

## **ITEM 6A**

# **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**



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, February 3, 2025, at 10 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  
Councilmember Waymond Fermon  
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Mayor Jan Harnik  
Councilmember David Ready  
Councilmember Steve Downs  
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**

Indio Councilmember Waymond Fermon led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **5. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Tom Kirk provided an update on the California Transportation Commission's December meeting in Riverside, where he and Chair Hernandez advocated for additional Active Transportation Program funding.

Mr. Kirk also updated the Committee on the collaboration with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) staff to establish guidelines for federal funds that will allow for funds to be more evenly distributed.

Rancho Mirage Councilmember Steve Downs commented on RCTC's Traffic Relief Plan and discussions over a potential sales tax measure, and suggested the Transportation Committee plan to discuss it at a future meeting.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON TO:**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2024, Transportation Committee Meeting**
- B. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a no-cost Temporary Access Agreement with Goldenvoice, LLC to facilitate the construction of a CV Sync traffic operations center to manage event-related traffic**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to spend up to \$250,000 for flagging services and associated work related to CV Link construction under Union Pacific Railroad in Indio**

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

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

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. Presentation: Express lanes and other innovative approaches for improving Interstate 10**

RCTC Toll Delivery Director David Thomas presented an update on the study via Zoom. Due to a technical issue, this item was paused mid-presentation and resumed after Item 7B, when member discussion ensued.

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

- B. Appointment of Regional Representative to SCAG Policy Committee**

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report and reported two candidates who had expressed interest in being appointed to the Southern California Association of Governments' Transportation Committee: Indian Wells Councilmember Taylor Toper and Palm Springs Councilmember David Ready

Chair Hernandez opened the floor for each candidate to address the Committee regarding their interest and address questions from members.

Following the discussion, the Committee nominated Councilmember Ready to SCAG's Transportation Committee. The roll call vote tally showed 1 vote for Councilmember Taylor, 9 votes for Councilmember Ready, one member abstaining and two members absent.

	<u><b>SUPPORT FOR</b></u>
<b>TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR DECONINCK</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR</b>	<b>TAYLOR</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>MAYOR HARNIK</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER READY</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOWNS</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>READY</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

Following the vote, RCTC's presentation resumed.

#### **C. Implementation of the Enterprise Asset Management System (EAM) Project**

Assistant Transportation Director Randy Bowman gave the staff report.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DOWNS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR CLOUD SERVICES, END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT, AND STATEMENT OF WORK AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH UNIVERUS INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENTERPRISE ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$719,488**

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

<b>TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR DECONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER READY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DOWNS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**D. Cool Streets for Affordable Housing Neighborhoods Program**

Program Manager Julie Mignogna gave the staff report. Brief discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT \$748,500 FROM THE GOVERNORS' OFFICE OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE INNOVATION'S EXTREME HEAT AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM TO LAUNCH THE COOL STREETS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM**

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

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

**E. ELECTION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR**

Mr. Kirk presented the staff report and opened the floor for nominations.

Chair Hernandez nominated Mayor Harnik. No other nominations were received.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO APPOINT MAYOR HARNIK AS THE TRANSPORTATION VICE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

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

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

8. **INFORMATION**

- a) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- b) Regional Transportation Projects Status Report

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

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

None

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Harnik announced that California Association of Councils of Governments and SCAG will be in Sacramento in March advocating for funds for our local area.

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, April 7, 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, February 24, 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 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elysia Regalado*  
*Management Analyst- Administration*