AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY
April 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Public Participation and Accessibility
April 15, 2021 Transportation Planning Policy Committee
and the Kern Council of Governments Board of Directors Meetings

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

I. ROLL CALL: Trujillo, P. Smith, Crump, Lessenevitch, Krier, B. Smith, Vasquez, Gonzalez, Blades, Prout, Garcia, Couch, Scrivner

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

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A. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2021

B. Response to Public Comments

C. KCOG PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY AND PROCEDURES UPDATE (Stramaglia)

Comment: The KCOG Project Delivery Policy and Procedures document (Policy) will be updated to require the annual status reporting of TDA Article 3 projects not yet advanced. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Approve the Project Selection Policy and Procedures update as shown in Attachment A. VOICE VOTE

D. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Stramaglia)

Comment: Every two years in the odd-numbered year, regional transportation planning agencies are to submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California

Action: Information.
E. 2021 MID-CYCLE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Stramaglia)

**Comment:** The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has developed and anticipates the adoption the 2021 Mid-Cycle State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in response to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (Federal Act). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Information.

F. APRIL 2021 EDITION PROGRESS REPORT FOR PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (Stramaglia)

**Comment:** The April 2021 Edition of the KCOG Progress Report for Projects of Regional Significance will be available this month at https://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/PROGRESS_REPORT_202104.pdf.

**Action:** Information.

G. APRIL TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREETS AND ROADS CLAIMS FOR THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI (Snoddy)

**Comment:** Review and recommendation of the City of Tehachapi’s FY 2020-21 Public Transit and Streets and Roads claims totaling $540,083. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 21-10 TDA Public Transit claim for $172,997 and Resolution No. 21-11 Streets and Roads claim for $367,086.

H. THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 FTA SECTION 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (Snoddy)

**Comment:** Rural agencies providing public transportation services are eligible to apply for FY 2021 funding from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) through the Section 5311 program. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

**Action:** Recommend the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the FY 2021 FTA Section 5311, 5311 (f), and CRRSAA Kern Region Program of Projects by Resolutions 21-12 and 21-13 and authorize the Executive Director and County Counsel to sign the FTA 5311 Certification and Assurances for FY 2021.

I. 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 (RPAC).

**Action:** Information.

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

IV. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 5 MPO / KERN COG PROJECT LIST (Snoddy)

**Comment:** The California Transportation Commission (CTC) State staff adopted the Active Transportation Program (ATP) 2021 Fund Estimate and Guidelines at its March 24-25, 2021 meeting which provides provisions for MPO's to select and fund ATP projects for Cycle 5. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this document.

**Action:** The TTAC recommends the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopts resolution No. 21-09 Attachment A - ATP MPO Cycle 5 project list and Attachment B - ATP Cycle 5 Contingency List.

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

VI. CALTRANS REPORT: (Report on Projects in Progress)

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

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A. **Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2021**

B. **Response to Public Comments**

C. **Contract between Kern COG and the California Energy Commission to implement the 2019 Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint (Urata)**

   **Comment:** Kern Council of Governments was awarded an Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Communities Challenge Phase II – Blueprint Implementation grant of $700,515 from the California Energy Commission (CEC) to implement portions of the 2019 Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station Blueprint (EVCS Blueprint). The Agreement has been sent to County Counsel for review.

   **Action:** Approve agreement between Kern Council of Governments and the California Energy Commission and authorize the Chair to sign. **VOICE VOTE**

D. **Memorandums of Understanding between Kern COG and the EV Charging Station Site Hosts funded by the California Energy Commission GFO-19-603 (Urata)**
Comment: Enter into separate Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with seven Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station site hosts who will be awarded funding as sub-contractors on the EV Ready Communities Challenge Phase II – Blueprint Implementation grant of $700,515 from the California Energy Commission (CEC). County Counsel will complete approval of the MOAs prior to the meeting.

Action: Approve seven (7) individual Memorandums of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and Bakersfield College, the Cities of Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, McFarland, Shafter, and Wasco; authorize Chair to sign. VOICE VOTE

E. Preliminary Kern COG FY 2021-22 Financial Plan (Palomo)

Comment: The preliminary Kern COG FY 2021-22 Financial Plan includes $8,176,908 in estimated operating revenues and $7,670,883 in estimated operating and capital expenditures.

Action: Accept the Preliminary Kern COG FY 2021-22 Financial Plan and set May 20, 2021 as the date certain for the conduct of a public hearing. VOICE VOTE.

F. Preliminary KMAA FY 2021-22 Financial Plan (Palomo)

Comment: The preliminary KMAA FY 2021-22 Financial Plan proposes operating revenues totaling $777,033 and operating expenses appropriations totaling $688,857. This item has been reviewed by the staff management team.

Action: Accept the Preliminary KMAA FY 2021-22 Financial Plan and set May 20, 2021 as the date certain for the conduct of a public hearing. VOICE VOTE.

G. Regional Early Action Planning Grant Sub-Allocation Program (Napier)

Comment: Consideration of the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Sub-Allocation Package for use by Kern COG and the Member Agencies. This item has been reviewed by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) and County Counsel.

Action: Approve the REAP Sub-Allocation Package for use by Kern COG and its Member Agencies. VOICE VOTE.

H. Authorization to Award Contract – Phase 2 Kern Area Regional Goods-movements Operations (KARGO2) Sustainability Study (Ball)

Comment: A proposed contract with Fehr & Peers consultants has been negotiated for an amount not to exceed $305,684.24 for the preparation of the Phase 2 KARGO Sustainability Study consistent with Kern COG board direction provided in the adoption of the 2020/21 Overall Work Program and funded primarily with a grant from Caltrans. This item has been sent to County Counsel for review.

Action: Approve the contract between Kern COG and Fehr and Peers and authorize the Chairman to sign. VOICE VOTE.

I. Local Clearinghouse:
Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323
Contact: Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt

Fed. Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Catalog No.: 14.231
Title: Emergency Solutions Grant
Description: Program for the development of viable communities
Total Funds: $424,142.00
Impact Area: Serving Unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Cooperative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter and Tehachapi.

Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323
Contact: Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt

Fed. Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Catalog No.: 14.239
Title: Home Investment Partnership Program
Description: Program for the development of viable communities
Total Funds: $1,906,802.00
Impact Area: Serving Unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Cooperative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter and Tehachapi.

Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323
Contact: Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt

Fed. Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Catalog No.: 14.218
Title: Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grants
Description: Program for development of viable communities
Total Funds: $4,734,455.00
Impact Area: Serving Unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Cooperative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter and Tehachapi.

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

IV. 2020 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT CEREMONY UPDATE (Napier)

Comment:
Kern Council of Governments (COG) Board update – 2020 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony.

Action:
Board concurrence with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc 2020 Regional Award of Merit Committee.
V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Napier)

Comment: Each year, the Kern Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors selects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman for the Kern COG Board.

Action: Select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for the Kern COG Board of Directors.

VI. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VII. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VIII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

IX. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

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

A. Warrant Register
B. Timeline

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XII. CLOSED SESSION: (None)

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