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Kern COG meetings are broadcast at 7 p.m. each Monday on Kern Government Television.

At its February 18, 2016 meeting, Kern Council of Governments' Board of Directors was briefed or took action on the following items:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Revision

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program — a project list detailing the next five years of capital expenditures — was revised at the Jan. 10 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting. The CTC is requiring Kern COG and other regional agencies to remove projects in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) due to a lack of funding. Commissioners gave Kern COG a target of \$19.8 million to reduce.



Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA-3) Program

The Board approved a new, \$2,000 limit for bicycle and pedestrian safety program elements under the Transportation Development Act-Article 3 program. Previously, the limit for safety programs was \$1,000.

State Route 58 – Request for Regional Participation

Board members learned that Caltrans has requested Kern COG's participation for truck climbing lanes along State Route 58 between Tehachapi and metropolitan Bakersfield. The project, which has not yet undergone environmental review, is potentially being revived under California's State Highway Operations and Protection Program.

Regional Surface Transportation Program — final project list

The Board approved the final list of projects under the Regional Surface Transportation Program, which provides local jurisdictions a federal funding source with broad local discretion. Approximately \$20 million is scheduled to be programmed, mostly for resurfacing projects throughout the county, in an amendment to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Caltrans' report

Caltrans District 6 Planning Director Gail Miller provided an update:

⇒ Preventative maintenance on the State Route (SR) 204 bridge in Bakersfield between SR 99 and 178 is in winter suspension and will resume this month.

⇒ Eastbound Sand Canyon on- and off-ramps on SR 58 near the Sand Canyon Road overhead to the Cash Creek bridge will remain closed until the project is completed June of this year.

⇒ Scheduled work for the Lost Hills replacement project on Interstate 5 between the Lerdo Highway overcrossing and the SR 46 intersection includes concrete, asphalt placement and possible traffic switches with nighttime lane closures in place while k-rail is removed.



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Executive Director's report

Executive Director Ahron Hakimi briefed Board members on the following items:

⇒ March 31-April 1 is the CalCOG Regional Issues Forum in Monterey.