

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of August 18, 2016

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 18, 2016
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Wood at approximately 6:40 p.m. due to workshop going long.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Flores, Wood, Pascual, Wilke, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Miller, Parra

Members Absent: B. Smith, Cantu, Scrivner, Kiernan

Alternates: Hanson

Others: 8

Staff: Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Snoddy, Napier, Urata 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. Dennis Fox spoke regarding California Air Resources Board.

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 – July 21, 2016
- B. Response to Public Comments (None)
- C. August FY 2016-17 TDA Public Transit and/or Streets and Roads Claims Totaling \$21,091,476
- D. SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target Setting Timeline Update
- E. CMAQ Policy Update – Version 2
- F. Information from the Business and Industry Roundtable

*** END CONSENT CALENDAR***

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN KERN COUNTY

Mr. Snoddy started with thanking all the member agencies for the outstanding job they did. He then stated that the California Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5 requires that Kern Council of Governments annually identify any unmet transit needs and those that are reasonable to meet. Kern COG will conduct a public hearing tonight prior to making any final determination. Prior to making any allocation from the Transportation Development Act funds to uses other than public transportation or pedestrian/bikeway facilities, Kern COG is legally required to determine whether unmet transit needs have been identified within its jurisdiction. Through newspaper advertisements, members of the public were requested to provide their input. Public input was also obtained through public hearings held in the cities, County of Kern, and Golden Empire Transit District (GET). Kern COG's Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) reviewed the results of these public hearings. GET held its unmet transit needs public hearing on April 5, 2016. The GET Board found that there were no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. Kern Transit held its unmet transit needs hearing on April 12, 2016 and no unmet transit needs were identified at that hearing. City-operated transit systems in Kern County held unmet transit needs public hearings between February and April 2016. None of the cities reported unmet transit needs that were reasonable to meet. At its June 8, 2016 meeting, the SSTAC reviewed a countywide analysis of unmet transit needs provided by Kern COG staff and determined that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kern County. Tonight is the public hearing for FY 2016-17's unmet transit needs assessment and determination, at which time Kern COG should decide through resolution, one of the following: 1) There are no unmet transit needs; or 2) There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; or 3) There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH, second by Director Smith, TO FIND THAT THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET IN KERN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN RESOLUTION NO. 16-32. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

VI. NEW OWP WORK ELEMENT 603.3: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT

Ms. Urata stated that she's covering the Active Transportation and Demand Development, which is a new work element in our 2016-17 Overall Work Program. We are spending this year looking for ways to promote Advanced Clean Transportation Technologies. The workshop presentation tonight was a great segue into this item. She wanted to thank the people at Telephonics for giving us the Level I charging station out in the lobby as a display. She then went over some items in the board's folders that she said was for your information and to be shared with your staff. She also reminded them that there is another new work element 801.1 which is grant writing and she is available to write up to four grants this year. Also a part of the 603.3 work element we are budgeted for doing workshops, so this includes part of our education effort this year. This is an information item only.

Director Parra asked if there are incentives for electric bikes. Ms. Urata said yes there are and it's been mainly used by Police Departments. As part of Kern COG's outreach program we will be working on an electric bike outreach program.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS MEETING REPORTS (None)

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

Ms. Miller stated that she has four projects to report on: The Lost Hills Lane Replacement on SR 5 between Lerdo overcrossing and the I-5 and SR 46 separation is a SHOPP project. The work that's been completed so far is the southbound traffic has been switched, the southbound concrete removal and roadway excavation was completed from Kern River canal undercrossing to the Merced Avenue overcrossing. Scheduled upcoming work will be the number two lane working on some asphalt and concrete pavement work and the project's anticipated to be completed in January of 2017. The Bakersfield Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project on SR 204 between I-99 and SR 178, the work that's been completed is: the deck treatment, coal plane and paving. Scheduled work for the upcoming weeks is scaffolding at the Kern River Bridge and paint work there will be ongoing for a few months. There's also some existing scour damage at various piers at that bridge. Anticipated completion date is

next March. The Cherry Avenue truck climbing lanes on Highway 119 near Taft from Elk Hills Road to Tubin Road. Work that's been completed is installation of the environmental fence, removed stripes and restriped, replaced temporary k-rail, remove ADL soils, roadway excavation and the embankment is complete. Work coming up is installing drainage system on the Northside of Highway 119 and installing erosion control and place the aggregate base and it should be done in December. We have the Kern and Tulare Vehicle Detection System, which is installing traffic monitoring stations in Kern and Tulare Counties at various locations. Contractor is installing the pole boxes and anticipated completion is also December.

Chair said that she really appreciates the eastbound Highway 58 work to repair the ruts in the road. It is so much better. Please pass our thanks on.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hakimi told Director Wilke that there's a sketch in his folder tonight that outlines the project that Ms. Miller just reported on.

The CTC met yesterday and today in San Diego, during that meeting they announced that they will be coming to Bakersfield next month September 14-15 at the Bakersfield Convention Center's Potato Room and that room is being provided free of charge by the City of Bakersfield and he thanked them. Many of you have already been asked to participate in that program. On September 15th there will be a trip to visit some work that was done on the Union Pacific train lines and you all have been contacted. If you are interested in going on that trip, please get your check into Laurie tonight if possible or within the next couple of weeks.

Researchers from UC Davis were in our office yesterday, they are working on an 8-County San Joaquin Valley Shared Mobility Study. It is funded by a state grant and is studying how advanced technologies such as Uber, Lyft and Bike Sharing can be used to benefit our disadvantaged communities that have limited access to transit. The study is scheduled to be completed next year.

Freight is a major emphasis of the new Federal Fast Act as well as a major source of air quality issues in the Valley. Kern COG staff is actively participating in the I-5/99 Freight Corridor Study and the San Joaquin Valley Sustainable Goods Movement Strategy throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The study is working to identify existing and future freight corridors and advanced technology solutions. This fall, an I-5 pilot project will demonstrate an advanced safety technology by a company called Peloton that can increase fuel efficiency and reduce emission of trucks up to 50%. For more info, see the handout in your folders.

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.

Mayor Flores wanted to thank staff for all their work and he also is looking forward to hosting the KCAC meeting on Monday. He also wants to invite you all out to the groundbreaking Ceremony for the Walnut Drive extension, the Garden in the Sun Park and the Jewett Square Improvement. Director Smith said the crews were out to clean up and their Mountain Festival is this weekend. It's cooler, come on up.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Jennifer A. Wood, Chair

DATE: _____