

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday February 27, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS) meeting was called to order on Friday, February 27, 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
Mojahed Salama, Engineering Division Manager
Tim Jonasson,, City Engineer/ Dir. of Public Works
Margaret Park, Director of Planning

Bruce Harry, Director of Public Works
Mark Greenwood, Public Works Director
Amir Modarressi, Principal Engineer
Eunice Lovi

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Paul Toor, Director of Public Works

MEMBERS VACANT

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

ALSO PRESENT

Joe Shaw
Paul Gonzales
John Lujan
Alan Pace
Mark Diercks
Melanie Fesmire
Mark Roberts
Lauri Aylaian

STAFF PRESENT

Larry Parrish
Allyn Waggle
Mike Shoberg
Jim Sullivan
Carol Clapper
Nick Peihl
Carol Rayner

AGENCY

City of Palm Springs
City of Indio
City of Cathedral City
City of Indian Wells
City of Blythe
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

City of Coachella

AGENCY

Harris & Associates
Harris & Associates
CVCTA
Petra
City of Palm Desert
City of Indio
Caltrans
City of Palm Desert

2. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Lujan, of the CVCTA, commented on the Bike and Pedestrian projects. He asked the committee members to endorse the projects and push for the funding to include the Safe Route to Schools portions of the projects.

Bruce Harry stated the League of Cities website provides information on programs and funding options that are available. Mr. Harry stated Senator Barbara Boxer suggested the community be very aggressive in putting in requests for projects and pursuing the funds. Jim Sullivan, CVAG's GIS Program Director, stated the website is updated weekly.

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

Chairman Rodkey introduced Interim Executive Director Larry Parrish.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

6. **RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUB-REGIONAL TRAVEL MODEL**

Mahmoud Ahmadi, with ASFHA Consulting Inc., provided the members with a copy of the preliminary results for the Riverside County Sub-Regional Model. The model will bring all Riverside County's transportation planning agencies under a uniform procedure for predicting future traffic loads for regional and inter-regional infrastructure projects. The Countywide Travel Demand Forecasting Model was a cooperative effort between Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Caltrans.

Mr. Ahmadi stated the new travel demand model uses the TransCAD operating software, which has now expanded to include Imperial County and San Bernardino County and has been incorporated into the overall SCAG model. Forecasts are developed for years 2007 (base year), 2035 and 2050. The preliminary draft is in the process of being finalized and reviewed by Riverside County.

Mark Greenwood stated he felt the data was incorrect as the county used SCAG numbers that were 15 years old. Mr. Ahmadi stated he will be in contact with the cities to validate the information. Allyn Waggle stated now is the time for any corrections and the city planning departments should be included in providing the information.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. **RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION ON THE 2009 UPDATE OF THE CVAG NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Allyn Waggle stated the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) which incorporates bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian and other trail facilities in the Coachella Valley was last updated in 2001.

Ryan Synder, of Ryan Synder Associates, provided each city with a map of the bikeways within their city. Mr. Snyder stated he is close to wrapping up the process of obtaining information for the NMTP. A small amount of information is still needed from the City of La Quinta, Mountain Conservancy and Parks and Recreation. Mr. Synder stated he has held workshops, met with stakeholders, agencies and has met with all jurisdictions to obtain information. Mr. Synder stated a classification system has been established.

Bruce Harry asked questions regarding the liability of bike lanes that do not meet the standards that Caltrans require. Mr. Synder stated that 10 foot bike lanes should be sufficient. Mark Greenwood stated that the City of Palm Desert has minor changes to the plan. Mr. Synder stated this is the time for the jurisdictions to comment and make changes and any information provided will be updated.

Mr. Synder stated the draft is 95% complete. Committee members asked for a copy of the report for reviewing. Changes should be sent to Allyn Waggle and a final draft will be available within two to three weeks. The plan will then go through the committees for approval. Mr. Synder stated the plan must be adopted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the cities general plans to be considered for any funding.

Jim Sullivan, CVAG's GIS Program Director, stated the plan will be in GIS format.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY JOSEPH SHAW, OF HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INTERSTATE 10 PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE FIVE INTERCHANGE PROJECTS ON INTERSTATE

Joe Shaw, of Harris & Associates, provided an update on the five Interchange Projects on Interstate 10.

