

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY
January 6, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Vice Chairman Neath called the meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Speer	City of Ridgecrest
Paul Marquez	Caltrans
Dennis McNamara	City of McFarland
Pedro Nunez	City of Delano
Bob Wren	City of Wasco
Bob Neath	Kern County
Robert Ruiz	City of Arvin
Steve Woods	GET
Wayne Clausen	City of Shafter
Ted Wright	City of Bakersfield
Craig Platt	City of California City
Joe West	NOR/CTSA

STAFF:

Peter Smith	Kern COG
Joe Stramaglia	Kern COG
Bob Snoddy	Kern COG
Tami Jones	Kern COG
Raquel Pacheco	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG

OTHER:

Paul Pineda	Caltrans
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- II. 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 information or request staff to report to the Committee at a later date.

SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION

NONE

- a. **APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Meeting of December 2, 2015. Mr. Woods made a motion to approve the discussion summary. Mr. Platt seconded the motion to recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Motion carried.

III. FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF SHAFTER FOR \$176,677

Mr. Snoddy presented the FY 2015-16 Transportation Development Act Public Transit claim for the City of Shafter for \$176,677.

The action requested is to review FY 2015-16 TDA Public Transit claim for the City of Shafter for \$176,677 and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. Wren made a motion to recommend approval to the TPPC. Mr. Woods seconded the motion. Motion Carried

IV. FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM – CITY OF SHAFTER FOR \$672,973

Mr. Snoddy presented the FY 2015-16 Transportation Development Act Streets and Roads claim for the City of Shafter for \$672,973.

The action requested is to review FY 2015-16 TDA Streets and Roads claim for the City of Shafter and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. McNamara made a motion to recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. Woods seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

V. FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM – CITY OF TEHACHAPI FOR \$186,356

Mr. Snoddy presented the FY 2015-16 Transportation Development Act Public Transit claim for the City of Tehachapi for \$186,356. Mr. Snoddy stated that Tehachapi is currently not making their required 10% fare box. Mr. Snoddy advised that they have alerted the City of Tehachapi and will be working with the city to correct the issue. They currently have a one year penalty phase to adjust for the fare box correction.

Vice Chairman Neath asked why the total amount of funds is from LTF and nothing from STAF. Mr. Snoddy responded that Kern COG is behind in paying Tehachapi for their outstanding STAF. There is currently no STAF funds to draw from.

Vice Chairman Neath stated that Kern Regional Transit would like to be a part of the discussion with Kern COG and the City of Tehachapi. Mr. Snoddy responded that he would facilitate that.

The action requested is to review FY 2015-16 TDA Public Transit claim for the City of Tehachapi for \$186,356 and recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. Platt made a motion to recommend approval to the Transportation Planning Policy Committee. Mr. Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. FY 2015-16 KERN REGION FY 2015-16 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM (LCTOP) CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR \$919,042

Mr. Snoddy stated that pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 39719, the Controller shall allocate the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund according to the requirements of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). Mr. Snoddy advised the committee that the Kern Region will receive a total of \$919,042.

This item was for information only.

VII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT – TIMELINE

Ms. Pacheco stated that an amendment has been processed that includes revisions to the Safety Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transit Program, and Non-motorized Program. The public review period begins January 8, 2016.

This item is for information only.

VIII. PROJECT DELIVERY POLICY LETTERS – ATP, CMAQ, RSTP, TRANSIT

Ms. Pacheco stated that the Kern COG Project Delivery Policy states that projects in the current fiscal year need to be submitted for funding authorization by January 31st. If agencies plan to submit projects for funding authorization beyond January 31st, lead agencies are asked to submit a letter with a revised submittal schedule by January 15, 2016. Ms. Pacheco provided a sample letter with the staff report.

This item was for information only.

