

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAY 4, 2015**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 9:01 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
- Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
- Mayor Adam Sanchez
- Councilmember Ted Mertens
- Councilmember Troy Strange
- Councilmember Robert Radi
- Councilmember Jan Harnik
- Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat
- Mayor Pro Tem 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 (During item 4)
- 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**

- Scott Bangle
- Bill Barry
- Jeri Barry
- Jeanne Blackburn
- Patricia Lock Dawson
- Ernie Figueroa
- Beverly Barr Ford
- Diana Grace
- Isaiah Hagerman
- Paul Harris
- Mayor Dana Hobart
- Edie Hylton
- Michael Jones
- John Lieswyn
- David Liggett
- Gary Lueders
- Dan Malcolm

**AGENCY**

- County of Riverside Parks
- Four Seasons Resident
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- Four Seasons Resident
- Santa Ana River Trail Partnership
- Parsons
- SunLine Transit Agency
- Four Seasons Resident
- City of Rancho Mirage
- Friends of CV Link
- City of Rancho Mirage
- City of La Quinta
- SunLine Transit Agency
- Alta Planning
- Four Seasons Resident
- Friends of CV Link
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Bob Manning  
Jesse Marx  
Phenvana Panpradith  
Anita Petke  
Victor Ranieri  
Brian Rix  
Ed Schiller  
Councilmember Charles Townsend  
Josh Zipperman

Southwest Rail  
The Desert Sun  
SunLine Transit Agency  
SunLine Transit Agency  
Four Seasons Resident  
Burke Rix Communications  
Friends of CV Link  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Burke Rix Communications

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Allyn Waggle  
Gary Leong  
LeGrand Velez  
Mark Chappell  
Lance Albrecht  
Joanna Stueckle

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sanchez led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeri Barry, Four Seasons resident, presented committee members with binders of information and opposes the CV Link being built behind Four Seasons.

A discussion ensued among members regarding the location of CV Link in this area.

Bob Manning, Southwest Rail, discussed the recent Passenger Rail Summit in Sacramento. Mr. Manning handed out copies of the program.

### **5. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk discussed the recent awarded of a \$3 million Federal Railroad Association grant that will assist in paying for environmental work on a Coachella Valley train. Members discussed positive aspects of the train stopping in the Coachella Valley and a meeting that took place with Senator Feinstein's office regarding this issue.

Councilmember Jan Harnik announced the SCAG annual conference that would be taking place on the coming Thursday and reminded members that the RTP and Active Transportation Plan would be discussed.

### **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FOAT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

#### **A. Approve the April 6, 2015 Transportation Committee Minutes**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, PETTIS, SANCHEZ, MERTENS, RADI, HARNIK, FOAT, WEILL, BENOIT, ANDREAS VOTING AYE; MEMBER STRANGE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE; AND MEMBER PEREZ ABSENT.**

**B. Receive and File**

- 1) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- 2) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 3)
  - a) CV Link Status Report
  - b) CV Link Status Report – Rancho Mirage Supplement
- 4) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster

These items were received and filed.

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

None.

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. CV Link Operations and Maintenance Cost Estimate – LeGrand Velez**

Mr. Kirk offered to give a brief overview of the item. Councilmember Mertens reported on recent discussions from the Executive Committee members, whereby members asked staff to send information to the cities regarding operations and maintenance (O&M); schedule a meeting of city staff (city managers, finance, public works) and law enforcement; and then schedule a meeting with elected officials and their staff to discuss the CV Link O&M.

Councilmember Mertens followed his comments by making the following motion:

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS TO TABLE THIS ITEM BASED ON ACTION TAKEN AT THE APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. MAYOR SANCHEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Comments were received by Supervisor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Kirk informed members that the Executive Committee did not take action. Executive Committee members discussed putting an item on the next agenda, however did not direct staff to stop working on the project or slow work down. Mr. Kirk added that there were members of the Executive Committee that supported the notion that more information was necessary which lead to the placement of this item on the agenda.

Councilmember Mertens withdrew his motion.

The presentation given included statements from John Lieswyn (Alta Planning), Edie Hylton (City of La Quinta), Scott Bangle (Riverside County Parks), Patricia Lock Dawson (Santa Ana River Trail Partnership), and LeGrand Velez and Allyn Waggle (CVAG).

Committee member discussion ensued.

The following public comments was taken:

Mayor Dana Hobart discussed the comments he previously made to the Executive Committee regarding operations and maintenance costs for the CV Link, the use of Measure A funds, and the use of transient occupancy tax (TOT) dollars for the project.

Supervisor Benoit commented that the Executive Committee will continue to discuss the issues outlined by Mayor Hobart.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Transportation Committee – Monday, June 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Executive Committee – Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

(The May meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on the first Monday in June due to the Memorial Day Holiday.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

Executive Assistant