



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**CVAG Conference Room
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

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**Blythe City Hall
235 N Broadway, Room A
Blythe, CA 92225
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THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE. ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL ACTION ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Steven Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Transportation Committee on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

5. **CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting**

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7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Establishing a Vision Zero Program – Mark Lancaster**

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Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24-002 to establish a Vision Zero Policy and direct the Executive Director to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan

B. **Project elements for CV Link Community Connectors – Gustavo Gomez**

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Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and approve a purchase agreement with Landscape Forms to pre-purchase a shade structure, trash receptacles, benches, and bike racks for the CV Link Community Connector in the City of Coachella in an amount not-to-exceed \$170,000

C. **Contract Amendment with Anser Advisory for CV Link – Jonathan Hoy**

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Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Anser Advisory for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000,000 for construction management services

- D. **2024 Update to the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) –** **P29**
Jonathan Hoy

Recommendation: Information

8. **INFORMATION**

- a) Status of I-10 & SR 86 Interchange Projects **P31**
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report **P32**
- c) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report **P33**
- d) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster **P34**
- e) CVAG Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2024/25 **P35**
- f) Regional Arterial Program Compliance Report **P36**

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

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Transportation Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, August 26, 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, at 4:30 p.m. at the Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center, 11-750 Cholla Dr, Desert Hot Springs, 92240.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 24, at 6 p.m. at the Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center, 11-750 Cholla Dr, Desert Hot Springs, 92240.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
ROSTER**



Transportation Committee Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Virginia Siva-Gillespie Tribal Councilmember
City of Blythe	Joseph DeConinck Mayor
City of Cathedral City	Raymond Gregory Councilmember
City of Coachella	Steven Hernandez, Chair Mayor
City of Desert Hot Springs	Scott Matas Mayor
City of Indian Wells	Dana Reed, Vice Chair Councilmember
City of Indio	Elaine Holmes Councilmember
City of La Quinta	Kathleen Fitzpatrick Councilmember
City of Palm Desert	Jan Harnik Mayor Pro Tem
City of Palm Springs	Lisa Middleton Councilmember
City of Rancho Mirage	Steve Downs Mayor
County of Riverside	V. Manuel Perez Supervisor Dennis Acuna Director of Transportation
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Thomas Tortez Tribal Chair

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 COUNCILMEMBER 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
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
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
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

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

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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

ITEM 7A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
June 3, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Establishing a Vision Zero Program

Contact: Mark Lancaster, Assistant Director of Transportation (mlancaster@cvag.org)
Randy Bowman, Transportation Program Manager (rbowman@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24-002 to establish a Vision Zero Policy and direct the Executive Director to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan

Background: CVAG has prioritized investments that make it easier and safer to walk, bike or take alternative modes of transportation across the Coachella Valley. This has included incorporating the region's Active Transportation Program (ATP) as part of the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) and leading construction of CV Link, Arts and Music Line and CV Sync. As part of this effort, staff is now recommending CVAG establish a Vision Zero policy, which is founded on a safe systems approach that recognizes humans make mistakes and roadway systems and policies should be designed to protect them. Vision Zero applies to motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities with the goal of eliminating fatalities and severe injuries in a given community or region within a set timeframe.

Vision Zero reinforces the investments that CVAG and its member jurisdictions are already making – and better positions the region as it seeks federal and state funding sources to facilitate project delivery and minimize the use of local funds for larger projects. One long-standing federal grant program administered by Caltrans is the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The purpose of the HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on Tribal land. CVAG member jurisdictions frequently apply for HSIP funding for safety projects in their communities. Another, newer federal grant program is the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, which will provide \$5 billion in grants nationwide over a five-year period (Federal Fiscal years 2022 through 2026). SSS4A funds regional, local and Tribal initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and severe injuries.

One of the key elements on receiving SS4A grants is adoption of a Vision Zero Policy and a clear commitment to Vision Zero. Following adoption of the Vision Zero resolution, CVAG staff will organize a multi-disciplinary task force comprised of representatives from CVAG member jurisdictions and other stakeholders to advise the CVAG Transportation and Executive Committees on the development and implementation of a Vision Zero Action Plan.

By adopting the Vision Zero Resolution and approving the development of an Action Plan to become a Vision Zero Region, CVAG can be better situated to apply for and receive safety funding and support CVAG member agencies in their pursuit of safety funding and project implementation on regional arterials across the Coachella Valley.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no fiscal impact at this time. With the Executive Committee approval of this item, CVAG staff will seek various funding options including grant opportunities and other sources and return to the Executive Committee for further consideration and approval.

Attachment:

Draft Resolution No 24-002

RESOLUTION NO. 24-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DECLARING TO BECOME A VISION ZERO REGION, ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY, APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN WITH THE CLEAR GOAL OF ELIMINATING TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SEVERE INJURIES WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS AND FINDING THAT SUCH DECLARATION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, “Vision Zero” is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and,

WHEREAS, a high percentage of traffic injuries and fatalities involve pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable users; and,

WHEREAS, CVAG holds that all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries are preventable and unacceptable, and will endeavor to take a systemic approach to the many factors that contribute to safe mobility, including roadway design, driver behaviors, technology, and policies.

WHEREAS, CVAG will continue to prioritize the safety of the Coachella Valley’s transportation network, providing regional programs and resources in support of the local safety initiatives of its member agencies, with the shared goal of achieving zero traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries.

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths to zero through a combination of safe engineering measures, education, and enforcement practices; and,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero has been adopted and implemented in many cities throughout the country, and has successfully reduced traffic fatalities and severe injuries occurring on roads, streets and highways,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CVAG Executive Committee as follows:

SECTION 1: The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution and findings of the CVAG Executive Committee.

SECTION 2: The CVAG Executive Committee hereby commits to adopt a Vision Zero Policy and approve the development of a Vision Zero action plan with a clear goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries on roads in the Coachella Valley region by 2035.

SECTION 3: Prioritize traffic safety within infrastructure projects and implement strategies and engineering design measures that complement the Vision Zero approach to traffic safety and engage key departments, stakeholders, policymakers and the community members to build leadership, collaboration and accountability.

