Repair (SGR) Program and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)/ Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	July	13%
6	Implement Kern COG's Federal Transit Administration's 5310 and 5311 Grant Programs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
7	Provide technical assistance to transit providers in transit planning, marketing, coordination, and other related issues and conduct quarterly transit operator meetings. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
8	Analyze, identify, and recommend improvements in the transit system to better serve people in transition from welfare to work. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

9	Ensure that environmental justice criteria are applied to transit plans. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
10	Assess the need for tribal and farm-worker transportation, including vanpools, in Kern County. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
11	Review Transit Security Plan annually and update as required. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
12	Attend countywide Transit Security and Emergency Management meetings. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
13	Monitor Kern County airport planning efforts and assist with Kern County airport master plan updates when appropriate. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	2%
14	Monitor all passenger rail planning activities within Kern County as appropriate and participate as required. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
15	Coordinate tasks with Work element 608.1 Active Transportation Planning. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Caltrans State of Good Repair annual Program of Projects (June 2027).
2. Federal Transit Administration (5310 & 5311) annual Program of Projects (June 2027).
3. Caltrans Low Carbon Transit Operators Program (LCTOP) annual Program of Projects (June 2027).
4. Transit Operator Meeting Agendas (June 2027).
5. Program staff time for updating Transit Security Plan (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$295,288	\$295,288
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$295,288	\$295,288

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTA 5303	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTA 5303 C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 14,764	\$ 29,529	\$ 29,529	\$ 14,764	\$ 38,387	\$ 29,529	\$ 29,529	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 5,906	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 295,288
TOTAL	\$ 14,764	\$ 29,529	\$ 29,529	\$ 14,764	\$ 38,387	\$ 29,529	\$ 29,529	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 5,906	\$ 14,764	\$ 14,764	\$ 295,288

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #606.2 – Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Study

Purpose & Goal*

Kern COG was awarded a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant in Fiscal Year 2024-25 to conduct a Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Plan. In order to reduce the impacts of climate change (closure of mountain passes and flooded roads), the County of Kern (Kern Transit), the rural transit operators, and the social services transportation providers are partnering to conduct a multi-hazard risk assessment of each partner's transportation systems, generate possible adaptation solutions, create a prioritized list of projects using a multi-criteria analysis, and develop an implementation plan for integrating climate change adaptation into the capital improvement process. The project will provide Kern Transit, the rural transit operators, social services operators, and high-speed rail operating within the Kern region with a short-range transit development plan (TDP), a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, and a prioritized list of actionable efforts and projects to reduce climate change impacts on our transportation systems. CALSTART will provide an analysis of zero-emission vehicle scenarios for Kern Transit and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's (ESTA) service through mountain passes. Priorities will be co-created with community input working toward the goals to make out transportation systems more reliant to climate change; benefit the health, safety, mobility, and equity of transportation workforces and general population; and fulfill climate mitigation and adaptation objectives of many local, regional, and state plans.

Project Stakeholders

Kern Council of Governments is the project lead applicant, and its co-applicant partners include the County of Kern (Kern Transit), cities of Arvin, California City, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, Wasco, the social services transportation providers throughout the Kern region CalSTART, and Caltrans Districts 6 & 9.

Previous Work

1. High Occupancy Vehicle/Bus Rapid Transit (HOV/BRT) Study (2012)
2. Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (2012)
3. Metropolitan Bakersfield Transit Center Study (2015)
4. Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in California's San Joaquin Valley: Existing Conditions and Conceptual Program Development (2017)
5. GET Study of Best Practices Regarding Alternatives to Traditional Fixed-Route Transit Services (2018)
6. Kern County electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint (2019)
7. Kern County Rural Alternative Transportation Plan (2020)

8. GET Public Transportation Safety Plan (2020)
9. GET Short-Range Transit Plan (2022)

3- Year Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task		% of Effort
01	Project Administration- Kick-Off & Invoicing Meeting- Include Caltrans HQ, D6 & 9 (Kern COG)	June 30,2027	2%
02	Consultant Procurement- Develop and Publish RFP, Consultant Contracting (Kern COG)	February 28,2025	2%
1	Existing Conditions- Vulnerability/Resiliency Assessment Draft and Final Report (Consultant)	May 30,2025	5%
2	Analysis-Adaptation Mitigation Analysis Report, Kern Transit ZEB Climate Resiliency Feasibility Study (Consultant)	July 30, 2025	70%
3	Transportation Development Plans-Draft TDPs and CHSTP; Over the road coach use over mountain passes analysis; Mark-up Draft Adaptation Mitigation/Co-Benefits Analysis Report; Draft Pre-Environmental Conceptual Design Drawings/Cost Estimate Report (Consultant)	November 30,2025	6%
4	Public Outreach Stakeholder Outreach Meetings Round 1& 2- Bilingual translation, contact lists- media, tribal and local governments, non-governmental, CBOS, general public	November 30,2026	2%
5	Advisory Committee Meetings- up to 3 meetings (Consultant)	November 30,2026	3%
6	Draft and Final Plan- Daft and Final Document Public Meetings Online (TTAC, RPAC, TPPC) (Consultant)	May 30,2027	8%
7	Board Review/Approval	May 30,2027	2%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Draft Climate Adaptation Plan -May 30, 2027
2. Draft Adaptation Mitigation Plan/ Co-Benefit Analysis- May 30, 2027
3. Kern Transit ZEB Climate Resiliency Feasibility Study- May 30, 2027
4. Transportation Development Plans (9)- May 30, 2027
5. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan- May 30, 2027
6. Draft Pre-Environmental Conceptual Design Drawings/Cost Estimate Report- May 30,2027
7. Public Outreach Report- November 30, 2026
8. Advisory Committee Meetings Report- Quarterly
9. Draft and Final Report- May 30, 2027

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA					TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	SHA	Local		PL	STIP PPM	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$0				\$0			\$9,393			\$9,393	\$0	\$1,077	\$0	\$0
Consultant								\$110,972	\$1,040,000		\$1,150,972		\$12,728		
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,365	\$1,040,000	\$0	\$1,160,365	\$0	\$13,806	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS										TOTAL
	01	02	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
FHWA PL										\$ -	
FHWA PL C/O										\$ -	
STIP PPM	2,407	2,407	6,018	84,256	7,222	2,407	3,611	9,629	2,407	\$ 120,365	
SHA	20,800	20,800	52,000	728,000	62,400	20,800	31,200	83,200	20,800	\$ 1,040,000	
Local										\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 23,207	\$ 23,207	\$ 58,018	\$ 812,256	\$ 69,622	\$ 23,207	\$ 34,811	\$ 92,829	\$ 23,207	\$ 1,160,365	

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #606.3 – TIRCP Administration**

Purpose & Goal

Used to report staff hours and associated costs incurred in implementing the programs provided in State Assembly Bill 125 (SB 125), which include the programs of TIRCP and ZETCP. This new Work Element establishes a basis for cost reimbursement for costs incurred and paid for under KCOG Operating Fund 42905 for implementing, managing, monitoring, and reporting for the SB 125 programs.

Previous Work

New program.

End Products (Schedule)

1. Implement, manage, monitor SB 125 programs and provide required reporting.

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA			FTA					TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	TIRCP	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	SHA	Local	
Kern COG	\$0			\$114,385	\$0						\$114,385
Consultant											\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$114,385	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$114,385

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS 1	TOTAL
TIRCP	\$114,385	\$ 114,385
Local	\$0	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 114,385	\$ 114,385

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 608.1 – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND COMPLETE STREETS
PROGRAM

Purpose & Goal*

To conduct complete streets planning studies for non-motorized and pedestrian transportation facilities that encourage non-motorized transportation modes of transportation as a viable, safe, and economical alternative to motorized travel within Kern County.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation and Plan Public Participation and Education and Performance Management.

