



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

AGENDA

**Monday, November 2, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
3390 University Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92501**

**WRCOG's OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO COVID-19
AND STAFF ARE WORKING REMOTELY**

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SPECIAL NOTICE – COVID-19 RELATED PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

Due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Newsom has issued Executive Order N-29-20 (issued March 17, 2020) in which Section 3 supersedes Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (issued on March 12, 2020). This new order states that WRCOG does not need to make a physical location available for members of the public to observe a public meeting and offer public comment. The Order allows WRCOG to hold Committee meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically.

To follow the Order issued by the Governor, the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. will be held via video and teleconference and any members of the public can attend electronically. Members of the public may send public comments by emailing snelson@wrcog.us, or calling (951) 405-6703 before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting in light of this announcement shall contact Suzy Nelson prior to 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2020, at (951) 405-6703 or at snelson@wrcog.us.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Kevin Bash, Chair)**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time members of the public can address the Executive Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Executive Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda 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 Executive Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. **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 Executive Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Executive Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Action items:

- A. **Summary Minutes from the October 5, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.** **P. 1**
- Requested Action:** 1. *Approve the Summary Minutes from the October 5, 2020, Executive Committee meeting.*
- B. **TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of Reimbursement Agreement Amendment** **Chris Gray** **P. 7**
- Requested Action:** 1. *Authorize the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Eastvale and the City of Norco for the Project Advancement & Environmental Document, and Project Specification and Engineering, and Construction Phases of the Hamner Avenue Widening Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,823,000.*
- C. **Adoption of Resolution to Accept Clean Mobility Options Voucher for Community Transportation Needs Assessment** **Kyle Rodriguez** **P. 17**
- Requested Action:** 1. *Adopt Resolution Number 28-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments accepting a Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher.*

D.	Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Application for Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program – Cycle 4	Kyle Rodriguez	P. 23
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Requested Action: 1. *Adopt Resolution Number 29-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizing submittal of application – Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program – Cycle 4.*

E.	Appointments of WRCOG Representatives to Various Committees	Rick Bishop	P. 29
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Requested Action: 1. *Appoint Brian Tisdale (Lake Elsinore) as the primary and Micheal Goodland (Jurupa Valley) as the alternate representative to the California Association of Councils of Governments for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.*

2. *Appoint Jordan Ehrenkranz (Canyon Lake) and Linda Krupa (Hemet) as primary 1 and 2 respectively, and Larry Smith (Calimesa) as the alternate representative to the Riverside County Solid Waste Advisory Council / Local Task Force for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.*

3. *Appoint Ted Hoffman (Norco) to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's One Water One Watershed Steering Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.*

4. *Appoint Crystal Ruiz (San Jacinto) as the primary and Colleen Wallace (Banning) as the alternate representative to the San Diego Association of Governments' Borders Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.*

5. *Appoint six representatives to SCAG Policy Committees for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022:*

1) *Micheal Goodland (Jurupa Valley): Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD)*

2) *Crystal Ruiz (San Jacinto): Transportation*

3) *Linda Krupa (Hemet): Transportation*

4) *Jordan Ehrenkranz (Canyon Lake): Energy & Environment*

5) *Victoria Baca (Moreno Valley): Energy & Environment*

6) *Christi White (Murrieta): CEHD*

Information items:

F.	Finance Department Activities Update	Andrew Ruiz	P. 31
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Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

G.	Western Riverside Energy Partnership Program Activities Update	Anthony Segura	P. 33
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Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

H. **WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update** **Chris Gray** **P. 35**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

I. **Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees** **Rick Bishop** **P. 51**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

6. **REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

A. **Report from the League of California Cities** **Erin Sasse, League of California Cities** **P. 59**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

B. **Riverside County Economic Recovery Task Force Update** **Juan Perez, County of Riverside** **P. 61**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

C. **Activities Update from the Eastern Municipal Water District / Western Municipal Water District** **Ronald Sullivan, EMWD
Brenda Dennstedt, WMWD** **P. 63**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

D. **COVID-19 Fiscal Impacts Analysis: Phase 2, Opportunities for Economic Development and Resiliency in a New Era** **Teifion Rice-Evans, Economic Planning System, Inc.** **P. 65**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

E. **Update on the Potential Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation** **Elisa Laurel, WRCOG** **P. 67**

Requested Action: 1. *Appoint at last three Executive Committee members to serve on the Economic Development Corporation Steering Committee.*

F. **Proposed Project List for SCAG Regional Early Action Program Subregional Partnership Program** **Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG** **P. 71**

Requested Actions: 1. *Direct staff to submit the list of projects to SCAG for the REAP Grant Program.*
 2. *Direct staff to submit a letter to SCAG requesting REAP funding for the Economic Development Corporation.*

7. **REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR** **Andy Okoro**

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee Representatives
SCAQMD, Ben Benoit
CALCOG, Brian Tisdale
SAWPA OWOW Committee, Rusty Bailey
SANDAG Borders Committee, Crystal Ruiz

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Rick Bishop*

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS *Members*

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

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS *Members*

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Executive Committee.

12. NEXT MEETING: The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Monday, October 5, 2020

2:04 PM

Zoom Platform

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Bash at 2:01 p.m. on October 5, 2020, on the Zoom virtual platform.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Jurisdiction	Attendee Name	Status	Arrived / Departed
City of Banning	Daniela Andrade	Present	1:55 PM
City of Beaumont	Mike Lara	Present	1:55 PM
City of Calimesa	Jeff Cervantez	Present	1:55 PM
City of Canyon Lake	Jordan Ehrenkranz	Present	1:55 PM
City of Corona	Jason Scott	Present	1:55 PM
City of Eastvale		Absent	
City of Hemet	Russ Brown	Present	1:55 PM
City of Jurupa Valley	Micheal Goodland	Present	2:10 PM
City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Present	1:55 PM
City of Menifee	Matt Liesemeyer	Present	1:55 PM
City of Moreno Valley	Victoria Baca	Present	1:55 PM
City of Murrieta	Kelly Seyarto	Present	2:09 PM
City of Norco	Kevin Bash	Present	1:55 PM
City of Perris	Rita Rogers	Present	1:55 PM
City of Riverside	Rusty Bailey	Present	1:55 PM
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present	1:55 PM
City of Temecula	Maryann Edwards	Present	1:55 PM
City of Wildomar	Ben Benoit	Present	1:55 PM
District 1		Absent	
District 2	Karen Spiegel	Present	2:14 PM
District 3	Chuck Washington	Present	1:55 PM
District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Present	1:55 PM
EMWD	Ronald Sullivan	Present	1:55 PM
WMWD	Brenda Dennstedt	Present	1:55 PM / 2:46 PM
Office of Education (ex-officio)	Dr. Judy White	Present	1:55 PM
TAC Chair	Andy Okoro	Present	1:55 PM
Executive Director	Rick Bishop	Present	1:55 PM

Note: Times above reflect when the member logged in; they may have arrived at the meeting earlier.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Wildomar
SECONDER:	Moreno Valley
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD
ABSENT:	Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Murrieta, District 1, District 2
AWAY FROM MEETING:	Beaumont

A. Summary Minutes from the September 14, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the September 14, 2020, Executive Committee meeting.*

B. TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of Reimbursement Agreements and Reimbursement Agreement Amendments

Actions:

1. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Temecula for the Right-of-Way Phase of the French Valley Parkway (Jefferson Avenue to Ynez Road) Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.*
2. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of San Jacinto for the Project Advancement & Environmental Document, Project Specifications & Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction Phases of the State Street Widening Project from Gilman Springs Road to Quandt Ranch Road in an amount not to exceed \$1,138,000.*
3. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the County of Riverside for the Project Advancement & Environmental Document, and Construction Phases of the Hamner Avenue Bridge over the Santa Ana River Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,750,000.*

C. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. Environmental Department Programs Activities update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

F. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. Received and filed.

G. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Action: 1. Received and filed.

H. Activities Update from the Eastern Municipal Water District / Western Municipal Water District

Action: 1. Received and filed.

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**A. Report from the League of California Cities**

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities representative, was unable to attend.

Action: 1. Received and filed.

B. PACE Programs Activity Update: Review of WRCOG's PACE Programs Consumer Protections and Deferral of Judicial Foreclosure on Delinquent PACE Properties

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, shared examples of PACE financing compared to other forms of consumer financing. PACE financing is different in that it offers pre-funding project review, post-funding homeowners support, confirmed terms call, and pre- and post-funding dispute resolution.

Mr. Dailey provided an overview of PACE consumer protections. Many of the Program's consumer protections have later been incorporated into state law. Protections include the application of a 3-day right-to-cancel for the property owner, expanded financial disclosures, ability to pay requirements, as well as a required confirmed terms call. Over the years of the Program, additional protections have been added to engage, inform, and educate the property owner throughout the funding process. Some of these protections include the creation of a Quality Assurance Call before the works begins; a post-construction pre-funding call; and a Compliance Call after the work has concluded.

WRCOG has implemented enhanced scrutiny for seniors. Some of these protections include staff confirming the terms of the financing with the homeowner prior to signing off on PACE financed work commencing. Senior citizens are also provided an additional two days to determine if they want to cancel a project. Properties with reverse mortgages are no longer allowed. Senior citizens account for approximately 24% of all PACE assessments; they comprise approximately 29% of the overall population of the state.

WRCOG has requested a title company review approximately 400 assessments throughout the state in order to provide an estimate of foreclosure rates.

PACE assessments appear as a line item on a property tax bill. Property tax payments cannot be partially paid or split. As of July 31, 2020, the overall PACE delinquency rate is approximately 1.43%; comparatively, the overall delinquency rate for the state is approximately 2.4%. The PACE delinquency rate in Riverside County is approximately 1.67%, while the overall delinquency rate for the County is approximately 4.3%.

In 2015, this Committee adopted a policy to review delinquency rates on an annual basis. Compared to last year there is a slight uptick in delinquencies, and staff are closely monitoring the situation.

In order to ensure a PACE delinquency does not result in a foreclosure, WRCOG partners with a third party, First National Assets (FNA), which purchases the PACE delinquencies. In this manner, bond investors are paid in a timely fashion and property owners are not subject to any foreclosure proceeding initiated by WRCOG.

As in past years, staff are requesting the deferment of foreclosure for delinquencies incurred during Tax Year 2019/2020. Additionally, staff is requesting the automatic deferment of foreclosure in subsequent years so long as a third party, such as FNA, is in place to purchase PACE delinquencies.

Sparky Abraham, member of the public, commented on delinquency data, statistical samples, the dynamics of the PACE Program, mortgage delinquencies, and the filings of notices of default.

Stacey Tutt, member of the public, commented on foreclosures, sample size of delinquencies, and the number of consumer protections.

Committee member Mike Lara asked if there is a limit on what FNA will cover on the shortfalls.

Mr. Dailey responded that there is no limit. FNA has assured WRCOG that it will be able to remain as the third party to purchases PACE delinquencies.

Committee member Micheal Goodland asked where most of the foreclosures are occurring – in or out of Riverside County – and indicated that there should be a higher number of properties sampled. As WRCOG has no control of mortgage companies, there is a concern that the mortgage companies that deal with PACE are working above board. What has been the premier reason for foreclosures.

Mr. Dailey responded that staff have asked for a random sampling of 400 properties across the state. WRCOG has limited insight as to any of the number of causes in which a property owner may find themselves unable to pay their mortgage payment and/or property taxes. The delinquency information is the one data metric available to WRCOG to determine in a property owner is making their payments.

Committee member Goodland asked what WRCOG's cost is regarding FNA.

Mr. Dailey responded that WRCOG does not pay FNA for its services. FNA comes whole when a property owner comes current on their property tax payments.

Committee member Chuck Washington asked about utilizing older data, WRCOG's control of mortgage companies and forgoing judicial foreclosure proceedings.

Mr. Dailey responded that staff asks annually the deferment of judicial foreclosure proceedings. Regarding older data, a county typically will wait five years prior to initiating any foreclosure proceedings as a result of not paying property tax payments. To review assessments in years prior to 2019/2020 would not be an accurate view. WRCOG has no influence over mortgage lenders.

- Action:** 1. *Adopted Resolution Number 27-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments waiving judicial foreclosure proceeding requirements for delinquent payments of assessments of the Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program for Western Riverside County and the California HERO Program.*

RESULT: **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

MOVER: District 3

SECONDER: City of Wildomar

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD

ABSENT: Eastvale, District 1

AWAY FROM MEETING: Lake Elsinore, Menifee

C. TUMF Program Year in Review

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported that the TUMF Program is the largest transportation program in the United States and one of WRCOG's longest standing programs.

TUMF collections for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 met staff projections at \$49.8 million. The Northwest Zone has collected the highest amount of revenues at just over \$21M. Single-family land use continues to be the highest revenue generator.

Since inception of the Program in 2003, \$910M has been collected. The County accounts for 1/3 of the total collections. Over \$400M has been distributed to member jurisdictions, and \$340M has been allocated to the Riverside County Transportation Commission. A total of 108 projects have been completed.

Developers are able to build in lieu of TUMF via Credit Agreements. The Program has provided \$240M in projects completed through Credit Agreements. The I-15 / Cajalco Interchange project is the largest project completed to date at \$50M.

Funding through the Measure A sales tax has provided \$330M through the Local Streets and Roads Program.

WRCOG has prepared individual jurisdictional reports covering all the project a jurisdiction has received funding for, pending projects, completed project, etc.

- Action:** 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Andy Okoro, Technical Advisory Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting.

7. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Benoit, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) representative for cities in Riverside County, reported that the region has recently been experiencing the worst air quality due to all the fires.

Rusty Bailey, SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee representative, reported that projects – the Evans Lake Tributary Restoration Project and the Camp Evans Project – which were funded through Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management funding are finally ready to begin; \$23M was made available. A pilot program – the physical harvesting of algae biomass – in Lake Elsinore will also begin next year. Proposition 1 Round II funding of projects will begin next year; \$27M is available. The first session of the Ensuring Equitable Involvement in Regional Water Planning Summit is scheduled on October 8, 2020.

Crystal Ruiz, SANDAG Borders Committee representative, reported that the Calexico Port of Entry Project and Senate Bill 1, the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, were the topics of conversation.

Micheal Goodland, Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee representative, reported that JLL, Inc. provided a presentation on post-COVID-19. More people will continue working from home. Homebuyers are seeking the suburbs.

8. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop reported that notifications were sent out late last week regarding appointments to outside agencies. Appointments last for two years. SCAG is providing funding to each of its subregions to spur the production of housing. WRCOG is eligible for approximately \$1.6M. WRCOG is requesting approximately \$500k to promote the pursuit of a Regional Economic Development Corporation.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Micheal Goodland announced that the City of Jurupa Valley has hired a new Economic Development Director.