SECTION 4: This Resolution has been reviewed with respect to the applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CVAG staff has determined that authorization for the CVAG Executive Director to comply with the Act do not qualify as a “project” as defined in State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Adoption of the Resolution does not have the potential for

resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Accordingly, the action is not a “project” subject to CEQA. Second, Section 15378 explicitly excludes from its definition of “project” the following: “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(b)(5).) The action to adopt a Vision Zero policy constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in a physical change in the environment, and it therefore is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 5: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6: The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the CVAG Executive Committee at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of June 2024, by the following vote:

Scott Matas
CVAG Chair

ATTEST:

Tom Kirk
CVAG Executive Director

ITEM 7B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
June 3, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Project elements for CV Link Community Connectors

Contact: Gustavo Gomez, Management Analyst - Transportation (ggomez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and approve a purchase agreement with Landscape Forms to pre-purchase a shade structure, trash receptacles, benches, and bike racks for the CV Link Community Connector in the City of Coachella in an amount not-to-exceed \$170,000

Background: In April 2022, the CVAG Executive Committee adopted Resolution 2022-03 and accepted a Clean California grant administered by Caltrans. The Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) is a competitive statewide program created to beautify and clean up local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, transit centers and other public spaces. The program is part of the nearly \$1.1 billion Clean California initiative the State launched to take direct aim at litter abatement, state beautification, safety projects, and education campaigns. CVAG, in partnership with the Cities of Cathedral City and Coachella, were successful in securing \$1,153,341 in funding for the Coachella Valley Community Connectors project, which will improve access to two city parks and CV Link. The funds secured with CVAG will cover design and construction costs, providing access for cyclists and pedestrians. It also includes landscaping, installation of benches, wayfinding signs and trash receptacles and planting of shade trees.

The work in Cathedral City is led by the City through a reimbursement agreement authorized in December 2023, which allows both the city park and the community connector constructed by a single prime contractor. The CV Link design standards and aesthetics for the connector were incorporated into the design of the park. Construction has commenced and the City held a groundbreaking ceremony on April 3, 2024. Construction for both the Dream Homes Park and CV Link connector is anticipated to be completed by October of this year.

In the city of Coachella, CVAG is finalizing the design to complete the community connector on Avenue 52 and Hernandez Street. To maintain the regional CV Link branding, ensure schedule deadlines are met, and supplied vendor materials are consistent, CVAG staff is recommending the Executive Director be authorized to pre-purchase these items from Landscape Forms. The items to purchase include a shade structure, two (2) trash receptacles, two (2) benches, and two (2) bike racks. Landscape Forms is the vendor who has supplied these items for the entirety of the CV Link project.

Pre-purchasing materials follows the same process CVAG has done for construction of CV Link, when the CVAG Transportation and Executive Committees approved pre-purchasing seeded glass and solar lights. These project elements are unique in that they are not just aesthetically identifiable, but also serve as branding for the entirety of the pathway. To achieve consistency

across the project, CVAG staff is looking to avoid the possibility of slight variations in the product that can occur if they are manufactured by a different vendor. Pre-purchasing material also avoids a scenario where CVAG is ready to construct but the vendor cannot meet their production date, which would incur unnecessary costs for CVAG to wait for delivery.

Fiscal Analysis: Based on current cost estimates of materials, CVAG staff anticipates an amount not to exceed \$170,000. This estimate is derived from the most recent materials contract from Landscape Forms approved in January 2024. A formal quote will be presented when this item is presented for approval by the Executive Committee in June 2024. The cost is fully covered by the \$1,153,341 in grant funding that has been secured for the Coachella Valley Community Connectors project. Based on the California Department of Transportation's guidelines for the CCLGP, the Coachella Valley Community Connectors project qualified for a zero-dollar local match. As noted above, purchasing these long lead time items now reduces the risk of delaying the completion of the project and ensures consistency with the CV Link branding.

CVAG staff recommends that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to purchase the CV Link elements to complete the construction of the CV Link Community Connector project.

ITEM 7C

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
June 3, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Contract Amendment with Anser Advisory for CV Link

Contact: Jonathan Hoy, Director of Transportation (jhoy@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Anser Advisory for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000,000 for construction management services

Background: Construction on CV Link’s multi-modal pathway is entering its final year. Work along Segments 1 & 2 is coming to a close this fall, and Segments 3-6 are all under way with construction activities throughout the Coachella Valley. This construction includes segments in Palm Springs, Cathedral City, La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, and through Tribal lands that include the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, and Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians.

A construction project of this magnitude often requires a construction manager and CVAG solicited proposals for this work in late 2019. In January 2020, CVAG’s Executive Committee, at the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, authorized the Executive Director to execute a three-year contract with Anser Advisory Group for construction management services, and authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract annually afterwards if there is no cost increase. Anser’s work has been critical to getting the project to this stage. Anser’s services have included getting the project segments ready to bid, providing on-site oversight of the construction itself and navigating the approvals with various project stakeholders. Anser’s contract has been extended once, under a no-cost amendment executed in November 2022.

At the time when the original construction management contract was negotiated with Anser, the anticipated schedule for completion of all six segments was approximately three years. However, there have been numerous construction delays related to unmarked utilities, overlapping agency projects, environmental mitigation measures, and other permitting requirements. As a result, the new anticipated completion date is June 2025. This extended project duration was not accounted for in the original Anser budget.

The most significant delays were related to Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) conflicts and requirements. At Jefferson Street in La Quinta, a domestic water main had to be relocated, causing a nine-month delay. Also, CVWD’s contractor constructing slope lining improvements within the Whitewater Channel south of Avenue 54 was delayed approximately one year, preventing CVAG’s contractor from working along the segment until March 2024. These impacts required Anser to spend a substantial amount of time, outside of their original scope of work, coordinating with CVWD to gain approval of design drawings and obtain the necessary encroachment permits required for construction.

These construction delays have also resulted in shifting a significant amount of construction to the final year. Anser is now having to manage two separate prime contractors – Granite Construction and Ames Construction – with numerous crews working at multiple locations throughout the Coachella valley at the same time. Anser has responded by preparing a staffing plan that will provide the necessary oversight to ensure that the project is completed per plan and in accordance with the approved specifications.

