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October 15, 2020 Transportation Planning Policy Committee
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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: Gurrola, B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Crump, Mower, Alvarado, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner, Gonzalez
Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Alcala, Navarro, Parra

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A. Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM (TDA) FOR NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT (Snoddy)

Comment: North of the River Recreation and Park District’s FY 2020-21 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim for Consolidated Transportation Service Agency service in metro-Bakersfield. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) has reviewed this item.

Action: Adopt resolution No. 20-25 TDA Public Transit claim received by October 2, 2020 for $1,180,952.

D. PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OCTOBER 2020 (Stramaglia)


Action: Information

E. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)
Comment: September 16, 2020 Project Accountability Team meeting highlights and latest updates. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

F. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) FUNDING REQUESTS (Pacheco)

Comment: Kern County Brite/Mirasol project was awarded at a substantially lower amount than was approved in the authorization (E-76). In addition, there is RSTP programming available in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action:

1. The estimated $2.15 million RSTP savings from Kern County’s Brite/Mirasol project be reallocated to underfunded Bakersfield and Shafter projects: 82% to Stockdale/Enos project and 18% to 7th Standard project.

2. The $205,000 RSTP programming funds available be allocated to underfunded California City and Tehachapi projects. 15% to Hacienda project and 85% to Rail Corridor project.

G. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING REQUEST (Pacheco)

Comment: Since Kern County’s Williams Rd CMAQ project has potential environmental delays, Kern County has requested to delay the Williams Rd project to a future year and advance Kern County projects from the CMAQ Contingency Project List. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Re-program Williams Rd CMAQ in FY 20/21 to a combination of Kern County’s Hughes Lane CMAQ contingency project ($643,135 CMAQ) and Bakersfield’s Pacheco Rd CMAQ contingency project ($439,020 CMAQ).

H. 2021 FTIP ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT (Pacheco)

Comment: The technical review period for the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Administrative Draft began September 30, 2020 and comments are due October 21, 2020. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN KERN COUNTY (Snoddy)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) annually holds a public hearing to identify any unmet transit needs and those that are reasonable to meet, and this is the last of 10 public hearings held this year throughout the County. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee has revised input from the prior meetings.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING RECEIVE COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Action: Find that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Kern County and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution No. 20-26. ROLL CALL VOTE

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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X. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be held November 17, 2020.
AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
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THURSDAY
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C. 2020 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT
   CLEAN MOBILITY OPTIONS VOUCHER CONSULTING CONTRACT APPROVAL (Napier)

Comment: At the August 20, 2020 Board meeting, the Kern COG Board reviewed and approved the grant-funding agreement from CALSTART’s Clean Mobility Options a Notice of Proposed Award for our 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher in the amount of $49,924. Providence Strategic Consulting, LLC serves as Kern COG’s partner on this project and will be contracted to conduct this needs assessment. Their contract for services has been sent to County Counsel for review.

Action: Approve the contract for the CALSTART Clean Mobility Needs Assessment between Kern COG and Providence Strategic Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed $49,924 and authorize the Chair to sign.

D. Local Clearinghouse: None

*** END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE ***
IV. STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA VANPOOL AUTHORITY (CALVANS) (Napier)

Comment: Discussion concerning current issues related to the California Vanpool Authority (CalVans).

Action:

1. Continue as a Member Agency of the California Vanpool Authority; or
2. Direct staff to prepare written notice to the Executive Director of CalVans withdrawing from the California Vanpool Authority and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter.

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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XI. CLOSED SESSION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION

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