Chairman Kevin Bash announced that the City of Norco was told that banks are requiring projects to be COVID-19 safe before they will be funded.

Committee member Judy White announced that she is retiring.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Executive Committee adjourned to Closed Session; there were no reportable actions.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at 3:25 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of Reimbursement Agreement Amendment

Contact: Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to request approval of a Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Reimbursement Agreement Amendment.

Requested Action:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Eastvale and the City of Norco for the Project Advancement & Environmental Document, Engineering, and Construction Phases of the Hamner Avenue Widening (Schleisman to Citrus and Detroit to Alhambra) Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,823,000.

WRCOG's TUMF Program is a regional fee program designed to provide transportation and transit infrastructure that mitigates the impact of new growth in Western Riverside County.

TUMF Reimbursement Agreements Amendment

One Reimbursement Agreement Amendment are being presented for approval. A Reimbursement Agreement is a document between a WRCOG member jurisdiction and WRCOG which allows WRCOG to provide funding to the jurisdiction for TUMF expenses incurred for the planning, design, and/or construction of a TUMF project.

The City of Eastvale and the City of Norco:

1. The Hamner Avenue Widening (Schleisman to Citrus and Detroit to Alhambra) Project Agreement is amended to increase the Construction phase by \$4,510,000, consistent with the TUMF Northwest Zone Transportation Improvement Plan. The Agreement covers the PA&ED, Engineering, and Construction Phases in an amount not to exceed \$5,823,000.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

Transportation Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget under the Transportation Department.

Attachment:

1. TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Eastvale and the City of Norco for the Hamner Avenue Widening Project.

Item 5.B

TUMF Program Activities Update:
Approval of Reimbursement
Agreement Amendment

Attachment 1

TUMF Reimbursement Agreement
Amendment with the City of Eastvale
and the City of Norco for the Hamner
Avenue Widening Project

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE
PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

HAMNER AVENUE WIDENING

This Amendment No. 1 to Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement (“Amendment No. 1”) is entered into this November 2nd, 2020, by and between the WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (“WRCOG”) and **the City of Eastvale, a California municipal corporation and the City of Norco, a California municipal corporation**. The Cities of Eastvale and Norco are hereinafter referred to collectively as “AGENCIES.” WRCOG and the AGENCIES are sometimes referred to individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties.”

RECITALS

A. WRCOG and AGENCIES have entered into an agreement titled “Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement” that is dated **March 20, 2019** (“Agreement”). The Agreement provides the terms and conditions, scope of work, schedule and funding amount for the construction of the **Hamner Avenue Widening** (hereinafter the “Project”).

B. The Agreement provides for funding of the PA&ED and PS&E Phases of the Project. Parties are now seeking to add additional funding for the Construction Phase of the Project. The Parties desire to amend the Agreement to increase the funding amount pursuant to Sections 6 and 33 of the Agreement.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and subject to the

conditions contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Funding Amount contained in Section 2 of the Agreement is increased to an amount not to exceed Five Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars **(\$5,823,000.)**

2. The increase in the Funding Amount in Section 2 of this Amendment is within the Maximum TUMF Share.

3. Exhibits “A”, “A-1”, and “A-2” of the Agreement are hereby replaced in their entirety by Exhibits “A”, “A-1”, and “A-2” of this Amendment No. 1, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

4. The above-stated Recitals are hereby fully incorporated by reference into this Amendment No. 1.

5. Except to the extent specifically modified or amended hereunder, all of the terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect between the Parties hereto.

6. This Amendment No. 1 may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and which collectively shall constitute one instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment No. 1 to be executed by their duly authorized representatives to be effective on the day and year first written above.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

CITY OF NORCO

By: _____
Rick Bishop, Executive Director

By: _____
Berwin Hanna - Mayor

Approved to Form:

Approved to Form:

By: _____
Steven C. DeBaun
General Counsel

By: _____
John Harper
City Attorney

Attest:

By: _____
Dana Roa, CMC – City Clerk

CITY OF EASTVALE

By: _____
Brandon Plott - Mayor

Approved to Form:

By: _____
Erica Vega
City Attorney

Attest:

By: _____
Mark A. Donohue, MMC – City
Clerk

Exhibit A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SCOPE OF WORK:

The project phases to be funded under this agreement will be the PA&ED, PS&E, and Construction.

The City of Norco and City of Eastvale in cooperation with the County of Riverside are proposing to widen two road segments on Hamner Avenue. One road segment is between Schleisman Road and Citrus Street just north of the Hamner Avenue Bridge over the Santa Ana River. The other road segment is between Detroit Street and Alhambra Street just south of the Hamner Avenue Bridge.

The project will widen both Hamner Avenue segments from four lanes to six lanes, which includes one additional northbound lane and one southbound lane. The proposed road widening alignment will vary to minimize right of way acquisitions for the project. Additional improvements will include construction of sidewalks, concrete ramps, concrete curb and gutter and modifications to two traffic signals. Traffic signal modifications are needed to accommodate the widening at the intersection of Hamner Avenue and Schleisman Road, and the intersection of Hamner Avenue and Alhambra Street.

EXHIBIT “A-1”
ESTIMATE OF COST

Phase	TUMF	LOCAL	TOTAL
PA&ED	\$571,000		
PS&E	\$742,000		
RIGHT OF WAY			
CONSTRUCTION	\$4,510,000		
TOTAL	\$5,823,000		

EXHIBIT “A-2”**PROJECT SCHEDULE****TIMETABLE:**

Phase	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Cost	Comments
PA&ED	FY 19/20	\$571,000	
PS&E	FY 20/21	\$742,000	
RIGHT OF WAY			
CONSTRUCTION	FY 2022-23	\$4,510,000	
TOTAL		\$5,823,000	

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Adoption of Resolution to Accept Clean Mobility Options Voucher for Community Transportation Needs Assessment

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst, krodriguez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher for the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition.

Requested Action:

1. Adopt Resolution Number 28-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments accepting a Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher.

Background

The California Air Resources Board (CARB), in cooperation with the Local Government Commission, CALSTART, Inc., released the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program to conduct “Community Transportation Needs Assessments” that will help identify – and eventually address – transportation challenges faced by residents in their communities. In July 2020, the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition applied CARB’s proposed 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment under the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Voucher Pilot Program. The Coalition seeks to integrate technology with alternative fuels and infrastructure in order to improve efficiency, increase domestic energy security, and improve operating costs for consumers and businesses.

2020 Needs Assessment

In August 2020, the Coalition received a 2020 Needs Assessment Voucher, which will focus on residents living in disadvantaged and low-income communities. The Coalition will use funding from the Voucher to address gaps in communities and neighborhoods that are suburban, less urbanized, less densely populated, and generally lack robust public transit options often associated with major urban communities. This assessment will be conducted through a community engagement approach, using a stakeholder group that will include residents, affordable housing developers, environmental justice advocates, academics, and business owners. The group will develop a survey tool and a community outreach strategy that includes digital and social media, workshops (virtual or in-person), phone surveys, and one-on-one interviews. The assessment will be used to better understand how to overcome obstacles to obtaining clean, equitable transportation in our communities.

Prior Action:

October 14, 2020: The Administration & Finance Committee recommend that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution Number 28-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments accepting a Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher.

