

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 13, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The March 13, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Tim Brown, City of Coachella, in CVAG's Conference Room #119, Palm Desert.

A roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS/ ALTERNATES PRESENT

David Lane
Don Bradley
Tim Brown
Rick Daniels
Greg Johnson
Glenn Southard
Tom Genovese
John Wohlmuth
Tom Wilson
Patrick Pratt
Dan Martinez
Tom Davis

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Paul Slama

AGENCY

Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians

OTHERS PRESENT

Rudy Acosta
Paul Gonzales
Martin Magana
Rob Moran
Mitch Nieman
Jeanine Plute
Joe Shaw
Dave Willmon

AGENCY

City of Desert Hot Springs
Harris & Associates
City of Desert Hot Springs
Riverside County EDA
City of Cathedral city
City of Desert Hot Springs Police Department
Harris & Associates
League of California Cities

STAFF PRESENT

Larry Parrish
Allyn Waggle
Gary Leong
Aurora Wilson
Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Carol Clapper
Amanda Keil
Jacob Alvarez
Mike Shoberg
Joanna Stueckle

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Brown asked that items 8B - Receive and File Presentation on the 2009 Update of the CVAG Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and 8C - Receive and File Information Regarding the Status of the Five Interchange Projects on Interstate 10 be moved to the Consent Calendar.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREG JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO MOVE ITEMS 8B AND 8C TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

6A Strategy for Dealing with Stimulus Package - County of Riverside, EDA

Larry Parrish reported that a request from Vice Chair Ready was made asking for this item to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Parrish also reported that he requested a representative from the County EDA give an update as they have been designated as the agency to catalog the stimulus projects.

Rob Moran, Riverside County EDA, reported that this was the department responsible for cataloging projects in both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Mr. Moran stated that all projects submitted would be placed on the list and that the County would not be prioritizing or identifying any project as qualified. Mr. Moran also stated that several lists were in place, however this collective list needed to be submitted to the State by April 1, 2009. This list will represent Region 8, which is the two county region.

A discussion ensued regarding whether we should also look at issues that are considered regional. Mr. Parrish also asked Mr. Moran how ready the project should be. Mr. Moran indicated that it was best for the project to be shovel ready in the next 12 to 24 months. Mr. Moran did state that programs should also be submitted along with the projects. Tom Wilson reported that the City of Palm Springs was interested in submitting regional projects such as projects related to housing and the homeless. Mr. Wilson also indicated that the process of submitting projects is repetitive in that cities have had to submit their lists to various agencies. Mr. Moran reported that the project may be funded via Caltrans, RCTC, or another agency that may have listed the project.

Other potential regional projects discussed were the funding of the MSC, the CVEP marketing program, and neighborhood stabilization. Ms. Barrows reported that there were also energy

partnership possibilities that the jurisdictions may consider. Ms. Barrows indicated that there may be funding directed toward CVAG, while other funding may be competitive. Rick Daniels reported that the City of Desert Hot Springs is interested in health care district funding and possibly getting another doctor into the community. Tom Davis indicated that the housing trust should be considered as a regional project that may be funded by stimulus funding. John Wohlmuth suggested that the TAC schedule a time in which they could meet to discuss their projects to be listed and invite Mr. Moran to the meeting as well. Mr. Wohlmuth also suggested that CVEP and any other similar regionally represented group be invited to the meeting. Mr. Moran was asked if the cities should submit their lists in any particular form and if spread sheets indicating project readiness would assist the EDA in listing. Mr. Moran encouraged the jurisdictions be as specific as possible with their projects.

7. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ISSUES

7A Consideration of a Potential Coachella Valley Regional Baseline Greenhouse Gas Inventory Consistent with AB 32 and SB 375 and Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals - Katie Barrows

Ms. Barrows reported that staff was in the process of preparing a greenhouse gas inventory and in the process, it was suggested that perhaps CVAG should look at providing an inventory that represented the Coachella Valley as a region. Ms. Barrows indicated that the AQMD would help with their technical expertise and that she has had conversations with staff from AQMD that were willing to work with CVAG. Ms. Barrows reported that doing the inventory as a region makes sense for many reasons, including cost sharing. Staff has had some preliminary discussions with consultants and that this should be explored further. Ms. Barrows indicated that this was discussed at the E & E meeting and that members seemed interested in using funds from Colmac. Ms. Barrows also indicated that this may be a project applicable for stimulus funding. Staff was asked to determine costs and timing, identify the funding sources and if matching funds were needed.

