

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday April 24, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS) meeting was called to order on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Jim Rodkey. Chairman Rodkey led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS/ ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dave Barakian, City Engineer/ Dir. of Public Works
Tom Rafferty, Principal Civil Engineer
Bill Bayne, City Engineer
Tim Wassil, Director of Public Works
Jim Rodkey, Director of Public Works
Tony Lucero, City Engineer
Mojahed Salama, Engineering Division Manager
Ed Wimmer, Principal Engineer
Margaret Park, Director of Planning

Bruce Harry, Director of Public Works
Mark Diercks, Transportation Engineer
Amir Modarressi, Principal Engineer
Eunice Lovi, Director of Planning

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

None

MEMBERS VACANT

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

ALSO PRESENT

Joe Shaw
Paul Gonzales
Michael Gialdini
Dennis Green
Hugh Smith
Patty Romo
Jay Gabrielson
Andy Cheah
Ernie Figueroa

STAFF PRESENT

Larry Parrish
Allyn Waggle
Mike Shoberg
Carol Rayner

AGENCY

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

AGENCY

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Harris & Associates
Harris & Associates
County of Riverside
RCTD
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Parsons
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2. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

Allyn Waggle stated there is a correction to Item 8. Page 31 should follow page 23 in regards to the letter from Bill Bayne, City of Cathedral City.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER\ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Bruce Harry reported the City of Rancho Mirage has items ready for the update of the Sub-Regional Traffic Model.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

6. **RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE FIVE INTERCHANGE PROJECTS ON INTERSTATE 10**

Allyn Waggle provided a Powerpoint presentation of the project updates. Consultant Joe Shaw was in attendance to answer any questions.

Indian Avenue – The negotiations with the Shell gas station are in progress. All but 2 of the 16 ownership agreements have been completed or are being finalized. The County is preparing new appraisals on the last two. The PS&E has been submitted to Caltrans for review. There is Coop amendment to an agreement with the County of Riverside and Caltrans. Work on the project is on track to start 2010.

Palm Drive/ Gene Autry Trail – PS&E has received conditional approval from Caltrans. Environmental re-evaluation in progress. A Coop agreement is ready for execution by CVAG and the County. Allocation “package” to be submitted to District Local Assistance on May 1, with a submittal to Caltrans to follow. Allocation on track for FHWA approval on June 15. An AT&T easement negotiation is in progress. All other utility easements are secured. The project should move forward by the end of 2009.

Date Palm Drive – The RTIP Amendment has been approved by SCAG, Caltrans and FHWA. The County is in the process of getting appraisals on eight properties and Tribal land. An MOU is being prepared between the City, County and Caltrans. There could be a possible R/W issue with the UP Railroad. MAR- updated traffic projections- have been approved by the District and submitted to FHWA. A meeting is scheduled for next week regarding the utility relocations with SCE and CVWD to resolve pole locations and utility easements in NE quadrant. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2011.

Ramon Road/ Bob Hope – Caltrans will move forward with unsettled properties including tribal lands. Caltrans is at an impasse with UP Railroad regarding accommodation for future third track. Now seeking a R/W Cert 3W, to allow project to proceed with “work-around” RR bridge area. Ready to list date set back to June 15. CVAG and RCTD Coop agreements are expected by April 27. Construction is scheduled to start early in 2010.

Jefferson Street – The preliminary design is completed. Environmental study has been submitted to Caltrans for final review along with the ADL report. The cultural MOA is under review. The Air Quality Conformity has been approved by FHWA. MAR- updated traffic projections- has been approved by Caltrans, but rejected by FHWA. Other project reports have been approved or have been submitted for review. The City of Indio is waiting for approval of the detailed Action Plan submitted through Caltrans for FHWA in order to request that Federal funding be re-instated.

Bruce Harry asked when the Cities and County would be asked to pay their 25% share of the projects. Mr. Waggle stated the monies will be expected six months after construction has begun.

Dave Barakian noted that on the Executive agenda, dated April 27, there is an item where as the County has asked CVAG to enter a ten-year payback agreement for their portion of projects costs on Palm Drive. Mr. Waggle stated this issue has just been brought to the attention of CVAG and will be addressed at the Executive Committee meeting. Questions were raised regarding what if all jurisdictions made that request. Mr. Waggle stated, at this time, CVAG staff has no recommendation.

