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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.

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

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I. ROLL CALL:

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

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III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A. Meeting of September 2, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1087 (Invina-Jayasiri)

Comment: On September 30, 2026, Governor Newsom signed SB 1087 (Cabaldon) which puts Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCSs) on an eight-year cycle, adds a mid-cycle progress report, and authorizes California Air Resources Board (CARB) to set targets for 2035 and 2045.

Action: Information.

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

Comment: An update on the activity related to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and the adoption timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

Action: Information.

VI. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT (Romero Valdivia)

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

Action: Information.

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Davisson)

Comment: Kern COG staff legislative update focusing on recently enacted housing and land-use policy bills identified as relevant to the committee's work: SB-922, AB-956, AB-2005, SB-1116, SB-1117 and SB-1169.

Action: Information. Kern COG Staff suggests member agencies have their counsel review the above legislation.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT - The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2026 (May be dark).

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION MODELING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY
September 2, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Ricardo Perez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

RPAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Isiah Medina	Arvin
	Jose Lara	Delano
	Roque Nino	Bakersfield
	Brianahi DeLeon	McFarland
	Heather Spurlock	Ridgecrest
	Clarisa Olaguez	Shafter
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Luke Risner	Taft
	Corey Costello	Tehachapi
	Keri Cobb	Wasco
	Ricardo Perez	GET
	Octavio Escobedo III	Tejon Tribe
	Blair Knox	LAFCO
	Andrea Nason	Caltrans
KERN COG STAFF:	Ben Raymond	Karl Davisson
	Rob Ball	Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri
	Sukhmony Brar	Victoria Romero Valdivia
	Melody Saberon Ybarra	
OTHERS:	Ashley Knight	Bakersfield
	Christine Chavez	Delano
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There were no questions or comments from the public.

III. **APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES**

A. Meeting of August 5, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Noted minor corrections that need to be made to August minutes regarding notation of attendance of Roque Nino (Bakersfield) and Jose Lara (Delano) present at meeting. Approval after changes are made motioned by J. Lara and second by R.Nino. Unanimous vote.

IV. RECOMMEND ADOPTION FOR THE: FINAL 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY; FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; FINAL 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; CORRESPONDING FINAL AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Action: Recommend to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee to adopt the FINAL 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY; FINAL 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; FINAL PROGRAMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; CORRESPONDING FINAL AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS and RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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

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

VI. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS/COG ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK MONITORING DATA – EMAIL REQUESTS DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

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

VII. CIRCULATION UPDATES: TRUCK ROUTES

Action: 1) Per SB-415, jurisdictions with populations greater than 50,000 must update their circulation elements by January 1, 2028. Jurisdictions with populations less than 50,000 must update their circulation elements by January 1, 2030.

2) Per Kern COG Board Resolution 26-23, jurisdictions should consider the KARGO study's mapped truck routes and circulation plans when updating local circulation elements.

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

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Legislative Update: SB 1169, SB 1116, SB 1117 (See Attached).
- Kern COG will be at the Kern County Fair (Exhibit Building 2) from September 23 to October 4, 2026.

IX. MEMBER ITEMS

No comments were made.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the RPAC will be September 30, 2026 (for October).

Kern Council of Governments

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director
Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Legislative Update: SB 922, AB 2005, SB 1116, SB 1117 and SB1169

Kern COG staff will be providing a legislative update focusing on housing and land-use policy bills identified as relevant to the committee's work. As of September 1st, each of these bills have been presented to the Governor for his signature. Below is a synopsis of five bills, SB-922, AB-2005, SB-1116, SB-1117 and SB-1169 that we believe are of interest to the committee.

SB-922: – LAW: *signed by the Governor on 8/27/26*
Most jurisdictions in the state operate with some form of "franchise," or contract, that limits solid waste hauling within the jurisdiction to one or more specified companies. Under these agreements, the local agency charges the franchisee for the benefit of operating within the public right-of-way. The franchisee then charges customers for providing waste hauling services. Many local agencies include the costs to cover the wear and tear on the roads from the heavy waste hauling trucks in their fees.

1. States that fees, charges, or surcharges for local agencies to recover costs of street maintenance, repair, and other costs to provide public services do not count as a tax, permit fee, or other charge for the privilege of using its streets or highways.

2. Allows local agencies to impose a fee, charge, or surcharge described above.

AB 2005:
AB-2005 revises SB9 by requiring the local agency to require an applicant to select one of 2 sets of owner-occupancy requirements:

1. The applicant to sign an affidavit stating that the applicant intends to occupy one of the housing units as their principal residence for a minimum of 3 years.