Indian Avenue - Only two of the 33 parcels that offers have been made on are still unsettled. A condemnation resolution, if needed, may be used on the two parcels. The final design plan has been submitted to Caltrans for review and then sent to Sacramento. Work on the project is on track to start 2010.

Palm Drive/ Gene Autry Trail – Single parcel involved is now in escrow. The final plans have been submitted to Caltrans for review. Utility relocation agreements are in progress. The county has already to put out the RFP and 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 final design will be submitted to Caltrans for the retaining wall. The county is in the process of getting appraisals on eight properties and Tribal land. An MOU is also being prepared. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2011.

Ramon Road/ Bob Hope – Settlement agreement with “Flying J” has been reached. Environmental Re-evaluation must be revised and approved following the “Flying J” agreement. Final approval for Edison utility relocation is needed. Agreements have been reached with 5 of the 8 property owners. Caltrans will move forward with unsettled properties including tribal lands and railroad for right-of ways. Caltrans may consider condemnation for the railroad crossing. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Caltrans will need to resubmit documentation for approval. 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. The Modified Access Report (MAR) has been approved by Caltrans, but rejected by FHWA. Other project reports have been approved or have been submitted for review. At the present time, the City of Indio is submitting a detailed Action Plan through Caltrans for FHWA in order to request that Federal funding be re-instated.

Bruce Harry asked Mr. Shaw if funding is still in place for Bob Hope/ Ramon Road. Mr. Shaw stated that funding is an issue and STIP funds as previously stated are not available. However, funding could become available through bonding or the Federal Stimulus Package. Mr. Harry suggested alternative methods for paving should be considered for cutting costs as all costs have escalated.

Mr. Waggle stated that the CTC does not allocate funds for new projects, only for repairs. Mr. Waggle continued by stating that funds from other city projects may need to be used in order for these projects to keep moving forward. Federal Stimulus monies may be advanced to CVAG, but must be used for projects ready to go at the present time.

Committee members asked Mr. Shaw to provide updated costs on all projects for the next meeting.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. **INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS (ITE) TRIP GENERAL RATE MANUAL – 8TH EDITION ANALYSIS**

Carol Clapper, CVAG’s Associate Regional Planner, stated the Daily Trip Generation Rates (DTGR) used in the adopted TUMF Handbook were taken primarily from the ITE Trip Generation Manual, 7th Edition. These rates have been in effect since July 1, 2004.

ITE has recently published its 8th Edition manual. CVAG staff has reviewed the manual and compared the rates adopted in the TUMF Handbook with this 8th Edition.

There was no change in the DTGR in the majority of the 39 TUMF land use categories. However, there were three categories that decrease in the DTGR. (1) Multi-Family dwellings - It does appear to be within the typical range of fluctuation in the land use category. (2) Hospitals - Again it is within the typical range for that category. (3) Financial institutions - This is the most significant decrease. The majority of Financial institutions are now being constructed within shopping centers not in stand-alone facilities. Despite the decrease in the DTGR in the Financial land use category, it is concluded that this will not

significantly impact TUMF revenues.

There is minimal change between the 7th and 8th edition DTGR's. An increase or decrease in TUMF revenue generated will depend primarily on the level of valley wide development in subsequent years.

IT WAS MOVED BY TIM WASSIL AND SECONDED BY TIM MARKGREENWOOD THAT THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. **REVIEW THE COMPARISON IN DAILY TRIP GENERATION RATES BETWEEN THE ADOPTED TUMF HANDBOOK AND THE ITE TRIP GENERATION MANUAL, EIGHTH EDITION, AND**
2. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF EIGHTH EDITION ITE RATES FOR IMPLEMENTATION BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL ITEMS

10A Approval of the Minutes of the October 31, 2008 Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUCE HARRY AND SECONDED BY TIM WASSIL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. 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

Bruce Harry asked Allyn Waggle the status of the Pavement Management Sub-Committee that was to have been setup. Mr. Waggle stated that the criteria for discussion has not been put together.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of CVAG's **Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS)** will be held on **Friday March 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting date for CVAG's **Transportation Committee** will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** will be held on **Friday, March 13, 2009 at 12:00 Noon.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Executive Committee** will be held on **Monday, March 30, 2009** at **6:00 p.m.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rayner
Senior Assistant