Joe Shaw stated that projects must move on the fast track in order to get the allocated monies from the Government's stimulus package. The cutoff date to receive money is June 15, 2009.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION PRESENTED.

7. CONTRACT SCHEDULES AND MANAGEMENT FOR I-10 INTERCHANGES

Allyn Waggle reported that this item is a result of a meeting held at CVAG on March 13, 2009 with the Cities of Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs and the County of Riverside. There are concerns regarding the potential of having four I-10 interchange projects under construction at the same time.

Bill Bayne stated a particular concern is the potential cost savings and efficiencies for bundling construction contracts for more than one interchange and the management of potentially multiple interchange constructions so that there is efficient communication and coordination.

Hugh Smith, Dennis Green and Patty Romo representatives of the Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) outlined their approach to the project management. The County is the lead agency for Indian Avenue, Palm Drive/ Gene Autry Trail and Date Palm. The State is the lead agency for Ramon/ Bob Hope and Indio is the lead agency for Jefferson Street.

Prior to the award of any contracts, projects will be reviewed for their constructability. A project management plan will be prepared and reviewed by the County. The County has hired Dennis Green to coordinate construction activities and to implement a public awareness program. Mr. Green will also be the project coordinator for the Caltrans interchange project at Bob Hope Drive/ Ramon Road. Therefore, there will be only one point of contact for four interchanges. Jefferson Street is excluded at this time. Mr. Green will hold monthly meetings with contractors and jurisdictions. The public will have an opportunity to discuss matters of concern and will be kept informed of pending stages of construction. All

contracts will have a clause that requires coordination with the other projects. Eunice Lovi, SunLine, asked that SunLine be involved in all the meetings. Mark Diercks asked that the Monterey ramp be taken into consideration for detours and the traffic flow Impact.

CONSENSUS AGREED THAT THE COUNTY'S APPROACH WOULD BE THE BEST FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION. THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY DID NOT AGREE WITH THE CONSENSUS.

8. RFP FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION STUDY (TPPS), REGIONAL ARTERIAL COST ESTIMATES (RACE) AND TUMF BOUNDARY DETERMINATION AND FEE SCHEDULE NEXUS STUDY UPDATES

Allyn Waggle stated it is CVAG's policy to periodically update the TPPS and RACE. Mr. Waggle stated the RFP which is indicated as being attached is not included in the staff report. The RFP will be forwarded to the member for review. Members were asked to go over the 2005 TPPS listed projects and eliminate any projects that are completed and make suggestions for additional roadway segments for inclusion in the 2009 TPPS. Mr. Waggle asked that the projected lists from the jurisdictions be provided to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Waggle continued by stating, for your information, the consultant who prepared the 2005 TPPS, Ryan Zellers, provided staff with a list of suggestions on creating a better future report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MOJAHED SALAMA AND SECONDED BY DAVE BARAKIAN TO TABLE THE ITEM AND REVIEW IT AT THE MAY MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. CONSIDER INCLUSION OF PAST YEARS TRAFFIC COUNT INFORMATION INTO THE CVAG GEODATABASE AND 2010 TRAFFIC CENSUS PROGRAM RFP

Allyn Waggle reported staff is in the process of preparing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2010 Traffic Census Program update. As part of this year's RFP, staff is asking that consultants include in their proposal the addition of a geodatabase that can be incorporated into CVAG's GIS system. Our GIS staff has brought up the issue of the inclusion of past years information.

IT WAS MOVED BY TIM WASSIL AND SECONDED BY DAVE BARAKIAN THAT THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL GEODATABASE INFORMATION IN THE 2010 TRAFFIC CENSUS PROGRAM.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL ITEMS

10A Approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2009 Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUCY HARRY AND SECONDED BY MARGARET PARK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. ED WIMMER, CITY OF LA QUINTA, ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

10B Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report.

10C Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Attendance Roster FY 2008/09.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

11. DISCUSS ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE FOR TTAS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of CVAG's **Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS)** will be held on **Friday May 24, 2009** at **10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting date for CVAG's **Transportation Committee** will be held on **Monday, May 11, 2009** at **12:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** will be held on **Friday, May 8, 2009** at **12:00 Noon.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Executive Committee** will be held on **Monday, April 27, 2009** at **6:00 p.m.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rayner
Senior Assistant