

ITEM 5A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 3, 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, April 3, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, in the City of Palm Desert. Videoconferencing was available from the City of Blythe.

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 Pro Tem Steve Downs
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (*arrived at item 3*)

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 Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Jessica Norte
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Tribal Chair Thomas Tortez

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Palm Springs
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Desert Hot Springs Councilmember Russell Betts expressed his interest in being reappointed to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Transportation Committee as CVAG's regional representative.

4. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk welcomed the committee back to its first in-person meeting and gave meeting logistics with regard to Zoom capabilities and the Brown Act. Mr. Kirk announced that CVAG has moved offices, with the exception of the CV Housing First team and Regional Traffic Management Center, which remains at CVAG's location on Fred Waring. CVAG's new offices are now located at the One El Paseo building on the corner of Highway 111 and El Paseo.

Chair Hernandez noted the State's efforts to shift to electrical vehicles and expressed interest in developing advanced master plans for electrical vehicles and what that would look like for the Coachella Valley.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve the February 6, 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Adopt a 7.4-percent increase in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) rates to take effect January 1, 2024, and update the TUMF Handbook to reflect the revised fee upon its effective date**

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

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

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation on SB 821 Call for Projects

CVAG Transportation Director Jon Hoy introduced Edward Emery, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Senior Management Analyst, who provided an overview of the upcoming funding opportunity for SB 821 projects.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Expansion of Commuter & Motorist Assistance Program to Coachella Valley

Director Hoy introduced County RCTC Program Manager Brian Cunanan, who presented the Commuter and Motorist Assistance update. A brief member discussion ensued, including feedback on call boxes.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Appointment of Regional Representative to SCAG Policy Committee

Conservation Program Manager Peter Satin provided the staff report and noted the incumbent, Councilmember Betts, had expressed interest in staying on the committee. Only one nomination was made.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MATAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO REAPPOINT COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS TO SCAG's TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

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

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

D. Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant for Broadband Master Plan

Program Manager Emmanuel Martinez provided an update on SB 156 and the broadband master plan grants that have been awarded to CVAG and its jurisdictions.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MATAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ACCEPT \$978,460 TO CONDUCT A COACHELLA VALLEY BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN, INCLUDING EXECUTING THE NECESSARY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S LOCAL AGENCY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

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

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

E. Improvements on Avenue 50 as part of CV Sync- Phase II

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle gave the staff report, including an update on Phase I of the regional signal synchronization program. Program Manager Kristopher Gunterson gave an update on how CV Sync was helping traffic during the BNP Paribas.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARIK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. EXECUTE A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT WITH CROSSTOWN ELECTRICAL & DATA, INC., FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$5,630,464.50 TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION BID ALTERNATE A3- AVENUE 50 FOR PHASE II OF CV SYNC, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT BEFORE EXECUTION; AND**
- 2. WORK WITH THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS TO BID ALTERNATIVE A3 OF PHASE II OF CV SYNC**

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

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COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
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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

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Betts commented on graffiti removal efforts and asked the Committee to review it along Interstate 10.

Prior to the meeting's conclusion, Committee members also provided updates. Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez announced he will be hosting a delegation from Colima, Mexico from April 5th-7th and invited Committee members to attend a signing ceremony with the delegation on Friday, April 7.

Councilmember Harnik announced the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) General Assembly would be held May 4-5 at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert. SCAG will also be hosting workshops for Connect SoCal at UCR Palm Desert Campus on May 2.

Councilmember Harnik, who represents CVAG on the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG), noted CALCOG's recent annual meeting was highly focused on regionalism, and she highlighted CV Sync and how CVAG stands out for its regional approaches and achieving results.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, 92260

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, 92260.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely Regalado
Management Analyst