

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by Chair Patty Romo at WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Jeff Hart, City of Beaumont
Lori Askew, City of Calimesa
Nelson Nelson, City of Corona
Craig Bradshaw, Cities of Eastvale and Wildomar
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley
Robert Vestal, City of Hemet
Remon Habib, City of Lake Elsinore
Carlos Geronimo, City of Menifee
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta
Sam Nelson, City of Norco
Brad Brophy, Cities of Perris and San Jacinto
Gilbert Martinez, City of Riverside
Patrick Thomas, City of Temecula
Patty Romo, County of Riverside (Chair)
Jeffrey Smith, March JPA

Staff present:

Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, Program Manager

Guests present:

Darren Henderson, WSP / WRCOG consultant
Paul Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting Group
Bill Hemsley, City of Eastvale
Amer Attar, City of Temecula
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside
Darin Johnson, Mark Thomas & Company

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Patty Romo led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. MINUTES (*Murrieta / Eastvale*) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. *Item 5.A was approved. The Cities of Banning and Canyon Lake, and RCTC and RTA were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the April 11, 2019, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved Summary Minutes from the April 11, 2019, Public Works Committee meeting.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Temecula / Murrieta) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A was approved. The Cities of Banning and Canyon Lake, and RCTC and RTA were not present.

A. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. 2019 TUMF Construction Cost Index Adjustment

Darren Henderson reported on the Construction Cost Index (CCI) Adjustment, an annual administrative component of the TUMF Program that WRCOG must bring through the committee structure for discussion and recommendation. If adopted, the CCI Adjustment would lead to an increase in the TUMF Fee Schedule. Measures such as construction, labor, and land costs are analyzed to make adjustments to the TUMF schedule based on the most relevant data. The TUMF CCI adjustment is based on data from the Engineering News Record (ENR) CCI and the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Median Sales Price of Existing Single-Family Homes in the Riverside / San Bernardino Metropolitan Statistical Area. Since the Nexus Study update was approved in mid-2017, costs from these datasets have increased. Historically, the CCI adjustment that has led to increases in the TUMF have not been adopted by the Executive Committee.

Christopher Gray commented that the first phase-in of the residential fee would be increasing on July 1, 2019.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked for clarification on the rational of decreasing the residential fee.

Mr. Gray responded that as a result of the fee comparison study completed in 2017, the Executive Committee approved a phase-in to the single-family residential fee. Additionally, based on the study, the fees assessed on new retail developments were higher in Riverside County than in surrounding areas. With that information, the Executive Committee also approved a reduction in the retail fee.

Committee member Michael Wolfe asked what the amount of revenue loss has been since the retail fee was reduced.

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo responded that the revenue loss from the retail fee reduction has been approximately \$1.2 million.

Committee member Wolfe suggested that the Program continue with the retail fee reduction if any CCI adjustment is approved.

Chair Patty Romo asked if the 3,000 square foot reduction was already in place when the policy decision was made to make the reduction to the retail fee.

Mr. Gray responded that the square footage reduction coincided with the reduction in the retail fee.

Committee member Michael Myers stated that there may be other factors beyond the TUMF that affect a developer's decision to build in the WRCOG subregion.

Mr. Henderson stated that during the recession, the Executive Committee approved a 50% reduction in the TUMF, which analysis shows that the reduction had little impact in spurring development.

Mr. Henderson notified the Committee that there should be two separate actions related to the CCI adjustment. First, the approval of the CCI adjustment, and the second with the implementation of the actual fee levels.

Action: 1. *Directed staff to return with options for implementation of any approved CCI adjustment.*

(Moreno Valley / Eastvale) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 7.A was approved. The Cities of Banning and Canyon Lake, and RCTC and RTA were not present.

B. TUMF Revenue, Calculation and Collection Process Update

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo provided an update on TUMF revenues collected in Fiscal Year 2018/2019 thru March 2019 along with a status update of the implementation of the revision to the TUMF collection process. Single-Family residential development continues to be the largest contributor consisting of 51% of all TUMF revenues, or \$23M. Industrial makes up the second largest contributor at 21%, or \$10M.

In October 2018, the Executive Committee approved a revision to the TUMF collection policy, which allowed member agencies to delegate the fee collection responsibility to WRCOG. Since then, 16 member agencies have elected for WRCOG to assume responsibility of the fee calculation and collection. Member agencies who have not moved forward with WRCOG assuming the responsibility of the fee collection will continue providing monthly remittance reports to WRCOG. WRCOG is also in the process of developing an online portal that will be utilized for member agency staff to submit calculation requests and for developers to make TUMF payments. Staff will provide updates on the progress of the project as milestones are met.

Christopher Gray commented that staff has been returning fee calculations to member agencies within the hour of receiving requests.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. TUMF Network Review

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo announced that in anticipation of the next Nexus Study update, WRCOG will begin reviewing projects included in the current TUMF Network. This would include a comprehensive review of projects with each member agency staff to determine the status of projects (completed, underway, or planned). The interactive TUMF Network web map was completed in late 2018 and allows stakeholders to determine which projects are included in the TUMF Program for funding.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked if the satellite imagery tool was currently online.

Mr. Ramirez-Cornejo responded that it is and can be accessed through the WRCOG website.

Chair Patty Romo asked when the list of comprehensive roads in each of the jurisdictions would be sent out.

Mr. Ramirez-Cornejo replied that the list will be sent out in the next few months.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Riverside County Transportation Analysis Model Update

Christopher Gray provided an update regarding the transportation model and shared progress made to date as well as an update on the status of the initial roadway network and Traffic Analysis Structure (TAZ). There are currently 3,500 TAZs in Riverside County; being built into the model is a TAZ system in neighboring counties to account for inter-county travel. Another ongoing effort is updating the roadway network. WRCOG's consultants will be meeting with each member agency to go over the roadway network and WRCOG will be contacting jurisdictions for their traffic count data from arterial roadways.

Committee member Gilbert Hernandez asked which years is WRCOG looking for data on.

Mr. Gray responded that any relevant data that member agencies can provide would be beneficial.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Cynthia Mejia provided an update on WRCOG's upcoming General Assembly to be held at Pechanga Resort Casino on June 20, 2019. The General Assembly includes a morning session, the Future of Cities Symposium, which will include panels on transportation, automation, and land-use.

Christopher Gray announced a current effort to inquire more on project costs such as labor, materials, land, and soft costs in order to gain a comprehensive understanding on what costs are burdening jurisdictions the most.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Nelson Nelson announced the ribbon cutting date for the Cajalco Road Interchange Overcrossing which will be held on June 19, 2019, and also on June 22, 2019, the I-15 will be shut down from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. for the demolition of the old bridge.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 2:56 p.m.