

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
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. MOMENT OF SILENCE, REFLECTION, OR PRAYER:**
- III. ROLL CALL:**

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:

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A. **APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY: Minutes from meeting of February 19, 2026.**
ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. **FY 2026/27 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) APPORTIONMENT ESTIMATE**

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 (LTF) and State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF) for the following fiscal year. The total funding for fiscal year 2026/27 is estimated to be \$64,647,218. This item has been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

Action: Information.

C. **FY 2025-26 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
FY 2023-24 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF SHAFTER
FY 2019-20 TDA PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT
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FY 2022-23 TDA STREET AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF TAFT (Banuelos)**

Comment: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA) public transit claim for Golden Empire Transit District (\$40,000,413), Fiscal Year 2023-24 TDA street and roads claim for City of Shafter (\$1,366,188), and Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2022-23 TDA public transit and streets and roads claims for City of Taft (\$2,322,943). The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item and unanimously recommended the adoption of these claims at its March 4, 2026, meeting.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 26-04 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2025-26 for GET for \$41,289,106.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-05 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2023-24 for City of Shafter for \$1,366,188.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-06 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2019-20 for City of Taft for \$249,712.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-07 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2019-20 for City of Taft for \$305,259.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-08 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Taft for \$130,185.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-09 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2020-21 for City of Taft for \$414,377.
Adopt Resolution No. 26-10 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Taft for \$302,969.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-11 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2021-22 for City of Taft for \$298,276.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-12 TDA Public Transit claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Taft for \$384,679.

Adopt Resolution No. 26-13 TDA Street and Roads claim for FY 2022-23 for City of Taft for \$237,486.

D. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT – RIDESHARE PROGRAM (Romero Valdivia)

Comment: Pursuant to Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) policy, the Board shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. On February 17, 2026, staff received a Caltrans' Program Supplement Agreement No. F051 for \$379,918 to implement a transportation demand management and Rideshare program.

Action: Approve Program Supplement Agreement and authorize Chair to sign Agreement and Resolution No. 26-14. ROLL CALL VOTE

E. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT PROGRAM (TIFIA) (Pacheco)

Comment: FHWA Notice N4510.900 transmits the redistribution of Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program (TIFIA) funds pursuant to the Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024. The Notice distributes \$1,195,141 in TIFIA funds to the Kern region. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Direct staff to program TIFIA toward the Northbound State Route 99 Auxiliary Lane project. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. UPDATE: SB 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION FROM PASSENGER VEHICLES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 RTP (Raymond)

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. The public engagement process is complete and the draft documents are scheduled for public review from May 8 to July 2, 2026 and will be available online at: <https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/> .

Action: Information.

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

VI. TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) CYCLE 8 STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS (Enriquez)

Comment: The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) published the statewide 2024 Cycle 8 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) statewide call for projects on February 23, 2026, with a project application due date of **May 18, 2026**. This item has been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

Action: Information.

VII. CYCLE 8 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS (Invina-Jayasiri)

Comment: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) anticipates initiating the statewide Cycle 8 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Call for Projects at their March 19-20, 2026, meeting, with a project application due date of June 22, 2026. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

VIII. 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) – DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 12 (Valle)

Comment: Amendment No. 12 includes revisions 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 March 6, 2026.

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

IX. BOARD MEMBER’S MEETING REPORTS: (None)

X. CALTRANS REPORT:

- District 6 Capital Projects.
- District 9 Capital Projects.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

XII. 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 16, 2026.

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 19, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. CONCURRENCE IN ACTIONS OF TPPC

C. LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE:

The State Clearinghouse (SCH) notifies state and local elected officials and agencies and the public of the grant applications through the Submissions page of the Office of Planning and Research Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs website email and via email notifications to registered users of the website. This notification process allows elected officials and agencies and the public the opportunity to review applications and the option to comment or collaborate on a particular application. Since the SCH does not receive a complete copy of the federal assistance full proposal or budget, any person wishing to review a proposal further must contact the applicant directly for more information. Kern COG takes no position on any of the projects presented but provides the information for public consideration only.

Applicant: City of Delano
Address: 1015 Eleventh Avenue
Delano, CA 93216-2262
Contact: Brandon Rodriguez
Telephone: (661) 720-2219
Email: brodriguez@cityofdelano.org

Federal Agency: Department of Transportation
Assistance Listing Number: 20.933
Funding Opportunity Number: DTOS59-26-RA-BUILD
Title: FY 2026 National Infrastructure Investments
Description: High Street Flyover Project

Federal Funds: \$25,000,000
State Funds: \$0.00
Applicant: \$17,000,000.00
Other: \$0.00
Program Income: \$0.00
Total Funds: \$42,000,000.00

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

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Sanchez)

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. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

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

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

VIII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

A. Timeline

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