   OR

2. The 2nd option would be for the applicant to sign an affidavit, stating they intend to sell both parcels of an urban lot split after issuance of a certificate of occupancy within 3 years from the date of the approval of the urban lot split and to require, that one of the units on both parcels of an urban lot split remain owner occupied for 3 years, beginning on the date a parcel or unit is conveyed by the applicant to a home buyer.

SB-1116:

Subdivision Map Act revision so that local agencies cannot restrict or prohibit SHRA projects. In that regard it restricts locally required setback and minimum lot sizes and Kern COG staff suggests members have their counsel review the legislation.

SB-1117:

1) Provides that for up to two ADUs on a lot, any impact fees charged for an ADU that has more than 750 square feet of interior livable space shall be charged proportionately in relation to the square footage of the primary dwelling unit, and only on the area over 750 square feet of interior livable space.
2) Specifies that for properties with more than two ADUs on a lot, any impact fees charged for an ADU that has more than 750 square feet of interior livable space shall be charged proportionately in relation to the square footage of the primary dwelling unit.

SB 1169:

Extends the initial life of a Tentative map to four (4) years, instead of two and allows for local ordinances to extend subdivision maps by three (3) years.

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Kern Council of Governments

IV
RPAC

November 4, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Rochelle Invina-Jayasiri, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Item: IV.

CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1087

DESCRIPTION:

On September 30, 2026, Governor Newsom signed SB 1087 (Cabaldon) which puts Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCSs) on an eight-year cycle, adds a mid-cycle progress report, and authorizes California Air Resources Board (CARB) to set targets for 2035 and 2045.

DISCUSSION:

SB 1087 strengthens alignment between California's state transportation funding programs and the SCS developed under SB 375. This legislation revised the requirements for a sustainable communities strategy, including the following:

a) Requiring a sustainable communities strategy every 8 years with a progress report after 4 years instead of requiring a sustainable communities strategy every 4 years;
b) Requiring the state board to provide each region with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2035 and 2045; and
c) Requiring the state board to hold technical workshops before providing those targets.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and Caltrans are consulted during the target-setting process, during which assumptions are published at least 60 days in advance, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) conducts a minimum of three public workshops, and the targets are subsequently adopted at a CARB public hearing. The bill also revised the state board's process for reviewing sustainable communities strategies and alternative planning strategies, as specified. SB 1087 ensures that state transportation investments advance regional greenhouse-gas (GHG) reduction goals, support infill and transit-oriented development, and reinforce integrated land-use and transportation planning.

The following is the preliminary timeline for the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) incorporating the SB 1087 changes, and the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan.

Preliminary Timeline for the 2030 RTP/SCS/7th Cycle RHNA ***SB 1087 changes**	
~~September 24 – October 4, 2026~~	~~RTP/SCS Outreach at Kern County Fair~~
September each year	Technical Assistance Requests are Due to Kern COG.
Spring 2027 - Spring 2029	Annual Statistically Valid Community Phone Surveys
Spring 2027 - Fall 2027	RTP/SCS Public Outreach Process (Survey/ Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market Outreach)
Summer 2027	Update Public Involvement Policies and Procedures
Summer 2027	Stakeholder roundtable process to vet outreach and performance measures methodologies/health risk assessment
On or before July 1, 2027*	Kern COG to notify CARB of our selection of the first or second RTP for beginning the 8-year SCS cycle: • If CARB adopts GHG emission reduction targets at least 12 months before scheduled adoption (Targets needed by Summer 2029), Kern COG may select the first 2030 RTP to include 8-year SCS cycle. • Kern COG will select the second 2034 RTP if the state board has not adopted the GHG reduction target. • Until Kern COG begins preparing an 8-year SCS, the existing regional targets shall remain in effect, and Kern COG shall continue preparing a SCS every 4 years.
Spring 2028	Regional Growth Forecast Update
Spring 2028 to Fall 2028	RTP/SCS Public Outreach Process (Survey/ Fairs/Festivals/Farmer's Market Outreach)
Summer 2028-Summer 2029	Kern COG develops proposed methodology for distributing housing need, in consultation with HCD. New requirement: Must begin 2.5 years before revision.
Winter 2028 - Winter 2029	• MPO releases draft allocations for public review. Must hold mandatory hearings in disadvantaged communities and document public input. • HCD reviews MPO's RHNA methodology and allocations for compliance.
On or before December 31, 2028*	CARB shall provide each region with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2035 and 2045. • On or before December 1, 2028, CARB shall convene at least two technical workshops and present the findings at the joint meeting. • CTC, HCD and Caltrans at the table, assumptions published 60 days ahead, CARB holds at least three public workshops, and targets adopted at a CARB public hearing.

