

ITEM 5A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021**



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 Scott Matas, City of Desert Hot Springs, on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom meeting, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT

Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Raymond Gregory
Mayor Scott Matas, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Dana Reed
Mayor Elaine Holmes
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Radi
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

AGENCY

City of Blythe
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 (*Left at Item 7*)

MEMBERS/ EX OFFICIOS ABSENT

Mayor Steven Hernandez, Vice Chair
Lauren Skiver (Ex Officio member)

City of Coachella
SunLine Transit Agency

ALSO PRESENT

Brittney Sowell
David Salgado
Gustavo Gomez
Jackie Lopez
Joel Montalvo
Luke Rainey
Marcus Fuller
Margaret Park
Martin Magaña
Michael McDonagh
Mark Lancaster

SunLine Transit Agency
SCAG
City of Indio

City of Palm Springs
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
CVAG Consultant
CVAG Consultant
County of Riverside

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Erica Felci

Jonathan Hoy
Eric Cowle
Joanna Stueckle
Oscar Vizcarra
Beverly Newton

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kirk announced staffing changes to CVAG, which included Jonathan Hoy as the Transportation Director, while Martin Magaña continues to focus his efforts on right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions for CV Link. Mr. Kirk also gave an update on the first meeting of the FED UP Task Force. Mr. Kirk concluded his comments by discussing the CV Link groundbreaking and potential for federal earmarks, which would benefit transportation projects.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO:

- A. APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
- B. ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE REPORT IN FULFILLMENT OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MIGIGATION FEE ACT**
- C. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RENOVA ENERGY, EXTENDING ITS ADOPT A LINK PARTNERSHIP FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS TO COVER THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE FIRST SEGMENT OF CV LINK**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT ON ITEMS 5A AND 5B; AND 9 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT ON ITEM 5C.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM REED	AYE/ABSTAIN - ITEM 5C
MAYOR HOLMES	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM RADI	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on CALCOG and Statewide Efforts – Palm Desert Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik

Mayor Pro Tem Harnik, who represents CVAG at CALCOG, presented an update that included highlights from the recent annual conference, legislation and importance of creating regional partnerships. Mayor Pro Tem Harnik also reported on CALCOG discussions regarding earmarks for use on large transportation projects and their recommendations that projects be shovel ready and worthy of federal fund.

This was an informational item. No action was taken.

B. Flooding and Blowsand Projects in Western Coachella Valley – Jonathan Hoy

Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued. Supervisor Perez suggested staff contact South Coast Air Quality Management District regarding their participation and the potential for funding.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVANCE IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH INDIAN CANYON ROAD, VARNER ROAD AND DATE PALM DRIVE (SOUTH OF VARNER ROAD) AS IDENTIFIED IN THE “FLOOD AND BLOWSAND RISK ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY” AS IDENTIFIED AS PROJECT NUMBERS INCN7, VRNR2, AND DPLM5B.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM REED	AYE
MAYOR HOLMES	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM RADI	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

C. Cash Flow Analysis for Regional Transportation Projects – Jonathan Hoy

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued. Members supporting the need for a value-engineering study to be conducted. However, there were concerns raised about changing the cost-sharing policy now, as there are questions about the impact of federal dollars and other alternatives to a 50-50 split. Staff was directed to bring the cost-sharing policy back to the Transportation Committee in six months.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GREGORY TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE A VALUE-ENGINEERING STUDY AND UPDATE PROJECT EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES FOR PROJECTS WITHIN CVAG’S TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION STUDY (TPPS); AND REVIEW AND PROVIDE FURTHER ANALYSIS ON THE IMPACTS OF RETURNING CVAG’S COST-SHARING POLICY BACK TO THE ORIGINAL 50/50 FORMULA SPLIT FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION PHASE, WHILE MAINTAINING A 75/25 SPLIT FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM REED	AYE
MAYOR HOLMES	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM RADI	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

D. Funding Capacity of California’s Highway Bridge Program – Jonathan Hoy

Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

There was 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) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Contract Status Report
- d) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- e) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- f) Update on ATP Cycle 5 awards
- g) Coordination with SunLine Transit Agency

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Harnik discussed the regional signal synchronization projects, and the implications for broadband. She suggested that all jurisdictions come together to help secure federal earmarks as a region.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings via Zoom videoconference:

Transportation Committee – Monday, May 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, April 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Matas adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Newton
CVAG Office Assistant