

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

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**THURSDAY  
MARCH 18, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**6:35 KERN COG WORKSHOP: RTP HIGHLIGHTS – WHAT’S DIFFERENT?**

**DISCLAIMER:** This agenda includes the proposed actions and activities, with respect to each agenda item, as of the date of posting. As such, it does not preclude the Committee from taking other actions on items on the agenda, which are different or in addition to those recommended.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Tarver, Scrivner, Lessenevitch, Ramirez, Mock, Rosson, Morgan, Prout, Linder, Smith, Wegman, McQuiston, Rubio, Warren, Ehlert, Silver
- III. 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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- IV. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**A. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2010**

**B. Response to Public Comments**

**C. FY 2010-11 Transportation Development Act Apportionment Estimate (Snoddy)**

Comment: Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 6644, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) shall determine and advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund for the following fiscal year. The estimate shall be circulated on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Total TDA related funding for the 2010/2011 fiscal year is estimated to be \$24,640,238.

Action: Information.

**D. Local Project Commentary (RSTP, CMAQ, TE, Transit) (Pacheco)**

Comment: Routine report on the monthly project status meeting held to discuss project implementation issues and to develop solutions.

Action: Information.

**E. SB 375 Climate Change Target Setting Method for Cars and Light Duty Trucks: Revised Timeline and Feb. 17, 2010 Task Force Meeting Notes (Ball)**

Comment: In September 2008 the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 375 to control Climate Change emissions from cars, SUVs and light duty trucks primarily by creating a more efficient mix and distribution of land use to reduce vehicle miles traveled. The revised timeline shows Kern COG submitting a target to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) by April 16, 2010.

Action: Information.

**F. 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Status Report (Ball)**

Comment: In October 2009, Kern COG staff circulated three sections of the 2011 RTP, requesting assistance in formulating some of the more complex changes to the document. The RTP is currently scheduled to be released for public review April 1, 2010 with final adoption in July 2010.

Action: Information.

**G. The Railroad Grade Crossings and Separation Study and Short-line Rail Study Consultant Contract Approval (Raymond)**

Comment: Requests for Proposals were distributed to over fifty consultants for two studies: 1) the Railroad Grade Crossings and Separation Study; and 2) the Short-line Rail Study. The consultant reviewing team received six proposals and selected Wilbur Smith Associates. A contract was prepared with a total budget not to exceed \$99,732.

Action: Approve the consultant selection of Wilbur Smith Associates to create the Railroad Crossings and Separations Study and the Short-line Rail Study, and authorize Chair to sign the contract. VOICE VOTE.

**H. High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility Study Agreement with Kern Economic Development Corporation Foundation (Brummett)**

Comment: Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and the Kern Economic Development Corporation Foundation to conduct a High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility Study in the amount of \$75,000.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kern Economic Development Corporation Foundation and authorize the Chairman to sign. VOICE VOTE.

**I. Regional Surface Transportation (RSTP) Program – Final Program of Projects**

**(Pacheco)**

Comment: The Final RSTP Program of Projects includes \$11.5 million for various member agency projects.

Action: Approve the Final Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Program of Projects. VOICE VOTE.

**J. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) – Final Program of Projects (Pacheco)**

Comment: The Final CMAQ Program of Projects includes \$8.3 million for a regional mix of member agency projects and a community service district project.

Action: Approve the Final Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program of Projects. VOICE VOTE.

**K. 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment No. 14 (Pacheco)**

Comment: Amendment No. 14 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, Safety Program and Transit Program.

Action: Information.

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

**V. STIMULUS 2 – UPDATE ON REGIONAL PROCESS (Stramaglia)**

Comment: As was the case last year with the adoption of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Kern Council of Governments staff is gearing up with the state of California to administratively prepare for the delivery of transportation projects should a job stimulus bill be signed by the President later this spring.

Action: To be determined.

**VI. MEETING REPORTS:**

**VII. CALTRANS' REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)**

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: RONALD E. BRUMMETT,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY: Bob Snoddy  
Regional Planner III

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM C.  
FY 2010/2011 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT  
ESTIMATE

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 6644, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) shall determine and advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund for the following fiscal year. The estimate shall be circulated on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Total TDA related funding for the 2010/2011 fiscal year is estimated to be \$24,640,238.

