

**ITEM 6A**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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, February 5, 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**

Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva-Gillespie  
Mayor Joseph DeConinck  
Councilmember Raymond Gregory  
Mayor Steven Hernandez, Chair  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Councilmember Dana Reed, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Elaine Holmes (*arrived @ item 5*)  
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Lisa Middleton (*arrived @ item 5*)  
Mayor Steve Downs  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (*arrived @ item 7*)

**AGENCY**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
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

**MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT**

Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

**AGENCY**

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember 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 reported that staff of California Transportation Commission (CTC) was in Riverside County last week and came out to the desert to visit potential project applicants, including CVAG and the Cities of Indio and Coachella.

Mr. Kirk provided an update on the steps that CVAG staff had taken with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to ensure the ACCESS Indian Canyon project had an equal chance with RCTC for an upcoming funding opportunity. He noted that staff was

working on putting together a project proposal to ask for about \$30 million dollars to the \$50 million that has already been awarded for Indian Canyon.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Executive and Transportation Committees**
- C. Approve the Amended and Restated Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for the Airport Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (Orange Street to Desert Cactus Drive)**
- D. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Indio for the Avenue 50 Widening Project (Jefferson Street – Jackson Street), extending the time trigger to commence construction to December 31, 2025**
- E. Approve Amendment No. 6 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Indio and the County of Riverside for the Monroe Street / Interstate 10 Interchange Project, extending the time trigger to commence construction to December 31, 2025**

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

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

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. Presentation: Planning for broadband implementation across Riverside County & the Coachella Valley**

Transportation Program Manager Randy Bowman introduced Tom Mullen, Riverside County Director of Broadband Services, who joined via Zoom. Mr. Mullen provided an update on Riverside County's broadband efforts and the current priorities and strategies being addressed. Member discussion ensued with Mr. Mullen answering questions from the committee.

Mr. Bowman added additional insights on Coachella Valley broadband strategic plan with additional member discussion.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

**B. Establish Qualified Professional Services Vendor List**

Mr. Bowman presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued with Mr. Bowman answering questions from the committee.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES VENDOR LIST THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO 1. APPROVE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED SUBMISSIONS FROM VENDORS THROUGHOUT THE TERM; AND 2. NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UP TO \$50,000 FROM THE QUALIFIED VENDOR LIST**

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

TRIBAL VICE CHAIR PATENCIO ANDERSON	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
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COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

**C. Deployment of CV Sync and Phase II construction**

CV Sync Program Manager Kristopher Gunterson presented the staff report and details of the Regional Traffic Management Center.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

**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) Update on Active Transportation (ATP) Cycle 7 Funding Opportunities

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

None

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prior to the meeting's conclusion, Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik stated that SCAG has released a tool kit to advocate for preserving the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funding that is proposed to be cut in the State budget. She encouraged cities to advocate for these funds. Mr. Kirk stated CVAG, which has received REAP funding, would send an advocacy letter.

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, April 1, 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, February 26, 2024, 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 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ely Regalado*  
Management Analyst