In addition to the extended construction period, Anser has had to manage design changes with the engineer of record, coordinate with agencies to receive plan approval, develop updated specifications to account for the latest Caltrans format, and has played an integral role in obtaining the necessary encroachment permits required for construction.

CVAG staff is now recommending Amendment No. 2 to the contract to extend the construction services through the project completion. Staff has reviewed Anser's estimated cost to complete Segments 1 through 6 of the CV Link program. It is anticipated that all segments will be substantially complete by the end of 2024, and that it will take approximately six months to close out all aspects of the program. The details of this estimate are shown in the attached staffing plan. The terms of the contract amendment will also be extended to June 30, 2025.

The recommended authorization would also allow the Executive Director and/or Legal Counsel to make minor, clarifying contract changes prior to execution.

Fiscal Analysis: Amendment No. 2 includes a not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000. The cost of services will be paid for from existing funding sources for CV Link.

Anser was first hired in January 2020 for a not-to-exceed contract of \$9,022,988.37. Amendment No. 1 added no additional costs to the contract.

Attachments:

1. Amendment No. 2 to Anser Advisory's contract and staffing plan
2. Anser Advisory LLC letter dated April 22, 2024

**AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO
to the
ANSER ADVISORY LLC
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
for the
CV LINK PROJECT**

This **AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO** is made and entered into this 24th day of June 2024, by and between the **Coachella Valley Association of Governments**, a California joint powers agency (**CVAG**), and **Anser Advisory LLC (Consultant)**, and is made with reference to the following background facts and circumstances. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same as stated in the original Agreement dated January 27, 2020 for the CV Link Project.

1. **This Amendment Number Two extends the terms of the contract to June 30, 2025.**
2. **This Amendment Number Two authorizes the additional scope of services as outlined in Exhibit A-1 Anser Advisory Staffing Plan and the attached Anser Advisory LLC letter dated April 22, 2024 for the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000,000.00. The total amount payable shall not exceed \$15,022,988.37.**

Original Agreement	January 27, 2020	\$9,022,988.37
Amendment Number One	November 1, 2022	No Cost
Amendment Number Two	June 24, 2024	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>
Total Agreement not-to-exceed		\$15,022,988.37

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this **Amendment Number Two** to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on this date:

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ANSER ADVISORY LLC

By: _____
Tom Kirk, CVAG Executive Director

By: _____
Tyson C. Atwood, Senior Vice President

Date: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A-1
Anser Advisory Staffing Plan

See following page.

DRAFT

April 22, 2024

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Mr. Jonathan Hoy
Director of Transportation
74-199 El Paseo, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

**RE: CV Link Construction Management Change Order Request
Agreement No. CVAG 2020-007-01**

Dear Mr. Hoy,

Anser Advisory (Anser) respectfully requests an increased fee time and materials change order amendment to the subject contract agreement based on the following:

- 1) There were many unknowns at the time when the original construction management contract was negotiated with CVAG. It was original budget was set to complete February 2023. The new anticipated completion date of the program is not anticipated to be June 2025. Per the original agreement, annual labor rate escalations were allowed on an annual basis. As the contract has extended, these increased costs were not accounted for in the original budget.
- 2) At the request of CVAG, to save money to the overall program, Anser has taken on scopes of work that were originally anticipated to be covered by each project's contractor. These costs include environmental monitoring and compliance, and the Anser field office. These costs to date are outlined in the attached Exhibit A and are carried forward in our cost to complete estimate.
- 3) At the request of CVAG, Anser has paid for a number of utility design permit applications which are required for the program. Examples of these permits include fees for: Desert Water Authority, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and others. The permit fees paid to date are shown in the attached Exhibit A. Additional anticipated application fees have been captured in Anser's proposed cost to complete estimate.
- 4) At the request of CVAG, Anser has added numerous additional tasks in support of the program which were not included within our original contract. These scopes of services and costs are outlined in the attached Exhibit A.
- 5) Anser has taken on additional project management responsibilities which are typically completed outside of the construction management scope of work. This includes vast amounts of coordination with project stakeholders to gain approval of design drawings. Anser has also taken on an integral role in obtaining the necessary encroachment permits required for construction in each stakeholder's right-of-way.
- 6) Anser had constructability reviews in our original scope, however we have taken on a significantly larger role of each PS&E construction package. Anser has taken on a project manager role in ensuring that the Segment 3/4/5 and Segment 6 packages were complete and biddable. Anser was responsible for establishing bid items, quantities, and estimates for each package, a role typically completed by the designer. We have also developed the vast majority of the contract special provisions, as well as updated those specifications to the latest Caltrans 2023 format, again a task completed by the designer. The full impact of this increased scope of work is shown in the attached Exhibit A.

- 7) Anser has encountered challenges with the design drawings which far exceed industry standards. In recognizing some of the design challenges, Anser has spent additional time and resources to obtain topographic survey information of existing conditions so that the engineer of record could make design modifications to the contract drawings prior to construction taking place in the area.
- 8) Based on information provided by CVAG at the time of negotiations, the original Anser contract anticipated that construction of Segment 1 would take place between July 2020 – August 2021, or about 13 months. The construction of Segment 1 began March 2021 and is currently projected to be completed by October 2024, or 43 months. The Segment 1 construction package had both an increase in original construction contract duration, as well as experienced substantial delays at no fault of Anser. During the progression of the project, in a cost savings effort, Anser has made staff reductions as dictated by actual project needs.

Anser has prepared an estimated cost to complete of the federally funded portion of the CV Link program based on the most currently known information available. We anticipate that all projects will be substantially complete by the end of 2024, and that it will take approximately 6-months to close out all aspects of the program. The details of this estimate are shown in the attached Exhibit B. Based on this estimate, Anser respectfully requests an increase to our original contract value of **\$5,725,000.00**.

Anser would like to draw CVAG's attention to the fact that in our original completion estimate for all future segments was approximately \$5.39M. Based on our current completion estimate, we are estimating that we will be able to complete all future segments for just under \$4M.