Fiscal Impact:

All expenditures associated with the Needs Assessment will be covered by a grant that the Coalition will be receiving from CALSTART for \$48,600.

Attachment:

1. Resolution Number 28-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments accepting a Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher.

Item 5.C

Adoption of Resolution to Accept
Clean Mobility Options Voucher for
Community Transportation Needs
Assessment

Attachment 1

Resolution Number 28-20; A
Resolution of the Executive
Committee of the Western Riverside
Council of Governments accepting a
Community Transportation Needs
Assessment Voucher

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 28-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUCL OF GOVERNMENTS ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ASSESMENT VOUCHER

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) is a joint powers authority consisting of the County of Riverside and 18 cities, the Eastern Municipal Water District, the Western Municipal Water District, and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, situated in Western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), on behalf of California Climate Resources, in cooperation with the Program Administrator team of The Local Government Commission, CALSTART, Inc., will conduct “Community Transportation Needs Assessments” that will help identify – and eventually address – transportation challenges faced by residents in their communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this effort, CARB provides vouchers through its Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program to support community-based efforts to improve zero-emission mobility access and equity, improve local air quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, CARB has awarded the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition a 2020 Community Transportation Needs Assessment Voucher under the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program (the “2020 Voucher”) with an approved budget of \$48,600; and

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside Council of Governments is a California public agency; and

WHEREAS, The Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition has reviewed the 2020 Voucher guidelines pursuant to this opportunity and determined that its objectives are consistent with the mission of WRCOG’s Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, WRCOG staff, with the approval and support of the Executive Committee, has determined that it is in its best interest to accept the 2020 Voucher to support its Energy and Environmental Program to serve disadvantaged and low-income residents of Western Riverside County communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments that:

1. On November 2, 2020, the Executive Committee adopted Resolution Number 28-20 to accept \$48,600 in funding to complete a Community Transportation Needs Assessment for the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program.
2. The Executive Committee further authorized and directed WRCOG staff to accept the 2020 Voucher; and

3. The Executive committee further authorizes WRCOG staff to perform all acts and to do all things necessary to implement the 2020 Voucher Agreement terms in compliance with the requirements of the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments on November 2, 2020.

Kevin Bash, Chair
WRCOG Executive Committee

Rick Bishop, Secretary
WRCOG Executive Committee

Approved as to form:

Steven DeBaun
WRCOG Legal Counsel

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Application for Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program - Cycle 4

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst, krodriguez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the application of the Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program that WRCOG staff will use to assist members in reaching State of California recycling requirements.

Requested Action:

1. Adopt Resolution Number 29-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizing submittal of application – Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program – Cycle 4.

Background

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has opened its fourth cycle of the Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program; applications are due November 20, 2020. The purpose of this grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by establishing new or expanding existing food waste prevention projects (source reduction or food rescue) in California to reduce the amount of food being disposed in landfills.

Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant

To assist members in meeting requirements of Senate Bill 1383, WRCOG staff will use the grant to establish a regional food recovery network and provide food waste education and outreach to residents and businesses. The grant funds will be used for the following initiatives:

- Implement a needs assessment: The assessment will allow WRCOG staff to provide resources to underserved communities which experience food insecurity, and to potential partners who can support food waste prevention efforts in assessing the appropriate level and type of service / strategy to pursue in different settings.
- Food Pantry Directory: A web-embedded mapping tool will be developed that allows residents to locate food pantries near them. A list of food recovery organizations will be developed and maintained. The map will provide basic information of each site, including links to its website, the location and hours, and any other requirements.
- Online Match Application: An online application will use matching logic technology to connect businesses which have a food surplus with organizations that recover and distribute food to those in need.

The grant award allows for a maximum of \$300,000 per applicant. WRCOG staff will apply for the full award range, allowing all expenditures associated with food waste prevention to be covered by the grant.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. Resolution Number 29-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizing submittal of application – Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program – Cycle 4.

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Adoption of Resolution Authorizing
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Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant
Program - Cycle 4

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submittal of application – Food
Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant
Program – Cycle 4

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUCL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION – FOOD WASTE PREVENTION AND
RESCUE GRANT PROGRAM – CYCLE 4**

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) is a joint powers authority consisting of the County of Riverside and 18 cities, the Eastern Municipal Water District, the Western Municipal Water District, and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, situated in Western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 48000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to administer various grant programs (grants) in furtherance of the State of California's (state) efforts to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the application, awarding, and management of the grants; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, a regional applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizes WRCOG to submit a Food Waste Prevention and Rescue regional application on behalf of itself as Lead Agency and the participating jurisdictions as shown by the documentation attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of WRCOG all grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, payment requests, agreements, and amendments necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for five years from the date of adoption of this Resolution

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments on November 2, 2020.

Kevin Bash, Chair
WRCOG Executive Committee

Rick Bishop, Secretary
WRCOG Executive Committee

Approved as to form:

Steven DeBaun
WRCOG Legal Counsel

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Appointment of WRCOG Representatives to Various Committees

Contact: Rick Bishop, Executive Director, rbshop@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6701

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to request the appointments of a slate of elected officials who have expressed interest in serving on various committees of outside agencies.

Requested Actions:

1. Appoint Brian Tisdale (Lake Elsinore) as the primary and Micheal Goodland (Jurupa Valley) as the alternate representative to the California Association of Councils of Governments for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.
2. Appoint Jordan Ehrenkranz (Canyon Lake) and Linda Krupa (Hemet) as primary 1 and 2 respectively, and Larry Smith (Calimesa) as the alternate representative to the Riverside County Solid Waste Advisory Council / Local Task Force for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.
3. Appoint Ted Hoffman (Norco) to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's One Water One Watershed Steering Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.
4. Appoint Crystal Ruiz (San Jacinto) as the primary and Colleen Wallace (Banning) as the alternate representative to the San Diego Association of Governments' Borders Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.
5. Appoint six representatives to SCAG Policy Committees for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022:
 - 1) Micheal Goodland (Jurupa Valley): Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD)
 - 2) Crystal Ruiz (San Jacinto): Transportation
 - 3) Linda Krupa (Hemet): Transportation
 - 4) Jordan Ehrenkranz (Canyon Lake): Energy & Environment
 - 5) Victoria Baca (Moreno Valley): Energy & Environment
 - 6) Christi White (Murrieta): CEHD

WRCOG's Executive Committee appoints a number of elected officials to represent the Agency and/or the subregion's interests on a number of committees. These include the following:

- California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) (one appointment plus an alternate)
- Riverside County Solid Waste Advisory Council / Local Task Force (two appointments plus two alternates)
- SAWPA's One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee (one appointment)
- San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Borders Committee (one appointment plus an alternate)
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Policy Committees (six appointments)

Per policy, all WRCOG appointees to committees serve for a two-year term. Current terms for WRCOG appointees expire on December 31, 2020. Agency policy is that priority in selection be given to elected officials who serve on WRCOG as Executive Committee members or alternates.

WRCOG has notified all City and County elected officials of opportunities to serve on the above committees and requested that individuals interested in serving to contact Rick Bishop by Monday, October 12, 2020. A listing of individuals who have expressed interest in serving as WRCOG appointees was presented to the Administration & Finance Committee for consideration at its October meeting.

Prior Action:

October 14, 2020: The Administration & Finance recommended that the Executive Committee appoint the following slate of individuals:

1. Appoint Brian Tisdale (Lake Elsinore) as the primary and Micheal Goodland (Jurupa Valley) as the alternate representative to the California Association of Councils of Governments for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.
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Fiscal Impact:

Stipends are allocated in WRCOG's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget under the General Fund.

