

**ITEM 6A**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2015**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, August 31, 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
Mayor Adam Sanchez  
Councilmember Doug Hanson  
Councilmember Troy Strange  
Councilmember Robert Radi  
Councilmember Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Ginny Foat  
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill  
Supervisor John Benoit  
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Andreas  
Lauren Skiver

**AGENCY**

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  
SunLine Transit Agency (Non-Voting Member)

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES ABSENT**

Councilmember Joey De Coninck  
Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Perez

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Coachella

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan  
Mayor Dana Hobart  
Mike Adams  
Rosario Avila  
Bill Barry  
Jeri Barry  
M. Bryant  
Bill Carter  
John Criste  
Marnell Farley  
Steve Finger  
Mike Fontana  
Beverly Barr Ford  
James Griswald  
Isaiah Hagerman  
Michael Harrington  
Sondra Jones

**AGENCY**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Rancho Mirage Planning Commission  
Cathedral City Resident  
Four Seasons Resident  
Four Seasons Resident  
Rancho Mirage Resident  
  
Terra Nova Planning & Research  
OCV  
  
Rancho Mirage Resident  
SunLine Transit Agency  
  
City of Rancho Mirage  
  
Thunderbird Cove HOA

Kevin Kelly  
Bob Manning  
Jesse Marx  
Jack McGraw  
Charlie McClendon  
Larry Nichols  
Tomas Oliva  
Cynthia Orozco  
Denise Robeige  
Anita Petke  
Mike Rose  
Mark Sambito  
Sean Smith  
Daniel Trevino  
Murray Quance  
Josh Zipperman

Palm Desert Resident  
Southwest Rail  
The Desert Sun  
Thunderbird Cove HOA  
City of Cathedral City  
Rancho Mirage Planning Commission  
SCAG  
Burke Rix Communications

SunLine Transit Agency  
Alta Planning & Design  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Rancho Mirage  
CVAG Volunteer  
Burke Rix Communications

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Gary Leong  
Dennis Woods  
Erica Felci  
Mark Chappell  
Lance Albrecht  
Joanna Stueckle

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

Councilmember Robert Radi led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Manning, Southwest Rail, announced that the California Rail Summit would be taking place in April of 2016. Mr. Manning encouraged members to attend.

Jeri Barry, Palm Springs resident, discussed wind issues for residents of the Four Seasons and suggested alternatives be looked at for the CV Link.

Michael Harrington expressed his opinion about the lack of integration CV Link has with the youth and suggested that there are things that can be done to connect the community.

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

Tom Kirk announced that Allyn Waggle retired and introduced Dennis Woods as the new Transportation Director.

Mr. Woods addressed committee members indicating that he was attracted to CVAG for the incredible work that has been accomplished.

Mr. Kirk discussed a meeting and tour with Assemblyman Garcia, which included Chair of the Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee Jim Frazier, CVAG Chair, Mayor Stan Henry, Supervisor John Benoit, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis, Councilmember Jan Harnik, among other invitees. Attendees were taken on a tour of the eastern valley, including the Jefferson Street interchange, and parts of the proposed CV Link. Cap and trade issues were also discussed.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED COUNCILMEMBER RADI AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT TO:**

- A. APPROVE THE MAY 4, 2015 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 MEMBER ABSTAINING, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. Election of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2015/ 2016 – Tom Kirk**

Councilmember Foat made a motion to nominate Councilmember Doug Hanson as Chair of the Transportation Committee. Supervisor Benoit seconded that motion.

Councilmember Harnik asked that the motion be amended to include Councilmember Foat as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee. Councilmember Foat agreed.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT TO NOMINATE COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON AS CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBER FOAT AS VICE CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**B. Contract Amendment Number 1 with RBF/Michael Baker Approving Contingency Items for the 2015 TPPS, RACE, TUMF/Nexus Study, ATP Update – Mark Chappell**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI TO 1) RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL CONTRACT AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 WITH RBF/MICHAEL BAKER APPROVING CONTINGENCY ITEMS FOR THE 2015 TPPS, RACE, TUMF/NEXUS STUDY, ATP UPDATE AND; 2) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT AMENDMENT NUMBER 1.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**C. Consider Amendment Number One to the Agreement with City of La Quinta for the Dune Palms Road Bridge Project – Dennis Woods**

Staff presented the report. The following public comments were taken:

Mayor Dana Hobart, City of Rancho Mirage, discussed how this project was not named in the TPPS and expressed his concern regarding the use of Measure A.