Summer 2029*	60-day CARB review of methodology (must be at least 12 months before adoption) • Within 60 days, CARB must make one of four possible determinations. If CARB runs late, the SCS is deemed approved.
Summer 2029	Mini-grant application process
Summer 2029	Kern COG notifies HCD of 2030 RTP adoption date and Kern COG begins consultation with HCD on RHNA determination.
Summer – Fall 2029	HCD determines Kern County Regional Housing Determination
Spring/Summer 2030	Staff report summarizing the comments received on the Draft 2030 RTP/SCS with 7th Cycle RHNA and its associated documents, along with staff responses, will be presented to RPAC and TTAC.
Summer 2030	**Kern COG Board Scheduled to adopt the 2030 RTP/SCS and 7th Cycle RHNA**
Fall - Winter 2031	Jurisdictions revise Housing Elements to comply with new 7th Cycle RHNA targets. Deadline: Submit to HCD by December 31, 2031
Summer 2034*	Implementation Progress Report - All MPOs report four years after adopting an SCS, with no new modeling required. MPOs under 1.5 million can certify the report based on their resources.

The bill text can be accessed here: Bill Text: CA SB 1087

In addition, California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) produced the attached matrix of the SB 1087 changes.

ACTION: Information.

Attachment: Matrix of SB 1087 Changes

SB 1087 (Cabaldon): What Changes

We prepared this matrix that provides our take on all the ways that SB 1087 changes the process.

AREA	BEFORE	WITH SB 1087
California Transportation Plan MILDLY POSITIVE	A long-range plan that isn't fiscally constrained, so it glosses over the investment needed to meet state goals.	**The CTP must identify the statewide multimodal system needed to meet GHG and air quality goals, with performance measures for each Caltrans district. The SGC report is eliminated.**
2045 Target Year NEUTRAL	CARB targets for 2020 and 2035, with no lead time before a new target applies.	**Targets for 2035 and 2045.**
Addressing Conflicting State Goals POSITIVE	Convened for the 2009 targets, then dormant.	**Requires CARB to conduct two technical workshops before December 1, 2028 and, during those, shall solicit feedback on how to balance GHG reduction goals with other state laws and objectives.**
Target-Setting and Transparency VERY POSITIVE	CARB consults MPOs and air districts only, and doesn't publish its methods in advance.	**CTC, HCD and Caltrans at the table, assumptions published 60 days ahead, CARB holds at least three public workshops, and targets adopted at a CARB public hearing.**
GHG Model Consistency POSITIVE	CARB isn't required to stick to its own adopted model.	**MPO methods and CARB's review must both follow the model used by CARB when it set targets.**
Eight-Year SCS Cycle POSITIVE	A new SCS with every RTP, every four years.	**A new SCS every eight years. In between, MPOs adopt the RTP and submit a lighter implementation progress report.**
CEQA Exemption DREAM DASHED; BUT NEUTRAL	A programmatic EIR for each RTP/SCS, every four years.	**No change. An EIR is still required for every RTP.**
APS and SB 1 Funding VERY POSITIVE	Regions with an APS lose TCEP and SCCP eligibility.	**Regions with a CARB-accepted APS stay eligible for TCEP and SCCP.**

CARB Review of Methodology VERY POSITIVE	No deadline and no limit on scope.	**A 60-day review, limited to whether the method matches the SCS guidelines.**
CARB Review of the SCS VERY POSITIVE	A pass/fail call with no consequence when CARB misses its 60-day deadline.	**Within 60 days, CARB must make one of four possible determinations. If CARB runs late, the SCS is deemed approved.**
SCS Guidelines POSITIVE	Written and approved by CARB staff, with MPOs consulted.	**CARB must consult with MPOs, state agencies and other stakeholders; include a review checklist; and adopt guidelines at a CARB public hearing.**
Implementation Progress Report POSITIVE	Required only of SANDAG and SACOG.	**All MPOs report four years after adopting an SCS, with no new modeling required. MPOs under 1.5 million can certify the report based on their resources.**
CARB's SB 150 Report POSITIVE	CARB consults MPOs and stakeholders.	**CTC and HCD join the consultation.**

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Kern Council of Governments

V
RPAC

November 4, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: V.

UPDATE: SB 375 AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

DESCRIPTION:

An update on the activity related to Senate Bill (SB) 375 and the adoption timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

DISCUSSION:

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

September 23rd – October 4th 2026 – At the Kern Count Fair, Kern COG staff collected input from over 400 residents on issues and improvements needed on the transportation system for incorporation into the development of the 2030 RTP/SCS.

