

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday September 26, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS) meeting was called to order on Friday, September 26, 2008 at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Jim Rodkey. Chairman Rodkey led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS/ ALTERNATES PRESENT

Bruce Harry, Director of Public Works
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
Paul Toor, Director of Public Works
Mojahed Salama, Engineering Division Manager
Jonathan Hoy, City Engineer/ Dir. of Public Works
Ed Wimmer, Principal Engineer
Mark Greenwood, Public Works Director

AGENCY

City of Rancho Mirage
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 Desert Hot Springs
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Margaret Park, Director of Planning

Eunice Lovi

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla
Indians
SunLine

MEMBERS VACANT

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

ALSO PRESENT

Jose Patroni
Elmer Datuin
Bruce Churchill
James Lindsey
Eric Cowle
Scott Neff
George I. (Last Name Illegal)
Mike Rodgers
Mike Schlange
Grant Eklund
Ryan Gayler
Mark Chappell
Bondie Baker

AGENCY

MACTEC
RCTC
Delcan Corp.
City of La Quinta
Stantec
Parsons
City of Coachella
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Indio
City of Palm Desert
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells

STAFF PRESENT

John Wohlmuth
Allyn Waggle

David Zacker

Carol Rayner

2. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

Consensus agreed to review Item 10 after the conclusion of all the remaining agenda items.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

Mark Greenwood asked that the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) / Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) implementation fee be discussed. Executive Director Wohlmuth stated each jurisdiction must follow the fee ordinance that was adopted for each jurisdiction. The collection fee is either collected on occupancy or final inspection. The fee process begins on October 2, 2008. The Committee will be kept updated on further information as it becomes available.

Allyn Waggle passed out CVAG's Proposed Traffic Count Locations for 2009. Mr. Waggle asked the Committee members to review the information so that the list can be finalized with any changes or additions that are needed.

Valarie Franklin, Assistant to Aurora Wilson, stated Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) forms need to be signed by each jurisdiction that received funds through the Clean Streets Management Program. Ms. Franklin stated this request is from Caltrans and is a final followup from the last funding. The forms were distributed to the members for signature.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

6. **RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION ON INTERSTATE 10 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

Bruce Churchill, Senior Project Manager for Delcan, stated, at the present time, the Freeway Closure Task Force has not taken a close look at the Coachella Valley area in regards to total freeway closure during an emergency situation. As a result, CVAG requested funding through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Overall Work Program (OWP) to prepare an Interstate 10 Emergency Response Plan. The OWP project covers the area from Box Canyon Road, as the eastern limit, to the junction of State Route 60 to the west. Workshops are being planned through the Office of Emergency Services (OES). The OWP project will foster better communication with the OES and all stakeholders involved, as well as city engineering staff from the cities in the Coachella Valley. The timing of this project coincides with the upcoming Golden Guardian 2008 Exercise in mid-November.

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

7. **CONSIDER QUALIFYING CRITERIA AND IDENTIFY ROADWAY SEGMENTS FOR THE 2009 UPDATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION STUDY**

Allyn Waggle stated with the recent completion of the county wide Travel Model, CVAG now has the information to complete the updated Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS), which will also now include MicroPaver. The time line to have all items completed is 2010.

CVAG's current budget provides funds for updating the TPPS and RACE. Before issuing a Request for Proposals for this project, the evaluation criteria must be reviewed and confirmed, plus the roadway segments to be considered for inclusion in the regional roadway system must be identified. Mr. Waggle asked if the Committee members would prefer that this item be brought back at the next meeting with recommendations and input or if a sub-committee be created.

Mr. Waggle stated he has met with the consultant who worked on the Coachella Valley Travel Demand Model. Members requested information on the model. Bill Bayne stated a briefing had been held at Riverside County and asked if a similar briefing could be presented to the TTAS Committee. Mr. Waggle agreed to have a presentation at a later meeting.

Consensus agreed to have all comments forwarded to CVAG by October 13, 2008.

IT WAS MOVED BY DAVE BARAKIAN AND SECONDED BY BILL BAYNE TO HAVE THIS ITEM BROUGHT BACK TO THE OCTOBER MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DIRECTION AS APPROPRIATE REGARDING CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE HIGHWAY 111 SIGNAL SIGNS PROJECT

IT WAS MOVED BY TIM WASSIL AND SECONDED BY ED WIMMER TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND HAVE IT APPEAR ON THE OCTOBER AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. CONSIDER BENEFITS FROM CVAG PROVIDING OVERSIGHT FOR MULTIPLE SIGNALIZATION PROJECTS

The 2007 Congestion Management/ Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for Projects resulted in the approval of several traffic signal related projects throughout the Coachella Valley. Staff is requesting that the TTAS discuss the potential benefits, such as time and cost savings, from having these multiple projects combined and coordinated through CVAG as the oversight agency.

Nick Nickerson, NAI Consulting, was asked to evaluate the cost effectiveness of combining the several CMAQ Project currently being processed in the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP). Mr. Nickerson's analysis showed there was no benefit in combining all the projects under one umbrella.

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

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL ITEMS

11A Approval of the Minutes of the June 27, 2008 Transportation Technical Advisory

Sub-Committee Meeting.

Ed Wimmer asked that the Minutes be amended to show that he was in attendance representing Tim Jonasson for the City of La Quinta as the voting member.

IT WAS MOVED BY ED WIMMER AND SECONDED BY TIM WASSIL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

11B Receive and File Information Regarding Appeal Period for TUMS Assessment

11C Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Attendance Roster FY 2007/08.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

12. DISCUSS ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE FOR TTAS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of CVAG's **Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TTAS.)** will be held on **Friday October 24, 2008** at **10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting date for CVAG's **Transportation Committee** will be held on **Monday, October 20, 2008** at **12:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** will be held on **Friday, October 10, 2008** at **12:00 Noon.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Executive Committee** will be held on **Monday, September 29, 2008** at **6:00 p.m.**

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. for lunch and the receiving of Item 10.

10. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION ON MICROPAVE PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE SOFTWARE IN ANTICIPATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rayner
Senior Assistant