Attachment:

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Finance Department Activities Update

Contact: Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, aruiz@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6740

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the Agency audit for FY 2019/2020.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Agency Audit

WRCOG's annual Agency Interim Audit was completed on June 19, 2020. WRCOG utilizes the services of the audit firm Rogers, Anderson, Malody, and Scott (RAMS) to conduct its financial audit. The first visit is known as the "interim" audit, which involves preliminary audit work that is conducted prior to fiscal year end. The interim audit tasks are conducted in order to compress the period needed to complete the final audit after fiscal year end. In November 2020, RAMS will return to finish its second round, which is known as "fieldwork." It is anticipated that the final audit will be presented to this Committee in January 2021.

Prior Actions:

October 15, 2020: The Technical Advisory Committee received and filed.

October 14, 2020: The Administration & Finance Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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None

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Western Riverside Energy Partnership Program Activities Update

Contact: Anthony Segura, Senior Analyst, asegura@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6733

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on programmatic updates to the Virtual 2020 SEEC Forum and the SoCalGas Local Government Partnerships webinar.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

The Western Riverside Energy Partnership (WREP) responds to Executive Committee direction for WRCOG and the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) to seek ways to improve marketing and outreach to the WRCOG subregion regarding energy efficiency. WREP is designed to help local governments set an example for their communities to increase energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase renewable energy usage, and improve air quality.

SoCalGas Local Government Partnership Webinar

On November 10, 2020, various local government partnerships that collaborate with SoCalGas will be holding a webinar to education both private and public sector staff on the various programs that is offered to support energy efficiency upgrades and financing opportunities. The WREP team will be joining this webinar as a presenter and will be highlighting SoCalGas' Direct Install Program which offers local governments the opportunity to receive an audit from SoCalGas at no cost. In addition to this no cost audit, energy efficiency measures such as water heater covers, faucet aerators, and pipe & tank insulations are all provided to the participating agencies at no cost. Staff will highlight the work conducted within the subregion through the Direct Install Program and promote the great coordination between partner agencies.

For additional information on this webinar please contact Anthony Segura at asegura@wrcog.us.

Virtual 2020 SEEC Forum

In light of COVID-19, the Local Government Commission (LGC), in partnership with the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC), will be moving the 2020 SEEC Forum to a virtual series. The series of webinars will be offered to local government staff and energy efficiency experts at no cost. The intent of the SEEC Forum is to deliver timely and relevant energy efficiency content to local government staff while aiming to preserve the value of networking opportunities to the greatest extent possible.

Past SEEC forums have provided local government staff with information on innovative local energy and sustainability projects to help local governments save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions in its communities, and share best practices within the field of energy efficiency.

This new virtual series will be conducted over a 6-month period (June 2020 – November 2020). Below is a tentative schedule for webinars set to be hosted in November 2020:

- November 4, 2020: Mapping energy efficiency, climate planning, and regional partnerships.
- November 12, 2020: One Vision, Many Policy Paths to Local Decarbonization.

Additional information about this virtual series and to register for the various webinar sessions can be found on the SEEC website at <https://californiaseec.org/2020-forum/>. If for any reason you cannot access Zoom, all webinars will be available via Livestream on YouTube. Visit LGC's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Bi0eDMxxYV0RrhC_DiXEw to tune into the webinar.

Prior Action:

October 15, 2020: The Technical Advisory Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

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Attachment:

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Contact: Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide updates on noteworthy actions and discussions held in recent standing Committee meetings, and to provide general project updates.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

Attached are summary recaps of actions and activities from recent WRCOG standing Committee meetings that occurred during the month of October.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

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1. Summary recaps from October Committee meetings.

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WRCOG Committees and Agency
Activities Update

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Summary recaps from October
Committee meetings

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Western Riverside Council of Governments
Executive Committee
Meeting Recap
October 5, 2020

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting. To review the full agenda and staff reports for all items, please click [here](#). To review the meeting PowerPoint presentation, please click [here](#).

TUMF Reimbursement Agreements and Amendments

- The Executive Committee approved the following agreements:
 1. **Reimbursement Agreement:** City of Temecula for the Right-of-Way Phase of the French Valley Parkway (Jefferson Avenue to Ynez Road) Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
 2. **Reimbursement Agreement:** City of San Jacinto for the Project Advancement & Environmental Document, Project Specifications & Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction Phases of the State Street Widening Project from Gilman Springs Road to Quandt Ranch Road in an amount not to exceed \$1,138,000.
 3. **Reimbursement Agreement Amendment:** The County of Riverside for the Project Advancement & Environmental Document, and Construction Phases of the Hamner Avenue Bridge over the Santa Ana River Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,750,000.

PACE Programs Review of Consumer Protections and Deferral of Judicial Foreclosure on Delinquent PACE Properties

- Staff provided an overview PACE program consumer protections and consumer touchpoints that are in place through the project selection and financing process. Staff also presented information regarding property tax payment delinquencies for properties that have PACE assessments compared to those that do not, finding that properties with PACE assessments show a lower percentage of delinquencies than the general population.
- The Executive Committee approved the deferral of judicial foreclosure proceedings for those properties that are delinquent in their property tax payments.

TUMF Program Year in Review

- Staff provided a year-end and cumulative review of the TUMF Program. Projected FY 2019/2020 revenues were estimated at \$49.5 million, with actual FY 2019/2020 revenues coming in at \$49.8 million. The month of June generated the highest revenue collected for FY 2019/2020 at \$5.7 million.
- \$910 million have been collected since the inception of the Program in 2003.
- Individual reports are being prepared for each member jurisdiction and will provide information regarding completed and funded projects.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Planning Directors Committee
Meeting Recap**
October 8, 2020

Following is a list of key items discussed at the last Planning Directors Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8697/pdc-0100820-agendapacket>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8728/PDC-100820-PP>

Selection of Planning Directors Committee 2nd Vice-Chair Position for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

- Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee, was elected as the 2nd Vice-Chair for the remaining Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Southern California Freight Strategy

- The goal of the Southern California Freight Strategy is to provide a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, sustainability challenges, innovative opportunities, and regional priorities across Southern California while ensuring consistency with the California Freight Mobility Plan and California Executive Order 1919. Anticipated completion for this project is February 2021.
- The project team presented on the initial analysis of freight flows across the trucking, rail, marine, and air cargo modes. The project team is also working on an analysis of multimodal supply chains and preliminary land use needs for future freight facilities.
- PDC members are encouraged to contact the Project Team to discuss industrial uses and any challenges jurisdictions are facing with freight activities.

For additional information, please contact Jolene Hayes at J.Hayes@fehrandpeers.com.

SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications

- Staff from SCAG presented on the Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety (AT&S) Call for Applications. More details about each project type and the program area goals can be found in the AT&S Guidelines: <http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2020CallForProjects/2020-SCP-Guidelines.pdf>.
- This Call for Applications funds Active Transportation projects, such Community-wide Bicycle or Pedestrian Master Plans, Community-wide Active Transportation Master Plans or First-Last Mile Plans (active transportation improvements only). This Call also funds Transportation Safety Focused Plans, such as local road safety plans, complete streets safety assessments or safe routes plans. The Call also funds Infrastructure Demonstration Projects ("Quick Build"), such as active transportation infrastructure (protected bike lane, bulb-outs, curb extensions), multimodal infrastructure integration (dedicated bus pilot lanes and transit integration with active transportation infrastructure) or public pedestrian plazas. Lastly, this Call also funds Network Visioning and Implementation. http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx?utm_medium=email
- Interested jurisdictions are encouraged to attend an application virtual workshop on October 21, 2020. Registration at: <https://scag.wufoo.com/forms/m1bk1n3502i94t1/> is required to receive the Zoom log-in information.
- Call for Applications deadline is November 13, 2020.