Previous Work

1. Safe Routes for Cyclists in Kern County's Disadvantaged Communities Final Report (2025)
2. Kern Active Transportation Alliance Safety Streets Demonstration Video (FY 2024-25)
3. Annual report for ATP Project Delivery (2025)
4. Low-Stress High-Speed Rail Bike Connectivity Plan (2020);
5. Downtown Bakersfield Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan (December 2020)
6. Bicycle Plan and Complete Streets for District 6 (September 2019)
7. Applied for a Sustainable Communities grant to update the 2018 Active Transportation Plan. (2026)

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Review existing bicycle plans from member agencies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
2	Review and select bicycle and pedestrian projects under California's Active Transportation Program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
3	Coordinate local bike and pedestrian planning with the California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Monitor construction for planned facilities and develop facilities mapping. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Receive comments and suggestions regarding route selection and facility construction priority scheduling from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Submit plans for public review, receive and respond to public comments. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
7	Consultation with tribal governments and environmental justice/disadvantaged communities for the Kern County Active Transportation Plan. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
8	Analyze bicycle traffic count program data. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

9	Incorporate transit planning considerations in coordinating bicycle and pedestrian planning. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
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End Products (Schedule)

1. Active transportation facilities maps/lists updates for Draft RTP (4-year cycle, June 2027).
2. Annual report for ATP project delivery (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

FHWA				FTA				TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	CARB	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
\$ 49,524								\$ 8,186	\$ 57,710		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
									\$ -				
\$ 49,524	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,186	\$ 57,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$ 9,905	\$ 9,905	\$ 4,952	\$ 4,952	\$ 4,952	\$ 4,952	\$ 4,952	\$ 2,476	\$ 2,476	\$ 49,524
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CARB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 1,637	\$ 1,637	\$ 819	\$ 819	\$ 819	\$ 819	\$ 819	\$ 409	\$ 409	\$ 8,186
TOTAL	\$ 11,542	\$ 11,542	\$ 5,771	\$ 5,771	\$ 5,771	\$ 5,771	\$ 5,771	\$ 2,886	\$ 2,886	\$ 57,710

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 609.1 – TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

Purpose & Goal*

To produce a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program that encourages alternatives to single occupant vehicle commuting and shared use mobility throughout Kern County.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including Public Participation and Education and Performance Management.

Previous Work

1. Rideshare Week 2006-2025;
2. Clean Air Month, Bike Month and Rideshare Week promotion and coordination;
3. Presentations to employers, community groups and schools;
4. Assistance to employers in developing rideshare programs;
5. Update and maintenance of ride match database;
6. Vanpool, bus, telework, pedestrian and bicycling promotion;
7. Park-and-ride facility development;
8. Guaranteed Ride Home program management;
9. Webinar partnerships to assist employers with telecommuting during COVID-19 pandemic;
10. Updated CommuteKERN.org's website.
11. Telework Appreciation Month promotion and coordination.
12. Vanpool Appreciation Month promotion and coordination.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Provide TDM outreach services (called CommuteKERN) to individuals, employers and educational institutions. Service includes training, education and working with Employee Transportation Incentive Program (eTRIP) Coordinators. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
2	Provide ride matching, vanpool management, GIS maps of transit routes, and mile tracking services via ride matching software. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	15%
3	Respond to inquiries related to alternate forms of commuting. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	3%
4	Develop and distribute TDM promotional items and materials. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Monthly	5%
5	Coordinate local activities for California Rideshare Week, Telework Month, Vanpool Appreciation Month, Clean Air Month, Bike Month and other special promotional events. Partner with local agencies as appropriate. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	October/March/April/ May	20%
6	Maintain and enhance Kern COG's Rideshare website, www.CommuteKern.org . (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
7	Promote CommuteKERN services and events through media releases, advertising, social media (Facebook, Instagram and	Monthly	15%

	LinkedIn) and public outreach. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).		
8	Create and distribute bi-monthly electronic newsletter to eTRIP Coordinators. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Bi-monthly	5%
9	Support efforts to expand park-and-ride capacity throughout Kern County through planning, outreach and response to requests for assistance. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	2%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Advertising and marketing materials. (bimonthly).
2. Website www.CommuteKern.org. and Ridematching software (annually) (Consultant).
3. Rideshare Week (October 2026).
4. TDM Outreach and promotions highlighting company employees who rideshare (monthly).
5. Telework Month campaign (March 2027).
6. Vanpool Month campaign (April 2027)
7. Clean Air & Bike Months (April/May 2027).
8. Electronic newsletter, social media posts (Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn), and email blasts (monthly).
9. Employer Trip Reduction Incentive Program (eTRIP) Coordinator Meetings (quarterly).
10. Employer rideshare events/updates (monthly).

Revenue Budget

FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	
PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	TOTAL
			\$ 232,341					\$ 43,577	\$ 275,918
			\$ 104,000						\$ 104,000
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 336,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,577	\$ 379,918

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
FHWA CMAQ	\$ 100,902	\$ 50,451	\$ 10,090	\$ 16,817	\$ 67,268	\$ 16,817	\$ 50,451	\$ 16,817	\$ 6,727	\$ 336,341
Local	\$ 13,073	\$ 6,537	\$ 1,307	\$ 2,179	\$ 8,715	\$ 2,179	\$ 6,537	\$ 2,179	\$ 872	\$ 43,577
TOTAL	\$ 113,975	\$ 56,988	\$ 11,398	\$ 18,996	\$ 75,984	\$ 18,996	\$ 56,988	\$ 18,996	\$ 7,598	\$ 379,918

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 610.1 – FREIGHT PLANNING**

Purpose & Goal*

Facilitate commercial vehicle operations (CVO) and interregional freight movement to ensure representation from all modes of the freight industry.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program and air quality planning, Caltrans – California Freight Mobility Plan 2023, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. KARGO C-CAMS Study (June 2026)
2. California's Inland Ports Presentation (November 2023)
3. KARGO Phase II Study (2023);
4. Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations (KARGO) Phase I Study (2021);
5. The Eastern Sierra Freight Corridor Study (2019);
6. South Central Valley Freight Hub Brochure (2018);
7. San Joaquin Valley (SVJ) Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan (June 2017);
8. SVJ Interstate 5 Corridor Study. (June 2017);
9. SVJ Interregional Goods Movement Plan (March 2013).

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task#	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Contact other agencies involved in freight programs for review and application to Kern County. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
2	Coordinate with Caltrans on further statewide truck travel studies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
3	Coordinate with Caltrans and FHWA on development of the primary freight network. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Coordinate with SVJ COGs on Goods Movement Planning. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
5	Coordinate with other ongoing studies such as State Freight Plan Development. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Participate in Statewide Coordination Process to designate Critical Urban and Critical Rural Freight Corridors. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	7%
7	Analyze future use of short-line rail for goods movement. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	7%
8	Prioritize safety improvements for goods movement along railroads. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	6%
9	Evaluate goods movement and truck study data to propose improvement projects for freight movement and connectivity, e.g. truck lanes, off-ramp improvements etc. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
10	Perform truck model evaluation. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Goods Movement Presentation (26-27).
2. Valley Goods Movement Meeting (26-27).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA		FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	STIP PPM	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG						\$3,166	\$67,152	\$70,318	\$0	\$363	\$0	\$0
Consultant								\$0				
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,166	\$67,152	\$70,318	\$0	\$363	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
STIP PPM	\$ 633	\$ 633	\$ 317	\$ 317	\$ 317	\$ 222	\$ 222	\$ 190	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ 3,166
LOCAL	\$ 13,430	\$ 13,430	\$ 6,715	\$ 6,715	\$ 6,715	\$ 4,701	\$ 4,701	\$ 4,029	\$ 3,358	\$ 3,358	\$ 67,152
TOTAL	\$ 14,064	\$ 14,064	\$ 7,032	\$ 7,032	\$ 7,032	\$ 4,922	\$ 4,922	\$ 4,219	\$ 3,516	\$ 3,516	\$ 70,318

700 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Recreation and open space play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for individuals and communities. They provide areas for physical activity, relaxation, social interaction, and environmental benefits.

