

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2012**



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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Greg Pettis, City of Cathedral City.

2. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Greg Pettis
Councilmember Steven Hernandez
Councilmember Scott Matas
Mayor Doug Hanson
Councilmember Mike Wilson
Mayor Pro Tem Terry Henderson
Mayor Pro Tem William Kroonen
Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat
Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Moller
Supervisor John J. Benoit
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Andreas

AGENCY

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
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Joey De Coninck
C. Mikel Oglesby, General Manager

AGENCY

City of Blythe
SunLine Transit Agency

ALSO PRESENT

Marcus Bannerman
Robert Manning
Connie Mitchell
Tomas Oliva
Margaret Park
Kay Toliver

AGENCY

Desert Electrical Supply
Southwest Rail
SunLine Transit Agency
SCAG
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
CHJ Consultants

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Allyn Waggle
Gary Leong
Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Michael Shoberg
Lance Albrecht
Joanna Stueckle

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Foat led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

5. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk discussed the acquiring of a Caltrans grant for the Parkway 1e11 project. Mr. Kirk indicated that Basem Muallem would be attending the meeting to introduce himself to the members of the Transportation Committee. Unfortunately, Mr. Muallem was running behind. Mr. Kirk requested that the agenda be taken out of order, taking item 7C before 7B to allow extra time for Mr. Muallem to arrive.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the June 4, 2012 Transportation Committee Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PETTIS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 4 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MAYOR PRO TEM FOAT ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE.

B. **Receive and File**

- 1) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- 2) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 3) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- 4) CVAG 2012/13 Meeting Schedule

THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Election of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 – Tom Kirk**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MOLLER TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER PETTIS AS CHAIR AND MAYOR PRO TEM KROONEN AS VICE CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR FY 2012/13. THE MOTION CARRIED.

C. **Update on Regional Transportation Projects and the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan – Allyn Waggle and Katie Barrows**

Katie Barrows, Director of Environmental Resources, gave a presentation on the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan in relation to regional transportation project mitigation. No action was taken.

B. **Introduction of Basem E. Muallem, Caltrans District 8 Director – Tom Kirk**

Mr. Kirk introduced Basem Muallem, Caltrans District 8 Director. Mr. Muallem stated that he started with Caltrans with the District 7 office in Los Angeles, worked for many years as the Deputy Director in the District 8 office and with the leaving of Dr. Ray Wolfe, has become the Director. Mr. Muallem indicated that he was focused on moving projects forward, including the Jefferson, Monroe and all other active projects in the Coachella Valley. Mr. Muallem pledged to do everything he could to move the projects into the building phase and get people to work. Mr. Muallem also pledged to be a continued partner to CVAG and its jurisdictions.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Transportation Committee – Monday, November 5, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee – Monday, September 24, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, September 24, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Also announced was the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Richard Milanovich bridge on Belardo and Sunny Dunes. The date of this ceremony is September 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Stueckle
Executive Assistant