AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY
November 19, 2020
6:30 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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November 19, 2020 Kern Council of Governments Board of Directors Meetings

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items on the agenda which are different or in addition to those recommended.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: Gurrola, B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Crump, Mower, Alvarado, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner, Gonzalez

Consortium Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Alcala, Navarro, Parra

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A. Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. SINGLE AUDIT REPORT – STATUS REPORT (Pacheco)

Comment: Status report regarding the Single Audit Report requirement. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

D. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)

Comment: October 13, 2020 Project Accountability Team meeting highlights and latest updates. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

E. PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP (Pacheco)

Comment: Per the “Kern COG Project Delivery Policies & Procedures Chapter 2: Implementation Procedures Overview,” project delivery letters are due January 15, 2021 for Active Transportation Program (ATP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) projects. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.
F. **TIMELINE FOR: DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1; DRAFT 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS** (Pacheco)

**Comment:** Update schedule for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Advisory Committee have reviewed this item.

**Action:** Approve the development timeline. VOICE VOTE

G. **DRAFT LOW-STRESS BIKEWAY NETWORK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNNECTIVITY PLANNING AND BIKESHARING FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES** (Snoddy)

**Comment:** Kern COG contracted with the California Bicycle Coalition (CALBIKE) to prepare a Low-Stress Bikeway Network in the Vicinity of the planned Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Station including a long distance route network connecting outlying communities, and is available online for comment through December 18, 2020 at: [https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DRAFT-Low_Stress_Bike_Network.pdf](https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DRAFT-Low_Stress_Bike_Network.pdf). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Information.

H. **NOVEMBER TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIMS FOR THE CITIES OF ARVIN AND BAKERSFIELD** (Snoddy)

**Comment:** The cities of Arvin and Bakersfield’s Transportation Development Act (TDA) Public Transit Claims for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 (respectively). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Adopt Resolutions # 20-27 and # 20-28 totaling $1,212,096.

I. **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 2020-2021 PROJECT UPDATE** (Snoddy)

**Comment:** Staff prepares a biannual report of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) sales tax fund apportionment status for transit and other eligible uses to member agencies. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Information.

J. **DRAFT TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY TO ESTIMATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FOR KERN COG’S 2022 RTP/SCS** (Ball)

**Comment:** Senate Bill (SB) 375 requires a Technical Methodology be provided to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) that is anticipated to be used to demonstrate attainment of the per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

**Action:** Information.

K. **UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2022 RTP** (Ball)

**Comment:** The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4-years and contains a long range 24-year transportation expenditure portfolio fulfilling numerous policies and regulations including but not limited to public involvement, social equity, air quality conformity, congestion management, and Senate Bill (SB) 375 per capita greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. This item is a regular update provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.
Action: Information.

L. RHNA/HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS UPDATE (Invina)

Comment: The Kern Council of Governments, acting in the capacity as the state-designated Regional Planning Agency, prepares the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which includes a forecast of low-income housing need to be included in local housing element updates due in 2024. The Regional Planning Advisory Committee (TTAC) has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

M. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES – PROGRAM UPDATE (Urata)

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 provides staff activity information and provides funding information.

Action: Information.

N. KERN COG OFFERS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICES AND MAPPING SUPPORT AGREEMENTS TO MEMBER AGENCIES (Liu)

Comment: Arvin, Delano, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Wasco, the East Kern Resource Conservation District and the Kern County Water Agency have on-going agreements with Kern COG to provide on call, priority GIS mapping and technical support on an as needed basis for a fixed hourly rate in addition to Kern COG normal level of technical assistance at no charge as resources are available.

Action: Information

O. TDA TRANSIT BIANNUAL APPORTIONMENT REPORT (Snoddy)

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Action: Information.

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

V. 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 16 (Pacheco)

Comment: Amendment No. 16 includes changes to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and Transit Program. The amendment was circulated to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee via email November 6, 2020.

   OPEN PUBLIC HEARING   RECEIVE COMMENTS   CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

VI. BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORT: (None)

VII. CALTRANS REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)
VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: (Report on Projects and Programs in Progress)

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   **B. Response to Public Comments**

   **C. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING** (Napier)

   **Comment:** The Governor signed AB 101 into law on July 31, 2019. The legislation established a San Joaquin Valley Multi Agency Working Group consisting of Fresno Council of Governments, Kern Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Merced County Association of Governments, San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, and Tulare County Association of Governments. The San Joaquin Valley Multi Agency Working Group will be the conduit for one-time funding, including grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment (RHNA).

   **Action:** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing and authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU.

   **D. COMMUNITY SURVEY CONTRACT APPROVAL** (Campbell)

   **Comment:** Community Survey Contract for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed $65,000. This item has been sent to County Counsel for review.
Action: Approve the contract for the Community Survey between Kern COG and Godbe Research in an amount not to exceed $65,000 and authorize the Chair to sign.

E. KERN COG FY 2020-2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1 (Palomo)

Comment: Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Council shall review and approve amendments to the Overall Work Program (OWP) and Financial Plan (budget). Amendment No. 1 represents a net budgetary increase of $773,226.

Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020-2021 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution 20-29. ROLL CALL VOTE.

F. Local Clearinghouse: (None)

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

IV. KERN COG’S 2020 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT CEREMONY (Napier)

Comment: Request for Board Direction regarding the 2020 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony scheduled for March 4, 2021.

Action: Provide staff direction.

V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

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A. Warrant Register
B. Timeline

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