

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 1:00 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
Rosalba Ureno, City of Corona
Craig Bradshaw, Cities of Eastvale and Wildomar
Kristen Jensen, City of Hemet
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley (1:59 p.m. arrival)
Yu Tagai, City of Lake Elsinore
Jonathan Smith, City of Menifee
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta
Sam Nelson, City of Norco
Brad Brophy, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, and San Jacinto
Gilbert Hernandez, City of Riverside (2:00 p.m. arrival)
Amer Attar, City of Temecula
Patty Romo, County of Riverside (Chair)
Jeffrey Smith, March JPA
Shirley Medina, Riverside County Transportation Commission
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency

Staff present:

Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager
Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, Program Manager
Daniel Soltero, Staff Analyst
Ivana Medina, Staff Analyst
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Darren Henderson, WSP / WRCOG consultant
Paul Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting Group
Gary Hamrick, Cambridge Systematics
Mahmoud Ahmadi, Iteris
Erik Ruehr, VRPA Technologies
Robert Vestal, City of Hemet

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. SELECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

Action: 1. *The Public Works Committee selected Kristen Jensen, City of Hemet, as Chair; Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta, as Vice-Chair; and Brad Brophy, City of San Jacinto, as 2nd Vice-Chair positions for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.*

(Murrieta / Eastvale) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 5 was approved. The Cities of Banning, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, and Riverside were not present.

6. MINUTES *(Menifee / County) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A was approved. The Cities of Banning, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, and Riverside were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the June 13, 2019, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved Summary Minutes from the June 13, 2019, Public Works Committee meeting.*

7. CONSENT CALENDAR *(Murrieta / Menifee) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 7.A and 7.B were approved. The Cities of Banning, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, and Riverside 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. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

Daniel Soltero provided a recap of all streetlight activities to date. The Cities of Eastvale, Hemet, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, and Wildomar are currently undergoing streetlight retrofits, and the remaining jurisdictions in the Program will begin their retrofits in the coming months. Staff has received mostly positive comments on the streetlight retrofit process throughout the jurisdictions.

WRCOG, through coordination with each member agency, avoided an LED price increase by purchasing fixtures prior to the increase deadline. The price increase was the result of federal tariffs imposed on Chinese imports.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Residential Housing Definition

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo reported that since the inception of the TUMF Program, there have been two definitions in the TUMF Administrative Plan that differentiate residential uses; one being single-family units and the other being multi-family units. As in most other land uses, staff has seen changes in characteristics and patterns of residential projects over the last decade or so.

Mr. Ramirez-Cornejo provided an overview of the definitions for Single-Family Residential Units and Multi-Family Residential Units, as well as recent changes that impact the definitions such as high density detached residential units. Currently, high density detached unit projects are eligible to pay

TUMF at the lower multi-family rate if the number of units is greater than eight units per gross acre. Staff has reviewed additional documents including information developed by the Institute of Transportation Engineers which has a slightly different definition for each.

Staff provided examples of projects that have raised questions regarding the definitions, and how TUMF would be assessed. In each instance, staff has worked with the applicant and member agency to address questions. Projects can become more complex when both single-family and multi-family units are included. In these instances, staff has determined that TUMF will assess projects on a case-by-case basis. Mixed residential use developments have assessed TUMF similarly since the beginning of the Program.

Mr. Ramirez-Cornejo asked for any input or direction from the Committee on whether these definitions should be revised to accommodate the change in residential developments.

Christopher Gray also shared examples of how WRCOG deals with gross density; for example, distinguishing offsite dedications versus onsite parks and streets.

Committee member Bob Moehling asked if any consideration has been made for the traffic impacts of accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Mr. Gray responded that ADUs are currently exempt from the TUMF.

Chair Patricia Romo stated that the current definitions have been working and any questions from developers should be addressed on a case by case basis with the member agency.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans

Gary Hamrick provided a background on the Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans (CMCPs). Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is leading this project with help from the Riverside County Transportation Commission, WRCOG, and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA). This project falls between Western Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The purpose of this Study is to examine multimodal, East / West, and North / South Corridors with focus on both freeway and other modes of travel, as well as to help with the planning of SB-1 funding. The final CMCPs are expected to be completed by spring 2020, in time for Cycle 2 of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Public Works Committee Representation

Christopher Gray stated that annually, staff review member agency representatives for the Public Works Committee. The member agency representative does not have to be the Public Works Director or City Engineer, but someone who is informed on key regional issues and can attend regularly. Staff provided the most up to date representation for each member agency and notified the Committee that any revisions would require notification by the City Manager.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

9. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Christopher Gray stated that there are several transportation improvements ongoing that are being funded with TUMF and that staff is available to meet and discuss funding if necessary.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Craig Bradshaw stated that the Limonite Avenue Interchange project continues to progress and should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Committee member Rosalvo Ureno stated that the ribbon cutting for the Cajalco Road Interchange project will occur in October.

Committee member Mike Myers stated that environmental clearance has occurred for the Market Street Bridge project.

Committee member Jonathan Smith stated that the Scott Road Interchange project is on schedule and within budget. The design of the Scott Road Widening project should begin in the coming months and will be completed in approximately twenty-four months.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.