September 17, 2026 – Kern COG Board approved adoption of the 2026 RTP/SCS and associated documents. The documents are available on the Kern COG website at https://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/

July 2026 – The public engagement process is complete for the 2026 RTP/SCS and the public review period for the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS closed July 2, 2026. During the 4-year development of the 2026 RTP/SCS Kern COG engaged over 10,000 residents through outreach at community events, workshops, surveys, and stakeholder roundtable meetings.

May 6, 2026 – Received email from CARB accepting Kern Technical Methodology version 2 for the 2026 SCS, submitted to CARB on February 27, 2026.

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

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

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

November 2020 - June 2023 – Kern COG had over 15 coordination meetings and correspondence with CARB on Kern COG's 2022 RTP/SCS Technical Methodology and the November 2022 data submittal for the adopted 2022 SCS. In June 2023, Kern COG received an email from CARB to notify that the 2022 SCS was "officially approved."

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

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

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

Preliminary Timeline 2030 RTP/SCS

- ~~September 23rd – Oct 4th , 2026 – RTP/SCS outreach at Kern County Fair.~~
- Spring 2027 to Spring 2030 – Annual statistically valid community phone surveys
- Spring 2027 to Spring 2030 – RTP/SCS public outreach process (Fairs/Festivals)
- September each year – Technical assistance requests are due to Kern COG
- Spring/Summer 2027 – Update Public Involvement Policies and Procedures
- July 1, 2027 – Kern COG to notify CARB of selection of the first or second RTP for beginning the 8-year SCS cycle.
- Summer 2027 – Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting: Outreach Process & Performance Measures
- October 2027 – Comments due on early Draft 2030 Capital Improvement Program
- Spring 2028 – Regional Growth Forecast Update
- Summer 2028 – Summer 2029 – Kern COG develops proposed RHNA methodology for distribution of housing then begins consultation with HCD for RHNA determination
- December 2028 – By Dec 31st, CARB provide GHG reduction targets for 2035 & 2045
- June 2029 – Kern COG to submit Technical Methodology to CARB (CARB 60-day review)
- Summer 2029 to Fall 2029 – HCD reviews RHNA methodology
- Summer 2029 to Fall 2029 – Mini-Grant applications and stakeholder hosted workshops
- Summer 2030 – Kern COG Board Scheduled to adopt the 2030 RTP/SCS

ACTION: Information.

Kern Council of Governments

VI
RPAC

November 4, 2026

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: VI.

MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Kern EV Charging Spaces: Please find the most recent charging space inventory by zip code attached to this staff report. The report shows that as of September 30, 2026, there is a 10.80% increase in charging spaces (380 spaces) throughout Kern County over the February 2026 baseline, when Kern COG adopted the 2025 EV Charging Station Blueprint targets. Fourteen new locations have been identified in this reporting period.

EV Ready Communities:

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

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

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

Participation in committees and workgroups

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

- **August 27 - Workgroup: MyFirstEV Incentive Project**
- **September 29 - CEC 2026 Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Symposium**

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

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

ACTION: Information.

Kern County Electric Vehicle Public Charging Spaces by Zip Code

November 2026 Report

Kern Council of Governments has set a goal of 4,426 electric vehicle charging spaces in Kern County by 2035 based on the 2025 EV Charging Station Blueprint. This report shows a 10.80% increase (380) in the number of charging spaces compared to the February 2026 baseline inventory of 3,520 spaces. Highlighted numbers reflect updates from the previous report. Some of the change in inventory may be attributed to better reporting, rather than new chargers or disconnections. This change in inventory may also include station closings.

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

City	Zip Code	# of Charging Spaces	Baseline February 2026
Arvin	93203	157	147
Buttonwillow	93206	**62**	48
Delano	93215	**306**	280
Kernville	93238	5	4
Lake Isabella	93240	1	1
Lamont	93241	11	11
Lebec	93243	80	80
Lost Hills	93249	228	54
McFarland	93250	**34**	17
Shafter	93263	**57**	42
Taft	93268	5	5
Wasco	93280	28	22
Bakersfield	93301	248	240
Bakersfield	93304	52	46
Bakersfield	93305	**43**	28
Bakersfield	93306	**272**	258
Bakersfield	93307	41	41
Bakersfield	93308	**401**	390
Bakersfield	93309	170	158
Bakersfield	93311	**613**	601
Bakersfield	93312	486	486
Bakersfield	93313	71	57
Bakersfield	93314	139	139
Mojave	93501	77	76
California City	93505	13	13
Boron	93516	11	11
North Edwards	93523	8	8
Inyokern	93527	36	36
Ridgecrest	93555	98	87
Rosamond	93560	**8**	0
Tehachapi	93561	139	134
	TOTAL	**3900**	**3520**

Fourteen new locations were identified in this reporting period.