Planning for recreational opportunities and open space is an integral part of the regional planning process, with particular emphasis on housing, environmental and transportation issues. The non-motorized element of the Regional Transportation Plan addresses recreational aspects of bicycling and pedestrian circulation.

No projects are programmed in FY 2026-27.

800 EDUCATION

Education and transportation are intricately linked, as effective transportation systems are essential for ensuring students can access educational opportunities. The role of transportation in education encompasses various aspects, including school choice, equity, safety, and the integration of technology.

The Work Element in this section represents annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year.

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #801.1 – GRANT WRITING

Purpose & Goal

Kern COG staff will research funding opportunities, participate in funding program workshops, write grants for Kern COG and provide grant-writing services to member agencies as well as other public agencies.

- Provide GrantFinder software licenses to member agencies and other agencies;
- Kern COG 2018 BUILD grant application and award;
- Kern COG 2020, 2021, and 2022 TCEP grant applications;
- Caltrans 2024 TCEP grant application;
- City of Bakersfield 2024 Local Partnership Program grant application; Kern COG 2024 Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant application;
- Kern COG 2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant application;
- Kern COG 2020 EV Ready Communities grant application and award;
- Kern COG 2020 ATP Cycle 5 grant application and award.
- Kern COG 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant application;
- Kern COG 2025 BUILD grant application;
- Kern COG 2025 Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) grant application;
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Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Evaluate potential grants for eligibility; notify member agencies or Kern COG staff of relevant new grant opportunities. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
2	Research, schedule, prepare and collaborate on grant applications. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	60%
3	Host grant workshops, invite funding agencies or successful project applicants. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Attend meetings of Kern COG's Governing Board and technical planning committees if needed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
5	Prepare quarterly progress reports for meetings of the governing board and technical planning committees as needed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
6	Attend grant implementation meetings as needed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Grant application support for Kern COG and member agencies.
2. Produce grant applications.
3. GrantFinder software licenses.

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$185,500	\$185,500
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$185,500	\$185,500

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Local	\$ 18,550	\$ 111,300	\$ 18,550	\$ 9,275	\$ 9,275	\$ 18,550	\$ 185,500
TOTAL	\$ 18,550	\$ 111,300	\$ 18,550	\$ 9,275	\$ 9,275	\$ 18,550	\$ 185,500

900 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Intergovernmental coordination refers to the processes and mechanisms through which different levels of government (federal, state, regional and local) interact to make policy decisions, share resources, and implement programs effectively.

This coordination is crucial in federal systems where powers are distributed among various jurisdictions. It can take place vertically (between different levels of government) or horizontally (among governments at the same level).

The planning process requires an ongoing coordination. This program is designed to provide technical assistance to the member agencies that have special needs. Proposed planning activity and demographic information is provided to the public, and citizens are offered an opportunity to assist in evaluating the appropriateness of plans that affect them.

The Local Clearinghouse function requires review and comment involving many agencies and organizations within the region. These activities assure that proposed projects can be evaluated in relation to existing development, socioeconomic impact, transportation impact and local plans of environmental concern.

Work Elements in this section represent annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year.

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #902.1 – REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Purpose & Goal*

To improve coordination among local jurisdictions on issues of common concern. Provide transportation-related leadership and technical assistance to member agencies to address regional and sub-regional issues, including sustainable development practices.

*Meets Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. Technical assistance publications;
2. General plans;
3. Rosamond Visioning Process;
4. Tehachapi Bicycle Master Plan;
5. Arvin Jewett Square Bicycle Plan;
6. Bakersfield, California City, McFarland, Tehachapi Land Use and Circulation Element updates;
7. Bakersfield Habitat Conservation Plan;
8. Kern County Habitat Conservation Plan;
9. McFarland Bicycle Plan;
10. McFarland Traffic Impact Fee Study;
11. Friant-Kern Canal Multi-Use Path.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Provide planning and management services to meet special transportation needs of Kern COG member agencies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
2	Provide assistance in land use and transportation planning, programming and budgeting to cities with limited staffing capabilities. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
3	Assist in developing land use and circulation element updates/urban development strategies and master environmental assessments, incorporate updated information into Kern COG traffic and land use models. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
4	Assist member agencies with development and analysis of land use information as it relates to transportation, housing and jobs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	20%
5	Assist member agencies with development and analysis of transportation and circulation information. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Assist member agencies with "Quick response" Transportation Plan Analysis. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Memorandums of agreement with member agencies (Consultant) (as requested).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$11,587									\$11,587	\$1,329	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0				
Total	\$11,587	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,587	\$1,329	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS						TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
PL	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,317	\$ 1,159	\$ 1,159	\$ 11,587
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,317	\$ 1,159	\$ 1,159	\$ 11,587

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 903.1 – INFORMATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT

Purpose & Goal*

To provide socio-economic information concerning the Kern County region.

*Meets Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Previous Work

1. Database of Kern County socio-economic information (FY23-24);
2. State Census Data Center Affiliation certification (FY23-24);
3. Assist governmental agencies, business interests and the general public with accessing and interpreting socio-economic information (FY23-24);
4. Assist in the development of Kern COG's regional transportation model (FY23-24).
5. Summary report of data development & data accessibility FY23-24 (June 2024)

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Coordinate responses to Census Bureau geographic programs as appropriate. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Develop and maintain socio-economic information for support of the Kern COG travel demand and air quality planning programs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
2	Maintain California State Census Data Center Affiliate status. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	7%
3	Prepare California State Census Data Center reports. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
4	Host workshops related to socio-economic information in the Kern region. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
5	Maintain collection of U.S. Census reports and provide library space for public inspection of documents including Home Mortgage Disclosure information. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
6	Respond to and assist users of socio-economic information related to the Kern County region, including requests from member agencies, non-member agencies, private businesses and the general public. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	33%
7	Attend related workshops and training sponsored by the California State Census Data Center and the U.S. Bureau of the Census. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Update Kern COG website with latest demographic data FY25-26 (June 2027).
2. Socio-economic information database related to the Kern County area FY26-27 (June 2026).
3. Summary report of data development & data accessibility FY25-26 (June 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA				TOTAL		TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local			PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$7,315								\$90,146	\$97,461		\$839	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0					
Total	\$7,315	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,146	\$97,461		\$839	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS								TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
FHWA PL	\$ 2,195	\$ 146	\$ 366	\$ 366	\$ 366	\$ 732	\$ 2,414	\$ 732	\$ 7,315
FHWA PL C/O		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 27,044	\$ 1,803	\$ 4,507	\$ 4,507	\$ 4,507	\$ 9,015	\$ 29,748	\$ 9,015	\$ 90,146
TOTAL	\$ 29,238	\$ 1,949	\$ 4,873	\$ 4,873	\$ 4,873	\$ 9,746	\$ 32,162	\$ 9,746	\$ 97,461

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 904.1 – INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION

Purpose & Goal*

To coordinate transportation and air quality planning activities among the eight San Joaquin Valley (SJV) transportation planning agencies, including the advisory SJV Policy Council; California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), Inyo and Mono Counties; San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, air quality planning, Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agency MOU, Eastern Sierra MOU, and San Luis Obispo Council of Governments MOU;
2. San Joaquin Valley Transportation Modeling Committee;
3. Federal Transportation Improvement Program Coordination;
4. California State Implementation Plan with SJVAPCD and Kern APCD;
5. SCAG/Kern COG Planning Coordination;
6. 2006-2024 San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' policy conferences;
7. San Joaquin Valley Overall Work Program;
8. Kern COG/SCAG coordination meeting – October 2019 and January 2022;
9. Provided comments to the 2040 California Transportation Plan.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Attend San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (SJV COGs) meetings and confer with Inyo, Mono, San Bernardino counties and SCAG to discuss transportation issues and participate in long-range planning activities. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
2	Meet and confer with Caltrans Districts 6 and 9 and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on transportation and air quality planning processes. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant).	June 30	25%
3	Participate in SJV Regional Policy Council meetings and annual conference. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG/Consultant).	Spring	25%
4	Attend regular California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) meetings with other MPOs and RTPAs statewide. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Throughout Year	25%