DISCUSSION:

Based upon funding estimates prepared by the Kern County Auditor-Controller for the Local Transportation Fund #24075 and by the Controller of the State of California for the State Transit Assistance Fund #24076, Kern COG anticipates TDA funding for FY 2010/2011 to be as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY 2009/10 Amount</u>	<u>FY 2010/11 Amount</u>	<u>Percent Incr. (Decr.)</u>
Local Transportation Fund #24075	\$30,503,531	\$24,640,238	{19.2%}
State Transit Assistance Fund #24076	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	\$30,503,531	\$24,640,238	{19.2%}

Attached are specific estimates by area of apportionment. Prospective claimants are reminded that the amounts cited represent **estimates** and that available funding will vary with actual tax receipts. In addition, these estimates will be revised in response to new local population estimates provided by the California Department of Finance in May 2010. Finally, the State Transit Assistance Fund estimate is reduced to ZERO as result of the state budgetary process. This information has been forwarded to staff representatives of each prospective claimant.

ACTION:

Information.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Ronald E. Brummett,  
Executive Director

By: Raquel Pacheco,  
Regional Planner III

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM D.  
LOCAL PROJECT COMMENTARY (RSTP, CMAQ, TE, Transit)

DESCRIPTION:

Routine report on the monthly project status meeting held to discuss project implementation issues and to develop solutions.

DISCUSSION:

At the January 3, 2007 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), the TTAC agreed to meet for monthly project status meetings. This meeting brings to the forefront project delivery commitments in the current and future fiscal years of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The forum is ideal to discuss new requirements or announcements such as training opportunities or programming approvals. Caltrans staff is invited to assist project managers and provide updates on specific requests.

Meeting notes for February 16<sup>th</sup> are attached.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. **ALL** fiscal year 09/10 ARRA (Regional Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Enhancement) construction request for authorization packages have received funding approval.
2. The Project Delivery Policy revised submittal letters are due March 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. As of the Score Card dated February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1% of funding had requested funding authorization from Caltrans for fiscal year 09/10.

Enclosure: February 16, 2010 Local Project Commentary Meeting notes  
February 19, 2010 Score Card for fiscal year 09/10  
February 19, 2010 FY 09/10 project list

ACTION:

Information.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: RONALD E. BRUMMETT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Rob Ball, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM E.  
SB375 CLIMATE CHANGE TARGET SETTING METHOD FOR CARS AND LIGHT DUTY  
TRUCKS: REVISED TIMELINE AND FEB. 17, 2010 TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

DESCRIPTION:

In September 2008 the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 375 to control Climate Change emissions from cars, SUVs and light duty trucks primarily by creating a more efficient mix and distribution of land use to reduce vehicle miles traveled. The revised timeline shows Kern COG submitting a target to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) by April 16, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

**Background:**

The focus of SB 375 is to reduce emissions from car, SUV and light truck travel by creating a more efficient mix and distribution of land uses. Under Assembly Bill (AB) 32 climate change scoping plan, Transportation makes up 40% of the emissions. Approximately 3% of all statewide emissions were estimated to be from travel sources related to SB375 including travel from cars, SUVs and light duty trucks. This 3% figure was considered to be a placeholder until modeling by local Councils of Governments could reveal a more accurate picture in tune with each region's local characteristics.

In October 2008, Kern COG established the Kern Climate Change Task Force to address the requirements of SB 375. The Task Force is an open public process and has met eight times. It is made up of representatives from local government staffs, the development community, and community based organizations. Participants included The Task Force helped developed a work plan that was approved by the Kern COG Board in March 2009 and has been working implement the plan.

SB 375 provides an opportunity for Kern COG to propose a target for our region based on local conditions and characteristics. The Kern SB 375 Climate Change Work Plan includes a proactive approach of proposing an accurate target for SB 375. A concern of the Task Force was to not wait for the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to dictate an emissions target for Kern, but to provide an accurate target proposal based on Kern's local situation which is significantly different from the rest of the state.

In support of the Task Force, Kern COG has met 1 on 1 with each of our member agencies planning staff to help develop a land use model and strategy based on local general plan assumptions for providing an ambitious and achievable target. The following timeline outlines the activity related to this item.

