

ITEM 5B

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020**



The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>
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1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by CVAG Chair Glenn Miller, Mayor, City of Indio at 4:31 p.m. via a Zoom webinar, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A roll call was taken of the Executive Committee, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck
Mayor John Aguilar
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ty Peabody
Mayor Glenn Miller
Mayor Linda Evans
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Geoff Kors
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe
Tribal Councilmember Brenda Soulliere
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella *(Arrived at Item 3)*
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta *(Arrived at Item 3)*
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside 4th District
County of Riverside 5th District *(Left after Item 10B)*
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians *(Arrived at Item 3)*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington

AGENCY

County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District

3. CALL TO ORDER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by CVAG Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs, at 4:32 p.m. via a Zoom webinar, which was pursuant to

Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. ROLL CALL OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A roll call was taken of the Transportation Committee, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ty Peabody
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Robert Radi
Councilmember Jan Harnik
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Lauren Skiver

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella *(Arrived at Item 3)*
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs *(Left during Item 10C)*
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside 4th District
SunLine Transit Agency *(Non-voting member)*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyson Atwood
Anne Azzu
M Boer
Tony Cardenas
Steve Cherry
Jennifer Cusack
Bryan Elenes
Jesse Frescas
Chris Freeland
Marcus Fuller
Isaiah Hagerman
Aaron Hake
Gary Lueders
Jon McMillen
Carlos Ortiz
Araceli Palafox
Bill Pattison
Luke Rainey
David Ready
Terry Renner
Greg Rodriguez
Patricia Romo
Mike Rose
Jim Rothblatt
David Salgado

AGENCY

Anser Advisory
KOA

City of La Quinta Resident
Southern California Edison
Advantec Consulting Engineers
GKK Works
City of Indian Wells
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
RCTC
Friends of CV Link
City of La Quinta
Advantec Consulting Engineers
Lift to Rise
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs
TKE Engineering
County of Riverside
County of Riverside
Alta Planning
Friends of CV Link
SCAG

Justin Schlaefli
Paul Slama
Erin Sasse
Brittney Sowell
Taylor Libolt Varner
Candice Velasco
Josh Zipperman

Resident Engineer
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
League of California Cities
SunLine Transit Agency
Lift to Rise
TKE Engineering
Burke Rix Communications

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Erica Felci
Martin Magaña
Katie Barrows
Eric Cowle
Joanna Stueckle
Murray Quance
Bassam Al-Beitawi
Libby Carlson
Beverly Newton
Trisha Stull
Jon Hoy
Mike McDonagh
Mike Jenkins

CVAG Contract staff
CVAG Contract staff
CVAG Legal Counsel

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Taylor Libolt Varner, Lift to Rise, spoke on item 13B, the Regional Early Action Planning Program (REAP) funding, and about the opportunity this grant would bring to create affordable housing the Coachella Valley.

Steve Cherry, a resident of the City of La Quinta, previously submitted written comment. However, Mr. Cherry spoke on item 10B, the construction contract for the next phase of CV Link, and requested town hall meetings for Indio and La Quinta be held to inform residents about the project details.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kirk expressed his appreciation to everyone that was part of the effort to get CV Link to this stage, including CVAG staff, project partners, funding agencies, the consulting team and other agencies involved.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar was first considered by the members of the Transportation Committee with the following result.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO:

- A. ADOPT CVAG POLICY 20-03 TO ESTABLISH THE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**
- B. ADOPT CVAG RESOLUTION 20-006 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT STATE, FEDERAL OR LOCAL FUNDING FOR CV LINK AND OTHER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**
- C. APPROVE A RESOLUTION 20-007, MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REGARDING THE SUNRISE CONNECTOR PROJECT RELATED TO CV LINK, CONSIDER A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADDENDA, ADOPT APPLICABLE MITIGATION MEASURES, AND APPROVE THE SUNRISE CONNECTOR PROJECT**
- D. APPROVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA PLANNING & RESEARCH, INC., FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$15,471 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN EASEMENT FROM THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR CV LINK, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES BEFORE EXECUTION**

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 9A CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 1 ABSTAINMENT AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT. THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 9B THROUGH 9D CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 2 ABSTAINMENTS AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE (A), ABSTAIN (B-D)
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	ABSENT

The consent calendar was then considered by the members of the Executive Committee with the following result.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KORS TO:

- A. ADOPT CVAG POLICY 20-03 TO ESTABLISH THE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

- B. ADOPT CVAG RESOLUTION 20-006 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT STATE, FEDERAL OR LOCAL FUNDING FOR CV LINK AND OTHER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
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THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE ITEM 9A WITH 14 AYES, 1 ABSTAINMENT AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT. THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE ITEMS 9B THROUGH 9D WITH 13 AYES, 2 ABSTAINMENTS AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE (A), ABSTAIN (B-D)
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

9.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

10. JOINT DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Construction Management Services for CVAG’s Regional Signal Synchronization – Eric Cowle

Eric Cowle presented staff report. A discussion ensued among the Transportation Committee members.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PEABODY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TKE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PHASE I OF CVAG'S REGIONAL SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,620,200, WHICH INCLUDES A 15% CONTINGENCY.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	ABSENT

The item moved forward for Executive Committee consideration, additional discussion, and action.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TKE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PHASE I OF CVAG'S REGIONAL SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,620,200, WHICH INCLUDES A 15% CONTINGENCY

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 AYES, 1 ABSTAINION, AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSTAIN
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ AYE

B. Construction Contract award for CV Link Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Project Segment 1 (Federal Aid Project No. RPSTPL-6164(023), Project No. CVL-2015-0309), and additional subsegments – Jonathan Hoy

Jonathan Hoy presented staff report and the staff recommendation to move forward with CV Link construction plans, including Segment 1 and additional sub-segments.

The item was discussed by the Transportation Committee members first. It was suggested that the recommendation be amended so that the Chairs of the Executive and Transportation Committees are aware of any changes and modifications.

IT WAS MOVED WITH BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH AMES CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$52,733,359, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY, FOR SEGMENT 1 AND, AS RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FINALIZED, ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATIVES A, B AND C; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT BEFORE EXECUTION, SO LONG AS THOSE CHANGES ARE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 2 ABSTAINIONS, AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	ABSTAIN
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	ABSENT

The item moved forward for Executive Committee consideration, additional discussion, and action that included the amendment mad by the Transportation Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH AMES CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$52,733,359, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY, FOR SEGMENT 1 AND, AS RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FINALIZED, ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATIVES A, B AND C; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT BEFORE EXECUTION, SO LONG AS THOSE CHANGES ARE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, 3 ABSTAINMENTS, AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	ABSTAIN
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	ABSTAIN
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

C. Contract Amendment with Alta Planning & Design – Martin Magana

Martin Magana presented the staff report. The item was discussed by the Transportation Committee members first.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING & DESIGN FOR \$398,580 PLUS, A 10 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$438,438; EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO JANUARY 30, 2023; AND, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES/REVISIONS BEFORE EXECUTION

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 2 ABSTAINMENTS, AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	ABSTAIN
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	ABSENT

The item moved forward for Executive Committee consideration, additional discussion, and action.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR AGUILAR TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING & DESIGN FOR \$398,580 PLUS, A 10 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$438,438; EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO JANUARY 30, 2023; AND, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES/REVISIONS BEFORE EXECUTION

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, 2 ABSTAINMENTS, AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	ABSTAIN
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Zoom Webinar:

Transportation Committee – Monday, November 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

12. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Transportation Committee business, Chair Matas adjourned the Transportation Committee's portion of the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

Joanna Stueckle
Executive Assistant