

ITEM 5A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2022**



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, August 29, 2022 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

Tribal Councilmember Jessica Norte
Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Mayor Jan Harnik
Mayor Steven Hernandez, Chair
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Dana Reed, Vice Chair
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Councilmember Ted Weill
Transportation Director Mark Lancaster

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

MEMBERS/ EX OFFICIOS ABSENT

Lauren Skiver (Ex Officio member)

SunLine Transit Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Steven Hernandez commented and Blythe Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck commented on the recent storm damage to Interstate 10 east of the Coachella Valley, and praised the efforts of Caltrans to repair and reopen the highway.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY:

A. APPROVE THE JUNE 6, 2022 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER NORTE	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR LANCASTER	AYE

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Seven Dirty Little Secrets of CVAG’s Transportation Program – Tom Kirk

The Chair acknowledged members of the Executive Committee who were in attendance: Indio Mayor Waymond Fermon and La Quinta Mayor Linda Evans. Executive Director Tom Kirk presented the staff report, including both project and program highlights.

Member discussion ensued. No action was taken on this informational item.

B. Design and Engineering Services for the Western Coachella Valley Flooding and Blowsand Projects – Phase One – Jonathan Hoy

Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued, including noting the importance of stakeholder engagement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR SCOTT MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR DANA REED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (MBI) TO PROVIDE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOODING AND BLOWSAND PROJECTS – PHASE ONE

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER NORTE	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR LANCASTER	AYE

C. Amendment No. 2 to the Reimbursement Agreement for the Avenue 48 between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road Widening Project – Eric Cowle

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR DANA REED TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG, THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE CITY OF COACHELLA FOR THE AVENUE 48 BETWEEN VAN BUREN STREET AND DILLON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, ADDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,450,000, WITH CVAG’S SHARE OF \$2,587,500, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION TO AUGUST 31, 2023; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES BEFORE EXECUTION

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER NORTE	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR LANCASTER	AYE

D. Election of Transportation Committee Officers – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk opened the election and solicited a call for nominees. Mayor Reed and Councilmember Weill nominated Mayor Hernandez for re-election as Chair. Mayor Harnik and Mayor Hernandez nominated Mayor Reed for re-election as vice chair. There were no other nominees.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR JAN HARNIK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY TO REELECT THE OFFICERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – CHAIR STEVEN HERNANDEZ AND VICE CHAIR DANA REED – FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023.

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MAYOR HERNANDEZ	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
- e. Feedback from Members on the Continued Use of Virtual Meetings

These items were placed in the agenda for member information. At a member's request, Mr. Kirk provided additional details on the survey that was conducted to solicit feedback on virtual meetings.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
Assistant Executive Director