Anser appreciates the opportunity to complete this exciting program. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

	Original Budget	Actual	Increase
Added Service Scope			
Program Wide Environmental Monitoring	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 451,000.00	\$ 284,000.00
UPRR & Other Program Coordination	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Field Office Costs	\$ -	\$ 124,587.00	\$ 124,587.00
		Subtotal:	\$ 428,587.00
Added Tasks			
McDonagh PM Services	\$ -	\$ 130,610.00	\$ 130,610.00
Program Wide SWPPP	\$ -	\$ 59,281.00	\$ 59,281.00
Hwy 111 Drainage Study	\$ -	\$ 11,883.00	\$ 11,883.00
Promontory Point Staking	\$ -	\$ 8,076.00	\$ 8,076.00
Vector Control Environmental Costs	\$ -	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00
Utility Permit Fees	\$ -	\$ 67,333.00	\$ 67,333.00
Palm Desert Hovley Connector Coordination	\$ -	\$ 9,605.00	\$ 9,605.00
Added MBI Environmental Staking	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
		Subtotal:	\$ 317,638.00
Added Scope Due to Design			
Segment 1 Precon Services	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 526,000.00	\$ 311,000.00
Segment 3/4/5 Preconstruction	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 56,392.00	\$ 46,392.00
Segment 6 Preconstruction	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 68,319.00	\$ 58,319.00
Additional Design Staking	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
		Subtotal:	\$ 490,711.00
		TOTAL ADDED SCOPE:	\$ 1,236,936.00

Exhibit B

Row Labels	Sum of Total Cost
Segment 1/2	\$1,683,039.49
AIX Consulting, Inc.	\$14,400.00
Anser	\$1,166,639.49
Burke Rix	\$41,000.00
CA Consultants	\$35,000.00
Danken	\$119,000.00
DESI	\$18,000.00
ECORP	\$48,000.00
Geocon	\$140,000.00
Michael Baker International	\$80,000.00
T.R. Holliman & Associates	\$21,000.00
Segment 3/4/5	\$2,056,520.88
AIX Consulting, Inc.	\$16,200.00
Anser	\$1,419,320.88
Burke Rix	\$45,000.00
CA Consultants	\$15,000.00
Danken	\$130,000.00
DESI	\$20,000.00
ECORP	\$56,000.00
Geocon	\$140,000.00
Michael Baker International	\$215,000.00
T.R. Holliman & Associates	\$0.00
Segment 6	\$1,726,261.20
AIX Consulting, Inc.	\$12,600.00
Anser	\$1,179,661.20
Burke Rix	\$46,000.00
CA Consultants	\$15,000.00
Danken	\$130,000.00
DESI	\$18,000.00
ECORP	\$40,000.00
Geocon	\$120,000.00
Michael Baker International	\$165,000.00
T.R. Holliman & Associates	\$0.00
Anser ODC's	\$258,150.00
Anser ODC	\$258,150.00
Grand Total	\$5,723,971.57

Row Labels	Sum of Total Cost	Sum of Mar '24	Sum of Apr '24	Sum of May '24	Sum of Jun '24	Sum of Jul '24	Sum of Aug '24	Sum of Sep '24	Sum of Oct '24	Sum of Nov '24	Sum of Dec '24	Sum of Jan '25	Sum of Feb '25	Sum of Mar '25	Sum of Apr '25	Sum of May '25	Sum of Jun '25
AIX Consulting, Inc.	\$43,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$125,708.81	\$103,938.67	\$56,514.78	\$56,514.78
Anser	\$3,765,621.57	\$198,736.87	\$4,000.00	\$260,201.43	\$298,777.18	\$334,638.75	\$364,927.65	\$364,927.65	\$364,927.65	\$334,638.75	\$289,205.41	\$220,410.57	\$162,526.86	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Burke Rix	\$132,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$45,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
CA Consultants	\$65,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Danken	\$379,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
DESI	\$56,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
ECORP	\$144,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Gecon	\$400,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$16,275.00	\$14,475.00	\$11,850.00	\$9,600.00	\$8,100.00	\$7,200.00	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Michael Baker International	\$460,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$26,275.00	\$27,475.00	\$17,475.00	\$17,475.00	\$498,013.75	\$355,780.41	\$308,260.57	\$195,126.86	\$156,808.81	\$134,138.67	\$77,614.78	\$77,614.78
T.R. Holliman & Associates	\$21,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$23,425.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00	\$24,925.00
Anser ODC	\$258,150.00	\$21,100.00	\$384,925.76	\$444,726.43	\$538,602.18	\$553,813.75	\$584,302.65	\$566,302.65	\$543,302.65	\$498,013.75	\$355,780.41	\$308,260.57	\$195,126.86	\$156,808.81	\$134,138.67	\$77,614.78	\$77,614.78
Grand Total	\$5,723,971.57	\$304,636.87	\$384,925.76	\$444,726.43	\$538,602.18	\$553,813.75	\$584,302.65	\$566,302.65	\$543,302.65	\$498,013.75	\$355,780.41	\$308,260.57	\$195,126.86	\$156,808.81	\$134,138.67	\$77,614.78	\$77,614.78

Row Labels	Sum of Mar '24	Sum of Apr '24	Sum of May '24	Sum of Jun '24	Sum of Jul '24	Sum of Aug '24	Sum of Sep '24	Sum of Oct '24	Sum of Nov '24	Sum of Dec '24	Sum of Jan '25	Sum of Feb '25	Sum of Mar '25	Sum of Apr '25	Sum of May '25	Sum of Jun '25
Asst. RE	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	240	200	160	80	80
Kenny Casados	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	40	160	80	80
Kirk Streets	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	80
Inspector (PW)	160	160	240	320	320	480	480	480	320	160	160	160	160	160	80	80
Leo Alvarez	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
S 3/4/5 Insp. 2			80	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160
56 Insp. 2																
Lead Inspector (PW)	160	320	320	400	480	480	480	480	480	400	320	160	80	160	80	80
David Huston	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	40	160	80	80
Loreto Rios	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	40	160	80	80
56 Lead Insp.				80	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160
Office Engineer	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	280	280	80	80
Jeremy Hooper	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	120	120	80	80
Prashanth Javvaji	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160
Resient Engineer				40	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	60	40	40	40	40
Brandon McKay				40	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	60	40	40	40	40
Scheduler Support	20	20	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	20	20	20	20	20	20
Shawn Paroline	20	20	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	20	20	20	20	20	20
Sr. Resident Engineer	100	100	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	80	80	80	80	80
Tyson Atwood	100	100	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	80	80	80	80	80
Grand Total	1080	1240	1390	1590	1770	1930	1930	1930	1770	1530	1180	880	660	560	280	280