ChargePoint Charging Station, Buttonwillow, 93206

Delano's Site, Delano, 93215

McFarland Jr. High, McFarland, 93250

Horizon Elementary School, McFarland, 93250

McFarland High School, McFarland, 93250

Shafter Farm/Labor Camp, Shafter, 93263

Foods Co. H 384, Bakersfield, 93305

Target T0614, Bakersfield, 93306

Pioneer Cottages, Bakersfield, 93306

Hampton Inn NRT, Bakersfield, 93308

First American, Bakersfield, 93311

Ranch West, Bakersfield, 93311

Valley Realty, Rosamond, 93560

Tradewinds Mobile Estates, Rosamond, 93560

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

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Kern Council of Governments

VII
RPAC

November 4, 2026

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Advisory Committee Agenda Item: VII.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

DESCRIPTION:

Kern COG staff legislative update focusing on recently enacted housing and land-use policy bills identified as relevant to the committee's work: SB-922, AB-956, AB-2005, SB-1116, SB-1117 and SB-1169.

DISCUSSION:

SB-922: – *LAW: Vehicle Code Section 9400.8*

Most jurisdictions in the state operate with some form of "franchise," or contract, that limits solid waste hauling within the jurisdiction to one or more specified companies. Under these agreements, the local agency charges the franchisee for the benefit of operating within the public right-of-way. The franchisee then charges customers for providing waste hauling services. Many local agencies include the costs to cover the wear and tear on the roads from the heavy waste hauling trucks in their fees.

1. States that fees, charges, or surcharges for local agencies to recover costs of street maintenance, repair, and other costs to provide public services do not count as a tax, permit fee, or other charge for the privilege of using its streets or highways.
2. Allows local agencies to impose a fee, charge, or surcharge described above.

AB-956 – *LAW: Government Code Section 66323*

Requires a local agency to ministerially approve an application to develop up to two (2) detached ADUs on a lot containing an existing or proposed single-family dwelling.

AB-2005: *LAW: Government Code Section 66411.7*

AB-2005 revises SB-9 that allows certain ministerial lot splits by obligating the local agency to compel an applicant to select one of 2 sets of owner-occupancy requirements:

1. The applicant signs an affidavit stating that the applicant intends to occupy one of the housing units as their principal residence for a minimum of 3 years.
   OR
2. The 2nd option would be for the applicant to sign an affidavit, stating they intend to sell both parcels of an urban lot split after issuance of a certificate of occupancy within 3 years from the date of the approval of the urban lot split and to require, that one of the units on both parcels of an urban lot split remain owner occupied for 3 years, beginning on the date a parcel or unit is conveyed by the applicant to a home buyer.

SB-1116: – *LAW: Government Code Sections 65400, 65852.28 and 66499.41*

The map is intended to allow small lot subdivisions and is primarily a revision to the Subdivision Map Act curbing restrictions on locally required building setbacks, minimum lot sizes and building heights.

This law requires jurisdictions allow:

1. Multi-family lots as small as four-hundred eighty (480) square feet and
2. Single-Family Lots as small as nine-hundred sixty (960) square feet.

SB-1117: – *LAW: Government Code Section 66311.5*

Clarifies what impact fees may be charged on Accessory Dwelling Units.

1. Provides that for up to two ADUs on a lot (see AB-956), any impact fees charged for an ADU that has more than 750 square feet of interior livable space shall be charged proportionately in relation to the square footage of the primary dwelling unit, and only on the area over 750 square feet of interior livable space.
2. Specifies that properties with more than two ADUs on a lot, any impact fees charged for an ADU that has more than 750 square feet of interior livable space shall be charged proportionately in relation to the square footage of the primary dwelling unit.

SB-1169: – *LAW: Government Code Section 66542.6*

Senate Bill 1169 extends the initial life of a Tentative map to four (4) years, instead of the previously allowed two (2) years and allows for local ordinances to extend subdivision maps by an additional three (3) years. The bill also enacts an absolute maximum tentative map life of 10 years total.

Additionally, SB 1169 modifies existing law such that if non-adjacent off-site improvements worth more than $236,790 are required: “each filing of a final map authorized by Section 66456.1 ***shall*** extend the expiration of the approved or conditionally approved tentative map by 48 months from the date of its expiration, as provided in this section, or the date of the previously filed final map, whichever is later.”

ACTION: Information. Kern COG Staff suggests member agencies have their counsel review the above legislation.