

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of July 21, 2016

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

JULY 21, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Wood at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Wilke, Breeden, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner, Miller, Parra, Kiernan

**Members Absent:** Flores, Cantu

**Alternates:** None

**Others:** 5

**Staff:** Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Phipps, Pacheco, Snoddy, Flickinger, Smith, Napier, Stramaglia, Urata, Heimer and VanWyk

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Committee at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES, WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR CONDUCTING THE MEETING. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Mr. Adam Cohen handed out documents for the board regarding the EIR for the upcoming HSR station stating that it does not include a concourse and it is imperative that there be one.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

- A. Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2016
- B. Response to Public Comments (None)
- C. June TDA Public Transit Claim Totaling \$1,622,865
- D. Triennial Performance Audit for FY 2013-15
- E. Authorization to Extend Contract – 2014 Transportation Model Update
- F. Contract Extension – 2012 Kern On-Call Transportation Model Support
- G. Project Accountability Team Report
- H. CMAQ Policy Update – Version 2
- I. Progress Report: Projects of Regional Significance – July 2016
- J. Contract with Alta Planning+Design for the Development of the Kern Region Active Transportation Plan

**\*\*\* END CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\***

MOTION BY DIRECTOR WEGMAN, second by Director Scrivner, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

**V. 2015 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 20**

Ms. Pacheco stated this Amendment includes revisions to the State Highway/Regional Choice Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, and Safety Program. The public review period began July 8<sup>th</sup> and ends July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Kern COG Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment on July 25<sup>th</sup>. State and federal approval is required. She then asked that the Chair open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing.

Chair opened public hearing, no comments received, Chair closed public hearing.

**VI. PUBLIC REVIEW: DRAFT 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP); DRAFT 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENT NO. 1; AND CORRESPONDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS**

Ms. Pacheco stated that the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, and the corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis have been released for public review and comment. The documents are available on the Kern COG website at [www.kerncog.org](http://www.kerncog.org). The timeline as presented to the board on May 19<sup>th</sup> has been revised since the distribution of the Draft documents was delayed due to the availability of conformity budgets. Comments are due by 5 PM August 4<sup>th</sup>. A summary of public comments received will be incorporated into the final documentation as appropriate. She then asked that the Chair open the public hearing, allow for public comment, and then close the public hearing.

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**VII. BOARD MEMBERS MEETING REPORTS (None)**

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

Ms. Miller stated that the Lost Hills lane replacement on I-5 between Lerdo overcrossing and the I-5/SR 46 separation. Currently the southbound detour is in place and shifted traffic to the northbound side. The contractor is working on the removal of the existing number two lane and building new structure section getting ready for concrete. This should be completed in mid-August. The goal for this project has always been to try to maintain two lanes for both north and southbound traffic. The contractor anticipates having the southbound lanes completed and the realignment done by the end of October. The completion for the whole project should be January 2017. The Bakersfield Bridge preventative maintenance project on SR 204 between SR 99 and SR 178 at various locations. Lots of work is taking place under the bridge. Anticipated completion is next March. The Cherry Avenue truck climbing lanes and widening shoulders on SR 119 near Taft and Elk Hills. The contractor is installing drainage systems on the north side of SR 119 and should be done by the end of this year. Shafter Wasco ADA ramp constructing them on SR 43 in Shafter and Wasco. The project will go out for advertisement on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Director Wilke had a question on SR 119 Elk Hills are they going all the way on widening that road. Ms. Miller said she will find out and let you know. Chair wanted to thank Caltrans for all the work that's been done in the flood area, they really appreciate it, because we never know when something like this will happen again. Director Parra thanked Caltrans for the new pedestrian bridge over SR 178.

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

Mr. Hakimi started with some great news – congratulations to Wasco, Arvin, Bakersfield and Kern County for delivering projects one whole fiscal year early. When agencies do that the funds essentially come from other regions of the state and country that can't deliver their projects, and we're talking about over \$3 million.

In your folders is a list of all the ATP projects that were submitted by Kern COG agencies at an estimate of \$28.1 million bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Also in your folder is a letter from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District talking about EPA's failure to act on a Plan that has been in development for close to two years and this is a surprise to all, and it will certainly have consequences to transportation. Representatives will be here next month during the workshop to discuss this issue.

Amtrak has started their 7<sup>th</sup> daily roundtrip Bakersfield to Sacramento trip.

The CTC meets August 17-18 in San Diego

- X. 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.

Director Parra thanked COG staff for helping GET get some TDA money to put up 20 or more new bike racks in Bakersfield. Next round we would like to get some bike lockers. She also wanted to thank Mr. Smith of COG staff for taking the lead on gathering the monies to do the new Action Transportation Plan.

Director Phil Smith said that the Tehachapi Mountain Festival is coming up soon and they would like to get some crews to clean up the litter in the area prior to that time. Supervisor Couch has already put in the request.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Jennifer A. Wood, Chair

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