End Products (Schedule)

1. San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies meetings (monthly).
2. San Joaquin Valley transportation/air quality planning process (monthly) (Consultant).
3. San Joaquin Valley transportation planning agencies work plan/Policy Council coordination (monthly) (Consultant).
4. Air quality planning study (bi-monthly).
5. Kern COG/SCAG coordination meetings (annually as needed).
6. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Conference (Spring 2025).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY		FHWA				FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG										\$49,507
Consultant										\$115,282
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$164,789

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STIP PPM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 41,197	\$ 41,197	\$ 41,197	\$ 41,197	\$ 164,789
TOTAL	\$ 41,197	\$ 41,197	\$ 41,197	\$ 41,197	\$ 164,789

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 904.2 – LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW PROGRAM

Purpose & Goal

The objective of the Executive Order 12372, is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for state and local coordination and review of proposed federal financial assistance. To make federal, state and local program and project proposals available for public review; determine consistency with regional comprehensive plans; and ensure adequate mitigation is proposed for impacts.

Previous Work

Areawide clearinghouse; grant and loan applications.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Kern COG is designated the Local Clearinghouse for the Kern region. Kern COG's primary responsibility is to review and comment on local applications for state and federal funding assistance. Types of applications may include: Community Facilities Direct Loan Program; Community Development Block Grant Program; HOME Investment Partnerships Program; emergency solutions Grants Program; and Housing Preservation Grants. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	60%
2	Review federal programs and proposals, including urban impact assessment and all transportation-related proposals; forward appropriate documents and proposals to interested individuals and agencies. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	40%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Kern COG Board Agenda notice of federal assistance per Executive Order 12372 (monthly as needed).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$5,867	\$5,867
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,867	\$5,867

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS		TOTAL
	1	2	
Local	\$ 3,520	\$ 2,347	\$ 5,867
TOTAL	\$ 3,520	\$ 2,347	\$ 5,867

1000 PROGRAM PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

Planning and administration are critical components of effective management in any organization. They involve setting goals, defining strategies to achieve those goals, and ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to execute the plans. Compliance with local, state and federal governmental programs, identifying area-wide needs, and coordinating programs to complement the comprehensive planning efforts of the area requires management and financial support.

Work Elements in this section represent annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year.

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 1001.1 – LOCAL REIMBURSEMENT

Purpose & Goal

To provide local reimbursement for travel and promotional costs that are not eligible for federal reimbursement.

Previous Work

1. Kern COG-related travel;
2. Distribute promotional items at community events.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Kern COG provide travel costs that exceed those allowed to employees of the State of California.	June 30	20%
2	Kern COG provide funding for the Annual Regional Awards Ceremony.	June 30	50%
3	Kern COG provide funding for the purchase of Kern COG promotional items.	June 30	15%
4	Kern COG provide for CalCOG and AMPO annual dues.	June 30	15%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Kern COG promotional items (quarterly).
2. Non-reimbursable travel (monthly).
3. Refreshments for Meetings (monthly).
4. Kern COG Regional Awards Ceremony (March 2024).
5. CalCOG and AMPO Dues (annually).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$69,567	\$69,567
Consultant									\$26,000	\$26,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$95,567	\$95,567

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
Local	\$ 19,113	\$ 47,784	\$ 14,335	\$ 14,335	\$ 95,567
TOTAL	\$ 19,113	\$ 47,784	\$ 14,335	\$ 14,335	\$ 95,567

**Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 1001.2 – LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

Purpose & Goal

To improve the Kern region's potential for future state and federal transportation, housing, water, air quality and/or energy-related funding.

Previous Work

1. Kern COG's regional federal legislative advocacy trips;
2. San Joaquin Valley COGs federal legislative advocacy trips;
3. Kern COG's regional state legislative advocacy trips;
4. San Joaquin Valley COGs state legislative advocacy trips;
5. SB 325 (2011) Central California Rail Authority;
6. ACA 23 (2012) Transportation Sales Tax Measures—Voter Threshold;
7. SB 516 (2015) Transportation: Motorist Aid Services.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Meetings, correspondence with lobbying consultants; craft legislative proposals and amendments. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	June 30	32%
2	Coordinate regional and Valleywide lobbying trips. (Responsible Agency: Consultant)	June 30	35%
3	Develop white papers, fact sheets, talking point summaries, etc. for regional and Valleywide legislative advocacy trips. (Responsible Agency: Consultant)	June 30	33%

End Products (Schedule)

1. New legislation related to transportation, housing, water, air quality and/or energy (annually).
2. Legislative amendments regarding transportation, housing, water, air quality and/or energy-related bills (annually).
3. San Joaquin Valley COGs federal legislative advocacy trip. (Consultant) (September 2023).
4. San Joaquin Valley COGs state legislative advocacy trip. (Consultant) (March 2024).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$21,328	\$21,328
Consultant									\$19,350	\$19,350
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,678	\$40,678

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS			TOTAL
	1	2	3	
Local	\$ 13,017	\$ 14,237	\$ 13,424	\$ 40,678
TOTAL	\$ 13,017	\$ 14,237	\$ 13,424	\$ 40,678

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element #1001.3 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT
(TDA) PROGRAM

Purpose & Goal*

To effectively manage programs and funds developed pursuant to the Transportation Development Act (TDA), California Public Utilities Code Sections 99200, et. seq. Manage the Local Transportation Fund and the State Transit Assistance Fund in accordance with state statutes and regulations and Kern COG program policy.

*Meets Performance Management and State of Good Repair.

Previous Work

1. Prior year records and reports, including financial transactions, claims, applications, resolutions, financial/compliance audits, and performance audits.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Maintain the local program rules and regulations manual; prepare an annual estimate of area apportionments; advise claimants of quarterly trust fund subsidiary account activity and balances. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	5%
2	Assist prospective claimants with annual claims, project lists and local program administration; review, approve and process all claims and financial transactions; monitor transit ridership and performance data.	June 30	10%
3	Maintain general and subsidiary ledgers and books of original entry in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; prepare periodic account reconciliations. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
4	Conduct annual financial and compliance audit of Kern COG and each claimant contract for appropriate financial reports by an independent, certified public accountant. (Responsible Agency: Consultant).	March 31	40%
5	Conduct annual determination, analysis, and resolution of unmet transit needs. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November 30	15%
6	Prepare and approve the Annual Pedestrian and Bikeway Program of Projects; review projects as necessary. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%
7	Coordinate the Kern Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee and social services transit providers; oversee the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Source journals, including cash receipts, cash disbursements, accounts receivable, and claims payable (monthly).
2. Financial statements and status reports, including a balance sheet and statement of revenues and disbursements (annually).
3. The annual estimate of area apportionments (March 2025).
4. Subsidiary trust account statements (quarterly).
5. Annual claims and applications (Transit March 2025); (Pedestrian/Bike August 2025); (Streets/Roads September 2024).
6. Annual financial and compliance audit reports (annually).
7. Metro CTSA monitoring and evaluation report (annually).
8. Annual TDA Pedestrian and Bikeway Program of Projects (annually);
9. Countywide ridership report (annually).
10. Unmet transit needs finding and documentation (November 2025).
11. Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee meetings (quarterly).
12. Monitor and evaluate the Social Service Transit Program in the Metro Bakersfield area (quarterly).
13. TDA Triennial Performance Audit (June 2025)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$165,971	\$165,971
Consultant									\$116,040	\$116,040
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$282,011	\$282,011

Funding by Task

SOURCE	1	2	3	TASKS	5	6	7	TOTAL
				4				
Local	\$ 14,101	\$ 28,201	\$ 28,201	\$ 112,804	\$ 42,302	\$ 28,201	\$ 28,201	\$ 282,011
TOTAL	\$ 14,101	\$ 28,201	\$ 28,201	\$ 112,804	\$ 42,302	\$ 28,201	\$ 28,201	\$ 282,011

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 1001.4 – INFORMATION SERVICES & TRIBAL CONSULTATION

Purpose & Goal*

To inform and involve the public, member agencies and tribal governments in the decision-making process on issues affecting the Kern region. The most recent transportation spending bill provides the tools and resources to significantly advance national safety priorities for surface transportation programs that improve the safety of people and vehicles in our transportation system, including highways, trucks, rail, and pipeline and hazardous materials transport.

