

ITEM 6A

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Hernandez, City of Coachella, on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 10:02 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, 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

Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez, *Chair*
Mayor Scott Matas
Councilmember Toper Taylor (*arrived at item 5*)
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Mayor Jan Harnik, *Vice Chair*
Councilmember David Ready
Mayor Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

AGENCY

City of Blythe (*via Zoom*)
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
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Member Virginia Siva-Gillespie
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Indian Wells Public Works Director Ken Seumalo addressed Item 7A and thanked CVAG staff for their efforts controlling and directing traffic during the BNP Paribas tennis tournament, which saw record breaking attendance numbers.

5. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk reports Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) will have the freeway patrol service extending through the Coachella Valley again for the upcoming Coachella Fest and Stagecoach weekends.

Mr. Kirk also reports CVAG has submitted congressional earmark requests for the Interstate 10/ Varner Road Bypass project.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO:

- A. Approve the Minutes of February 3, 2025, Transportation Committee Meeting**
- B. Adopt a 2.03 percent increase in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) rates to take effect January 1, 2026, and update the TUMF Handbook to reflect the revised fee upon its effective date**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a construction contract with Granite Construction Company for a not-to-exceed amount of \$544,444, including a 10 percent contingency, for the CV Link Community Connector project in the City of Coachella**

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

6.1. ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Presentation: CV Sync Coordination for BNP Paribas Open and major events**

Program Manager Kris Gunterson provided a recap of CV Sync's coordination with cities, including the traffic management for the BNP Paribas Open and plans for the upcoming major Coachella and Stagecoach music festivals.

No action was taken as this was an information-only item.

- B. Contract Amendment for CV Sync Phase II Construction Management**

Assistant Director of Transportation Mark Lancaster presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued with Councilmember Taylor requesting a detailed overview of CV Sync and CV Link for new committee members.

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

C. Ad Hoc Committee Focused on Improving Interstate 10

Mr. Kirk presented the staff report and opened the floor for nominations to fill a two vacancies on the ad hoc committee.

Mayor Harnik moved to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Gregory as recommended in the staff report and added Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick be appointed to the second vacancy.

No other nominations were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES TO APPOINT CATHEDRAL CITY MAYOR PRO TEM RAYMOND GREGORY AND LA QUINTA COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT WORKS WITH CALTRANS ON INTERSTATE 10 IMPROVEMENTS

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

D. Improvements along Avenue 50 from Oates Lane to State Route 86

Program Manager Julie Mignogna gave the staff report.

Brief member discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of a conditional pay back provision being added to recommendation in the event that the project is not constructed.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO INCLUDE A CONDITIONAL PAY BACK PROVISION AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO PROVIDE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES (PS&E) AND RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ACQUISITION OF PHASE 2 OF THE AGREEMENT FOR A NEW AVENUE 50 BRIDGE OVER THE WHITEWATER RIVER AND A NEW INTERCHANGE AT AVENUE 50 AND STATE ROUTE 86, INCLUSIVE OF ADDING A SEGMENT OF AVENUE 50 BETWEEN OATES LANE AND CABAZON DRIVE, EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER TO JULY 2029 AND INCREASING REGIONAL COST SHARE BY \$5,375,000

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

E. CV Link Extension to the Salton Sea

Ms. Mignogna presented the staff report.

Brief member discussion ensued, with Supervisor Perez noting the community interest in the extension project.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. EXECUTE A SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DOKKEN ENGINEERING, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,227,502, TO CONDUCT A PROJECT STUDY REPORT-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT (PSR-PDS) PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT FOR THE CV LINK MECCA/NORTH SHORE EXTENSION PROJECT; AND**
- 2. EXECUTE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR A 50-50 COST SHARE, WITH CVAG'S SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$613,751**

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

- F. CV Link Construction Contract Approval Authority
- G. Contract Amendment with Alta Planning & Design for CV Link
- H. Contract Amendment with Anser Advisory for CV Link

These three agenda items were presented and discussed concurrently. Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy provided an overview that included details of the construction status, the need for additional contract approval authority and related amendments.

Member discussion ensued regarding the contingency fund amount, the increase of construction prices over the years, and discussions regarding future maintenance responsibilities of CV Link. Staff addressed members' questions about the project schedule and costs.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO:

- (ITEM F) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE CV LINK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH AMES AND GRANITE FOR A COMBINED, NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$15,000,000
- (ITEM G) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 15 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING & DESIGN FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$198,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND
- (ITEM H) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ANSER ADVISORY FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$2,276,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |

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| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

I. Next Steps for the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) Update

Assistant Director of Transportation Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,482,275 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE 2016 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION STUDY (TPPS) AND COMPANION DOCUMENTS

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

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| TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE | ABSENT |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY | AYE |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| MAYOR HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER READY | AYE |
| MAYOR WEILL | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |

8. INFORMATION

- a) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- b) Regional Transportation Projects Status Report
- c) Additional funding for the Interstate 10/Monroe Street Interchange Project

These items were placed in the agenda packet for members' information.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado
Management Analyst- Administration