IX. PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Pacheco stated that as of November 18th, 98% of project funding in fiscal year 15/16 had not been submitted for funding authorization. Ms. Pacheco informed the committee that the January Project Accountability Team meeting has been cancelled. Kern COG staff will coordinate with Caltrans Local Assistance staff to schedule a workshop to discuss new roles and responsibilities for Caltrans District 6 & 9 with respect to Kern County; how to apply for an increase in Highway Safety Improvement Program funding; expectations from the new Caltrans Environmental staff lead regarding approval time. Kern COG staff requests copies of environmental documentation submitted to Caltrans in order to have example projects.

This item was for information only.

X. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) – DRAFT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Ms. Pacheco stated that the next task in the Regional Surface Transportation Program call for projects process is to distribute the draft program of projects for review. This call for projects will introduce projects to program against federal fiscal year 16/17 and 17/18. A Final program will be presented for approval in February. Kern COG would like to remind agencies that the sooner the program of projects is approved, the sooner the projects are added to the FTIP. If the project list is approved in February then projects can be submitted for funding authorization as soon as June 2016 by advancing projects to FY 15/16.

This item was for information only.

XI. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) – WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Pacheco stated that the TTAC Summary of Comments and Responses was discussed at the December 14, 2015 CMAQ Workshop. Follow-up requests and responses are provided as part of the staff report. At the workshop, it was decided to hold another workshop on January 11, 2016 to complete the peer review process, specifically to review the City of Shafter application and to get TTAC direction to start the ranking process. If the TTAC directs staff to rank projects, the Draft CMAQ Program of Projects could be available as early as the February TTAC meeting. The project list could then be approved in March allowing projects to be submitted for funding authorization as soon as July 2016.

Ms. Pacheco asked the committee if January 11th at 1:00 p.m. was still feasible for everyone to attend. The committee agreed to meet on January 11th at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Pacheco stated that the only two items on the agenda would be the review of application from the City of Shafter and to gather direction to start the ranking process.

This item is for information only.

XII. 2016 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Stramaglia stated that the 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program was regionally adopted by the Board in November 2015 and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by the December 15, 2015 deadline.

Mr. Stramaglia stated that at the December CTC meeting they discussed the possibility of having to revise their adopted fund estimate that was adopted in August, as a result of currently being underfunded. He explained that the revised fund estimate would be negative and require projects to be pulled from the current 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Stramaglia informed the committee that the CTC will make a recommendation at the January 21st CTC meeting to either revise the fund estimate or leave it as is. He indicated that Kern COG would likely need to adopt a revised Capital Improvement Program in February in response to a revised negative fund estimate.

Mr. Stramaglia answered questions from the committee.

This item was for information only.

XIII. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN –DRAFT TABLE 5.1 CONSTRAINED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Stramaglia stated that the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update has been initiated by Kern COG and the Capital Improvement Program of financially constrained projects in Table 5.1 is an integral element of this update. He explained that this information was circulated last November as an administrative draft. Mr. Stramaglia provided a general overview of how the project list ties to the air quality conformity analysis process and the financial constraint requirement.

Mr. Stramaglia answered questions from the committee.

This item was for information only.

XIV. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT TABLE 5.2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Stramaglia stated that the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update has been initiated by Kern COG and the Capital Improvement Program of unfunded projects reflected in Table 5.2 is an integral element of this update. He explained that while no funding is identified for the list of projects in Table 5.2, the projects reflect local agency general plan circulation element needs.

This item was for information only.

XV. MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Smith announced that Mr. Stramaglia would be attending the CTC meeting on January 21st.

Mr. Snoddy informed the committee that 5311 is going to partner with Caltrans, which will be called Panther International. Those attending workshop must RSVP email by January 22nd. There will be a workshop at Fresno COG on Tuesday, February 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mr. Snoddy will be renting a car and anyone interested in going with him, is welcome to do so. Mr. Snoddy highly recommended attending the workshop.

Mr. Smith announced that on September 13th and 14th the CTC will be holding a Town Hall meeting at Kern COG.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday February 16, 2016. With no further business the committee adjourned at 10:50 AM.