New Staff

Audit OH Rate: 115.12%
 Fee: 10%

Segment	Position Role/Title	Name	Raw Rate	Loaded Rate	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	TOTAL Hours	Total Cost		
Segment 1/2	Sr. Resident Engineer	Tyson Atwood	\$119.52	\$255.00	60	40	40	40	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	300	\$75,000.00		
Segment 1/2	Resident Engineer	Brandon McKay	\$87.55	\$207.17																	160	\$53,147.41		
Segment 1/2	Scheduler Support	Shawn Paroline	\$92.39	\$218.62																	240	\$52,469.83		
Segment 1/2	Asst. RE	Kenny Casades	\$70.00	\$165.64	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	40				1880	\$311,407.71		
Segment 1/2	Office Engineer	Jeremy Hooper	\$69.01	\$163.30	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	820	\$133,905.79		
Segment 1/2	Office Engineer	Prashanth Jawaji	\$77.00	\$189.21	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	160	\$29,153.06		
Segment 1/2	Lead Inspector (PW)	David Huston	\$80.00	\$188.31	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	1520	\$287,744.51		
Segment 1/2	Inspector (PW)	Leo Alvarez	\$80.00	\$189.31	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	1280	\$242,311.17		
Segment 3/4/5	Sr. Resident Engineer	Tyson Atwood	\$119.52	\$255.00	30	40	40	40	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	40	40	40	40	40	710	\$181,050.00		
Segment 3/4/5	Resident Engineer	Brandon McKay	\$87.55	\$207.17																	500	\$103,585.66		
Segment 3/4/5	Scheduler Support	Shawn Paroline	\$92.39	\$218.62																	200	\$43,724.86		
Segment 3/4/5	Asst. RE	Kirk Streets	\$70.00	\$165.64	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	80	80	80	1360	\$225,273.66		
Segment 3/4/5	Office Engineer	Jeremy Hooper	\$69.01	\$163.30	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	670	\$109,410.83		
Segment 3/4/5	Office Engineer	Prashanth Jawaji	\$77.00	\$182.21	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	1200	\$218,647.97		
Segment 3/4/5	Lead Inspector (PW)	Loreto Ries	\$80.00	\$189.31	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	1720	\$325,605.63		
Segment 3/4/5	Inspector (PW)	S 3/4/5 Insp. 2	\$80.00	\$189.31	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	1120	\$212,022.27		
Segment 6	Sr. Resident Engineer	Tyson Atwood	\$119.52	\$255.00	10	20	40	40	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	40	40	40	40	40	670	\$170,850.00		
Segment 6	Resident Engineer	Brandon McKay	\$87.55	\$207.17																	520	\$107,724.08		
Segment 6	Scheduler Support	Shawn Paroline	\$92.39	\$218.62																	200	\$43,724.86		
Segment 6	Asst. RE	Kirk Streets	\$70.00	\$165.64	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	80	80	80	80	1060	\$172,163.10		
Segment 6	Office Engineer	Jeremy Hooper	\$69.01	\$163.30	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	670	\$109,410.83		
Segment 6	Office Engineer	Prashanth Jawaji	\$77.00	\$182.21	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	1040	\$189,494.91		
Segment 6	Lead Inspector (PW)	S6 Lead Insp.	\$80.00	\$189.31	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	1320	\$249,385.33		
Segment 6	Inspector (PW)	S6 Insp. 2	\$80.00	\$189.31	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	720	\$136,300.03		
					\$198,736.87	\$228,025.76	\$260,201.43	\$298,777.18	\$334,638.75	\$364,927.65	\$384,927.65	\$364,927.65	\$334,638.75	\$289,205.41	\$220,410.57	\$162,526.86	\$125,708.81	\$103,938.67	\$56,514.78	\$56,514.78	280	\$3,765,621.57		
					1080	1240	1390	1590	1770	1990	1930	1930	1930	1770	1530	1180	880	680	560	280	280	720		
					6.75	7.75	8.6875	9.59375	11.0625	12.0625	12.0625	12.0625	12.0625	11.0625	9.5625	7.375	5.5	4.25	3.5	1.75	1.75	1.75		
					FTE's																			

ITEM 7D

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
June 3, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: 2024 Update to the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS)

Contact: Jonathan Hoy, Director of Transportation (jhoy@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: CVAG typically updates the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) and the Regional Arterial Cost Estimate (RACE) every five years. The last update was completed in 2016. Considering the significant disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 TPPS update was postponed.

Now that regional traffic patterns have returned to pre-COVID levels, data can be collected and used to analyze our transportation network. Additionally, with the adoption of the 2024 Traffic Relief Plan (TRP), there are new projects that need to be included in the TPPS, such as: CV Rail, I-10 Managed Lanes, Transit Priority systems, and regional pavement management, to name a few. Therefore, it is time to start the process for the 2025 TPPS update.

For this cycle, staff are proposing to update the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS), the Regional Arterial Cost Estimate (RACE), the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) nexus study. The last TUMF nexus study was completed in 2017. The TUMF network is an element of the TPPS. Once the TPPS and RACE are updated, outside funding sources are accounted for, the RACE estimate is adjusted, and then the TUMF nexus study can be prepared to allocate project costs attributed to new development.

The 2016 RACE identified more than \$3.4 billion in transportation projects. Adjusting those costs to 2024 dollars and adding in the new projects that were identified in the TRP would double the 2016 RACE estimate to more than \$7 billion. Without additional revenues to offset these expenditures, such as the potential one cent sales tax measure being considered by Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) on the November 2024 Ballot, cashflow would be a substantial concern for CVAG. TUMF fees would need to increase and CVAG may need to re-evaluate its cost-sharing policy.

The current cost-sharing policy for regional transportation projects is that, after outside funding sources are factored into the costs – including state and federal resources – then the remaining costs are split 75 percent by CVAG and 25 percent by local jurisdictions. Prior to January 1, 2007, CVAG's cost-sharing formula was 50/50. If necessary, CVAG may consider returning to the original 50/50 formula split for the construction phase.