**Timeline:**

- Sep. 2008 – SB 375 signed into law
- Oct. 2008 – COG establishes the SB375 Kern Climate Change Task Force
- Jan. 2009 – Kern Climate Change Summit held at the Petroleum Club in Bakersfield
- Mar. 2009 – COG adopts the SB375 Kern Climate Change Work Plan with a proactive approach as presented at the Summit.
- Jul. 2009 – COG completes 1 on 1 meetings with each local jurisdiction to gather latest general plans and assumptions that could reduce climate change emissions
- Sep. 2009 – ARB Regional Target Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Sep.09-Jan.10	– COG holds 4 Climate Change Task Force Meetings to consider use of Model results available online at <a href="http://www.kerncog.org">www.kerncog.org</a> under the climate change menu.	
Jan. 6, 2010	– TTAC reviews timeline	
Jan. 19, 2010	– Newspaper display add announcing public meetings/workshop	
Jan. 20		–
Joint Meeting - Modeling Committee/Climate Change Task Force		
	- Review 3 <sup>rd</sup> round of land use model results for baseline/current trends	
	- Review 1 <sup>st</sup> round of the alternative to the baseline/current trends scenario	
Jan. 21		–
COG Board reviews timeline		
Feb.		3, 10A
M		–
TTAC 1st look		
Feb. 17, 9AM		–
	Joint Meeting - Modeling Committee/Climate Change Task Force – Draft Target Proposal	
Feb. 18, 6PM		–
Public Workshop at Kern COG		
Feb. 18, 7PM		–
COG Board 1st look – Draft Target Proposal		
Mar. 1		–
Submit letter to ARB notifying them of our intent to submit Target		
Mar.		3, 10A
M		–
TTAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> look - Review Revised Timeline and Status of Climate Change Task Force		
Mar. 17, 9AM		–
Joint Meeting - Modeling Committee/Climate Change Task Force – Draft Target		
Mar. 18, 7PM		–
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COG Board 2 <sup>nd</sup> look – Review Status of TTAC and Climate Change Task Force Activity		
Mar 31, 10AM		–
TTAC 3 <sup>rd</sup> look – Make Recommendation on Target		
Apr. 15, 7PM	- COG Board 3 <sup>rd</sup> look	
Jun. 30		–
ARB releases draft statewide target		
*Jul. 15		–
COG Board considers approval of 2010/11 RTP		
<b>Sep. 30</b>		–

**ARB releases final targets for all 18 COGs in the State**

\* This target setting process is being performed parallel to the preparation of the 2011 RTP. The targets will not be available in time for consideration in this RTP scheduled to begin public review April 1, 2010. The targets will be incorporated into the next major RTP scheduled for 2014.

ACTION: Information

Attachment: Feb. 17 Kern Climate Change Task Force Meeting Notes

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: RONALD E. BRUMMETT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Rob Ball, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM F.  
2011 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) STATUS REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

In October 2009, Kern COG staff circulated three sections of the 2011 RTP, requesting assistance in formulating some of the more complex changes to the document. The RTP is currently scheduled to be released for public review April 1, 2010 with final adoption in July 2010.

DISCUSSION:

Last Fall, Kern COG staff brought to the TTAC and the Board three draft sections of the 2011 RTP. The first section was the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) containing a list of projects being analyzed in the RTP Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, and the federal air quality conformity analysis. The list of projects in the CIP was approved by the TTAC and the COG Board pending final adoption of the RTP. The CIP was the only section of the three sections that an action was taken on.

The second section was a revised Congestion Management Program, a chapter of the RTP since the 1990s. Concerns were raised that the proposed changes may limit the Kern region's flexibility and that Kern COG is getting too far out in front of the experts regarding changes to CEQA, RTP guidelines and the Transportation Research Board Highway Capacity Manual Update. Changes to CEQA Guidelines were adopted by the California Resources Agency December 30, 2009, eliminating congestion as a criterion for assessing significant impacts. The RTP guidelines are scheduled for approval by the California Transportation Commission in April 2010 recommending incorporation of the Complete Streets/Multi-modal Level of Service methodology. In addition Kern COG has scheduled a workshop on March 24, 2010, to review proposed changes to the Highway Capacity Manual toward a better understanding of what those changes will mean for local transportation planning process. The City of Shafter and other member agencies have requested changes (attached) to the text of the CMP, to which Kern COG staff is responding and incorporating in the public draft of the 2011 RTP, scheduled for public review starting April 1, 2010. The draft document will be distributed pending any changes resulting from the March 24 workshop.

The third circulated section was RTP Chapter 2 – Goals, Policies and Performance Measures. Kern COG staff is incorporating changes, and providing additional information requested by the City of Shafter in correspondence dated October 30, 2009(attached). On December 11, 2009, Kern COG staff met with City of Shafter staff to clarify and respond to questions. Some responses include a request to review performance measures analysis and results. Staff is still preparing the Performance Measures section, and will provide those updates to our member agencies as soon as they are available.

