

ITEM 5A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2020**



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, November 23, 2020 at 10:30 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

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ty Peabody
Councilmember Waymond Fermon
Councilmember Robert Radi
Councilmember Jan Harnik
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
Director of Transportation Patricia Romo
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel

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
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Steven Hernandez

City of Coachella

ALSO PRESENT

Brittney Sowell
Todd Pitner
Miguel Gonzalez
Gustavo Gomez
David Salgado
Carlos Ortiz
Mark Lancaster
Mike McDonough
Bryan Elenes
Jonathan Hoy
Jacqueline Lopez

SunLine Transit Agency
Michael Baker
Michael Baker
City of Indio
SCAG
Advantec
County of Riverside
CVAG consultant

CVAG consultant

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Erica Felci

Martin Magaña
Eric Cowle
Bassam Al-Beitawi
Oscar Vizcarra
Joanna Stueckle
Beverly Newton

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were submitted.

4. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kirk provided an update on the regional signal synchronization project, as the request for construction bids are due today. Mr. Kirk also acknowledged the retirement of Patricia Romo, the longtime Transportation Director for the County of Riverside.

Mr. Kirk announced that staff is recommending Item 6B be tabled for today in order to allow for additional coordination.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PEABODY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO:

A. APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2, 2020 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 2 ABSTENTIONS, AND 1 ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSTAIN
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	ABSTAIN
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION ROMO	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR

None

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Addressing Flooding and Blowsand in Western Coachella Valley – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk and Todd Pitner, of Michael Baker International, presented the staff report and an overview of the alternatives identified. Member discussion ensued. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Pitner

addressed questions.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PEABODY TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH THE CITIES OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY AND PALM SPRINGS TO FURTHER REFINE AND ADVANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE “FLOOD AND BLOWSAND RISK ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY,” WHICH COME AT A SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER COST THAN PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS TO FREQUENTLY CLOSED ROADWAYS

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION ROMO	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

B. Changeable Message Sign on Palm Drive – Eric Cowle

Staff recommended that this item be tabled until a future meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION ROMO	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

C. Finalizing Design of the Interstate 10 / Monroe Street Interchange Project – Martin Magana

Martin Magana presented the staff report and member discussion ensued, including a discussion about getting priority projects shovel ready.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PEABODY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE MONROE STREET / INTERSTATE 10 INTERCHANGE PROJECT, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FINAL DESIGN AND PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AT A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,765,200, INCLUDING A REGIONAL SHARE OF \$4,323,900.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION ROMO	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

D. Improvements to Intersection of Avenue 50 and Jackson Street – Martin Magana

Martin Magana presented the staff report and member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RADI TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO FOR THE AVENUE 50 AND JACKSON STREET INTERSECTION PROJECT, EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER WHILE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR FINAL DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PHASES, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,294,600, INCLUDING A REGIONAL SHARE OF \$970,950

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, AND 1 ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION ROMO	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

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) Contract Status Report

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were submitted.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings via Zoom:

Transportation Committee – Monday, January 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Matas adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Newton
CVAG Office Assistant