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HOT TOPIC: More Interchange News

By Allyn Waggle

Can there ever be too much news about the interchange projects planned for Interstate 10? We recently reported on the status of the Ramon Road/ Bob Hope Drive interchange project, which officially began work on February 3rd. The majority of the initial phases of work will involve transporting and placing large volumes of soil to be formed into the new ramps for the Bob Hope Drive elevated crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, and for the new crossing of Interstate 10. The plan is for this work to occur over night, in order to disrupt daytime traffic as little as possible.



ditional federal stimulus funds, should that source become available. Both projects are in the final stages of design approval and permit acquisition. Barring any unforeseen problems, both projects are anticipated to be out to bid in the spring, with construction for both to begin in late-summer/ early-fall. It is becoming more and more likely that the Coachella Valley will have four interchange projects under construction at one time, and as early as the end of 2010!

Riverside County is the lead agency for three of the four interchange projects; Caltrans is responsible for the fourth. To coordinate the activities at all four construction sites the County has retained a project manager to oversee schedules and delivery timetables for all the on-site contractors in order to impact the public as little as possible. You can follow these projects at the website set up for the public, www.i10cvcprojects.com. The county is planning to install closed circuit cameras at all the sites once construction begins so the viewing public can track progress on all the sites in real time.

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The contractor for the Palm Drive/ Gene Autry Trail interchange project has announced a construction start date of March 1st. This project involves demolishing the existing two-lane overcrossing and replacing it with a new six-lane structure in the same alignment. On-and-off-ramps will also be reconfigured to eliminate the need to make left turns to enter the highway, a major cause for delay.

The schedules for the next two interchange projects, at Indian Avenue and at Date Palm Drive, have been accelerated in order to qualify to receive any ad-

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HOT TOPIC: CVAG Leads Aerial Imagery Project

The use of aerial imagery is continually expanding. Current, high resolution imagery is becoming vital for public safety uses as well as general planning. Fire trucks in the Coachella Valley now carry a high resolution aerial image that automatically zooms into the location of a call, allowing public safety personnel an overview of an incident area even before arriving on the scene. Some police cars are similarly equipped.



Six inch image contracted for CVAG purchase.



NAIP image available free every four or more years.

High quality aerial imagery is expensive but projects for multiple jurisdictions can be done at tremendous cost savings when done under a single contract. There is only one cost to fly and process aerial imagery for a specific area so multiple partners can share the costs of overlapping areas. Plus, combining several jurisdictions into a single contract gives us the ability to negotiate a lower cost per square mile flown. When a large area such as the urban area of the Coachella Valley is flown, there is also a commercial market for the resulting aerial imagery. In that case, the participating jurisdictions can often save half the cost of the project by only buying the rights to use the aerial photography with the vendor retaining the overall rights and selling the aerial imagery on the commercial market.

CVAG has acted as the lead in several aerial photography projects in the Coachella Valley, most recently in 2007 as part of a much larger project throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. There were plans to essentially recreate that project this year but these failed to materialize due to the current economic conditions. In response to requests from CVAG jurisdictions for high resolution aerial imagery, CVAG is now developing an aerial imagery project. We have just completed a request for proposals for aerial imagery and selected Digital Mapping, Inc (DMI) as the vendor. We were able to negotiate very favorable prices for a wide range of aerial imagery products. The contract prices are valid until December 31, 2012 so our jurisdictions will have firm prices for budgeting for several years and the ability to cooperate on larger projects that will further reduce the cost to each jurisdiction.

- Jim Sullivan

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Executive Committee Meeting February 22, 2010

ACTION

- Received and filed the financial reports for FY 2008/09.
- Approved a funding agreement with Riverside County's Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) for the operations of Roy's Desert Resource Center (DRC) for \$2,425,493.
- Authorized staff to pursue Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from member jurisdictions for Roy's DRC with consent of the jurisdiction.
- Authorized staff to make requests for a minimum of \$3,000 from each member jurisdiction, in memory of Councilmember Alan Seman, to continue the Bus Pass Program.
- Approved the Contract for Aerial Imagery with Digital Mapping, Inc.
- Approved a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to Southern California Edison for the Local Government Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Strategies program on behalf of our member jurisdictions and the Desert Cities Energy Partnership and authorized the Chair or Executive Director to sign all necessary documents.
- Approved the Contract with IMS Infrastructure Management Services for the Regional Pavement Management System for a Fee of Not to Exceed \$148,133.
- Supported formation of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Coachella Valley Programs and Projects Committee; approved changing the meeting date of CVAG's Transportation Committee from the second Monday of the month to the first Monday of the month; and approved changing the meeting start time to 10:00 am.
- Approved the reimbursement agreement by and between CVAG, the County of Riverside and the City of Desert Hot Springs for allocation of SAFETEA-LU Demonstration Funds for the interchange project at Interstate 10 and Palm Drive/Gene Autry Trail.
- Approved an amendment to the agreement with the City of Indio for the Varner Road Project, between Adams Street and Jefferson Street, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.
- Amended the agreement with Jewish Family Service of San Diego for operations of Roy's DRC.
- Approved a policy for Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy.
- Approved a letter of support for AB 960 – Body Armor Ban.

UPCOMING CVAG MEETINGS

MARCH 2010

Executive Committee

March 29 at 6:00 p.m. (Suite 119)

*Technical Advisory Committee

March 8 at 1:30 p.m. (Suite 119)

*Transportation Committee

March 1 at 10:00 a.m. (Suite 119)

Transportation Technical Advisory Subcommittee

March 22 at 12:00 noon (Suite 119)

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee

March 11 at 12:00 noon (Suite 119)

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

March 11 at 11:00 a.m. (Suite 119)

Energy & Water Conservation Subcommittee

March 18 at 8:00 a.m. (Suite 119)

AB939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group

March 8 at 3:00 p.m. (Suite 200)

Public Safety Committee

March 8 at 10:00 a.m. (Suite 119)

Homelessness Committee

March 17 at 10:00 a.m. (Suite 119)

Human & Community Resources Committee

March 17 at 12:00 noon (Suite 119)



****New date and time for committee meetings!***

CVAG's Executive Committee comprises 30 members. Voting members (17) are Riverside County supervisors, mayors and chairs of CVAG cities and tribes or their designees. Nonvoting members (13) are county, city and tribal managers.

Executive Committee Roster

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Mayor Joseph DeConinck, City of Blythe
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