Member discussion ensued and a motion was made.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PETTIS TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LA QUINTA FOR THE DUNE PALMS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,862,250, INCREASING CVAG'S 75% SHARE OF LOCAL COSTS TO \$3,369,000, CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATE AND POSITIVE LEGAL OPINION FROM RCTC.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**D. CV Link Early Action Segment in Cathedral City, Including Amendments to Existing CV Link Engineering and Environmental Contracts – LeGrand Velez**

Mr. Kirk introduced Charlie McClendon, City Manager of Cathedral City, to present the report. The following public comments were taken:

Mayor Dana Hobart, City of Rancho Mirage, expressed two concerns: 1) regarding moving forward with a portion of CV Link before knowing the cost each city will be asked to pay for operations and maintenance (O & M); and 2) regarding the potential of Measure A funds being applied to O & M.

Rosario Avila, Cathedral City resident, asked questions regarding the Human Impact Assessment, including the release of the document. Ms. Avila also expressed concern regarding the fairness of Cathedral City resident access to the CV Link.

Marnell Farley, Palm Desert resident, spoke against the Cathedral City segment, adding that it made sense to establish a ground level bike path. Ms. Farley also submitted a request for public information.

Member discussion ensued and a motion was made.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT TO AUTHORIZE CVAG STAFF TO AMEND EXISTING CV LINK CONTRACTS IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH A CV LINK EARLY ACTION SEGMENT IN CATHEDRAL CITY ON THE WEST BANK OF THE WHITEWATER CHANNEL BETWEEN VISTA CHINO AND RAMON ROAD. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CATHEDRAL CITY AND OTHER PARTIES TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, WITH CATHEDRAL CITY ACTING AS LEAD AGENCY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**E. Amend Contract with Alta Planning + Design to complete CV Link Master Plan and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Transportation Plan – Dennis Woods for LeGrand Velez**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE CVAG STAFF TO AMEND A CONTRACT WITH ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN FOR WORK NECESSARY TO UPDATE AND FINALIZE THE CV LINK MASTER PLAN AND NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS	AYE

**F. Additional CV Link Alternatives through Rancho Mirage – Erica Felci for LeGrand Velez**

Staff presented the report. The following public comments were taken:

Mayor Dana Hobart, City of Rancho Mirage, discussed the difficulties of finding a route through Rancho Mirage, adding that he made a suggestion of using the northern edge of the City of Ramon Road during a prior Executive Committee meeting.

Isaiah Hagerman, City of Rancho Mirage, discussed the advantages of an alternative map that the City developed. Mr. Hagerman suggested that Rancho Mirage staff and CVAG staff meet to discuss the issues at a meeting, adding the last thing Rancho Mirage wants is to have no CV Link in the city. Mr. Hagerman also said that there was no reason to spend the money and analyze 19 linear miles.

Mike Fontana, Rancho Mirage resident, expressed concerns that a roadway was being created, open 24 hours a day, adding that it would need to be patrolled. Mr. Fontana also stated that the project has happened without notification and requested that residents be notified in the future.

James Griswald indicated that he supported CV Link and supported the original plan of CV Link through Rancho Mirage as it seemed to him to be the most cost effective route.

Rosario Avila, spoke about the Dream Homes area of Cathedral City and the design of the trail.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI TO:**

**DIRECT STAFF MEET WITH RANCHO MIRAGE TO DISCUSS ONE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND STUDY THAT ONE; AND BRING THAT PROPOSAL BACK WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF ANALYZING JUST THAT PROPOSAL, IN ADDITION TO THE NO BUILD PROPOSAL IN RANCHO MIRAGE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT	AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS	AYE

- G. Amendment to CV Link Environmental Services Contract with Terra Nova Regarding Visual Impact Assessment and Contingency Budget for Future Out of Scope Work Possibly Required by Regulatory Agencies – Dennis Woods for LeGrand Velez

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FOAT AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENOIT TO:

- 1) APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO CV LINK CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA TO PREPARE A VISUAL IMPACT ANALYSIS AND OTHER VISUAL ANALYSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000; AND, AUTHORIZE THE CVAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT.
- 2) APPROVE A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA; AND, AUTHORIZE THE CVAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND THE FUNDS AS NECESSARY.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER JOEY DE CONINCK	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM GREG PETTIS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MANUEL PEREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR ADAM SANCHEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DOUG HANSON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TROY STRANGE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM TED WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JOHN BENOIT	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY ANDREAS	AYE

8. **INFORMATION**

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- c) Information Related to San Gorgonio Pass – Coachella Valley Passenger Rail Program  
Members briefly discussed this issue and indicated that an update would be given by RCTC.
- d) CV Link Operations and Maintenance Workshops
- e) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- f) Response to Riverside County Transportation Commission Strategic Assessment

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Transportation Committee – Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Executive Committee – Monday, September 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

Executive Assistant