TPPS Update Next Steps

CVAG will engage with member agency staff throughout the update to coordinate each phase of the process. To begin, the current TPPS list will be updated to remove completed or canceled projects. New traffic counts, pavement conditions, and other data will be collected for the entire network. With an updated list and current data sets, new projects would be evaluated for inclusion into the TPPS update. Presently, for a segment to be a part of the TPPS, the roadway must meet at least three (3) of the following five (5) criteria:

- Roadway must connect to, or cross over, Interstate 10 or SR 86S
- Roadway must go through, or border, two or more jurisdictions
- Roadway must be shown in an agency's general plan as a minimum four-lane roadway/street
- Roadway segment volume (measured in current year) must exceed 20,000 ADT both directions
- Roadway must cross the Whitewater River Channel or a major tributary

The segment qualification criteria above will be re-evaluated as part of the 2024 update. As will the four primary criteria used in 2016 TPPS to prioritize the segments, shown below:

- 1) Roadway Surface Condition
- 2) System Continuity
- 3) Level of Service (current year)
- 4) Accident Rate

As part of the update, staff will work with member agencies to re-evaluate and consider potential new criteria that may include criteria such as: cost/benefit, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reductions, mobility, and safety. This process will likely include a technical advisory group from member agencies and/or an ad hoc Transportation Subcommittee to provide policy guidance. Any recommendations will return to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

CVAG has already begun the data collection process. At tonight's Executive Committee meeting, Item 8C will authorize a contract to update the 2011 Pavement Management Analysis Report. This will provide current roadway surface conditions, otherwise known as the pavement condition index (PCI). CVAG staff are also utilizing data collection available from our CV SYNC network and "Big Data" sources to secure traffic counts and turning movements throughout CVAG regional transportation network.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no fiscal impact at this time. CVAG staff will engage with member agencies to coordinate this process. A request for proposal (RFP) will be prepared to secure qualified consultants to assist with the 2024 TPPS Update. Staff will return to the Transportation Committee for further consideration and approval.

ITEM 8a

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
June 3, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Status of I-10 & SR 86 Interchange Projects

Contact: Gustavo Gomez, Transportation Management Analyst (ggomez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Attached is the status for Interstate 10 and State Route 86 interchange projects as of May 2024:

Completed: Indian Canyon @ I-10 (Mar '12); Gene Autry/Palm Drive @ I-10 (Mar '12); Date Palm Drive @ I-10 (May '14); Monterey Avenue Ramp @ I-10 (Apr '15); Bob Hope/Ramon @ I-10 (Sep '11); and Jefferson Street @ I-10 (Nov '17)

Monroe @ I-10: Final environmental document approved by Caltrans & PS&E phase is ongoing. 100% plans are being prepared for submittal to Caltrans. Construction cost estimate has been updated after addition of cycle track/ low-speed electric vehicle (LSEV) path. Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition in underway. Environmental permitting has begun. Construction to begin fall 2025.

Jackson @ I-10: Environmental document was approved in September 2021. CVAG approved funding for PS&E. PS&E phase started in May 2022 and work is ongoing. 65% plans are being reviewed by Caltrans, County, and the City.

Avenue 50 @ I-10: PS&E is 90% complete. Seeking funding opportunities to advance the project to construction phase.

Avenue 50 @ SR 86: Funding agreement amendment for PS&E and ROW acquisition approved by Executive Committee in September 2020 for grant matching funds. Seeking grant funding to complete PS&E and ROW phases.

Dillon Road @ I-10 @ SR 86: PA&ED underway.

Golf Center Parkway @ I-10: PSR on hold.

Da Vall Drive @ I-10: PSR/PDS is complete and approved by Caltrans. Caltrans submitted an agreement to proceed with PA&ED phase for evaluation.

Portola @ I-10: County completed PS&E and obtained Caltrans approval to shelve the project in April 2022. Per CVAG approval in June 2022, the project has been suspended.

Fiscal Analysis: Funding for these projects has been budgeted through the project phase indicated and secured through various funding sources.

ITEM 8b

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
5/29/2024



Project Description	Lead Agency	CVAG Funded						Status
		PEng	ENV	PS&E	ROW	CON	Through	
Interchanges								
Avenue 50 @ 86S	COA						ROW	CVAG approved funding for PS&E & ROW.
Avenue 50 @ I-10	COA						PS&E	PS&E contract underway.
Jackson Street @ I-10	COR						PS&E	Final Env Doc approved by Caltrans. CVAG approved PS&E funds. PS&E phase 65% plans being reviewed.
Monroe Street @ I-10	COR						Construction	Final Env Doc approved by Caltrans. 100% plans being prepared. ROW acquisition underway.
Portola Avenue @ I-10	COR						PS&E	Caltrans agreed to shelve. Suspend until funding for ROW, utilities and construction is obtained.

Arterial Links								
Avenue 48 (Van Buren St to Dillon Rd)	COR						Construction	Construction contract was awarded on April 2024. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in May 2024.
Avenue 50 (Calhoun St to Harrison St)	COA						Construction	PS&E & ROW underway.
Avenue 50 (Jefferson St to Jackson St)	Indio						PS&E	Under design and environmental phase.
Date Palm Drive (I-10 to Varner Rd)	CC						PS&E	Phase II is completed. The final design for Phase III is underway.
Jackson Street Widening (Ave 49 to Ave 52)	Indio						PS&E	Phase I (widening CON) scheduled May 2024. Phase II (undergrounding, signals, sidewalk CON) expected late 2025.
Jefferson Street (Ave 38 to Sun City Blvd)	Indio						Environmental	Design and environmental phase underway.
Madison Street (Highway 111 to Ave 48)	Indio						Complete	Complete, pending release of retention.

