

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION

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

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: Ayon, Couch, Blades, Creighton, Crump, Krier, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Helton, Navarro, Parra, Warney

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A. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of January 18, 2024. ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

**C. FY 2021-22 TDA STREETS & ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN
FY 2022-23 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF ARVIN
FY 2023-24 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF DELANO (Banuelos)**

Consent: According to California Public Utilities Code Section 99260 et seq., and Kern COG TDA Rules and Regulations, eligible organizations may submit a claim for the purpose of supporting public transit systems and streets and roads. City of Arvin and City of Delano have submitted TDA claims which total \$10,189,845. The Transportation Planning Policy Committee has reviewed this item and unanimously recommended the adoption of this claim at its January 31, 2024 meeting.

Action:

- Adopt Resolution No. 24-04 TDA Streets & Roads claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Arvin for \$1,366,746.
- Adopt Resolution No. 24-05 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Arvin for \$825,266.
- Adopt Resolution No. 24-06 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2023-24 for City of Delano for \$7,997,833.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

D. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Pacheco)

Comment: The Final RSTP Program of Projects includes \$29 million for 19 projects. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Approve the Final RSTP Program of Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Pacheco)

Comment: The Final Program of Projects includes about \$29.8 million for 17 projects. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Approve the Final CMAQ Program of Projects. ROLL CALL VOTE.

F. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM – FINAL CONTINGENCY PROJECT POLICY AND PROJECT LIST (Pacheco)

Comment: Kern COG staff is proposing to add almost \$13.7 million of contingency CMAQ programming in FFY 26-27 if projects for FFY 24-25 and 25-26 are not delivered. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Approve the CMAQ Contingency Project Policy and Attachment A. ROLL CALL VOTE.

G. MOBILITY INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT (Enriquez)

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 October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Action: Information.

H. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 OUTSTANDING PROJECT REPORT 2024 (Snoddy)

Comment: At the February Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) meeting on January 31, 2024, Kern COG staff requested a Project Delivery Update report from project managers throughout Kern County which included an estimated **\$2,124,006** of outstanding Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 projects (bicycle, pedestrian, and sidewalk projects).

Action: Information.

I. PROJECT DELIVERY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP (Valle)

Comment: Presentation of project delivery letters for Active Transportation Program (ATP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). 19 projects have not yet been submitted for funding authorization representing \$26 million in federal/state programming. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

J. 2025 FTIP ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT (Valle)

Comment: The technical review period for the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Administrative Draft begins February 12, 2024 and comments are due March 4, 2024. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

K. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 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 standing item is regularly reviewed by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

Action: Information.

L. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT (Pacheco)

Comment: January 16, 2024 Project Accountability Team meeting highlights and latest updates. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

***** END CONSENT AGENDA – ROLL CALL VOTE *****

V. **2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 12**
(Valle)

Comment: Amendment No. 12 includes changes to the State Highway/ Regional Choice Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and Transit Program. The amendment was circulated to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee via email February 2, 2024.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING HEAR COMMENTS CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

VI. **BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORTS:** (None)

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

- District 6 & 9 Construction Projects.

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 March 21, 2024.

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A. **Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2024.** ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. **Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**

C. **Response to Public Comments**

D. **Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations (KARGO) Climate-Change Adaptation Mitigation Study (C-CAMS) Consultant Contract Approval** (Davisson)

Comment: Requests for Qualifications for the KERN AREA REGIONAL GOODS-MOVEMENT OPERATIONS (KARGO) CLIMATE-CHANGE ADAPTATION MITIGATION STUDY (C-CAMS) was advertised and widely distributed. The consultant reviewing team selected MARK THOMAS. A contract was prepared with a total budget not to exceed \$2,900,000. County Counsel is reviewing this contract.

Action Approve the consultant selection of Mark Thomas to develop the Kern Area Regional Goods-Movement Operations (KARGO) Climate-Change Adaptation Mitigation Study (C-CAMS) and authorize Chair to sign the contract. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. **Local Clearinghouse:**

Applicant: Carlos Herrera D.B.A. Regulus Solutions

Address: 12317 Champlin Place

Bakersfield, CA 93311-8406

Contact: Carlos Scinta Herrera

Federal Agency: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Catalog Number: 10.618

Title: 2024 Regional Agricultural Promotion Program

Federal Funds: \$750,000.00

Total Funds: \$850,000.00

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

IV. **STAFF REFERRAL: KERN SELF-HELP TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MEASURE** (Ball)

Comment: In response to a board member referral at the January Kern COG Board meeting, staff has prepared a report on a Kern countywide voter-approved Self-Help transportation funding ballot measure.

Action: Provide Staff Direction, Approach 1, Approach 2 or Other. ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

VI. **KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

VII. **MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

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

- A. Warrant Register
- B. Timeline

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X. CLOSED SESSION: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – The meeting is adjourned in memory of former Board Member Cherylee Wegman. The next scheduled meeting will be March 21, 2024.