For additional information, please contact Hannah Brunelle at brunelle@scag.ca.gov.

SoCalGas Partnership – Local Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Elements for Decarbonization and Resilience

- Staff from SoCalGas and the Integrated Renewable Energy Systems Network presented on an integrative approach for decarbonization and resilience in the preparation of long-range planning efforts, such as General Plans or Climate Action and Adaptation Plans.
- The presentation touched upon how local production of renewable natural gas and hydrogen may be substituted for current sources of natural gas and the different options for resilient local power for critical services and communities.
- For additional information, please contact a member of the SoCalGas Team at:
 - Gerald Braun, gbraun12@sbcglobal.net
 - Geoffrey Danker, gdanker@socalgas.com
 - Lea Petersen, lpetersen@socalgas.com
 - Adam Eventov, aeventov@socalgas.com

State Housing Legislative Update

- The State Legislature has concluded the 2020 Session.
- 200 housing related bills were introduced, 18 were signed.
- Key bills included:
 - AB 725 (RHNA Allocations)
 - AB 1561 (18-month extension of housing entitlements)
 - AB 1851 (affordable housing on religious institution property)
 - AB 2345 (revisions to the Density Bonus Law)

GIS and Transportation Modeling Service Bureau

- WRCOG staff discussed the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Service and the development of guidelines for its implementation.
- GIS and Transportation Modeling are common requests that some agencies do not have resources/staff to implement. The WRCOG will fill that gap, especially for our smaller agencies that do not have GIS capabilities.
- The PDC approved motion to recommend that the Executive Committee adopt the following guidelines for the provision of GIS / Traffic modeling services by WRCOG:
 - Any request from a member agency for GIS or Traffic Modeling Services which requires less than 4 hours will be provided for at no charge.
 - Any request from a member agency for GIS or Traffic Modeling Services which requires more than 4 hours will be provided at Agency Cost.
 - Any request from a non-member such as a Consultant will be assessed a service fee which will be determined on an individual basis.

October's Future Forward Broadcast

- To register for this month's Future Forward webinar broadcast, please click on link below:
<https://iercc.glueup.com/event/the-future-of-the-office-28210/>.
- The webinar will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., where a panel of esteemed speakers will be discussing "The Future of the Office".

Next Meeting

The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.



Western Riverside Council of Governments
Public Works Committee
Meeting Recap
October 8, 2020

Following is a list of key items discussed at the last Public Works Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8706/pwc-0100820-agendapacket>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8729/PWC-100820-PP>

Southern California Freight Strategy

- The goal of the Southern California Freight Strategy is to provide a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, sustainability challenges, innovative opportunities, and regional priorities across Southern California while ensuring consistency with the California Freight Mobility Plan and California Executive Order 1919. Anticipated completion for this project is February 2021.
- The project team presented on the initial analysis of freight flows across the trucking, rail, marine, and air cargo modes. The project team is also working on an analysis of multimodal supply chains and preliminary land use needs for future freight facilities.
- PWC members are encouraged to contact WRCOG staff and the project team to discuss industrial uses and any challenges jurisdictions are facing with freight activities.

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TIP Revenue Forecast

- When COVID-19 emerged, it was anticipated that TUMF revenue could be impacted significantly causing a need to reallocate funding from the last Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) updates.

Before COVID-19, revenues were projected at 49.5 M for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020. FY 19/20 revenues exceeded projections at \$49.8M.

- Staff recommended that because revenue collections for FY 19/20 were within budget, there is no need for an additional TIP Update.
- TIP Updates will occur at their regular scheduled time in the beginning of 2021.

Potential Project Additions to the Nexus Study

- Staff presented information regarding potential project additions to the TUMF Nexus Study Roadway Network.
- Jurisdictions will be allowed to add projects to the roadway network if specific criteria are met. Criteria include:
 - 4-lanes or more at build-out
 - Carry 20,000 vehicles per day or more
 - Be referenced in a General Plan or other planning document
- Staff will be reaching out to all member agencies to determine if they have additional projects that they would like to add to the TUMF Nexus Study Roadway Network.

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Next Meeting

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**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Administration & Finance Committee
Meeting Recap
October 14, 2020**

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8723/af-101420-agendapacket>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8757/af-101420-PP>

WRCOG to Accept \$48,600 Grant to Evaluate Transit Gaps for Vulnerable Populations

- WRCOG will use the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program to evaluate transit options and gaps to attempt to increase access to safe, reliable, and affordable clean transportation options.

SCAG Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program Projects List Discussed

- REAP Subregional Partnership Program is intended to increase planning to accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region. About \$1.7 million will be made available to WRCOG for these efforts.
- WRCOG is proposing projects that will assist member jurisdictions with technical data to complete Housing Elements and meet RHNA number requirements.
- WRCOG is also proposing to perform a programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Subregional Climate Action Plan. A programmatic EIR would allow jurisdictions to streamline greenhouse gas emissions analyses, which will help expedite the approval process for housing developments.
- WRCOG is also proposing to utilize REAP funding to establish a Housing Trust Fund and an Economic Development Corporation for the subregion. Staff believes these two major initiatives will contribute to construction of needed homes in Western Riverside County.

Discussion on the Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation Continues

- Staff provided an update on discovery and due diligence work completed to date, which has included outreach to jurisdictions, economic development staff, chambers of commerce, other regional stakeholders as well as a number of Economic Development Corporations (EDC) throughout the country.
- Major takeaways from these discussions has been that a subregional EDC is needed to fill a void in the subregion, and that the subregion is the proper geographic scale for this effort.
- Staff also shared insights from leading EDCs regarding what has made them successful. A major takeaway from these meetings is that successful EDCs tend to be initially funded and convened by the public sector, and then pivot to being mostly private-sector driven.
- Staff will be providing a similar update to the Technical Advisory Committee and request that it designate three to six members to serve on an EDC Steering Committee to continue this discussion, in particular to examine in more detail EDC governance, staffing and funding issues.
- Similarly, in November, staff will provide an update to the Executive Committee and request the designation of at least three members to serve on the EDC Steering Committee.

New Members for WRCOG?

- Staff provided a presentation to the Committee, which was basically an inquiry regarding whether there is interest in expanding WRCOG's membership. This issue has been informally discussed in the past. Staff suggested that if there is a desire to expand, the Committee should limit its scope to entities that relate to WRCOG's priority areas as identified in the Agency's Economic Development and Sustainability Framework. Based on that document, it would appear that expertise from the health and higher education sectors would be of primary interest.
- The Committee requested staff to return in January 2021 with additional information.

WRCOG Appointments to Outside Agencies

- Every two years WRCOG's Executive Committee is responsible for making a number of appointments to outside agencies. Recommendations from this Committee regarding these appointments will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration at the November 2, 2020, meeting.

