

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of September 15, 2016

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 15, 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, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Wilke, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Miller, Parra

**Members Absent:** Cantu, Mower, Scrivner, Kiernan

**Alternates:** Sanders

**Others:** 8

**Staff:** Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Snoddy, Stramaglia, Pacheco, Smith, Palomo, 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.**

Lt. Ian Silva with the Kern County Sheriff's Dept. gave an update on the contract for litter removal. In August the Board of Supervisors retroactively approved the third contract. Since then we have been to 27 job sites covering about 72 miles with 1,300 man hours from inmates and another 217 from detention deputies. An estimate savings of \$22,000 on the cost to clean that up if we didn't use inmate labor. Some of the areas we targeted is Arvin, Bakersfield, Buttonwillow, Delano, McFarland, Shafter, Taft, Wasco and Frasier Park. He's very happy that we're back up and running and if there are any questions he'd be happy to answer them. Chair said she appreciates the report and asked if she could have a copy of it, he left it with Ms. Collins who got it to the Chair. Director P. Smith said that the crews were around prior to their Mountain Festival and it was much appreciated. The Lt. said that he was glad they could help and if anyone else or any upcoming events need help, please let us know and we'll make it happen.

**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 – August 18, 2016
- B. Response to Public Comments (None)
- C. August FY 2016-17 TDA Public Transit and/or Streets and Roads Claims Totaling \$8,230,555
- D. Active Transportation Program Timeline, Cycle 3
- E. TDA Article 3 Program of Projects for FY 2016-17
- F. CMAQ Policy Update- Version 3
- G. Supplemental Funding for Regional Active Transportation Plan

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

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

**V. APPROVAL OF 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP); 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENT NO. 1; AND CORRESPONDING CONFORMITY ANALYSIS**

Ms. Pacheco stated that a summary response to comments has been prepared. Comments received have been incorporated, as appropriate, into the final documents. The Draft Conformity Analysis included two options. The final Conformity Analysis follows Option 2, the revised budgets. The action requested tonight is that the Transportation Planning Policy Committee adopt the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, and corresponding Conformity Analysis and authorize Chair to sign Resolution No. 16-35.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR FLORES, second by Director Couch, TO ADOPT THE 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; THE 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND THE CORRESPONDING CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN RESOLUTION NO. 16-35. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

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

Ms. Miller stated that the Lost Hills lane replacement on I-5 between Lerdo overcrossing and I-5/46 separation – work that has been completed is the reinforced concrete pavement from Kern River flood canal to Merced Ave. overcrossing. Scheduled work for the upcoming weeks is to do the inside and outside shoulder excavation, apply the aggregate base and then the hot mix asphalt. This project is due to be completed in January. The Bakersfield Bridge preventative maintenance on SR 204, the work so far has been the scaffolding at the Kern River, which is ongoing and then the bridge that is also ongoing. Scheduled for the upcoming weeks is to work on the guard rails, the end treatment, the dikes and striping in October. This job will conclude in March of next year. The Cherry Ave. truck climbing lanes to add lanes and widen shoulders on SR 119 near Taft from Elk Hills Road to Tubin Road, complete work includes installation on the environmental fencing, remove striping and then re-stripe, place temporary K-rail, and remove the aerial deposit lead in the soil. Roadway excavation and embankment as well as aggregate base is 100% complete. The installation of drainage system at the Northside of the highway on 119 is complete and erosion control is about 30% complete. Work scheduled for the upcoming weeks is the high mix asphalt paving, AC dike, installation of drainage systems on the Southside of 119 and then erosion control. The project is due to be completed this December. The 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road interchange is a modification to the interchange on SR 99 at 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road interchange. Kern County is currently working with PG&E to relocate the power poles and it seems to be taking some time, hopefully they will get that completed. The Kern/Tulare Vehicle Detention System which is the installation of traffic monitoring stations in Kern and Tulare Counties at various locations. Contractor continues construction of the pole boxes, conduit and foundation for the cabinets and it should rap up in December. Upcoming projects in the pipeline: Shafter, Wasco, ADA ramp to construct ADA curb ramps on SR 43 in Shafter and Wasco is in the process of being awarded. The Kern Ave. pedestrian overcrossing is also an ADA compliance project upgrade should be awarded October 10<sup>th</sup> with construction starting shortly thereafter. Tehachapi Cap M on SR 58 in and near the City of Tehachapi – west of Tehachapi Creek to Cascade Creek will be awarded September 30<sup>th</sup> with construction contract approval scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Director Phil Smith mentioned that the rehab of the right hand lane where they've done some work to make it compact correctly, it's really smooth now and he's heard nothing but great comments about it.

Chair Wood echoed that and said she really appreciates it as she drives that way as well.

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

Mr. Hakimi stated that yesterday Kern COG hosted the California Transportation Commission (CTC) town hall meeting at the Bakersfield Convention Center's Potato Room from 1-5. It was a well-attended event, thanks to all of you that were there. We had an opportunity to share the issues we have in Kern County and where we need more money and they were very receptive. Following the meeting we had a reception and dinner with them which gave us an opportunity to have one on one time with the Commissioners. Thanks for those of you who attended.

This morning we also spent about five hours with them on a train that left Bakersfield about 8:30 this morning and we toured two project sites where we expanded the rail line and went through the Tehachapi loop and came unexpectedly all the way into Tehachapi and then came back down. We had around 80 passengers, several of you were there, thank you for coming. We also had an opportunity to share our issues with the CTC and he believes both the meeting yesterday and the train tour today will pay large dividends in the future. He asked if any board members would like to share about the train trip.

Director Phil Smith said it was an enjoyable trip, interesting what they had to do to double-track and extend the sections to over 9,000 feet so that the trains which are so long that they are over a mile and used to be such a bottleneck with the whole system, so now with the 9,000 foot sidings in two areas they are able to have trains come more often and can stage a large train on the siding now so they can pass in more places, so it has relieved a lot of congestion. He was also able to meet with a couple of Commissioners about some other local issues as well. He will hound on his truck climbing lanes for as long as he's here and that was discussed as well and they indicated they would get right on it as soon as they had enough money for everything else.

This week staff had a conference call with Air Resources Board regarding funding for Shafter's Inland container yard, the conversation went well and we expect follow-up conversations.

He stated that last week he was in Washington DC and during part of that meeting he met with Kevin McCarthy and his staff regarding Bakersfield's Fast Lane grant. It has already paid dividends and they have asked him to come back next week to discuss Bakersfield's application with the US DOT staff, so he will return next week and hopefully that will result in some more money for Kern County.

Congratulations to all of your staffs, we delivered 105% of our Federal funds for 2015-16 RSTP/CMAQ. God job, but his goal for next year is 125%, so keep pushing your staffs. 105 sounds like a great number but we're not first in the state yet, so let's push for 125% next year.

**IX. 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. None heard.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 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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