*Meets several Federal Planning Factors, Core Planning Functions including the Regional Transportation Plan and Public Participation and Education.

Previous Work

1. Established as a voting member for the Tejon Indian Tribe on the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (February 2020);
2. Public Involvement Procedures;
3. Kern News releases;
4. Kern COG's Annual Report;
5. Informational brochures;
6. Public meetings and workshops coordination;
7. Kern COG Areawide Directory;
8. Legislative tracking and reporting;
9. Attend community events;
10. Multi-media advertising development and distribution, including radio, social media and other Web-based formats.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Compose and update various brochures, letters, memos, news releases and publications, including the annual Report, Areawide Directory, and Timeline providing information regarding Kern COG, its member agencies and activities. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
2	involvement program that complies with state open meeting laws, and federal provisions. Maintain involvement with community groups including: Cultiva La Salud; the Dolores Huerta Foundation; Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment; Chambers of Commerce; Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability; environmental justice organizations and others. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
3	Engage consultant and coordinate with tribal governments regarding the transportation planning process. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%

4	Implement public involvement procedures, including legal notices, announcements, advertisements and conduct related workshops and meetings. Broadcast Kern COG Board meetings on the local government channel. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	25%
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End Products (Schedule)

1. Informational brochures, annual report and news releases (annually).
2. Board meetings and other broadcasts (monthly) (Consultant – KGOV).
3. Speaking engagements, community events (quarterly).
4. Office productivity software for translation, etc. (annually)

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$44,504	\$44,504
Consultant									\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,504	\$54,504

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
FHWA PL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FHWA PL C/O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	\$ 13,626	\$ 13,626	\$ 13,626	\$ 13,626	\$ 54,504
TOTAL	\$ 13,626	\$ 13,626	\$ 13,626	\$ 13,626	\$ 54,504

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-27
Work Element # 1001.5 – OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)
DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

Purpose & Goal

Prepare and administer the annual work program, budget and quarterly reports; maintain an ongoing transportation planning process; involve local technical staff, administrative officers, Caltrans, tribal governments and elected officials in the transportation planning process.

Previous Work

1. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 Kern COG financial plan and OWP development;
2. Public notices, announcements and workshops announcing the OWP;
3. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 OWP monitoring and monthly cost allocation;
4. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) invoices.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Coordinate and prepare the OWP. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	May	25%
2	Prepare and submit OWP amendments as needed. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	November & March	25%
3	Submit monthly OWP reporting and billing to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Monthly	25%
4	Prepare quarterly reporting for CPG program. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	Quarterly	15%
5	Close out of the FY 2022-23 OWP. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG)	September	10%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Quarterly reporting for 2026-27 fiscal year (quarterly).
2. OWP and related public participation documentation for 2026-27 (monthly).
3. Coordinate 2027-28 OWP preparation (December 2026-May 2027).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA				FTA				TOTAL	TOLL CREDITS NOT REVENUE			
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM		PL	PL carryover	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover
Kern COG	\$89,994								\$16,217	\$106,211	\$10,322	\$0	\$0
Consultant										\$0			
Total	\$89,994	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,217	\$106,211	\$10,322	\$0	\$0

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS					TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	
PL	\$ 22,499	\$ 22,499	\$ 22,499	\$ 13,499	\$ 8,999	\$ 89,994
Local	\$ 4,054	\$ 4,054	\$ 4,054	\$ 2,433	\$ 1,622	\$ 16,217
TOTAL	\$ 26,553	\$ 26,553	\$ 26,553	\$ 15,932	\$ 10,621	\$ 106,211

2000 Traveler Information & Assistance

The Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) was created on May 19, 1988. The Authority imposes a fee, not to exceed \$1.00 per year, on non-exempt motor vehicles registered within the county. The additional fee is collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at the time of vehicle registration or renewal.

The purpose of the Authority is to finance, implement, operate and maintain a motorist aid system pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 2550-2560. The system may include traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation system architecture and infrastructure, and safety-related hazard and obstruction removal.

Work Elements in this section represent annual ongoing activities which have been updated for the current Fiscal Year.

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 2001.1 – KMAA SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Purpose & Goal

To implement, maintain, and operate a motorist aid system including traveler assistance programs within Kern County.

Previous Work

1. Call Box Upgrade to 3G voice and 4G data technology (Fall 2016);
2. Participate in the California Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Committee (CalSAFE);
3. Call Box Removal Plan implementation;
4. Provide safety-related hazard and obstruction removal;
5. Provide Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure;
6. Maintain a financial accounting system in accordance with GAAP and enterprise fund accounting, including a general ledger and books of original entry, prepare quarterly financial statements, process monthly reconciliations;
7. Prepare periodic management reports regarding contract status, service performance and related matters.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Provide traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure, and other transportation demand management services, and safety-related hazard and obstruction removal.	June 30	23%
2	Prepare an annual KMAA work program and budget; Maintain a financial accounting system in accordance with GAAP and enterprise fund accounting; quarterly financial statements; and process monthly reconciliations.	June 30	27%
3	Provide for an annual financial and compliance audit by an independent certified public accountant (Consultant) for the purpose of attesting to and certifying records, internal control procedures and results of operations.	June 30	50%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Annual work plan and budget (annually).
2. Financial statements (quarterly).
3. Safety-related hazard and obstruction removal (monthly).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$42,280	\$42,280
Consultant									\$34,525	\$34,525
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76,805	\$76,805

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS			TOTAL
	1	2	3	
Local	\$ 17,665	\$ 20,737	\$ 38,403	\$ 76,805
TOTAL	\$ 17,665	\$ 20,737	\$ 38,403	\$ 76,805

Kern Council of Governments
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM – FY 2026-2027
Work Element # 2002.1 – 511 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Purpose & Goal

To design and operate a comprehensive 511 system for traveler information.

Previous Work

1. Integrate with other motorist aid and transportation demand management programs;
2. Integrate the Kern 511 Traveler Information System with the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies 511 system;
3. Identify and define local issues related to network design and operation;
4. Develop System Engineering Management Plan for Kern 511;
5. Perform quality assurance testing of Kern 511 Traveler Information System i.e. functional testing, integration testing and user acceptance testing;
6. Promote the Kern 511 Traveler Information System through advertising and outreach.

Study Design (Tasks & Responsible Agency)

Task #	Task	Completion Date	% of Effort
1	Investigate 511 network modification and expansion possibilities; evaluate new technology capabilities developed for 511 systems. (Responsible Agencies: Consultant, Kern COG).	June 30	10%
2	Coordinate with 511 Consultant to develop a system hosting and maintenance plan providing for routine updates and quality analysis of data. Provide periodic preventative and corrective maintenance of network hardware. (Responsible Agencies: Consultant, Kern COG).	June 30	40%
3	Continue the Kern 511 Traveler Information system Marketing Plan. Provide for and analyze periodic statistical reports regarding 511 usage. (Responsible Agency: Kern COG).	June 30	30%
4	Attend ITS California Annual Conference including a session for 511 system operators.	June 30	20%

End Products (Schedule)

1. Kern 511 Traveler Information System, including interactive voice recognition and website capabilities (monthly).
2. Kern 511 Traveler Information System Marketing Plan (biannually).
3. Modifications and/or expansions to the 511 network (annually).

