Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

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From:

Public Agency: Kern Council of Governments
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025041115

Project Title: Kern Council of Governments 2026 Regional Transportation Plan

Project Applicant: Kern Council of Governments

Project Location (include county): Kern County

Project Description:

Pursuant to federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements established under 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 23 CFR Part 450, Kern COG must prepare and update a transportation plan for its metropolitan planning area every four years to ensure that the plan adequately addresses future travel needs and is consistent with the federal Clean Air Act. Kern COG's last RTP was adopted in 2022. The 2026 RTP is the culmination of a multi-year effort with the intent to improve the balance between land use and transportation systems. Kern COG is required by federal law to develop an RTP that determines the needs of the transportation system and prioritizes proposed transportation projects. The RTP is also necessary to obtain and allocate federal funding for regional transportation projects. Kern COG does not implement individual projects in the RTP; these projects will be implemented by local jurisdictions and other agencies. Consultation activities are a part of the 2026 RTP and PEIR development processes.

This is to advise that the Kern Council of Governments has approved the above
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on 09/17/2026 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
https://www.kerncog.org/2026-rtp/

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: Executive Director

Date: September 17, 2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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