

ITEM 6A

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**



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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, September 11, 2023, at 11 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
Mayor Scott Matas
Councilmember Dana Reed, Vice Chair
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Jan Harnik
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Downs
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez (*arrived at item 4*)

AGENCY

City of Blythe
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

MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva-Gillespie

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Reed led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Harnik led a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the terrorist attacks 22 years ago on September 11th.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CHAIR/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary

Executive Director Tom Kirk presented a PowerPoint presentation of before and after photos of the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary to areas of the Coachella Valley. Jason Uhley, General Manager for Flood Control and Water Conservation District addressed the committee and gave highlights and impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary.

Member discussion ensued with comments focused on how to design infrastructure for these types of events, securing funding and better preparing for future storms.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve the June 5, 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for the Avenue 48 Between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road Widening Project, extending the time trigger to commence construction to August 31, 2024; and authorize the Executive Director and/or Legal Counsel to make clarifying changes before execution**

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

TRIBAL VICE CHAIR PATENCIO ANDERSON	ABSENT
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Contract Amendment with Michael Baker International (MBI) for the Western Coachella Valley Flooding and Blowsand Project- Phase One**

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1) EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (MBI) INCREASING THE FEE AN ADDITIONAL \$794,786 TO ESTABLISH A REVISED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,259,417.58 TO PROVIDE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOODING AND BLOW SAND PROJECTS- PHASE ONE; AND**

- 2) EXECUTE NEW OR AMENDED REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE PALM SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY AND DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO OUTLINE THE LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS, WITH CVAG'S SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$3,944,562.75, AND ALLOWING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

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COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
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MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

B. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee Focused on Improving Interstate 10

Mr. Kirk briefly discussed the idea behind the need for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee and turned it over to Mayor Matas, who had initiated the idea as part of his role as CVAG Chair. Mayor Matas commented that the committee would be created to address congestion areas during rush hour, beautification of the interstate, and any other issues that arise.

Member discussion ensued. Five members were identified as ad hoc members: Mayor Matas, Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Councilmember Lisa Middleton, Councilmember Jan Harnik (who formerly was SCAG president) and Transportation Committee Vice Chair Dana Reed.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CALTRANS ON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE:
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS MAYOR SCOTT MATAS (CHAIR), COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ, CITY OF PALM DESERT COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS COUNCILMEMBER LISA MIDDLETON, AND CITY OF INDIAN WELLS COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED**

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COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE

COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

C. Engineering Services for the Coachella Valley Broadband Strategic Plan

Transportation Program Manager Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued, including comments about coordinating efforts with cities to secure outside funding.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HR GREEN PACIFIC, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$978,560 TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN

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D. Reimbursement Agreement for Avenue 50 Bridge Project over the La Quinta Evacuation Channel

Transportation Management Analyst Gustavo Gomez presented the staff report.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick provided an update on the project status.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LA QUINTA FOR THE AVENUE 50 BRIDGE PROJECT FROM WASHINGTON STREET SPANNING THE EVACUATION CHANNEL, PROVIDING A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,849,750 IN REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT'S PLANS SPECIFICATIONS, & ESTIMATES, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES.

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E. Designation of 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued, with staff addressing questions on the funding gap for the I-10/ Monroe interchange project. Staff also noted the significance of the CV Rail investment and how it reaffirmed CVAG's commitment to the project.

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

- 1) **APPROVE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROGRAM \$6,632,729 OF COACHELLA VALLEY'S 2024 STIP FUNDING TOWARD CV RAIL TIER 2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE; AND**
- 2) **AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND TO RCTC THAT IT DESIGNATE AN ESTIMATED \$6,778,587 IN AVAILABLE STIP FUNDING TO THE INTERSTATE 10/MONROE STREET INTERCHANGE PROJECT, CONTINGENT ON AN EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT'S ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASES, PROJECT SCHEDULE AND LOCAL FUNDING**

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MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

F. Contract Amendment for CV Sync- Phase II Construction Support Services

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 5 WITH ADVANTEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,500,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CV SYNC-PHASE II PROJECT

THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

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G. Election of Transportation Committee Officers

Mr. Kirk opened the floor for nominations of Chair and Vice Chair for the Transportation Committee. Councilmember Harnik nominated the current Chair and Vice Chair to remain in their respective positions. No other nominations were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO ELECT MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ AS CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED AS VICE CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024.

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8. 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) Funding from REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program
- f) Update on securing funding for Indian Canyon Drive
- g) Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 Update
- h) Letter from CVAG Chairman Scott Matas

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prior to the meeting's conclusion, Councilmember Middleton acknowledged the efforts to secure funding for Indian Canyon and requested that the next Transportation Committee agenda include a discussion on the approaches and engineering studies necessary to secure funding for Gene Autry Trail.

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, 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, September 25, 2023, 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 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely Regalado
Management Analyst