Bridges								
Airport Boulevard Bridge	COR						Construction	CVAG Executive Committee approved funding from design to construction.
Avenue 44 Bridge over WWR	Indio						Construction	Enviro cleared. ROW cleared. Under construction.
Avenue 50 Bridge over WWR	COA						ROW	PS&E & ROW underway.
Avenue 50 Bridge over LQEC	LQ						Construction	Design contract approved and design kick-off meeting was held on May 13th.
Avenue 66 Grade Separation over UPRR	COR						Complete	Caltrans closing out. NOC with contractor expected May 2024.
Cathedral Canyon Drive Bridge	CC						Construction	Construction complete. Completing close out documentation by Caltrans.
Dillon Road over WWR	COA						Environmental	CEQA and NEPA complete. State clarification required for eligibility of HBP funds for PS&E and construction.
Dune Palms Road Bridge over WWR	LQ						Construction	Project under construction. First half of bridge open to traffic on May 1st.
East Palm Canyon Drive Bridge over Palm Canyon Wash	PS						ROW	In final design. Plans submitted for review.
Indian Canyon Drive (Garnet Incl. RR Crossing)	PS						Construction	Project in construction.
Ramon Road Bridge	PS						ROW	ROW pending CVWD final agreement almost complete. Update plans to latest Caltrans standards.
South Palm Canyon Drive Bridge over Tahquitz Creek	PS						PS&E	Plans complete. Requesting funding from Caltrans for construction. RFB anticipated May 2024
Vista Chino Bridge over WWR	PS						PEng	Project is in PEng phase. Extensive negotiations with SCE for utility relocation.

Interchange Preparation Fund Projects								
Da Vall Drive @ I-10	CC						PSR	PSR-PDS approved by Caltrans.
Dillon Road @ I-10 & SR86	COA						PSR	PSR complete. PA&ED is underway.
Golf Center Parkway @ I-10	Indio						PSR	PSR on hold.

Regional Projects								
CV Sync - Phase I	CVAG						Construction	Executive Committee authorized CVAG to file the Notice of Completion June 2023.
CV Sync - Phase II	CVAG						Construction	Project 50% complete.
CV Sync - Phase III & I-10 Bypass Study	CVAG						PEng/ENV	Feasibility Study and design kicked off in January 2024.
Flooding and Blowsand - Indian Canyon Drive	CVAG						PEng/ENV	Evaluate 2D Hydrolic modeling for WWR and Chino Canyon Creek crossing.
Flooding and Blowsand - Varner Road	CVAG						PEng/ENV	Traffic studies completed and submitted for agency review.
Flooding and Blowsand - Access Study	CVAG						PEng/ENV	Coordinating with City Staff and RCFC to gather flooding related data.
Broadband Strategic Plan	CVAG							Market Assessment complete. Needs Assessment, Gap Analysis and high-level design underway.

COR=County of Riverside; RM=Rancho Mirage; IW=Indian Wells; PD=Palm Desert; PS=Palm Springs; CC=Cathedral City; COA=Coachella LQ=La Quinta.
Other Acronyms: PAED = Project Approval and Environmental Design; PE = Preliminary Engineering; PSR = Project Study Report; RR = Railroad; UPRR = Union Pacific Railroad; WWR = Whitewater River; SCE = Southern California Edison; HBP = Highway Bridge Program; CVWD = Coachella Valley Water District
LATA = Local Agency Technical Assistance; RFP = Request for Proposal; RFB = Request for Bids; RCFC = Riverside County Flood Control

CVAG Funded Phase Legend	
PEng	Preliminary Engineering
ENV	Environmental
PS&E	Plans Specifications & Estimates
ROW	Right-of-way
CON	Construction

ITEM 8C

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program & Grant Funded - Project Status Report
 5/29/2024



Bike & Pedestrian Safety Projects Project Description	Lead Agency	CVAG Funded			Status
		Design	CON	Through	
Avenue 48 Bicycle Lanes	Indio			Construction	Project completed.
Calhoun Street Improvements	Indio			Construction	Project completed.
Date Palm Sidewalk Gaps	CC			Construction	Project completed.
Dinah Shore Mid-Block Crossing	CC			Construction	Project completed.
Indian Canyon Intersection Pedestrian Enhancements	PS			Construction	Project completed.
Palm Canyon Crosswalks	PS			Construction	Project completed.
Palm Canyon Intersection Pedestrian Enhancements	PS			Construction	Project completed.
Palm Drive Signals and Lighting	DHS			Construction	Project completed.
S. Palm Canyon, E. Palm Canyon Improvements	PS			Construction	Project completed.
Vista Chino Signals	PS			Construction	Project completed.

Project Description	Lead Agency	Grant Funded			Status
		App	Design	CON	
CV Link	CVAG				Segment 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 under construction. Segment 6 authorized in April 2024, construction to start summer 2024.
ATP - Arts & Music Line	CVAG				Design & NEPA underway. Outreach Program Stakeholder Advisory Group met in May. CVAG staff working to resolve CVWD issues at Jefferson & Highway 111 crossing.
ATP - Cathedral City Downtown Connectors	CC				Contract issued for construction. Restriping bike lanes on E. Palm Canyon has begun.
ATP - DHS CV Link Extension	DHS				Under design.

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 ATP-Active Transportation Program; ROW-Right of Way, NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act, MPO-Metropolitan Planning Organization

ITEM 8d

FY 2023/2024 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER



CVAG JURISDICTION	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV (Dec 4)*	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Blythe	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Cathedral City	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Coachella	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Desert Hot Springs	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Indian Wells	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Indio	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
La Quinta	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Palm Desert	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Palm Springs	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Rancho Mirage	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	
Riverside County	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓		
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	-	-		-	✓	-	-		-			
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	-	-	✓	-		-	-		-	✓		

- Absent
- No Meeting -
- Holiday H
- Vacancy **
- In Attendance ✓

*This is a joint meeting with the Executive Committee.

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025



CVAG STANDING COMMITTEES	DAY	TIME	JULY (Dark)	AUG (Dark)	SEPT	OCT (Dark)	NOV	DEC (Dark)	JAN	FEB	MAR (Dark)	APR	MAY	JUN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Last Monday	4:30 p.m.	-	-	30	-	H Dec 2	-	27	24	-	28	H June 2	30
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	1 st Monday	10:00 a.m.		-	H Aug 26	-	4	-	6	3	-	7	5	2
COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2 nd Thursday	10:30 a.m.	-	-	12	-	14	-	9	13	-	10	8	12
DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY	3 rd Monday	3:00 p.m.	-	-	16	21	18	-	H Jan 13	H Feb 10	17	21	19	16
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE	2 nd Thursday	12:00 p.m.	-	-	12	-	14	-	9	13	-	10	8	12
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	2 nd Monday	9:00 a.m.	-	-	9	-	H Nov 18	-	13	10	-	-	12	9
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE	3 rd Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	-	-	18	-	20	-	15	19	-	16	21	18
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Last Monday in June	6:00 p.m.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30

H = Holiday * = Special Meeting

AGENDAS CAN BE FOUND AT: www.cvag.org.

