

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Patty Romo at WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Art Vela, City of Banning
Jeff Hart, City of Beaumont
Lori Askew, City of Calimesa
Rosalva Ureno, City of Corona
Craig Bradshaw, Cities of Eastvale and Wildomar
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley
Remon Habib, City of Lake Elsinore
Jonathan Smith, City of Menifee
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta
Sam Nelson, City of Norco
Brad Brophy, Cities of Perris, San Jacinto, and Canyon Lake
Pat Thomas, City of Temecula
Patty Romo, County of Riverside (Chair)

Staff present:

Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager
Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, Program Manager
Anthony Segura, Staff Analyst
Ivana Medina, Staff Analyst

Guests present:

Darren Henderson, WSP / WRCOG consultant
Paul Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting Group
Andy Ramirez, City of San Jacinto
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside
Pradip Singh, County of Riverside
Martha Masters, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
Jenny Chan, RCTC

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 *(Moreno Valley / Eastvale) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A was approved. The Cities of Hemet and Riverside, and March JPA, and RTA were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the May 9, 2019, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved Summary Minutes from the May 9, 2019, Public Works Committee meeting.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Temecula / Murrieta) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A and 6.B were approved. The Cities of Hemet and Riverside, and March JPA, and RTA were not present.

A. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. TUMF Revenue and Expenditures Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Western Riverside Energy Partnership Program Activities Update on Energy Efficiency Benchmarking

Anthony Segura provided information on the Western Riverside Energy Partnership's (WREP) Energy Efficiency Benchmarking support for members. Energy Efficiency Benchmarking is an online reporting tool that tracks utility data for state and local government and property owners. It provides analysis of facilities' energy / gas consumption and billing data. As part of WREP, staff has set up benchmarking service accounts for 11 cities. Data collection for benchmarking services has since stopped due to the expiration of the CISR form data request. SCE was the only utility provider uploading data for benchmarking services to WREP members. Now, with a total of 15 cities in WREP, staff is looking to restart benchmarking services because the data that was being uploaded by the SCE has ended in 2017. WREP will be looking to receive data from both SCE and SoCal Gas to provide support to its members through benchmarking analysis. There are no costs associated with this service.

To begin benchmarking, member agencies must complete and submit Customer Information Service Request (CISR) forms to WRCOG which will be submitted on behalf of the member agencies to both SCE and SoCal Gas. The utility CISR forms were distributed at this meeting. SoCal Gas is looking to extend its Local Government Partnerships through 2020. The Partnership has now expanded to include water agencies, special districts, and municipal utilities.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked if his city was one of the 11 cities which had already completed benchmarking, would it undergo benchmarking again.

Mr. Segura responded that yes, it would because new facilities have been added and the past data from Southern California Edison has expired.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. 2019 TUMF Construction Cost Index Adjustment

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo reported that staff is required to bring an adjustment on a yearly basis through the Committee structure for recommendation to the Executive Committee. Three potential options for implementation of a Construction Cost Index (CCI) adjustment were given. Option 1 would implement a CCI adjustment with 2016 Nexus Study actions (maintain retail reduction and continued phase-in for single-family residential). Option 2 would implement a CCI adjustment and maintain the retail reduction. Option 3 would implement 50% of a CCI adjustment and maintain the retail reduction.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked when the next Nexus Study would occur.

Mr. Gray responded that after the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) adopts its next growth forecast and finishes its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in approximately one year, the next Nexus study would commence.

For the average project there would be a 5% increase in funds available if the current CCI adjustment was made. By not adopting a CCI adjustment there has been approximately \$7 million in non-collected TUMF.

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee adopt a CCI adjustment and consider an implementation option with the 2016 Nexus Study actions (maintain retail reduction and continue phase-in for single-family residential).*

(Murrieta / Calimesa) 16 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention. Item 7.B was approved. The cities of Hemet and Riverside, and March JPA, and RTA were not present. County of Riverside abstained. .

C. Proposed TUMF Exemption - Housing for the Homeless

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo reported on a request for a revision to the TUMF Administrative Plan to exempt specially built homes intended to serve the homeless population. Examples of TUMF exemptions include low income housing, government buildings, churches, and single-family units for disabled veterans. The City of Riverside requested that WRCOG staff review an exemption for homeless housing to be built on church property. Staff seeks to provide specific language under the low-income housing exemption regarding housing for homeless as it is foreseeable that this request may arise again. Staff proposed using the California Health Code's definition of homeless transitional housing in the TUMF Administrative Plan.

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee approve the proposed TUMF exemption for specially built homes that serve as transitional housing for homeless individuals or families.*

(Temecula / Banning) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 7.C was approved. The cities of Hemet and Riverside, and March JPA, and RTA were not present.

D. TUMF Regional Arterial Program

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo provided an update on the TUMF Regional Arterial Program administered by RCTC. The main focus of the presentation was to provide a list of roadway projects which had previously been submitted for consideration by WRCOG Member Agencies. Based on these initial submittals, RCTC Staff identified a series of eligible projects based on two main criteria whether the project is on the TUMF Backbone network (based on the Nexus Study Designation) and be construction ready in Fiscal Year 2022/2023. After receiving the list of projects, RCTC staff reached out to those who submitted qualified projects requesting additional information to determine how much funding the projects would need. Qualified projects submitted include Clinton Keith Road Extension Phase 3, French Valley Parkway Interchange Phase 2, Ramona Expressway (Sanderson Avenue to western City limits), Ethanac Road Extension with Bridge (Goetz Road to Phillips Street), Alessandro Boulevard (I-215 to Elsworth Street), and Gilman Springs Road. These backbone facility projects add up to approximately \$100 million in potential requests for Cycle 2.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. TUMF Program Development Agreements Updates

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo reported the findings of the review of member agencies' Development Agreements executed by WRCOG member agencies and developers with exemptions from the TUMF. Prior to implementation of the TUMF Program, agencies and developers entered into Development Agreements that provided certainty to the developer that their project will be isolated from the adoption of a regional mitigation fee program, in this case TUMF. On-call consulting firm PlaceWorks provided support to find all existing development agreements and determine their standing.

This research found the only Development Agreement that remains with the TUMF exemption is the agreement with the City of Temecula (Harveston / Winchester Hills project) which will end in 2026. There are no other Development Agreements in the subregion that would exempt new development from the TUMF. WRCOG provided letters to each member agency (City Manager, Planning Director, and Public Works Director) regarding the review and findings and asked for feedback and if they thought a valid Development Agreement was in existence in their jurisdiction. WRCOG did not receive any notification regarding a Development Agreement that was not previously reviewed by WRCOG. WRCOG staff will also be sending out letters regarding existing credit agreements and their status.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

F. RIVCOM Traffic Analysis Zone Data Review Sessions Scheduled for July 11, 2019

Christopher Tzeng announced that in-lieu of a July Public Works Committee meeting WRCOG will be hosting a workshop for jurisdictions to review TAZ data with the RIVCOM project team from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Staff is looking for input from jurisdictions about the accuracy of TAZ data provided.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Christopher Gray provided a reminder 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.

TUMF Program staff met with members of the community from the City of Banning regarding the process of Credit Agreements. Committee members were encouraged to direct stakeholders to WRCOG if there are any questions regarding the TUMF Program.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Patty Romo announced that a portion of Temescal Canyon Road will close on July 8, 2019, for three weeks due to utility relocation and drainage improvements.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 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 3:00 p.m.