

ITEM 5A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**



The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Hernandez, City of Coachella, on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 10 a.m. via Zoom videoconference, which was pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and the findings made by CVAG.

2. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT

Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez, Chair
Mayor Scott Matas
Councilmember Dana Reed, Vice Chair
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Jan Harnik
Mayor Grace Garner
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Downs
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

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 (*arrived at Item 6A*)
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Jessica Norte
Tribal Chair Thomas Tortez
Lauren Skiver (Ex Officio member)

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
SunLine Transit Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hernandez acknowledged the new Committee members and welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Steve Downs and Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick. Chair Hernandez also provided an update from the Riverside County Transportation Commission's workshop last week, where members discussed the transportation relief plan and strategies on how to fund it.

Executive Director Tom Kirk noted that 2023 is the start of CVAG's 50th anniversary year. Mr. Kirk also highlighted Agenda Item 7e and provided an update on broadband

coordination with the CV Sync project.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY:

A. **Approve the November 7, 2022 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER NORTE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Update on California Association of Councils of Governments – Councilmember Jan Harnik**

Councilmember Harnik, who is CVAG’s representative at the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG), provided an update on legislative priorities and the regional conference being held in March.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. **CV Sync Construction and First Uses of the Traffic Management Centers – Eric Cowle**

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle presented the staff report and an update on CV Sync construction. Member discussion ensued with members highlighting the opportunities for improved traffic flow at future events.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. **Amendment to Advantec’s CV Sync – Phase II Contract to Provide for Construction Support Services – Eric Cowle**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 WITH ADVANTEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,000,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CV SYNC PHASE II PROJECT AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT END DATE TO MARCH 31, 2025

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER NORTE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

D. Update on Regional Efforts to Secure State and Federal Funding – Emmanuel Martinez

Senior Programs Manager Emmanuel Martinez provided the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

7. INFORMATION

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- c) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- d) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- e) Update on State’s Middle Mile Broadband Efforts in the Coachella Valley
- f) REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program Funding Opportunities

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with additional meeting logistics to be announced.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

Based on an inquiry about the looming expiration of the Governor’s emergency order, staff provided background on Legal Counsel’s input on AB 361 and the use of virtual meetings.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
Assistant Executive Director