

ITEM 6A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 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, October 7, 2013 at 9:03 a.m. by Mayor Jan Harnik, City of Palm Desert.

2. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Joey De Coninck
(via teleconference)
Councilmember Greg Pettis
Mayor Eduardo Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Matas
Councilmember Douglas Hanson
Councilmember Glenn Miller
Councilmember Terry Henderson
Mayor Jan Harnik
Councilmember Ginny Foat
Councilmember Ted Weill
Supervisor John Benoit
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Andreas
Interim General Manager Roger Snoble

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
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
SunLine Transit Agency (Non-Voting Member)

ALSO PRESENT

Margaret Park
Ken Seumalo
Patty Romo
Barrett Newkirk
Joe Forgiarini
Robert Manning
John Sandiford
Sheldon Peterson
Robert Yates
Jennifer Harmon
Allie Rackerby
Kay Toliver
Basem Muallem

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indian Wells
Riverside County
The Desert Sun
SunLine Transit
Southwest Rail
RCTC
RCTC
RCTC
RCTC
RCTC
CHJ Consultants
Caltrans

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk

Allyn Waggle
Aurora Wilson
Gary Leong
Lance Albrecht
Linda Rogers

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eduardo Garcia led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Manning announced the California Inaugural Rail Summit on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Mr. Manning requested permission to use CVAG's logo for the event. Chair Harnik asked if there were any objections from the committee for the request to use CVAG's logo. There being no objections from the committee, Mr. Manning was permitted to use CVAG's logo for this event.

5. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk announced the Mobility 21 Conference in Los Angeles on October 29th. Members of this committee including Mr. Kirk will be attending the conference on the 29th, and will attend the SCAG meeting on October 30th to discuss the CV Link project.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 6B.1, Status of I-10 Interchange Projects, was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. A separate vote was taken for Item 6B.1.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MATAS TO:

A. Approve the June 3, 2013 Transportation Committee Minutes

B. Receive and File

- 1) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- 2) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 3) CV Link Status Report
- 4) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- 5) Desert Sun Article Regarding Date Palm Dr./I-10 Interchange Project

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe **Aye**

THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR (EXCLUDING 6B.1), WITH ABSTENTIONS FROM THE CITIES OF COACHELLA, INDIAN WELLS AND INDIO ON THE MINUTES, ITEM 6A.

IT WAS THEN MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM 6B.1, PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR, IN ORDER FOR DISCUSSION TO OCCUR.

A roll call vote was taken on Item 6B.1 for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Retirement of debt identified in the 2003 Audit of the Regional PM-10 Street Sweeping Program

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER, TO PAY BACK THE REMAINING \$2,552,971 DEBT OWED TO RCTC AND CALTRANS FROM THE 2003 AUDIT WHICH IDENTIFIED INELIGIBLE COSTS RELATED TO THE REGIONAL PM-10 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM, THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE STEPS TO:

- 1) Amend the FTIP to deprogram \$2.0 million obligated for CVAG's purchase of new street sweepers and assign these funds to pay down the debt;
- 2) Utilize approximately \$552,971 from the balance of leftover CMAQ funds from completed projects from the 2011 FTIP (or \$1,557,681) to pay down the remainder of the debt; and
- 3) Add the remaining leftover CMAQ funds (or \$1,004,710) to the "pot" of MAP 21 funds.

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED.

B. Recommendations for Disbursement of Federal Transportation MAP 21 CMAQ Funds

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT, SECONDED BY MAYOR GARCIA, WITH CVAG'S APPORTIONMENT OF MAP 21 CMAQ FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS; APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- 1) Delay and shift CVAG's commitment to prioritize this Round of CMAQ funding of the City of Palm Desert's Mid Valley Bike Path Project by:
 - a. Allocating priority funding from this cycle to CV Link
 - b. Set aside funding in the next round of CMAQ funding for the City's project
- 2) Authorize a commitment of \$12.6 Million of MAP 21 funds to the eastern portion of CVAG's CV Link Project to provide matching funds to a \$10 million grant from the Desert Healthcare District
- 3) Appoint Mayor Jan Harnik, Transportation Committee Chair, to participate on an Ad Hoc Task Force to develop the 2014 Call for Projects; for approximately \$8,203,228.

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM THE CITY OF LA QUINTA.

C. Jefferson St. Interchange Proportionate Share

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER, TO APPROVE DRAFT PERCENTAGES FOR THE JEFFERSON STREET INTERCHANGE PROPORTIONATE SHARE.

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE NAY VOTE FROM THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY.

D. Consider Designation of 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds for the Jefferson Street/Interstate 10 Interchange Project and the CV Link Project

At the request of Councilmember Henderson, the motion was broken up into two separate recommendations.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PETTIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER, CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF 2014 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13.8 MILLION FOR THE JEFFERSON STREET/ INTERSTATE 10 INTERCHANGE PROJECT.

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT, CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF 2014 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2 MILLION FOR THE CV LINK PROJECT.

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM THE CITY OF LA QUINTA.

E. Consider Agreement with City of Coachella to provide funds for Bridge over Whitewater River and Interchange at SR86 on Avenue 50

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PETTIS, TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO PROVIDE REGIONAL FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT WORK FOR A NEW BRIDGE OVER THE WHITEWATER RIVER AND A NEW INTERCHANGE AT STATE ROUTE 86, BOTH ON AVENUE 50, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,108,500.

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED.

- F. Consider Agreement with City of Cathedral City to provide funds for Improvement of Date Palm Drive between Interstate 10 and Varner Road

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT, TO APPROVE A THREE-PHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF DATE PALM DRIVE BETWEEN INTERSTATE 10 AND VARNER ROAD WITH A TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$3.116 MILLION (CVAG'S 75% REGIONAL SHARE EQUALS \$2.337 MILLION).

A roll call vote was taken for the City of Blythe:

Blythe Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Transportation Committee – Monday, November 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee – Monday, November 25, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, October 28, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rogers

Program Assistant II