

ITEM 6B

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in the City of Palm Desert.

2. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez, *Chair*
Mayor Scott Matas
Councilmember Dana Reed, *Vice Chair**
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
Councilmember Grace Garner (*alternate*)
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill (*alternate*)
Supervisor V Manuel Perez
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

AGENCY

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
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

**Arrived at item 6A*

MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Tribal Member Virginia Siva-Gillespie

AGENCY

City of Blythe
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Desert Hot Springs Mayor Scott Matas led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk announced that due to the nature of today's topic of discussion and the unique structure of the meeting, this is an in-person meeting only today with no Zoom option. He also explained that Blythe Mayor Joseph DeConinck had offered to attend in person but that staff advised the discussion was on valley-specific project priorities.

6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Proposed Criteria for the 2025 Update of the Transportation Project Prioritization Study**

Mr. Kirk led the committee in an extensive interactive discussion process determining the investment priority of several transportation projects to be used to provide direction for updating of the upcoming 2025 Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS). The following topics were discussed during this item for consideration of criteria in the next TPPS: improve pavement condition; fill system gaps; reduce congestion; reduce accidents; encourage infill development; improve climate and disaster resiliency; improve access in and out of the Coachella Valley; add pedestrian and bicycle routes; improve aesthetics; improve access in and out of events; build infrastructure in disadvantaged communities; and improve mobility for disadvantaged people.

Members provided comparative rankings for the various options and provided feedback to staff. Staff indicated that they will be circulating the list and feedback from the Committee to member jurisdictions' staff for additional feedback before returning to the committee.

7. **INFORMATION**

- a) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- b) Recap from California Association of Councils of Governments

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

None.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, 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.

City of Palm Desert Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik, who serves as CALCOG's Board of Directors Second Vice President, highlighted Agenda Item 7B and the advocacy work done this year.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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