

**ITEM 6A**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2015**



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 6, 2015 at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Ted Weill, City of Rancho Mirage.

**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 Shelley Kaplan  
Mayor Adam Sanchez  
Councilmember Doug Hanson  
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller  
Councilmember Robert Radi  
Councilmember Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Ginny Foat  
Councilmember Ted Weill  
Supervisor John Benoit  
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Andreas

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe (Via Video Conferencing)  
City of Cathedral City  
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 ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Perez  
Lauren Skiver

**AGENCY**

City of Coachella  
SunLine Transit Agency (Non-Voting Member)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Rosario Avila  
Carla Dietrich  
Steve Finger  
Dian Grace  
Michael Harrington  
Bruce Harry  
Hugh Hoard  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan  
Robert Manning  
Joe Mc Kee  
Barret Newkirk  
Tomas Oliva  
Margaret Park  
Judy Shea  
Councilmember Iris Smotrich  
Thomas Smotrich

**AGENCY**

Michel Baker International  
OCV  
Four Seasons  
  
City of Rancho Mirage  
RLP  
City of Palm Desert  
Southwest Rail  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
The Desert Sun  
SCAG  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Desert Hot Springs Community Task Force  
City of Rancho Mirage

Lewis Stewart  
Bob Terry  
Councilmember Charles Townsend  
Terri Whitaker

ABC  
People Over Pollution  
City of Rancho Mirage  
RLP

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Allyn Waggle  
Gary Leong  
Lance Albrecht  
Joanna Stueckle

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Doug Hanson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Manning, Southwest Rail, invited members of the Transportation Committee to the Coachella Valley Passenger Rail Summit. Supervisor Benoit thanked Mr. Manning for his efforts.

**5. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk reported on the Jefferson Street Interchange ground breaking ceremony and indicated that the project was underway.

Mr. Kirk announced that staff would be recommending the CV Link Master Plan and the Operations and Maintenance Fund (O and M) items be continued, indicating that more analysis and discussion were required. Mr. Kirk also announced the receipt of the local advertisement awards by CVAG for the CV Link video and website.

Chair Weill announced that the City of Rancho Mirage is not opposed the CV Link, adding that he agreed that more discussion and analysis was needed regarding the O and M. Chair Weill also announced that those in attendance wishing to comment on the CV Link items will have time during the meeting to do so.

Councilmember Doug Hanson announced that he was glad to return to the Transportation Committee as the City of Indian Wells' member.

Councilmember Ginny Foat asked for an update regarding the TUMF Nexus Committee. Mr. Kirk indicated that an update would be given during item 7E.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A. APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**B. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-001 DESIGNATING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS CVAG'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE ALL MASTER AGREEMENTS, PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS, FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS, FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENTS AND/OR ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CV LINK PROJECT.**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, SHELLEY, SANCHEZ, HANSON, RADI, HARNIK, FOAT, WEILL, BENOIT, AND ANDREAS VOTING AYE AND MEMBER PEREZ ABSENT AND MEMBER MILLER ABSTAINING FROM APPROVAL OF MINIUTES.

**C. 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) REGIONAL PROJECTS FUNDED FROM CVAG REGIONAL FUNDS AND/OR CVAG ASSIGNED STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS FROM FY 2010 TO MID-FY 2015
- 6) COACHELLA VALLEY-SAN GORGONIO PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR INFORMATION

THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.

**6.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Cap and Trade Concerns – Tom Kirk**

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEEK ADMINISTRATIVE OR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE STATE’S CAP AND TRADE PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD MAKE PROJECTS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY MORE COMPETITIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**B. CV Link Final Master Plan Presentation - LeGrand Velez**

**C. Establish and Fund CV Link Operations and Maintenance Fund – Tom Kirk**

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER TO CONTINUE ITEMS 7B – CV LINK FINAL MASTER PLAN AND ITEM 7C – ESTABLISH AND FUND CV LINK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND.

Staff provided a background report on the Master Plan.

The following Public Comments were received:

Michael Harrington commented on how the CV Link was a way to improve and connect infrastructure.

Bob Terry, People Over Pollution, commented that he was not against the CV Link, but was against where the funding for the project originated. Mr. Terry suggested the CV Link begin in Desert Hot Springs.

Hugh Hoard, Rancho Mirage resident, announced that he was not happy that the CV Link would be built behind their back yard and is planned to go through golf courses.

Judy Shea, Desert Hot Springs Community Task Force, discussed the task force programs, including the pool project located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Desert Hot Springs.

Rosario Avila, Cathedral City resident, commented on the community workshops held to discuss CV Link, suggesting more notice prior to the workshops.

A discussion ensued among Transportation Committee members.

**THE MOTION TO CONTINUE ITEMS 7B AND 7C CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, SHELLEY, SANCHEZ, HANSON, MILLER, RADI, HARNIK, FOAT, WEILL, BENOIT, AND ANDREAS VOTING AYE.**

- D. **Consider Amendment Number One to the Agreement with the City of La Quinta in the amount of \$400,000 for the Adams Street Bridge Project – Allyn Waggle**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LA QUINTA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 AS THE CVAG REGIONAL SHARE (75%) FOR THE ADAMS STREET BRIDGE PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, SHELLEY, SANCHEZ, HANSON, MILLER, RADI, HARNIK, FOAT, WEILL, BENOIT, AND ANDREAS VOTING AYE.**

- E. **2015 TPPS, RACE, TUMF/Nexus Study, ATP Update Presentation; TPPS Road List Finalization; and Draft Chapter 1 (Study Organization) - Michael Baker International/RBF Consulting and Mark Chappell**

Carla Dietrich, Michael Baker International gave a presentation. Mark Chappell also gave an update on the status of the TUMF Nexus Committee.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Transportation Committee – Monday, May 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Executive Committee – Monday, April 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

Executive Assistant