Revenue Budget

AGENCY	FHWA					FTA			TOTAL	
	PL	PL carryover	RSTP	CMAQ	Sec. 5303	Sec. 5303 carryover	Sec. 5304	STIP PPM	Local	
Kern COG									\$37,363	\$37,363
Consultant										\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,363	\$37,363

Funding by Task

SOURCE	TASKS				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
Local	\$ 3,736	\$ 14,945	\$ 11,209	\$ 7,473	\$ 37,363
TOTAL	\$ 3,736	\$ 14,945	\$ 11,209	\$ 7,473	\$ 37,363

FY 2026-2027 Overall Work Program
BUDGET REVENUE SUMMARY (Revised: May 15, 2026)

Funding Source	Footnotes	FTA	FTA	FTA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	FHWA	Caltrans ATP	STIP PPM 26-27	SB-1 Formula 26-27	SB-1 Formula 25-26 Carryover (12a)	SHA-CAP 26/27	SHA-CAP 24/25 Carryover	HCD	HSIP	CARB	CEC	Toll Credits*	Regional	Regional	Regional	Local	TOTAL
		SEC.5304 Rural Carryover	SEC.5303 MPO 26-27	SEC.5303 MPO Carryover 25-26	PL 26-27 89/11	PL 25-26 Carryover	PL 24-25 Carryover	RSTP 26-27	CMAQ 26-27 89/11	SPR												Planning Match	Planning Non-match	Planning	Contracts	
		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(6a)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(12a)	(13)		(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)		(18)			(19)	
Air Quality Modeling/Transportation Management	101.1		\$ 80,746																		\$ 9,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 80,746
Environmental Review and Monitoring Program	102.1		\$ 40,681																		\$ 4,666	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 40,681
Community and Environmental Inventory Mapping System	201.1		\$ 272,249		\$ 277,195																\$ 63,021	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 549,444
Mapping Services and Technical Support	201.2																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Public Participation	203.1B												\$ 130,811								\$ -	\$ 16,948	\$ -	\$ 16,948		\$ 147,759
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Performance Measures	203.2B												\$ 105,765								\$ -	\$ 13,703	\$ 18	\$ 13,721		\$ 119,486
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Mobility Innovations and Incentives	203.3B												\$ 65,168								\$ -	\$ 8,443	\$ -	\$ 8,443		\$ 73,611
2025-2026 Sustainable Communities Forecast & Travel Model	203.4B												\$ 92,556								\$ -	\$ 11,992	\$ 34	\$ 12,026		\$ 104,582
Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan	203.5																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,745	\$ 65,745		\$ 65,745
Regional Transportation Plan/Congestion Management Process	601.1				\$ 327,784																\$ 37,597	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 327,784
RTP/CIP Financial Element	601.2											\$ 47,058									\$ 5,398	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 47,058
Regional Transportation Community Survey & Outreach	601.3											\$ 77,516									\$ 8,891	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 77,516
Federal Performance Measures Data and Analysis	601.4				\$ 69,284																\$ 7,947	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 69,284
Transportation Improvement Program	602.1				\$ 383,568																\$ 43,995	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 383,568
Project Planning & Development Assistance for Federal-Aid Projects	602.2				\$ 329,581																\$ 37,803	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 329,581
Transportation Systems Monitoring and Coordination	603.1											\$ 51,895									\$ 5,952	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 51,895
Traffic Count Program	603.2							\$ 79,677													\$ -	\$ 10,323	\$ 16,146	\$ 26,469		\$ 106,146
Mobility Innovations and Incentives	603.3				\$ 55,504																\$ 6,366	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 55,504
Kern Electric Vehicle (EV) Blueprint	603.4																			\$ 1,203,972	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,203,972
MD&HD Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure	603.5																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Regional Travel Demand Model Maintenance	604.1				\$ 177,269																\$ 20,333	\$ -	\$ 406,244	\$ 406,244		\$ 583,513
Regional Growth Forecast Model Data & Analysis	604.2				\$ 190,225																\$ 21,819	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 190,225
Regional Travel Demand Model Analysis	604.3																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,721	\$ 26,721		\$ 26,721
Corridor/Major Investment/Impact Studies	605.1				\$ 12,113																\$ 1,389	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 12,113
Transit, Aviation and Passenger Rail Planning	606.1																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295,288	\$ 295,288		\$ 295,288
Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Plan (FY 26-27) **	606.2											\$ 120,365			\$ 1,040,000						\$ 13,806	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,160,365
TIRCP Administration	606.3																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 114,385	\$ 114,385
Active Transportation and Complete Streets Program	608.1				\$ 49,524																	\$ -	\$ 6,619	\$ 6,619		\$ 56,143
	608.2																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	608.3																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Transportation Demand Management	609.1								\$ 336,341												\$ -	\$ 43,577		\$ 43,577		\$ 379,918
Freight Planning	610.1											\$ 3,166									\$ 363	\$ -	\$ 67,152	\$ 67,152		\$ 70,318
	610.2																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	610.3																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Grant Writing	801.1																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,500	\$ 185,500		\$ 185,500
Regional Technical Assistance	902.1				\$ 11,587																\$ 1,329	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 11,587
Information and Data Management	903.1				\$ 7,315																\$ 839	\$ -	\$ 90,146	\$ 90,146		\$ 97,461
Interregional Transportation Coordination	904.1																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164,789	\$ 164,789		\$ 164,789
Local Clearinghouse Review Program	904.2																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,867	\$ 5,867		\$ 5,867
Local Reimbursement	1001.1																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,567	\$ 95,567		\$ 95,567
Legislative Program	1001.2																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,678	\$ 40,678		\$ 40,678
Transportation Development Act (TDA) Program	1001.3																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282,011	\$ 282,011		\$ 282,011
Information Services and Tribal Consultation	1001.4																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,504	\$ 54,504		\$ 54,504
Overall Work Program (OWP) Development and Monitoring	1001.5				\$ 89,994																\$ 10,322	\$ -	\$ 16,217	\$ 16,217		\$ 106,211
KMAA System Administration and Operations	2001.1																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 76,805	\$ 76,805
511 System Administration and Operations	2002.1																				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 37,363	\$ 37,363
SUBTOTAL		\$ -	\$ 393,676	\$ -	\$ 1,980,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,677	\$ 336,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 394,300	\$ -	\$ 1,040,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,203,972	\$ 301,098	\$ 104,985	\$ 1,819,246	\$ 1,924,231	\$ 228,553	\$ 7,881,693
ESTIMATED CARRYOVER FUNDS FY 2026-27 ESTIMATED FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 393,676	\$ 182,789	\$ 1,980,943	\$ 754,135		\$ 79,677	\$ 336,341	\$ -		\$ 300,000	\$ 394,300	\$ 72,262	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 535,866		\$ -		\$ 1,203,972	\$ -	\$ 106,552	\$ 1,818,246	\$ 1,925,798	\$ 228,553	\$ 7,883,260
TOTAL (including Estimated Carryover Funds)		\$ -	\$ 393,676	\$ 182,789	\$ 1,980,943	\$ 754,135	\$ -	\$ 79,677	\$ 336,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 394,300	\$ 72,262	\$ 1,040,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,203,972	\$ -	\$ 106,552	\$ 1,818,246	\$ 1,925,798	\$ 228,553	\$ 9,428,312

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

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

VI. SUMMARY FINANCIAL TABLE - FOOTNOTE LEGEND

Kern Council of Governments
FY 2026-2027 Overall Work Program
Financial Summary Chart
FOOTNOTE LEGEND

