

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2020**



The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Radi, City of La Quinta, on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. via Zoom meeting, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom’s executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES 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  
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel  
General Manager Lauren Skiver

**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 (*Arrived during Item 4*)  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
SunLine Transit Agency (*Non-Voting Member*)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Lisa Middleton City of Palm Springs

**ALSO PRESENT**

Kwasi Agyakwa Caltrans  
Gustavo Gomez City of Indio  
Patricia Romo County of Riverside  
Andy Cheah Engineering consultant  
David Salgado SCAG  
Brittney Sowell SunLine Transit Agency

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Martin Magaña  
Erica Felci  
Eric Cowle  
Bassam Al-Beitawi  
Oscar Vizcarra  
Joanna Stueckle  
Trisha Stull

Jonathan Hoy (Contract)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments were submitted.

**4. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Kirk provided a number of updates on regional projects, including the Request for Proposals for the regional signal synchronization construction manager and the virtual groundbreaking that Riverside County hosted for the Avenue 66 grade separation project. Mr. Kirk also noted that bids have been received for the next construction phase of CV Link and that, after the bid review is complete, a special meeting of the Transportation Committee will be announced.

**A. Celebration of Palm Drive Bike-Pedestrian Improvements**

Mayor Scott Matas highlighted the improvements along Palm Drive in the City of Desert Hot Springs, which was funded in large part by CVAG's 2017 Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PEABODY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO:**

- A. APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2020 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- B. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR NO-COST EXTENSION TO THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOODING AND BLOWSAND RISK ASSESSMENT CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. EXTENDING TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR REVISIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION**
- C. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. TO PREPARE THE FEE AUTOMATION AND ARCGIS ONLINE PROJECT, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$79,002, FOR A CONTRACT TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**
- D. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOY CIVIL ENGINEERING, EXTENDING THE TERM TO DECEMBER 2022 AND PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$55,000 A YEAR, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING REVISIONS BEFORE FINALIZING**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>

COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

**5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Election of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

Tom Kirk opened the floor for nominations for the committee's officers. Mayor Matas, the current vice chair, was the sole nominee for chairman.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES TO ELECT MAYOR SCOTT MATAS AS THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

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

Committee members thanked Chair Radi for his leadership, and Mayor Matas chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Discussion continued and Mayor Steven Hernandez was the sole nominee for vice chairman.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO ELECT MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ AS THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

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

COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

**B. Additional Funding for Avenue 50 Bridge Over the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel**

Martin Magaña presented the staff report. A brief member discussion ensued, and Mr. Kirk noted how important it is to get projects shovel-ready in order to access state and federal funding opportunities.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PEABODY TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO AN EXISTING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG AND THE CITY OF COACHELLA, PROVIDING FINAL DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FUNDING FOR THE AVENUE 50 BRIDGE OVER THE COACHELLA VALLEY STORMWATER CHANNEL, IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,902,835, INCLUDING A REGIONAL SHARE OF \$4,427,126, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES BEFORE EXECUTING THE AGREEMENT.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

**C. Additional Funds for 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program – Cathedral City ATP Projects**

Eric Cowle presented the staff report.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$201,972 IN REGIONAL FUNDING FOR CATHEDRAL CITY'S 2019 ATP PROJECTS, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$961,081, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CLARIFICATIONS TO THE AGREEMENTS WITH KOA AND CATHEDRAL CITY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
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MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

**D. Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement for the Avenue 48 between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road Widening Project**

Eric Cowle presented the staff report and member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG, THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE CITY OF COACHELLA FOR THE AVENUE 48 BETWEEN VAN BUREN STREET AND DILLON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000 FOR FINAL DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES BEFORE EXECUTION.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

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

County Transportation Director Patricia Romo served as the Riverside County voting member for the remainder of the meeting.

**E. Creation of the FED UP Task Force to Address Railroad-Related Negotiations**

Erica Felci presented the staff report and member discussion ensued about making sure the task force had broad representation from cities as well as community and business stakeholders.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CVAG CHAIR AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR, TO ESTABLISH THE FACILITATING EQUITABLE DEALS WITH UNION PACIFIC (FED UP) TASK FORCE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR ROMO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**7. 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) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- e) CV Link

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments were submitted.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings via Zoom:

**Transportation Committee – Monday, November 2, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

**Executive Committee – Monday, September 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Matas adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Erica Felci*  
CVAG Assistant to the Executive Director