UPDATED: May 29, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: When it becomes necessary to have a special meeting or to change the date of a meeting, committee members will be alerted and the change will be noted on the CVAG website calendar.

ITEM 8f

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
June 3, 2024**



Subject: Regional Arterial Program Compliance Report

Contact: Peter Satin, Conservation Program Manager (psatin@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: As part of its duties in administering its regional arterial program, CVAG has established a cost-sharing process to reimburse member agencies for costs incurred through the implementation of projects listed in the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS). In April 2013, CVAG's Executive Committee adopted Policy No. 13-03, codifying requirements that member agencies must meet to receive the full complement of cost-share funds from CVAG. Under Policy No. 13-03, member agencies that are participating in, and compliant with, CVAG's Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) program and the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission's (CVCC) Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP) are eligible to be reimbursed for 75% of the costs remaining to implementation of TPPS-listed projects after accounting for outside funding. Non-compliance with either of those programs results in a maximum reimbursement of 25% after accounting for outside funding.

Compliance with the TUMF program is described in two governing documents. Resolution No. 07-007 establishes the date the TUMF obligation accrues to a development project and the date collected fees must be remitted to CVAG, and Policy No. 22-01 describes requirements for fee calculation and permit verification. Policy No. 22-01 also added as a TUMF compliance requirement member agency participation in the CVMSHCP. CVAG staff certifies TUMF participation annually and transmits this information to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), which utilizes the certification to disburse local Measure A funds to compliant agencies. Failure to comply with CVAG's TUMF requirements may result in RCTC withholding a local agency's Measure A funds.

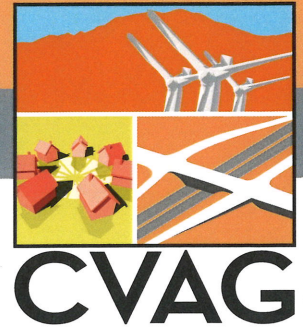
Over the course of May 2024, CVAG staff coordinated with local agency staff to ensure TUMF compliance requirements were being met. While each agency was adhering to the fee calculation standards, some agencies were delinquent in fee remittance, permit data submission, or both, and were at risk of forfeiting their Measure A allocation. Staff worked with these agencies to bring them into compliance, and was able to certify all relevant member agencies as participating in TUMF through March 31, 2024.

Local agency compliance with the CVMSHCP is recorded in its Annual Report, which is presented to the CVCC every spring. The 2023 Annual Report noted that each participating agency was compliant with the terms of the CVMSHCP and its related agreements through December 31, 2023. A formal certification notice will be provided to the CVCC at its June meeting.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost associated with this information item.

Attachments:

1. TUMF certification notice to RCTC
2. CVCC certification of CVMSHCP compliance



CERTIFICATION OF TUMF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

As the representative for the administrating agency for the Coachella Valley Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) program, I hereby certify that the following jurisdictions in the Coachella Valley area of Riverside County are participants in the Coachella Valley TUMF program as of July 1, 2024, as indicated below by the commencement date of participation and compliance with the TUMF program Handbook, as amended, and other required participation requirements.

Jurisdiction	Commencement Date of Participation in TUMF Program	In Compliance with TUMF Program Handbook and Related Participation Requirements?
Cathedral City	06/21/1989	Yes
Coachella	06/28/2000	Yes
Desert Hot Springs	05/22/1989; 11/01/1997	Yes
Indian Wells	08/03/1989	Yes
Indio	05/25/1989	Yes
La Quinta	04/22/2013	Yes
Palm Desert	05/25/1989	Yes
Palm Springs	06/21/1989	Yes
Rancho Mirage	06/22/1989	Yes
County of Riverside	06/27/1989	Yes

Signature: _____

Tom Kirk
Executive Director

Date: _____

28 MAY 2024

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CERTIFICATION OF CVMSHCP COMPLIANCE

As the representative for the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), the administrating agency for the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP), I hereby certify that the following agencies are permittees to the CVMSHCP as of December 31, 2023, and in compliance with the Permit Application, Implementing Agreement, and requirements therein, including charging and collecting the Local Development Mitigation Fee as approved by CVCC, and following the policies duly adopted and amended by CVCC.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Commencement Date of Participation in CVMSHCP</i>	<i>In Compliance with CVMSHCP Participation Requirements?</i>
<i>City of Cathedral City</i>	<i>October 18, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Coachella</i>	<i>October 11, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Desert Hot Springs</i>	<i>January 13, 2015</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Indian Wells</i>	<i>October 5, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Indio</i>	<i>October 17, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of La Quinta</i>	<i>October 18, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Palm Desert</i>	<i>October 11, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Palm Springs</i>	<i>October 24, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>City of Rancho Mirage</i>	<i>October 29, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>County of Riverside</i>	<i>October 2, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>County of Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District</i>	<i>October 30, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>County of Riverside Regional Park and Open Space District</i>	<i>October 16, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>County of Riverside Waste Resources Management District</i>	<i>October 16, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Coachella Valley Water District</i>	<i>October 9, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Imperial Irrigation District</i>	<i>October 9, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mission Springs Water District</i>	<i>July 2, 2014</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Coachella Valley Associations of Governments</i>	<i>September 9, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Coachella Valley Conservation Commission</i>	<i>December 1, 2005</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy</i>	<i>November 5, 2007</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>California Department of Parks and Recreation</i>	<i>March 28, 2008</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>California Department of Transportation</i>	<i>March 28, 2008</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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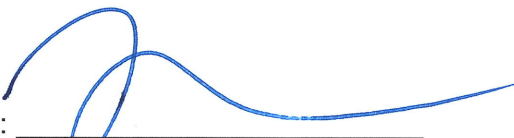
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