

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday, September 25, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS) meeting was called to order on Friday, September 25, 2009 at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Mojahed Salama. Chairman Salama led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS/ ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jim Rodkey, Director of Public Works
Bill Bayne, City Engineer
Amir Modaresi, Asst. City Engineer/ Dir. of Pub. Wks
Grant Ecklund, City Engineer
Bryan McKinney, Principal Civil Engineer
Bo Chen, City Engineer
Dave Barakian, City Engineer/ Dir. of Public Works
Bruce Harry, Director of Public Works
Mojahed Salama, Engineering Division Manager
Eunice Lovi, Director of Planning

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside
SunLine

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Paul Toor, Director of Public Works
Tim Wassil, City Engineer/Dir. of Public Works
Margaret Park, Director of Planning

AGENCY

City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
Agua Caliente Band of
Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS VACANT

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

ALSO PRESENT

Patty Romo
Ernie Figueroa
Bruce Davis

AGENCY

Riverside County Trans.
Parsons
Web Associates

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Allyn Waggle
Mike Shoberg
Carol Rayner

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER\ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Salama presented Jim Rodkey a certificate of appreciation for his year as Chairman.

Allyn introduced Lisa Trimarchi who is taking Carol Rayner's place as assistant while she is convalescing after knee surgery.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. CONSIDER CHANGING MEETING DAY FOR TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Allyn Waggle provided the members with CVAG's schedule of meetings, along with member jurisdictions meeting schedules. A discussion ensued regarding meeting Fridays at a different time or on another day and time all together.

IT WAS MOVED BY JIM RODKEY AND SECONDED BY BRUCE HARRY TO CHANGE THE MEETING DAY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISTRIBUTION OF THE 25% LOCAL SHARE OF INTERSTATE 10 INTERCHANGE PROJECTS

Michael Schoberg discussed CVAG's construction of the Bob Hope and the Palm Drive interchange to begin shortly after the first of the year. Following will be the Date Palm and Indian Canyon interchanges. Then, in 2011, the Jefferson/I-10 interchange will move forward.

Some years ago the CVAG Executive Committee authorized CVAG to pay 75% of eligible funds with 25% to come from other jurisdictions. That 25% was analyzed by Urban Crossroads to develop a proportionate share in each of the jurisdictions that benefit from the interchange development. In 2003 the CVAG Executive Committee established those percentage breakdowns which have been in effect since then. Earlier this year the Riverside County Transportation Department requested a reconsideration of the distribution of that 25% appropriated share mainly because of annexations that have occurred since 2003. The county also submitted an update of the report prepared by Urban Crossroads breaking down those percentages. Because of those annexations, the county share has come down. It is suggested that CVAG prepare the analysis because they're impartial and the cost and benefit analysis should be prepared closer to when construction of the actual interchange is going on. Therefore, the most up-to-date information will be available.

Staff recommended that TTAS allow the release of the RFP for the Bob Hope and Palm Drive interchanges. Once the work is done it will go through the normal committee process for review and approval.

A discussion ensued about the status of the RIVTAM model used to estimate the cost of forecasting traffic. Allyn stated that a CVAG consultant has been retained to help prepare the model and is available to provide the information. The county is in the process of retaining several qualified program consultants who will run the RIVTAM model on request from the jurisdictions. The RFP for selection of those consultants won't go out until October and will include requirements which will include their experience using Transcad.

Allyn discussed modifications to the original cost distribution. When done initially there were several jurisdictions that had 1% or less of the responsibility. CVAG agreed that the number was insignificant. They took those less than 2% down to 0% and distributed them to other interchanges so that everybody maintained the same percentage of responsibility and their percentages were substantial instead of being very minor. The committee will have the opportunity to decide on the distribution, whether 25% or 1% or less. CVAG will modify the RFP using the RIVTAM model so that it will be current and there is no question about impartiality.

A question arose about the use of the recovered ARRA money. The RCTC made a request that the application for the recovered money be limited to projects that are RCTC supported. Approximately \$40 million was allocated to projects in Coachella valley, \$35 million went to Ramon Road/Bob Hope, and \$5 million went to the Palm Drive/Gene Autry Interchange.

The question was raised, at what point will a decision be made, and how will the annexations or pending annexations be handled. The consultant will be asked to come before this body and others and defend their position.

It must be decided at what point is a fair time period to redistribute costs before the construction of the interchange will occur so there is time determine fiscal responsibilities.

IT WAS MOVED BY AMIR MODARESSI AND SECONDED BY DAVE BARAKIAN THAT THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE REVIEW THE INFORMATION REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF THE 25% LOCAL SHARE OF TWO INTERSTATE 10 INTERCHANGE PROJECTS (PALM DRIVE/GENE AUTRY TRAIL AND BOB HOPE DRIVE/RAMON ROAD, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RELEASE THE RFP WITH THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT ONLY ANNEXATIONS COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARE AUTHORIZED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THREE NAYS FROM BILL BAYNE, BRUCE HARRY, AND MOJAHED SALAMA.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL ITEMS

8A Approval of the Minutes of the June 24, 2009 Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting.

RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

- 8B Status of Five 1-10 Interchange Projects
- 8C Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report

INFORMATION

- 8D Transportation Technical Advisory Subcommittee Attendance Roster FY 2009/10

IT WAS MOVED BY BILL BAYNE AND SECONDED BY AMIR MOBARASSI TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ABSTENSIONS ON THE MINUTES FROM JIM RODKEY AND DAVE BARAKIAN.

9. INQUIRY ON ONGOING PROJECTS

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting date for CVAG's **Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS)** will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2009** at **12:00 p.m.**

The next meeting date for CVAG's **Transportation Committee** will be held on **Monday, October 19, 2009** at **12:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** will be held on **Friday, October 9, 2009** at **10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Executive Committee** will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2009** at **6:00 p.m.**

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Trimarchi
Assistant during Carol Rayner's Absence