Attachments

- City of Shafter Correspondence on the Congestion Management Program
- City of Shafter Correspondence on the Goals, Policy and Performance Measures RTP section

ACTION: Information.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Ronald E. Brummett  
Executive Director

By: Ben Raymond, Regional Planner I

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM G.  
RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS AND SEPARATION STUDY AND SHORT-LINE RAIL  
STUDY CONSULTANT CONTRACT APPROVAL

DESCRIPTION:

Requests for Proposals were distributed to over fifty consultants for two studies: 1) the Railroad Grade Crossings and Separation Study; and 2) the Short-line Rail Study. The consultant reviewing team received six proposals and selected Wilbur Smith Associates. A contract was prepared with a total budget not to exceed \$99,732.

DISCUSSION:

Kern COG is responsible for managing a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process and program. The Kern regional transportation program addresses all modes and unique needs of a vast and diverse region.

The Railroad Grade Separation Study is a tool that will take inventory of current conditions of railroad crossings in Kern. This study will also determine the safety, service level, and crossing rating for crossings along various goods movement corridors along Kern's railroad system. This study will evaluate the planned grade separation projects and create a prioritization list for future project programming.

The Short-line Rail Study will develop a comprehensive understanding of the existing short-line rail systems in Kern County. The Short-Line Rail Study will enhance Kern COG's improvement of the goods movement system throughout Kern County and strengthen Kern COG's ability to attract future funding grants.

The consultant reviewing team was made up of staff from the County of Kern along with Kern COG staff. The team reviewed six proposals and unanimously selected Wilbur Smith Associates with project completion by January 30, 2011. Kern COG staff recommends approval of this contract.

ACTION:

Approve the consultant selection of Wilbur Smith Associates to create the Railroad Crossings and Separations Study and the Short-line Rail Study, and authorize Chair to sign the contract. VOICE VOTE.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Ronald E. Brummett,

Executive Director

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM H.  
HIGH SPEED RAIL HEAVY MAINTENANCE FACILITY STUDY AGREEMENT WITH  
KERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION:

Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and the Kern Economic Development Corporation Foundation to conduct a High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility Study in the amount of \$75,000.

DISCUSSION:

The California High Speed Rail Authority issued a call for Expressions of Interest for a High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility that has the potential of providing between 1500 to 1800 jobs. Kern COG is working with the County of Kern, Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC), City of Wasco and City of Shafter and submitted an Expression of Interests for sites in Wasco and Shafter. The County of Kern contracted with Wilbur Smith Associates to assist with the development of the Expressions of Interest.

Kern COG and KEDC are proposing to further study the Heavy Maintenance Facility and the impacts that a facility of that magnitude may have on the local area. The lead for this planning study will be the Kern Economic Development Corporation Foundation. The study is projected to be completed within four months.

ACTION:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kern Economic Development Corporation Foundation and authorize the Chairman to sign. VOICE VOTE.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: RONALD E. BRUMMETT,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Raquel Pacheco,  
Regional Planner III

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM I.  
REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM –  
FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

DESCRIPTION:

The Final RSTP Program of Projects includes \$11.5 million for various member agency projects.

DISCUSSION:

TIMELINE

On February 3, 2010, the Draft Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Program of Projects was distributed. The next RSTP call for projects task is to request approval of the final program of projects as shown below:

**RSTP Call for Projects Timeline (approved 9/17/09)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Task</b>
January 2010	<del>Develop Program of Projects for submittal to TTAC and TPPC</del>
February 2010	<del>Present Draft Program of Projects to TTAC and TPPC</del>
March 2010	Approve Final Program of Projects and introduction into 2011 FTIP

**Staff Recommendation**

Since the circulation of the Draft RSTP Program of Projects in February 2010, Kern COG staff did not receive any requests for changes to the draft. The final program is presented here for approval. The approved RSTP Program of Projects will then be incorporated into the Draft 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program scheduled for public review beginning in April 2010.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the Final RSTP Program of Projects and recommends approval.

Enclosure: "Final RSTP Program of Projects"

ACTION:

Approve the Final Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Program of Projects. VOICE VOTE.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Ronald E. Brummett,

Executive Director

By: Raquel Pacheco,  
Regional Planner III

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM J.  
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) –  
FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

DESCRIPTION:

The Final CMAQ Program of Projects includes \$8.3 million for a regional mix of member agency projects and a community service district project.