Next Meeting Rescheduled

Due to the scheduled November Committee meeting falling on Veteran's Day, the next Administration & Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Recap
October 15, 2020**

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://www.wrcog.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/10152020-452>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://www.wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8760/TAC-101520-PP>

WRCOG to Accept \$48,600 Grant to Evaluate Transit Gaps for Vulnerable Populations

- WRCOG will use the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program to evaluate transit options and gaps to attempt to increase access to safe, reliable, and affordable clean transportation options.

Discussion on the Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation Continues

- Staff provided an update on discovery and due diligence work to date, which included outreach to numerous stakeholders and Economic Development Corporations (EDC) across the nation. Some major themes include 1) the subregion needs a single point of initial contact for employers who are interested in the area, 2) the subregion needs branding, and 3) the WRCOG subregion's size is preferred for an EDC.
- Staff shared best practices learned from the EDC meetings.
- The TAC appointed five representatives to the EDC Steering Committee, including Todd Parton, City of Beaumont; Mike Lee, City of Moreno Valley; Rob Johnson, City of San Jacinto; Richard Belmudez, City of Perris; and Jessica Gonzalez, City of Corona.
- Other members of the TAC who are interested in participating in the Steering Committee should contact WRCOG staff.
- At the November Executive Committee meeting staff will provide an update and request the designation of at least three members of that Committee to serve on the EDC Steering Committee.

Climate Change and Climate Adaptation Efforts

- Staff presented an overview of four key initiatives related to Climate Change and Climate Adaptation including:
 - Resilient IE- Phase I
 - Resilient IE- Phase II
 - Sub-Regional Climate Action Plan
 - Energy Resiliency Plan
- The presentation highlighted the interconnectedness between the various efforts and how individual member agencies can use the data and analysis for their benefit.

Riverside County Flood Control Update

- Darcy Kuenzi from Riverside County Flood Control presented an update on the Santa Ana MS4 Permits.
- The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board is proceeding with a tri-county (Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino) Permit.

- The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board is proceeding with an update to the permit, which should be completed in 2021.

Next Meeting

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Finance Directors Committee
Meeting Recap
October 22, 2020**

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Finance Directors Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: https://www.wrcog.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10222020-453

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/8770/FDC-102220-PP>

Staff Provides TUMF Program Year in Review

- Since inception in 2003, approximately \$900 million has been collected from new development for the TUMF Program, and 108 projects to date across the region have been completed using TUMF funds.
- Staff will be distributing jurisdiction-specific reports that identifies completed projects, funded projects, and regional projects.

Update on the Economy and Financial Markets

- Richard Babbe, Managing Director of Public Financial Management, provided an overview of the economic prospects of 2020, as well as potential future fiscal policy changes.
- While there has been a rebound in the economy, COVID-19 cases are increasing again and there may be some challenging times ahead in the near future.
- The Federal Reserve has a new inflation policy, which means rates may be lower for longer.
- WRCOG's TUMF investment portfolio continues to beat the 1 to 3-year U.S. Treasury Index returns.

The Impact of Automation on Employment

- Director Johannes Moenius, Institute of Spatial Economic Analysis, University of Redlands School of Business, presented research conducted by the Institute of Spatial Economic Analysis at the University of Redlands School of Business on the impact of automation on jobs in the subregion.
- The COVID-19 crisis has accelerated the shift to online retail with E-commerce sales experiencing a steep increase from around 12% in the first quarter of 2020 to 16.1% in the second quarter of 2020.
- 47% of U.S. employment could potentially be automated in the next decade or two, with the Inland Empire area being one of the most vulnerable regions in California, with 63% of jobs at risk due to automation in the next 20 years.
- The five largest occupation areas at high risk due to automation include the following:
 - Office and Administrative support
 - Transportation and Material Moving
 - Food Preparation and Serving Related
 - Sales and Related
 - Production
- To combat the risks of automation there should be a focus on the following:
 - Education: Higher education, certifications and apprenticeships and incentivizing businesses to invest in its workforce.
 - Enterprises: Data-driven industrial policy, repositioning commercial real estate spaces (retail, industrial, office) and supporting export opportunities.

- Entrepreneurship: Reduction of set-up and transaction costs for entrepreneurship while attracting the “creative class”.
- Environment: Foster livable spaces, culture, entertainment, and institutions.

Report from the Chief Financial Officer

- Staff at WRCOG continue to work and hold committee meetings remotely.
- WRCOG received its CAFR award for FY 2018/2019.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Directors Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Contact: Rick Bishop, Executive Director, rbishop@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6701

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to inform the Executive Committee of activities occurring on the various Committees in which WRCOG has an appointed representative.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

This item serves as a placeholder for WRCOG representatives' use in providing materials or making comments pertaining to meetings of the Committee they have been appointed to.

CALCOG Board of Directors (Brian Tisdale)

The CALCOG Board of Directors has not met since July 1, 2020; therefore, there is no update to provide.

SANDAG Borders Committee (Crystal Ruiz)

The SANDAG Borders Committee met on October 23, 2020. The meeting agenda can be accessed at https://sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid_5342_28212.pdf. Agenda highlights include:

- 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach
- 2019 SANDAG Cross-Border Travel Behavior Survey Update
- Update on Transboundary Water Coordination Effort in the Tijuana River Basin
- Calexico East Port of Entry Project Update

SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee (Rusty Bailey)

The SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee has not met since September 24, 2020; therefore, there is no update to provide.

Prior Action:

October 5, 2020: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. SANDAG Borders Committee meeting agenda of October 23, 2020.

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Report out of WRCOG
Representatives on Various
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SANDAG Borders Committee
meeting agenda of
September 25, 2020

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Borders Committee Agenda

Friday, October 23, 2020

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

****Teleconference Meeting****

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Borders Committee

Friday, October 23, 2020

Item No.		Action
+1.	Approval of Meeting Minutes The Borders Committee is asked to review and approve the minutes from its September 25, 2020, meeting.	Approve
2.	Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Borders Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on this agenda. Other public comments will be heard during the items under the heading "Reports."	
3.	Executive Director's Report <i>Hasan Ikhata, SANDAG</i> An update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan, will be presented.	Discussion
Reports		
4.	2020 Census Complete Count Outreach <i>Darlanne Hoxton Mulmat, SANDAG</i> As the Regional Census Data Center, SANDAG is coordinating outreach for the 2020 Census. An overview of the work to raise awareness about the Census and lessons learned will be presented.	Information
5.	2019 SANDAG Cross-Border Travel Behavior Survey Update <i>Grace Miño, SANDAG</i> An update on the 2019 SANDAG Cross-Border Travel Behavior Survey, which aims to help inform planning and modeling efforts based on the unique travel behavior of cross-border travelers will be presented.	Information
6.	Update on Transboundary Water Coordination Effort in the Tijuana River Basin <i>Commissioner Jayne Harkins, International Boundary and Water Commission</i> An overview on a recently completed binational water quality study as well as new capacity improvements for water treatment infrastructure will be presented.	Information
7.	Continued Public Comments If the five-speaker limit for public comments was exceeded at the beginning of this agenda, other public comments will be taken at this time. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.	

8. Upcoming Meetings

Information

The next Borders Committee meeting is planned to be a joint meeting with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020, at 12:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Report from the League of California Cities

Contact: Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities,
esasse@cacities.org, (951) 321-0771

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of activities undertaken by the League of California Cities.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

This item is reserved for a presentation from the League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager for Riverside County.