- (3) Grantor Agency: Federal Transit Administration
Designated Recipient: California Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Planning
Program: Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Assistance (Urban)
WorkElement: 101.1, 102.1, 201.1

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match	Toll Credits
PY Carryover		\$	-
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 393,676	\$	45,155
Unprogrammed		\$	-
TOTAL	<u>\$ 393,676</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,155</u>

- (5) Grantor Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Designated Recipient: California Department of Transportation
Program: FHWA-PL (Formula Planning)
WorkElement: 201.1, 601.1, 601.4, 602.1, 602.2, 603.3, 604.1, 604.2, 605.1, 608.1, 902.1, 903.1, 1001.5

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match	Toll Credits
2025-2026 Carryover		\$	-
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 1,980,943	\$	227,214
Unprogrammed		\$	-
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,980,943</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 227,214</u>

- (7) Grantor Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Designated Recipient: California Department of Transportation
Program: Regional Surface Transportation Program
WorkElement: 603.2

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 79,677	\$ 10,323
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ 79,677</u>	<u>\$ 10,323</u>

- (8) Grantor Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Designated Recipient: California Department of Transportation
Program: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
WorkElement: 609.1

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 336,341	\$ 43,577
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ 336,341</u>	<u>\$ 43,577</u>

Kern Council of Governments
FY 2026-2027 Overall Work Program
Financial Summary Chart
FOOTNOTE LEGEND

- (11) Grantor Agency: California Department of Transportation
Designated Recipient:
Program: STIP PPM
WorkElement: 601.2, 601.3, 603.1, 606.2, 610.1

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

- (12) Grantor Agency: California Department of Transportation
Designated Recipient:
Program: SB-1 Formula 2026-2027
WorkElement: 203.1B, 203.2B, 203.3B, 203.4B

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 394,300	\$ 51,086
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ 394,300</u>	<u>\$ 51,086</u>

- (13) Grantor Agency: California Department of Transportation
Designated Recipient:
Program: State Highway Account
WorkElement: 606.2

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 1,040,000	\$ -
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,040,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

- (17) Grantor Agency: California Energy Commission
Designated Recipient:
Program:
WorkElement: 603.4

Funding:	Grantor	Local Match
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ 1,203,972	\$ -
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,203,972</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Kern Council of Governments
FY 2026-2027 Overall Work Program
Financial Summary Chart
FOOTNOTE LEGEND

- (18) Grantor Agency: Kern COG Member Agencies
Designated Recipient:
Program: TDA, Administration & Regional Planning Contribution
WorkElement: Various

Funding:	Administration	Planning	Total
PY Carryover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2026-2027 Allocation	\$ -	\$ 1,925,798	\$ 1,925,798
Unprogrammed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,925,798</u>	<u>\$ 1,925,798</u>

- (19) Grantor Agency: Kern COG Member Agencies
Designated Recipient:
Program: Service Contracts, Administration and Sales
WorkElement: 606.3, 2001.1, 2002.1

Funding:	Grantor
Local Contracts	\$ 114,385
Member Dues	\$ -
Partnership Sales	\$ -
KMAA	\$ 114,168
TOTAL	<u>\$ 228,553</u>

VII. INFORMATION ELEMENT/OTHER ENTITIES PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ATTACHMENT A
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE REGION
FY 2026-2027

Informational Element Matrix

The following is a list of planning activities for which Caltrans is involved in for within the MPO metropolitan planning area.

Activity Description	MPO Work Element Number	Funding Type	Product(s)	Work Performed By	Due Date	FSTIP Prgmng.
Caltrans work elements for OWP, progress reports, reimbursement and monitoring	N/A	FED/STATE	OWP Management	Caltrans	On-going	No
IGR/local development reviews	N/A	STATE	Recommended mitigation for development impacts on State facilities	Caltrans	On-going	No
Update Various System Planning Documents	N/A	STATE	Various System Planning Documents	Caltrans	On-going	No
Valley-wide GIS	N/A	STATE	Coordinate Integration of Valley-wide GIS into Caltrans GIS	Caltrans	On-going	No
California Transportation Plan	N/A	STATE	The California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050. The CTP will access how MPO's RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies will influence the Statewide Multimodal Transportation system.	Caltrans	On-going	No
Tribal Consultation and Coordination	N/A	FED/STATE	Coordinating projects that impact the State Route and the Tejon Indian Tribe, including Indian Reservation Roads Inventory Program	Caltrans, Tribal Governments	On-going	No
Kern Area Regional Goods-movement Operations	605.2	STATE	(KARGO) Climate-Change Adaptation Mitigation Study (C-CAMS)	Caltrans and KCOG	26/27	No
Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Study	606.2	STATE	Kern Trans-Sierra Transit Climate Adaptation Plan	Caltrans and KCOG	26/27	No
SB1 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants-Formula	203.1B 203.2B 203.3B 203.4B	STATE STATE STATE STATE	Public Participation Performance Measures Mobility Innovations & Incentives Forecast & Travel Model Activity	Caltrans and KCOG	26/27 26/27 26/27 26/27	No

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FTA
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

(Signature pages alternate to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS.)

Name of Applicant: Kern Council of Governments

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of all categories: (*check here*) X.

Or,

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of the categories it has selected:

Category	Certification
01 Certifications and Assurances Required of Every Applicant	
02 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans	
03 Tax Liability and Felony Convictions	
04 Lobbying	
05 Private Sector Protections	
06 Transit Asset Management Plan	
07 Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews and Bus Testing	
08 Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program	
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AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of the Applicant: Kern Council of Governments

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the federal fiscal year, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

The Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during the federal fiscal year.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

Certifications and Assurances

Fiscal Year 2026

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature  Date: 04/16/2026

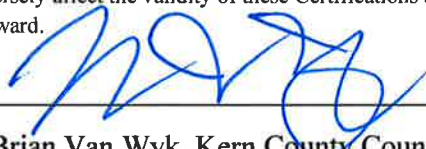
Name John Schlosser, Executive Director Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY
Kern Council of Governments

For (Name of Applicant):

As the undersigned Attorney for the above-named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature  Date: 4/16/26

Name Brian Van Wyk, Kern County Counsel Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within TrAMS, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to TrAMS this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.

**Fiscal Year 2026/2027 California Department of Transportation
Debarment and Suspension Certification**

*As required by U.S. DOT regulations on governmentwide Debarment and Suspension
(Nonprocurement), 49 CFR 29.100:*

- 1) The Applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its contractors, subcontractors and subrecipients:
 - a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - b) Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d) Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, and local) terminated for cause or default.
- 2) The Applicant also certifies that, if Applicant later becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1) above, it will promptly provide that information to the State.
- 3) If the Applicant is unable to certify to all statements in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this certification, through those means available to Applicant, including the General Services Administration's *Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)*, Applicant shall indicate so in its applications, or in the transmittal letter or message accompanying its annual certifications and assurances, and will provide a written explanation to the State.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027**

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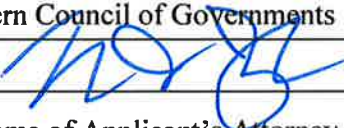
In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature  Date 04/16/2026
Printed Name John Schlosser

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has the authority under state and local law to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, these certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations of the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances or of the performance of the described project.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For Kern Council of Governments (Name of Applicant)
Signature  Date 4/16/26
Printed Name of Applicant's Attorney Brian Van Wyk, Kern County Counsel

FY 2026/2027 FHWA and FTA Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR part 450, the California Department of Transportation and
Kern Council of Governments, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for
the County of Kern urbanized area(s), hereby certify that the transportation
planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and subpart C of 23 CFR part 450;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- 9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.