DISCUSSION:

TIMELINE

On February 3, 2010, the Draft Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program of Projects was distributed for review. The next task is to request approval of the Final CMAQ Program of Projects (CMAQ Program) as shown below:

**CMAQ Call for Projects Timeline (approved 9/17/09)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Task</b>
February 2010	Present Draft Program of Projects to TTAC and TPPC
March 2010	Approve Final Program of Projects and introduction into 2011 FTIP

Kern COG staff received clarifying comments from agencies requesting reconsideration of their project applications. Kern COG staff reviewed comments given and prepared the response to comments (enclosed). The approved CMAQ Program will then be incorporated into the Draft 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program scheduled for public review beginning in April 2010.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The CMAQ Program is consistent with the following factors used in the development of the project list:

- Use of Kern COG CMAQ Policy Guidance for technical analysis;
- Use of Federal Highway Administration CMAQ Program Guidance for eligibility criteria;
- Importance of PM<sub>10</sub> mitigation as illustrated by the need in Category 5;
- Programming all available funds estimated by Caltrans;
- Leveraging of all other possible funds available from outside sources.

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TPPC - Final CMAQ  
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An overview of the proposed CMAQ Program (Version 2) consists of the following:

- Distribution of at least 20% of funding to projects that meet \$30/lb cost effectiveness threshold;
- Inclusion of the Rosamond Community Service District CNG Fueling Station project;
- Inclusion of a Golden Empire Transit District CNG Fueling Station expansion project;
- Response to February comments received;
- 22 project listings.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the Final CMAQ Program of Projects and recommends approval.

Enclosures: "February Comments and Responses"  
"Final CMAQ Program of Projects"

ACTION:

Approve the Final Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program of Projects. VOICE VOTE.

March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: Ronald E. Brummett,  
Executive Director

By: Raquel Pacheco,  
Regional Planner III

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM K.  
2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment No. 14

DESCRIPTION:

Amendment No. 14 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, Safety Program, and Transit Program.

DISCUSSION:

Amendment No. 14 includes changes to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, Safety Program, and Transit Program. Amendment No. 14 is financially constrained, was submitted through the interagency consultation process, and includes:

**STATE HIGHWAY/REGIONAL CHOICE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

- The City of Bakersfield requested a funding increase to a Rosedale Highway project. Please see record KER080110 in Attachment for details.

**STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS AND PROTECTION PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

Kern Council of Governments received several requests for the introduction of new projects from the State Department of Transportation. The project revisions are to the following lump sum listings:

- Collision Reduction: KER080202 – addition of three new projects
- Roadway Preservation: KER080205 – addition of two new projects

**SAFETY PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

The State Department of Transportation requested revisions to existing projects and the introduction of new projects in this category as well. The revisions are as follow:

- Highway Bridge Program: KER060601 – deletion of one project in lump sum listing; revisions to the funding of the remaining projects
- Section 130 Grade Crossings: KER0060602 – addition of one new project
- Highway Safety Improvement Program: Introduce KER100601 – addition of two new projects for the cities of Tehachapi and Wasco

### **TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

- Golden Empire Transit has requested to introduce seven new projects funded with Section 5307 programming in fiscal years 09/10, 10/11 and/or 11/12. Only Golden Empire Transit is eligible for this fund source. Please see Attachment for details.
  - GET: Introduce KER100801 – replacement buses
  - GET: Introduce KER100802 – replacement compressor
  - GET: Introduce KER100803 – replacement compressor
  - GET: Introduce KER100804 – bus washing system
  - GET: Introduce KER100805 – fueling dispensers
  - GET: Introduce KER100806 – fuel management system
  - GET: Introduce KER100807 – preventative maintenance
  
- The operating assistance projects for transit operators countywide funded with Section 5311 programming in fiscal year 09/10 has been added to an existing lump sum listing record KER090801. Please see Attachment for details.

### **Review Process**

The public review period for this amendment began February 22, 2010 and concluded March 8, 2010. No comments were received. As allowed per Kern COG's Public Information Policies and Procedures (revised January 21, 2010) and the FTIP Amendment Policy (revised January 21, 2010), no Board action is required for this amendment. The Kern COG Executive Director signed the final documents March 9, 2010 and the amendment package has been sent to state and federal reviewing agencies. State and federal approval is required.

Enclosure: 2009 FTIP Amendment No. 14 transmittal to the state dated March 9, 2010

### **ACTION:**

Information.

