

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2025041115**

**Project Title:** Kern Council of Governments 2026 Regional Transportation Plan

Lead Agency: Kern County Council of Governments Contact Person: Ben Raymond  
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 City: Bakersfield Zip: 93301 County: Kern

**Project Location:** County: Kern County City/Nearest Community: Arvin, Bakersfield, California City, Delano, Maricopa, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, Wasco

Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 20 ' 42 " N / 119 ° 06 ' 16 " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR      | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec     | (Prior SCH No.) _____                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>2026 Regional Transportation Plan</u> |

**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Regional Transportation Plan</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |   |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard               | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone             | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Urban, agricultural, industrial, commercial, transportation, open space, and rural land uses throughout Kern County

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The 2026 RTP is a long-range regional planning document that establishes a vision for Kern County's future transportation system, land use patterns, and mobility needs through the planning horizon year. The Plan identifies regional transportation policies, strategies, and projects intended to improve mobility, enhance connectivity and safety, support economic development, and address regional environmental and infrastructure challenges. The 2026 RTP also evaluates how future transportation investments and land use patterns can support attainment of applicable federal air quality standards and state greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals. Kern COG's last RTP was adopted in 2022, and the 2026 RTP builds upon prior regional transportation plans as well as more recent federal, state, and regional policy direction related to sustainability, resilience, multimodal transportation, active transportation, goods movement, and equitable transportation planning. Pursuant to federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements, Kern COG is responsible for preparing and periodically updating the RTP to identify regional transportation needs, prioritize transportation improvements, and maintain eligibility for federal and state transportation funding programs.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6 and 9</u>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5 and 6</u>           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board       | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy                     | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                             | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission         |  |

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 18, 2026 Ending Date July 2, 2026

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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