MPO Authorizing Signature

John Schlosser

Title

4/16/2026

Date


Caltrans District Approval Signature

Philip Vallejo

Title

4/23/2026

Date

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract ____ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application ____ b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing ____ b. material change For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: ____ Prime ____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
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VIII. APPENDICES

LIST OF COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

A

AA	Alternatives Analysis
AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
AB	Assembly Bill
AC	Asphalt Concrete
ACC/YR	Accidents/Year
ACIP	Airport Capital Improvement Program
AC/M/Y	Accident Cost/Mile/Year
ADA	American Disability Act
ADAP	Airport Development Act Program
ADIS	Advanced Driver Information System
AFB	Air Force Base
AFC	Automatic Fare Collection
AFV	Alternative Fuel Vehicle
AHAR	Advanced Highway Advisory Radio
AHS	Automated Highway System
AIP	Airport Improvement Program
AMTRAK	National Train Passenger Corporation
APCB	Air Pollution Control Board
APCD	Air Pollution Control District
AP MAP	Assessor Parcel Map
APN	Assessor Parcel Number
APTS	Advanced Public Transportation Systems
AQAP	Air Quality Attainment Plan
AQMP	Air Quality Maintenance Plan
AR	Accident Rate (Accidents averaged over 3 years)
ARTS	Advanced Rural Transportation Systems
ATC	Automated Toll Collection
ATIS	Advanced Traveler Information Systems
ATMS	Advanced Traffic Management Systems
AVCS	Advanced Vehicle Control System
AVI	Automated Vehicle Identification
AVL	Automated Vehicle Location System
AVR	Average Vehicle Ridership

B

BAR	Bureau of Automotive Repair
BARC	Bakersfield Association for Retarded Citizens
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BSC	Bakersfield Senior Center
BTV	Bus Ticket Validator

C

CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
CAB	Civil Aeronautics Board
CAL ACT	California Association for Coordinated Transit
CALCOG	California Association of Councils of Governments
CALTRANS	California State Department of Transportation
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CASP	California Airport Systems Plan
CCAA	California Clean Air Act
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDM	Congestion/Demand Management
CDV	Credit/Debit Vendor
CEC	California Energy Commission
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFS	Container Freight Station
CHCP	Cargo Handling Cooperative Program
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CIR	Council on Intergovernmental Relations
CL	Carload or Containerload
CMA	Congestion Management Agency
CMAQ	Congestion Management Air Quality
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CMS	Congestion Management System
CMS	Changeable Message Signs
CMV	Commercial Motor Vehicle
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CO	Carbon Monoxide
COG	Council of Governments
CRLA	California Rural Legal Assistance
CTAC	Communications Technical Advisory Committee
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTP	California Transportation Plan
CTPP	Census Transportation Planning Package
CTR	Commuter Trip Reduction
CTSA	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
CVO	Commercial Vehicle Operations
CVWP	Central Valley Water Project

D

DADD	Delano Association for Developmentally Disabled
DB	Decibel
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DEIR/DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (See EIR/EIS)
DFG	Department of Fish and Game
DHS	Department of Health Services
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of the Interior
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPM	Downtown People Mover
DWR	Department of Water Resources

E

EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIR/EIS	Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ETC	Electronic Toll Collection
ETC	Employee Transportation Coordinator
ETMS	Enhanced Traffic Management System
ETR	Employers Training Resource
ETTM	Electronic Toll and Traffic Monitoring

F

FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FCAA	Federal Clean Air Act
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCR	Flexible Congestion Relief
FCS	Functional Classification System
FETSIM	Fuel Efficient Traffic Signal Management
FFV	Flexible Fuel Vehicle
FmHA	Farmers' Home Administration
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIP	Federal Implementation Plan
FOCAS	Federal Railroad Administration
FS	Forest Service
FSP	Freeway Service Patrol
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service

G

GET	Golden Empire Transit District
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
GPS	Global Positioning Systems
GSA	General Services Administration

H

HAR	Highway Advisory Radio
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
HCD	Housing and Community Development
HHS	Health and Human Services
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HOV lane	High Occupancy Vehicle Lane
HPMS	Highway Performance Monitoring System
HSCT	High-speed Ground Transportation
HSOPP	Highway Systems Operation and Protection Plan
HSR	High Speed Rail
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)

I

ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
ICMA	International City Managers' Association
IMS	Intermodal Management System
IPG	Intermodal Planning Group
IRRS	Interregional Road System
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
ITE	Institute of Transportation Engineers
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
ITS	Institute of Transportation Studies
IVHS	Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems
IVRG	In-Vehicle Route Guidance System

J

JPPB	Joint Planning Policy Board (Military)
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K

KCAPCD	Kern County Air Pollution Control District
KCEOC	Kern County Economic Opportunity Corporation
KCWA	Kern County Water Agency
KMAA	Kern Motorist Aid Authority

L

LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LEV	Low Emission Vehicle
LNG	Liquid Natural Gas
LOS	Level of Service
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LRRT	Light Rail Rapid Transit
LRT	Light Rail Transit
LRV	Light Rail Vehicle
LTF	Local Transportation Fund

M

MAGLEV	Magnetic Levitation
MAOF	Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
MMS	Maintenance Management System
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPG	Miles Per Gallon
MPH	Miles Per Hour
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MTIS	Multimodal Traveler Information Systems
MTS	Metropolitan Transportation System

N

NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standard
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils
NASA	National Aeronautic and Space Administration
NAWS	Naval Air Weapons Station (China Lake)
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHS	National Highway System
NIMBY	Not In My Back Yard
NOR	North of the River Recreation and Parks District

O

OAA	Older Americans Act
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPR	Office of Planning and Research (state)
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (federal)
OWP	Overall Work Program

P

PARIS	Passenger Routing and Information System
PATH	Program for Advanced Transit and Highways
PIP	Productivity Improvement Program
PIP	Public Information Program
PL	Planning Funds
PMS	Pavement Management System
PSTIP	Proposed State Transportation Improvement Program
PUC	Public Utilities Commission

R

REEP	Reasonable Extra Efforts Program
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
ROW	Right Of Way
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board

S

SAFE	Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
SB	Senate Bill
SBA	Small Business Administration
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCHWA	Southern California Hazardous Waste Authority
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SJVUAPCD	San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
S RTP	Short Range Transit Plan
STA	State Transit Assistance
STAA	Surface Transportation Assistance Act
STAF	State Transit Assistance Fund
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program
STPP	Surface Transportation Policy Project
SWP	State Water Project
SWRCD	State Water Resources Control Board

T

TAP	Target Area Program (Head Start)
TARG	Transportation Air Quality Review Group
TCC	Transportation Control Center
TCD	Traffic Control Devices
TCI	Transit Capital Improvement Program
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TDP	Transportation Development Plan
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
TIC	Transportation Information Center
TIGER	Topological Integrated Geographic Encoding & Referencing
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area/Association
TMP	Transportation Management Plan
TMS	Traffic Management System
TMS	Traffic Monitoring System
TOC	Traffic Operations Center
TOS	Traffic Operations Systems
TP&D	Transportation Planning and Development
TP&D Account	Transportation Planning and Development Account
TRB	Transportation Research Board
TRIPS	Transportation Intelligent Planning System
TRO	Trip Reduction Ordinance
TSM	Transportation Systems Management
TTAC	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
TV SAP Channel	Television Second Audio Program

U

UA	Urbanized Area
UMTA	Urban Mass Transportation Administration
URISA	Urban and Regional Information Systems Association
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USTIP	Updated State Transportation Improvement Program
UTPP	Urban Transportation Planning Package
UZA	Urbanized Area

V

VFV	Variable Fuel Vehicle
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VNIS	Vehicle Navigation and Information Systems
VOR	Vehicle Occupancy Rate

W

WADD	Wasco Association for Developmentally Disabled
WBE	Women Owned Business Enterprise
WE	Work Element
WP	Work Program
WWW	World Wide Web

Z

ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle
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