

# Western Riverside Council of Governments Pass Zone Committee

Thursday, January 23, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Riverside County Administration Center 4080 Lemon Street 8th Floor, Conference Room #8A Riverside, CA 92501

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The Zone Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the Zone Committee regarding any items with the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Summary Minutes from the July 18, 2018, Pass Zone Technical Advisory Committee meeting are Available for Consideration.

<u>Requested Action</u>: 1. Approve the Summary Minutes from the July 18, 2018, Pass Zone Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

#### 5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

## A. Review Draft 2020 Pass Zone 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program

**Requested Action:** 1. Review and take action on the proposed Draft 2020 5-Year Pass Zone Transportation Improvement Program.

#### 6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Members

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Zone Committee meetings.

#### 7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8. NEXT MEETING: The next Pass Zone Committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

## **TUMF Pass Zone Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Summary (July 18, 2018)**

List of Attendees:

Art Vela – City of Banning
Amer Jakher – City of Beaumont
Lori Askew – City of Calimesa
Mike Thornton – City of Calimesa
Patty Romo – County of Riverside
Glenn Higa – County of Riverside
Shirley Medina – Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

On May 21, 2018, the County of Riverside, RCTC, and WRCOG distributed a letter to the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, and Calimesa discussing a past project prioritization effort within the Pass Zone which resulted in the successful delivery of the top ranked project, the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation. As such, the letter recommended a similar prioritization effort utilizing the TUMF Pass Zone structure. The agreed upon format for this process is as follows:

- 1. The Pass Area Zone TAC will meet to review and update the technical criteria that will be used to rank projects;
- 2. WRCOG will issue a call-for-projects as part of the regular Zone project review;
- 3. Each agency will be asked to submit up to 3 priority projects for evaluation;
- 4. The Zone TAC Committee will meet to evaluate and rank projects based on the established ranking criteria;
- 5. The Zone TAC will make a recommendation to the Elected Zone Committee, who will make the final recommendation to the WRCOG Executive Committee on the Zone priorities; and
- 6. This ranking list will also be provided to RCTC for consideration of allocation of future funding, including Regional TUMF, Federal, and State sources as appropriate.

On July 18, 2018, WRCOG convened the members of the Pass Zone TAC to initiate step 1 of the process. WRCOG staff provided a presentation regarding the previous effort to prioritize transportation projects in the Pass Zone and the criteria used to score/rank projects submitted by the agencies. The group modified a number of criteria, which are summarized below:

- **Emphasis on Measure A:** Discussion was held on expanding the criteria beyond the RCTC Strategic Plan and place emphasis on whether the project has secured or is eligible to secure funding through any Measure A programs.
- **Regional Significance**: The consensus of the group is to only tie this specific criteria to the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) at the build out of a project. The higher the traffic volumes at build out, the higher the score for the project. In the previous prioritization, a project was required to meet particular criteria that is uncommon in the Pass area such as length in miles and crossing a stream/river.
- **Economic Development:** Discussion was held on whether this criteria should be expanded beyond the job base of the Pass area. Staff has included additional guidelines for agencies to consider when submitting a project, such as existing and

proposed non-residential development within a mile of the project. Based on the discussion, staff has included trade corridor improvement guidelines for an agency to consider when submitting a project.

- **Project Readiness**: To create an even comparison between arterials and interchanges, this criteria was modified to the estimated timeframe to construct the project. As such, the most shovel ready project will receive the highest score.
- Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality: Discussion was held on whether this criteria can be quantified and it was proposed to whether a project has secured or is eligible to secure Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds.
- **Safety**: Based on the discussion of the group, staff has included additional guidelines for agencies to consider when submitting a project, such as whether the project will eliminate a known safety hazard and inconsistencies with current design standards.
- **Matching Funding**: This criteria has been modified to reference secured funding for the project, regardless of funding source.
- **System Continuity**: This criteria has been modified to place emphasis on projects that are "missing links" or alleviate bottlenecks. Points will also be awarded for projects that parallel or provide alternate routes to the interstate highway.

In addition to the criteria used to score/rank projects submitted by agencies, the group discussed the Backbone TUMF Network and the criteria used in the Nexus Study for these facilities. Since inception of the TUMF Program, a Pass Zone project has not been funded by the Regional Arterial TUMF, which is administered by RCTC. WRCOG staff is evaluating whether to review other facilities in the Pass Zone for potential inclusion in the Backbone TUMF Network. These facilities would be existing Pass Zone TUMF Network facilities and would be transferred from the Secondary TUMF Network to the Backbone TUMF Network. The County of Riverside has requested that the I-10 Bypass be considered for review and as such, staff would consider similar requests for projects within the remaining members of the Pass Zone.

**Next Steps**: Agencies have until August 3, 2018 to submit any comments regarding specific criteria or guidelines included. WRCOG would request that each member agency submit written confirmation (in an email) on the approved criteria. Once all member agencies agree on the criteria, WRCOG will issue a Call for Projects and each agency will be asked to submit up to three projects for scoring and ranking.

**Next Meeting**: September 2018 (after criteria has been agreed upon and agencies submit 3 projects for ranking)

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. May 21, 2018 letter to the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, and Calimesa
- 2. PowerPoint presentation from the July 18, 2018 meeting
- 3. Clean version of proposed prioritization criteria
- 4. Redline version of proposed prioritization criteria



# 2019 Pass Zone 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program

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