

ITEM 5A

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020
MINUTES**



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1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee portion of the February 24, 2020 joint meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 119 in Palm Desert, CA.

2. ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck
Mayor John Aguilar
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ty Peabody
Mayor Glenn Miller
Mayor Linda Evans
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Geoff Kors
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe

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
County of Riverside 4th District
County of Riverside 5th District *(Arrived during item 9A)*
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Dana Hobart
Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington

AGENCY

City of Rancho Mirage
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District

3. CALL TO ORDER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee portion of the February 24, 2020 joint meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Robert Radi, City of La Quinta, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 119 in Palm Desert, CA.

4. ROLL CALL OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ty Peabody
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Robert Radi
Councilmember Jan Harnik
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Councilmember Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel

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 4th District
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Anderson
Lauri Aylaian
Julie Bornstein
Pat Cooper
Tom Davis
Ryan Domino
Gustavo Gomez
Dan Horn
Charles McClendon
Jon McMillen
Tony Mize
Brian Nestande
Araceli Palafox
Bill Pattison
John Plata
Luke Rainey
David Ready
Greg Rodriguez
Paul Rodriguez
David Salgado
Erin Sasse
Mark Scott
Boomer Shannon
Paul Slama
Brittney Sowell
Heather Vaikona
Jocelyn Vargas

AGENCY

Rancho Mirage Resident
City of Palm Desert
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
County of Riverside
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
LSL CPAs and Advisors
City of Indio
Palm Communities
City of Cathedral City
City of La Quinta
National Cure
County of Riverside
Lift to Rise
City of Coachella
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs
County of Riverside
Rodriguez Consulting
Southern California Association of Governments
League of California Cities
City of Indio
County of Riverside
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
SunLine Transit Agency
Lift to Rise
Lift to Rise

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Katie Barrows
Martin Magaña

Erica Felci
Jim Sullivan
Bassam Al-Beitawi
Tom Cox
Joanna Stueckle
Oscar Vizcarra
Lutfi Kharuf

CVAG Legal Counsel

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Grubbe led the members of both committees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage resident, provided a letter for the record and spoke in opposition to any sales tax.

Tony Mize, National Core, spoke in favor of legislation that would allow a future sales tax initiative.

Dan Horn, Palm Communities, commented about impact that sales tax revenue could have for affordable housing.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Radi thanked Transportation Committee members for attending the meeting on short notice and indicated that he requested the members be included in the Executive Committee's consideration of potential legislation to create funding options.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kirk discussed item 14e (CalEnviroScreen's Negative Impact on Eligibility for Rooftop Solar Program). Mr. Kirk stated that the scoring of the Coachella Valley region in CalEnviroScreen's map of census tracts means that the region is not accurately represented.

Mr. Kirk also discussed the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation of \$29 million for CV Link project, pointing out that this was not "new money" but that the allocation was significant progress of getting the project constructed.

Mr. Kirk's comments concluded with the announcement of the signal synchronization pilot project starting in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs later in the week.

9. JOINT DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Consideration of Legislation to Create Funding Options for Affordable Housing and Related Programs in the Coachella Valley – Erica Felci

Erica Felci presented the staff report. Ms. Felci introduced Julie Bornstein, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, to discuss issues related to sales tax measures for affordable housing, including items members could consider in developing an expenditure plan.

Extensive member discussion ensued starting with Supervisor Perez, who had requested that CVAG members consider possible legislation in order to have a steady funding stream for affordable housing in the region.

Ms. Felci responded to member inquiries. Various members discussed their need to take the issue back to their individual Councils for discussion, while other members indicated support if there was a clear focused plan. A discussion also ensued related to housing dollars available in jurisdictions earmarked for affordable housing and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) credit. Members also considered the timeline for legislation in the Capitol.

The Transportation Committee took up the item for a vote, followed by the Executive Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PEABODY TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITH AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND UP TO \$50,000, TO WORK WITH A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK RELATED TO RESEARCHING HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING AND RELATED PROGRAMS WITHIN 90 DAYS.

THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY WITH 12 AYES.

COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

The item moved forward for Executive Committee consideration, additional discussion and action. Member discussion elaborated on many of the same points discussed by Transportation Committee members.

It was moved by Councilmember Jonathan and seconded by Mayor Evans to direct the Executive Director to refer this matter to the CV HEART subcommittee of the CVAG Homelessness Committee and, within 90 days, come up with a workplan for moving forward on a report that would identify options to consider in the future.

Member discussion continued, including discussion about the need for resources. A substitute motion was made, and the original motion died with no vote having been taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE CV HEART SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CVAG HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE AND, WITHIN 90 DAYS, COME UP WITH A WORKPLAN FOR MOVING FORWARD ON A REPORT THAT WOULD IDENTIFY OPTIONS TO CONSIDER IN THE FUTURE, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO, IF NECESSARY, HIRE A CONSULTANT(S) TO ASSIST IN THIS RESEARCH AT A COST UP TO \$50,000.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 2 NAYS AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	NAY
MAYOR EVANS	NAY
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

B. Contract Amendment Number One for the Cathedral Canyon Bridge for Additional Engineering Design and Construction Work – Martin Magaña

Martin Magaña presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

The Transportation Committee took up the item for a vote, followed by the Executive Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY FOR THE CATHEDRAL CANYON BRIDGE PROJECT TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$681,272.58.

THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY WITH 12 AYES.

COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE

COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

The item was then considered by the members of the Executive Committee with the following result.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MILLER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY FOR THE CATHEDRAL CANYON BRIDGE PROJECT TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$681,272.58.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Committee Meeting at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert:

Transportation Committee – Monday, April 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Chair Radi adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

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Executive Assistant

Chairman Grubbe said the Transportation Committee members were welcome to stay for the remaining items on the Executive Committee agenda.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KORS TO:

- A. APPROVE THE JANUARY 27, 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- B. APPROVE THE EXISTING INVESTMENT POLICY OF CVAG**
- C. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A NO-COST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN ITS BOOST PROGRAM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

12.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

13. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Finance Committee Report and Final Audited Financial Report, Single Audit Report, and Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 Letter for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures on Measure A Program for Fiscal Year 2018/19 – Gary Leong**

Gary Leong introduced Ryan Domino, LSL CPAs and Advisors, to present the audit and accompanying statements. Mr. Domino gave a presentation on the process for performing the audit and reported on the Measure A program, which was the subject of the focused project to be audited this year. Mr. Domino reported that there were no disagreements with management and that CVAG was issued an unmodified opinion.

Member discussion ensued. Mayor Evans reported that the Finance Committee requested the CV Housing First homelessness program be the project to focus on in the upcoming FY2020/2021 audit.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PEABODY TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

B. Support for Expanding the California State University System by Development of a Full, Standalone Campus in the Coachella Valley – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk invited Councilmember Jonathan to present an update on Cal State. Councilmember Jonathan discussed the history of Palm Desert being considered for the Cal State's next stand-alone campus and requested support from the members of CVAG. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-002 TO FORMALLY ENDORSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 24TH FULL, STANDALONE CAMPUS FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) SYSTEM AT THE PALM DESERT BRANCH CAMPUS OF CSU SAN BERNARDINO.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

14. INFORMATION

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- d) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- e) CalEnviroscreen’s Negative Impact on Eligibility for Rooftop Solar Program
- f) Follow Up to Executive Committee Action Related to CV Housing First
- g) SCAG Regional Council/Transportation Committee Update

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

15. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, distributed a handout that discussed current legislative issues. Ms. Sasse gave a verbal update as well.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Committee Meeting at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert:

Executive Committee – Monday, April 27, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Grubbe adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

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