IT WAS MOVED BY RICK DANIELS AND SECONDED BY GLENN SOUTHARD TO RECOMMEND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECT STAFF TO:

- 1) DEVELOP THE PROCESS FOR A REGIONAL COACHELLA VALLEY BASELINE GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY;**
- 2) IDENTIFY COSTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND TIMING FOR A COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY;**
- 3) IDENTIFY AND SECURE FUNDING SOURCES; AND**
- 4) PREPARE A DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP), INCLUDING A SCOPE OF SERVICES TO CONDUCT THE INVENTORY.**

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

8A Authorization to Conduct Call For Projects for Use of CMAQ Program SAFETEA LU Funds - Aurora Wilson

Aurora Wilson distributed an alternative staff report based on the action taken by the Transportation Committee meeting. Ms. Wilson reported at the last TAC meeting, members recommended that funding from the withdrawal of the County of Riverside and City of Palm Desert's project be returned to the CMAQ review panel for their recommendations and that a call for projects be issued. The Executive Committee agreed with the TAC recommendation.

Members of the review panel met and recommended that the entire amount of available CMAQ funds be made available for the call for projects, including the \$1.1 million in returned funds from the City of Palm Desert. The panel further recommended that \$1.1 million be earmarked for use by the City of Palm Desert in the next cycle of CMAQ funding, which would allow for more shovel ready projects to be funded with the \$2,180,000.

Staff took the recommendation to the Transportation Committee, where the Palm Desert member urged that the money be returned to Palm Desert for use on its bike path project. A discussion ensued among members of the TAC. Patrick Pratt, member of the review panel, reported that the panel made their recommendation based on the fact that the bike path project is not ready to go and that the panel wanted to put the money out for as many shovel ready projects that can be funded now. Mr. Pratt added that the panel agreed that the money should be earmarked in the next cycle of funding.

Mr. Wohlmuth reported that the removal of the \$800,000 from the project was a negotiation with SunLine and that the reason was that this was the lowest ranked project. Mr. Wohlmuth added that the project was not shovel ready because the city needs to match the funds in the amount of \$3 million. Mr. Wohlmuth added that it would be more fair to return the money to Palm Desert.

Staff was asked if there was enough time for a call for projects. Ms. Wilson indicated that there was enough time for the call for projects and the necessary amendment to the RTIP which should take three months.

Mr. Wohlmuth moved the Transportation Committee motion.

IT WAS MOVED BY JOHN WOHLMUTH AND SECONDED BY GREG JOHNSON TO RECOMMEND AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING A FULL PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY OF PALM DESERT RELATIVE TO THEIR REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THEIR AWARD OF \$1.1 MILLION FROM THEIR TURN LANE PROJECT AT FRED WARING AND MONTEREY AND REDIRECT THOSE FUNDS TO THEIR BIKE PATH PROJECT:

- 1) RECONSIDER THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION TO INCLUDE THE \$1.1 MILLION AS PART OF THE NEXT CALL FOR PROJECTS;**
- 2) APPROVE THE CITY OF PALM DESERT'S INITIAL REQUEST TO REDIRECT THE \$1.1 MILLION TO THE CITY'S BIKE PATH PROJECT;**

- 3) SHOULD THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY'S REQUEST; THEN THE EARMARK DESIGNATION OF \$1.1 MILLION FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF CMAQ SAFETEA LU FUNDS IS WITHDRAWN FROM THE NEXT PHASE OF CMAQ SAFETEA LU FUNDS.
- 4) SHOULD THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CONCUR WITH ITS PREVIOUS ACTION, THEN THE ORIGINAL STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION STANDS AND IS PRESENTED FOR ACTION.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results.

