

ITEM 6A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**



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, November 4, 2024, 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
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez, *Chair*
Councilmember Dana Reed, *Vice Chair*
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

AGENCY

City of Blythe (*via Zoom*)
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Member Virginia Siva-Gillespie
Mayor Scott Matas
Councilmember Lisa Middleton

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Indian Wells Councilmember Dana Reed led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk highlighted the staff's next steps in developing criteria for the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS), which was the focus of the Committee's special meeting in October.

Mr. Kirk also announced the State's recommendation of projects to receive Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding. He noted that no Riverside County projects were

funded in the statewide round, but that CVAG staff was doing an analysis of what projects may compete in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) round, specifically in Coachella and Indio.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Transportation Committee Meeting**
- B. Approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Transportation Committee Special Meeting**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to take the following actions for the Arts & Music Line project:**
 - 1. Execute Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with Albert A. Webb Associates to increase the contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,950; and**
 - 2. Execute Amendment No. 4 of the existing reimbursement agreement with the City of Indio to cover the costs of the additional work, with CVAG's additional share totaling \$36,102 for pre-construction services**
- D. Authorize the Executive Director and Chair to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Coachella for the Project Study Reports (PSR) for the Dillon Road Interstate 10 Interchange and the Dillon Road SR 86 Interchange and Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Document for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel project for an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$27,905.87**
- E. Approve Amendment No. Three to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of La Quinta for the Dune Palms Road Bridge Project, providing an additional \$26,706 and extending the time trigger through December 2025**
- F. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Indio for the Jefferson Street Widening Project (Avenue 38 - Sun City Boulevard), extending the time trigger to December 2025 to allow for completion of the Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Studies (PA&ED) Phase**
- G. Approve Amendment Number Two to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Cathedral City for the Cathedral Canyon Bridge project to provide improvements in an amount not-to-exceed of \$525,000, inclusive of a signal crossing benefitting CV Link**
- H. Adopt CVAG's Legislative Platform for the next two-year legislative cycle**

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Next Steps for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Projects

Conservation Program Manager Peter Satin provided the staff report and the recommended agreements.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE: 1. A SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CR ASSOCIATES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,599,574, TO CONDUCT PROFESSIONAL AND OUTREACH SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REAP 2.0 CV LINK COMMUNITY CONNECTORS PHASE I ANALYSIS; AND 2. A SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,670,485, TO CONDUCT PROFESSIONAL AND OUTREACH SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REAP 2.0 COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED STUDY

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

B. Anticipated Community Project Funding (Earmarks)

External Affairs Program Manager Emmanuel Martinez provided the staff report, with Mr. Kirk discussing the project partners for the CV Link extension. Member discussion ensued, including discussion of working with Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians to tap into

additional funding.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS AND ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT FEDERAL DOLLARS THROUGH COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE, EMERGENCIES AND SAND STORMS (ACCESS) PROJECT ON INDIAN CANYON DRIVE AND THE CV LINK NORTH SHORE/SALTON SEA EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$5 MILLION AND \$250,000, RESPECTIVELY

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

C. Next Funding Phase for the Jackson Street/ Interstate 10 Interchange Project

Assistant Transportation Director Randy Bowman gave the staff report. Brief discussion ensued among members.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE JACKSON STREET/ INTERSTATE 10 INTERCHANGE PROJECT, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$4,875,000 IN REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION (ROW) PHASE

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

D. Improvements to intersection of Avenue 50 and Jackson Street

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

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO FOR THE AVENUE 50 AND JACKSON STREET INTERSECTION PROJECT, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$5,643,750 IN REGIONAL FUNDING FOR PHASE I CONSTRUCTION, AND BRINGING CVAG'S TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$6,839,700

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

E. Amendment No. 2 to the Reimbursement Agreement with City of Indio for the Avenue 44 Bridge Project

Ms. Mignogna gave the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG AND THE CITY OF INDIO FOR THE AVENUE 44 BRIDGE PROJECT, INCREASING CVAG'S REGIONAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT BY \$5,660,500 FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL OF \$8,876,500 FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ

AYE

F. **Contract Amendment with Alta Planning & Design for CV Link**

Committee members indicated that no staff presentation was needed.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 14 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING & DESIGN FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$295,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL JULY 1, 2025

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL MEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

8. **INFORMATION-**

- a) Status of I-10 & SR 86 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- c) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- d) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- e) Developing Criteria for the 2025 Update of the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS)

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, January 6, 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,

December 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

Prior to the meeting adjournment, Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez made two additional announcements. One related to Assembly Bill 98 and the development of warehouses, which impacts transportation infrastructure and planning for goods movement. The second related to the cost of animal services, which he said would be an item that is coming before cities in the coming months.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
Chief Operating Officer