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March 18, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Policy Committee

FROM: RONALD E. BRUMMETT,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Joseph Stramaglia,  
Senior Planner

SUBJECT: TPPC AGENDA NUMBER V.  
STIMULUS 2 - UPDATE ON REGIONAL PROCESS

DESCRIPTION:

As was the case last year with the adoption of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Kern Council of Governments staff is preparing for the delivery of transportation projects should a second job stimulus bill be signed by the President later this spring. Caltrans has provided a draft planning amount of \$35 million for the Kern region. This estimate may change with the actual Stimulus 2 jobs bill.

DISCUSSION:

The Kern COG Board of Directors took action at the February 18, 2010 meeting by approving Option D. Option D provided a list of projects that would use Stimulus 2 funding, but did not include a dedicated amount of \$1.7 million for Transportation Enhancement. Subsequently, at the March 3, 2010 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting, Kern COG staff requested input and consensus from the Technical Committee as to how to move forward.

1. Apply a percent reduction to all projects to restore the \$1.7 million to TE and then further apply another reduction should the estimated target be reduced; FTIP modifications and formal amendments would have to wait until a bill is passed to determine final amounts; or
2. Apply a percent reduction to non-capacity projects only and leave the regional project targets the same and start the FTIP modification process for 90 day regional projects; or
3. Leave target amounts alone for projects ready for delivery in 90 days and move forward with an FTIP modification. Then, adjust final programming for projects requiring an FTIP amendment based on the final amount of Stimulus 2 funding apportioned to Kern COG; or
4. Other as discussed by the Committee.

The Technical Committee developed consensus on the above mentioned option two with the following conditions: If the estimate stays at \$35 million, regional capacity projects should be kept at the same funding level while the adopted maintenance projects would be reduced at a pro-rated amount to compensate for the \$1.7 million to the Transportation Enhancement portion. Should the total estimated amount be less than \$35 million but no less than \$30 million, the Technical Committee recommended that all projects should be adjusted. The Board of Directors did support a condition in Option D that West Ridgecrest Blvd. project not receives less than \$4 million. However, if the Technical Committee recommendation was chosen for both funding scenarios, the West Ridgecrest Blvd. project would be reduced by about \$765,000 to be redistributed to other projects. The Technical Committee requests that they be allowed to meet with Kern COG staff should the recommended target amount of Stimulus 2 funding fall below \$30 million.

Kern COG staff also requested that the Committee meet to select Transportation Enhancement projects that are ready to go; we hope to report on selected projects at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. These projects would require a formal amendment to the federal transportation improvement program. Projects that only require a modification could be process in a week or so; formal amendments will require several months. Kern COG staff is recommending that certain projects be placed into the 2010-11 year of the 2011 FTIP for the highway capacity projects and a formal amendment to the 2009 FTIP for streets and roads rehabilitation projects; these projects would have 2 to 3 months to award their contracts after the approval of the federal documents. The Caltrans Office of Local Assistance is willing to begin the review process for construction authorization requests prior to federal approval for programming amendments. This will be the only way regions will be successful in spending down available Stimulus 2 dollars.

**Stimulus 2 - Proposed Capital Improvement Program**

**Includes \$1.7 Transportation Enhancement projects; adjusted as noted below**

Amendments		\$35 M	< \$35M	
Westside Parkway 6 Capital Improvement	Bakersfield	\$18,000,000	\$14,114,103	Modification
West Ridgecrest Blvd Capital Improvement	Ridgecrest	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000*	Formal
Challenger Drive Capital Improvement	Tehachapi	\$1,500,000	\$1,176,175	Modification
Various Streets Rehabilitation	Bakersfield	\$3,322,034	\$3,136,467	Modification
Various Streets Rehabilitation	Kern County	\$4,983,051	\$4,704,701	Modification
Poso Drive Rehabilitation	Wasco	\$664,407	\$627,293	Modification
Neuralia Road Rehabilitation	California City	\$581,356	\$548,882	Modification
Sixth Street Rehabilitation	Taft	\$249,153	\$235,235	Modification
Transportation Enhancement	TBD	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	Formal
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$35,000,000</b>	<b>\$30,000,000</b>	

\* If the final funding estimate falls below \$35 million, the amount for West Ridgecrest Blvd. would be reduced up to \$776,000 and programming for the remaining projects would be amended up.

Action:

Recommend approval of the programming scenario for Option D and direct staff to process modification and formal amendments. VOICE VOTE.