CITY OF BLYTHE	ABSTAIN
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY	NAY
CITY OF COACHELLA	NAY
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS	AYE
CITY OF INDIO	NAY
CITY OF LA QUINTA	NAY
CITY OF PALM DESERT	AYE
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS	NAY
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE	NAY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	AYE
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	NAY

THE MOTION DID NOT CARRY WITH ONE MEMBER ABSTAINING, SEVEN MEMBERS VOTING NAY, AND FOUR MEMBERS VOTING AYE.

Another motion was made.

IT WAS MOVED BY RICK DANIELS AND SECONDED BY TOM DAVIS TO RECOMMEND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- 1) AUTHORIZE A CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR USE OF CMAQ PROGRAM SAFETEA LU FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,180,000 (THE COMBINED TOTAL OF CITY OF PALM DESERT'S AND COUNTY'S WITHDRAWAL OF TWO AWARDED PROJECTS);
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND PROJECT CATEGORIES IN THE CALL FOR PROJECTS:
 - *PM-10 PROJECTS* IN THE CURRENT FOUR PROJECT AREAS OF: PAVING; SOIL STABILIZATION; WINDFENCING AND CLEAN STREETS MANAGEMENT;
 - *TRANSPORTATION CONTROL MEASURES*: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROGRAMS; CONGESTION REDUCTION & TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENTS: MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION REDUCTION; SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION; INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS; AND GRADE SEPARATION IMPROVEMENTS SPANNING RAILROAD TRACKS;

-- **TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS USED TO INCREASE AND ENHANCE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP.**

- 3) **AUTHORIZE \$1.1 MILLION FROM THE NEXT PHASE OF SAFETEA LU FUNDS BE "SET-ASIDE" OR "EARMARKED" FOR THE CITY OF PALM DESERT FOR THEIR BICYCLE FACILITIES-MID-VALLEY BIKE PATH PROJECT.**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE CITY OF BLYTHE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE AND THE CITY OF PALM DESERT VOTING NAY.

- 8B **Receive and File Presentation on the 2009 Update of the CVAG Non-Motorized Transportation Plan - Allyn Waggle**

This item was moved to the consent calendar.

- 8C **Receive and File Information Regarding the Status of the Five Interchange Projects on Interstate 10 - Allyn Waggle**

This item was moved to the consent calendar.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

APPROVAL

- 9A **Approval of the January 9, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2009 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 9B **Homelessness Committee's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness - Amanda Keil**

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO:

- 1) **APPROVE THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE'S UPDATED VERSION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS; AND**
- 2) **RECOMMEND THAT CVAG STAFF DISTRIBUTE THE UPDATED VERSION TO ALL MEMBER JURISDICTIONS FOR FILING**

THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECEIVE AND FILE

- 9C **TUMF Collections Report Fiscal Year 2008/09 - December 31, 2008**

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TUMF COLLECTIONS REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 - DECEMBER 31, 2008. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9D CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Contract Status Report as of December 31, 2008

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE CVAG REGIONAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM - CONTRACT STATUS REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9E Update-Technical Planning Sub-Committee (TPS)

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TPS UPDATE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9.1E Receive and File Presentation on the 2009 Update of the CVAG Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRESENTATION BY RYAN SNYDER, OF RYAN SNYDER ASSOCIATES, ON THE 2009 UPDATE OF THE CVAG NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9.2E Receive and File Information Regarding the Status of the Five Interchange Projects on Interstate 10

IT WAS MOVED BY DON BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY RICK DANIELS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE FIVE INTERCHANGE PROJECTS ON INTERSTATE 10. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION

9F Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Roster

This is an informational item.

10. INQUIRY ON ONGOING PROJECTS

CVAG staff will review, on request, any details regarding ongoing projects or groups.

11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Technical Advisory Committee** is scheduled for **10:00 a.m.** on **Friday, April 10, 2009** at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** is scheduled for **6:00 p.m.** on **Monday, March 30, 2009** at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Stueckle
Executive Assistant