

WELCOME TO KERN COUNTY





Kern County

- **Kern County** spans the southern end of the Central Valley – Covering 8,161.42 square miles
- It's the third largest county by area in California
- The county has been referred to as "*The Golden Empire*" because of its rich history of gold, oil and ag production
- Today's economy is heavily linked to agriculture as well as oil, gas and mineral extraction
- There is also a strong aviation, space, and military presence, such as Edwards Air Force Base, the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, and the Mojave Air and Space Port
- Third most diverse economy in the nation
- Kern County is California's most productive oil-producing county and the fourth most productive agricultural county (by value) in the United States



THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

- Bakersfield is the 9th largest city in California with a population of 411,109
- The city is a significant hub for both agriculture and energy production; currently fostering innovation and diversification in both sectors
- Growing presence in logistics, food processing, and advanced manufacturing that requires quality movement of goods and resources
- Uniquely placed geographically for commerce and quality of life; within a four-hour drive of 90% of California's population
- Aspiring to be the most business-friendly City in California; downtown is home to entrepreneurship hubs and corporate regional offices
- Investing heavily in community renewal and quality of life
- Home to beautiful natural amenities along the Kern River, including the longest municipal bike trail in the United States at 36.3 miles



UPCOMING PROJECTS IN KERN

Funded with California Transportation
Commission funds





58 Truck Climbing Lane

- Near Tehachapi, just east of Route 223 to 3.4 miles east of Broome Road. Rehabilitate roadway, construct truck climbing lane
- Install Transportation Management System (TMS) elements, wildlife crossings, upgrade lighting, median barrier, guardrail, bridge railing, rehabilitate drainage systems, and enhance highway worker safety

CENTENNIAL CORRIDOR

7th and 8th Movements

- 7th Movement: Centennial Corridor EB58 to NB99 Loop Connector

In the City of Bakersfield – freeway-to-freeway loop connector from the eastbound State Route 58 freeway to northbound State Route 99



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- 8th Movement: Centennial Corridor SB 99 to WB 58 Connector

In the City of Bakersfield - freeway-to-freeway connector ramp, southbound SR 99 to eastbound SR 58

Coming Soon - Beltway system linking I-5 to SR 58





ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Kern River Parkway Bike Trail

Lake-to-lake Kern River Parkway
longest municipal bike trail in US
at 36.3 miles

Walk Isabella

Lake Isabella Blvd and Erskine
Creek Rd: pedestrian and cyclist
safety and accessibility
improvements

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- City Council adopted **multi-modal safety** as a top priority
- Recently recognized for our **complete streets**, neighborhood traffic calming and safe routes to schools efforts

- **Friant-Kern Canal Multi-Use Path (ATP/CMAQ)**

Along the Friant-Kern Canal, the 6-mile trail will connect 7th Standard Rd to the Kern River Parkway

- **Complete Streets: H St Corridor (ATP/CMAQ)**

2.5-mile Corridor Improvements: Road-Diet, Roundabouts, Class II Bicycle Lanes, enhanced crossings, and sidewalk improvements



SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Chester Avenue Corridor Enhancements (RAISE)

Gateway to Downtown Bakersfield; streetscaping, lighting, Class II Bicycle Lanes, bulb-outs, and enhanced crossings

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (TCC/HUD)

Mixed-Use Corridor – Active Transportation and Urban Greening; Class IV Bicycle Lanes, lighting, and enhanced crossings





THANK YOU