

**ITEM 6A**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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*  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Councilmember Dana Reed, *Vice Chair*  
Councilmember Elaine Holmes  
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Mayor Steve Downs

**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 (*arrived at item 5*)  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage

**MEMBERS/EX OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT**

Tribal Member Virginia Siva-Gillespie  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

**AGENCY**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
County of Riverside  
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 noted that Congressional earmark requests are being submitted and CVAG is supportive of projects submitted by member jurisdictions that are consistent with CVAG's mission.

Mr. Kirk said staff was tracking grant opportunities to secure more funding for Indian Canyon and CV Link, as well as the intention of pursuing extreme heat funding.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED TO:**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Authorize the Executive Director to commit regional transportation funding to maximize leveraging points in federal and state grant applications, with the conditional that actual expenditure of funds would be dependent on securing grant funding for the projects that are consistent with CVAG’s legislative platform and the Transportation Project Prioritization 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	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. Next Steps for the Regional Pavement Management Program**

Transportation Program Manager Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR DOWNS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$246,215, INCLUDING 15 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE 2011 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS REPORT**

**THE MOTION FOR CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 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
MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

**B. Presentation: CV Sync and the before/after comparison of regional signal synchronization improvements**

Mr. Kirk announced that CVAG has partnered with NBC News to provide weekly updates on traffic conditions and Program Manager Kristopher Gunterson would broadcast from the traffic management center on Mondays.

Mr. Gunterson provided an update on CV Sync construction and the timing of signals. He presented a video that simultaneously showed the commute of a vehicle driving westbound on Ramon Road before and after the synchronization of the traveled road, showing its improved commute time with the synchronization.

Member discussion ensued regarding the improvements.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

**C. Changeable Message Signs in Desert Hot Springs**

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report.

Brief member discussion ensued regarding suggested locations of future signs.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY COUCILMEMBER HOLMES TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL \$563,671.55 TO COVER CITY-APPROVED COSTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS**

**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	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
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MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

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

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report.

Brief member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 6 WITH ADVANTEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CV SYNC- PHASE II PROJECT**

**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
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MAYOR DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

**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

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

None

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, June 3, 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, June 3, 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 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ely Regalado*  
Management Analyst