

ITEM 6A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013**



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, April 1, 2013 at 9:00 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 Joey De Coninck
Councilmember Greg Pettis
Councilmember Steven Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Matas
Councilmember Doug Hanson
Councilmember Terry Henderson
Mayor Jan Harnik
Councilmember Ginny Foat
Councilmember Ted Weill
Regional Office Manager Bob Lyman
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Andreas
C. Mikel Oglesby, General Manager

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
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
SunLine Transit Agency

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Wilson

AGENCY

City of Indio

ALSO PRESENT

Councilmember Iris Smotrich
Mayor Pro Tem Karen Spiegel
Donald Bradburn
Apolonio Del Toro
Joe Forgiarini
Carrie Gilbreth
Rudy LeFlore
Robert Manning
Anne Mayer
Mike Morrow
Khalib Nasim
Margaret Park
Sheldon Peterson
Brian Rix
John Standiford

AGENCY

City of Rancho Mirage
City of Cororna
SunLine Transit Agency
SunLine Transit Agency
SunLine Transit Agency
Westbound Communications
SunLine Transit Agency
Southwest Rail
RCTC
SunLine Transit Agency
County of Riverside
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
RCTC
Burke Rix Communication
RCTC

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Allyn Waggle
Gary Leong
Michael Shoberg
Joanna Stueckle

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Weill led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Manning, Southwest Rail, commended Tom Kirk on the CVAG comment letter regarding the California State Rail Plan.

5. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HANSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. Approve the February 4, 2013 Transportation Committee Minutes

B. Approve Resolution No. 13-001 in Support of Assembly Bill 225

THE MOTION CARRIED.

C. Receive and File

- 1) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 2) Parkway1e11 Status Report
- 3) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- 4) Comment Letter on California State Rail Plan
- 5) CVAG Approved Future Reimbursements
- 6) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- 7) Consider Potential, Interim Use of CVAG Property as Energy Park

THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Consider RCTC Proposition 1b Funds for Seed Funding a Coachella Valley Rail Fund and the set-aside of 10% of Coachella Valley Transit Development Act Funds for a Future Passenger Rail Program - Allyn Waggle**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HANSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HARNIK TO:

- 1) ENTER AN MOU WITH RCTC TO ESTABLISH AN INITIAL COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY RCTC PURSUANT TO POLICY DIRECTION FROM CVAG'S TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE;**
- 2) WORK WITH RCTC TO ESTABLISH THE COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL FUND THAT WOULD UTILIZE \$4.2 MILLION IN PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS AS START UP/ SEED FUNDING;**
- 3) ESTABLISH A 90% BUS TRANSIT / 10% PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES SPLIT POLICY FOR COACHELLA VALLEY TDA FUNDS WHICH WOULD BE PROGRESSIVELY PHASED IN OVER A PERIOD OF 3-4 YEARS;**
- 4) ESTABLISH THAT THE COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL FUND WOULD INITIALLY BE USED TO CONDUCT STATION DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, PROVIDE SOME STAFF (RCTC) SUPPORT, AND PROVIDE INITIAL CAPITAL FUNDING FOR APPROVED STATIONS;**
- 5) BEGIN SEEKING MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE TDA FUNDS AND TO TIGHTEN, AS NECESSARY, THE LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY THAT THE AUTHORITY IS NOT ESTABLISHED TO OPERATE BUSES.**

THE MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Consider Incentives/Disincentives Policy to Encourage Continuous Participation in Regional Programs – Allyn Waggle**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILEMBER FOAT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON TO APPROVED CVAG POLICY 13-03 AS OUTLINED BELOW:

CVAG MEMBERS THAT FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE TUMF AND MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM PAY ONLY 25% OF THE COST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WHILE CVAG PAYS 75%. FOR THOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT DO NOT FULLY PARTICIPATE IN TUMF AND/OR THE MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM, THEIR SHARE OF PROJECTS BECOMES 75% WHILE CVAG'S SHARE WILL BE 25%. ADDITIONALLY, FOR THOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT CAUSE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS DUE TO WITHDRAWING FROM THE MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM, THEY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 100% OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COSTS.

NOTES:

- 1. THE PROPOSED POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AS CVAG/CVCC PROCESSES THEIR INCLUSION INTO THE MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM NOR DOES IT APPLY TO THE CITY OF LA QUINTA AS THE CITY AND CVAG PROCESS THEIR INCLUSION INTO THE TUMF PROGRAM.**

2. IT IS THE PROPOSED INTENT THAT ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POLICY IMPOSED ON A JURISDICTION NOT BE RECOVERABLE IF THE JURISDICTION LATER DECIDES, AND CVAG AND/OR ALLIED AGENCIES AGREE, TO RE-ENTER THE TUMF AND/OR MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Consider Amendment Number One to the Reimbursement Agreement by and between CVAG and the County of Riverside for the Avenue 56 (Airport Boulevard) Grade Separation Project – Allyn Waggle

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEILL TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CVAG AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE AVENUE 56 (AIRPORT BOULEVARD) GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- D. Selection of Consultant for the Public Outreach Program for the Parkway 1e11 as Funded by the Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant – Michael Shoberg

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HANSON TO APPROVE SELECTION OF WESTBOUND COMMUNICATIONS AND BURKE RIX COMMUNICATIONS AS CONSULTANTS FOR THE PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR THE PARKWAY 1e11 AS FUNDED BY THE CALTRANS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OF PALM DESERT CITY MANAGER TO USE PART OR ALL OF THE \$22,500 DEPOSITED WITH THE CITY FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON VOTING NAY.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Transportation Committee – Monday, May 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee – Monday, April 22, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, April 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

Executive Assistant