Prior Action:

September 14, 2020: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Riverside County Economic Recovery Task Force Update

Contact: Juan Perez, Riverside County Interim Chief Executive Officer, jcperez@rivco.org, (951) 955-6742

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to receive an update on COVID-19 activities as they relate to the County of Riverside reopening processes and procedures in conjunction with the State of California requirements.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

This item is reserved for a presentation from Juan Perez, Riverside County Interim Chief Executive Officer, on activities underway in County of Riverside to adhere to state COVID-19 guidelines and requirements.

Prior Action:

August 3, 2020: The Executive Committee received and filed.

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Activities Update from the Eastern Municipal Water District / Western Municipal Water District

Contacts: Ronald Sullivan, EMWD Board President, Boardmember@emwd.org, (951) 928-3777
Brenda Dennstedt, WMWD Secretary-Treasurer, Bdennstedt@wmwd.com, (951) 571-7224

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of activities undertaken by WRCOG's water district representatives.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

This item is reserved for a presentation by Brenda Dennstedt, WMWD Secretary-Treasurer, on imported water sources.

Prior Action:

October 5, 2020: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: COVID-19 Fiscal Impacts Analysis: Phase 2, Opportunities for Economic Development and Resiliency in a New Era

Contact: Teifion Rice-Evans, Managing Principal, Economic Planning System, Inc., triceevans@epsys.com, (510) 626-8453

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide information on Phase 2 of a COVID-19 fiscal impacts analysis produced by Economic Planning System, Inc., which focuses on building economic resiliency for Western Riverside County.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

Background

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, WRCOG commenced an assessment of the fiscal implications of the current public health crisis-driven economic downturn on Western Riverside County jurisdictions. The COVID-19 health crisis has required the curtailment of a broad range of activities and has already had a major economic impact on U.S. and global economies.

The curtailments on movement and gatherings and the associated closure of businesses has had an immediate and major impact on retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors and workers. Other industry sectors and connected businesses are also facing losses of business and downturns. While the duration of the health crisis and associated economic impacts were uncertain, a scenario-based approach was utilized to evaluate the potential level and timing of impacts on the tax revenues that typically accrue to Western Riverside County jurisdictions.

In the current COVID-19 climate, based on the near-term fiscal analysis, it was anticipated that WRCOG member jurisdictions would face an average of approximately 35% in General Revenues at immediate risk, with the area of Sales and Use Tax - Retail being the most heavily impacted. Similarly, 34% of jobs are in sectors at immediate risk. These immediate job sectors include Retail Trade (18%), Food Services and Drinking Places (10%), Accommodation (1%), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (2%), and selected Services & Transportation (3%).

The assessment was conducted in two phases. Phase 1 is now complete and identifies the expected level and timing of impacts on the two tax revenues that will be most directly affected, including Sales and Use Tax revenues and Transient Occupancy Taxes. Phase 1 also identified the scale of job losses in the retail and hospitality sectors as well as the potential increases in the warehouse and distribution sectors.

Phase 2 built on the work from Phase 1 and involved additional analysis, looking in more detail at a targeted economic development approach to build economic resiliency for Western Riverside County. In the context of

numerous challenging economic trends, the following three opportunity areas can contribute to regional economic development, innovation, and resiliency goals:

1. Retail Real Estate: Opportunity to re-invent older shopping centers into vibrant mixed-use places with housing, office space, and retail
2. Health Care Sector: Demographic tailwinds present opportunity for “middle class” and professional, scientific, and technical jobs in the health care sector
3. Clean Energy Sector: Provides opportunity for a range of “middle class” installation/ construction jobs as well as possibility of attracting cleantech manufacturing

Mr. Rice-Evans will be providing a presentation on the major highlights produced from Phase 2 of the economic analysis.

Prior Actions:

October 22, 2020: The Finance Directors received and filed.

July 23, 2020: The Finance Directors received and filed.

June 1, 2020: The Executive Committee received and filed.

May 21, 2020: The Technical Advisory Committee received and filed.

May 14, 2020: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Update on the Potential Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation

Contact: Elisa Laurel, Program Manager, elaurel@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6752

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the potential formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and to seek the appointment of representatives to an EDC Steering Committee.

Requested Action:

1. Appoint at last three Executive Committee members to serve on the Economic Development Corporation Steering Committee.

Background

WRCOG staff held a Visioning Session on June 18, 2020, to re-visit Agency goals and accomplishments and discuss new initiatives for potential WRCOG involvement as well as consider suggestions from member agencies. During the session, Agency Directors and Managers presented new ideas, discussed program ideas, and provided feedback on activities that WRCOG is currently engaged in regarding the Agency's long-standing focus on the issue areas identified below. These focus areas were first adopted in 2011 and were subsequently affirmed by the Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Committee in 2014 and 2017. In 2014, the Agency identified "economic development" to be a central pillar for the five other goal areas, which were recognized to be mutually dependent on one another to advance. WRCOG's programs are intended to work together to support improving quality of life, which is perhaps the overall largest factor in improving the area's economic development. The focus areas include:

1. Economic Development
2. Energy and Environment
3. Water
4. Transportation
5. Education
6. Health

As a follow up to this exercise, staff presented to the Administration & Finance Committee on July 8, 2020, three prospective projects for WRCOG involvement during this next fiscal year. One project is the exploration of the formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation, which would stand as an independently funded, non-profit organization governed by representatives from both the public and private sectors. An EDC would serve to establish sustained and complimentary services in economic development in the subregion. The concept was met with positive feedback and there was interest in further exploring the formation of an EDC for the subregion. As a next step to this effort, staff has been conducting further due diligence and research in the discovery phase consisting of reviewing existing EDC models, regionally, statewide, and nationally, that would best fit the needs of the Western Riverside County subregion.

On August 20, 2020, staff provided an update to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and were encouraged to extend the timeline on its Workplan Schedule to ensure greater due diligence and allow for thorough inclusion of all potential stakeholders. An updated EDC Workplan Schedule was provided to the Executive Committee at its September 2020 meeting.

Due Diligence and Discovery Findings

Staff has, for the most part, completed the initial due diligence and discovery phase which included outreach to stakeholders and EDC best practice models. To date, staff has conducted outreach with 15 Cities, four Chambers of Commerce, 10 regional stakeholders, and 14 EDCs locally and across the nation. Of the 14 EDCs surveyed, eight are in California.

Consistent themes throughout the discovery process with EDC best practice models consisted of the following:

- Allows for a region to speak with one voice.
- Leaders came together and recognized the importance of creating a regional brand.
- A win for one is a win for all.
- Many EDCs were formed during times of downturn in response to recognizing that the economy needed to diversify its jobs and economic base.
- Formation began after a strategic regional study that served as a roadmap to success.
- Public sector helped to lead and provide initial funding for EDCs and subsequently scaled to develop a private sector led effort.
- Big-picture focus, complementary and not duplicative of local jurisdiction, chamber etc. activities

Further investigation identified that EDC's are common throughout California. There are currently more than 15 EDCs throughout central and southern California, with EDCs in many of the adjacent areas, including:

- Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation
- Orange County Business Council
- San Diego EDC
- Kern County EDC
- Other San Diego EDCs
- The Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

Based on conversations with regional stakeholders it was affirmed that there is no single entity in the subregion that is widely recognized as representing the subregion on issues of economic development. Many EDCs focus efforts on branding / marketing the region in a coordinated and cohesive manner, which is not currently being done for Western Riverside County.

A key part of staff's investigation was to examine how an EDC would complement current economic development efforts. During our discovery, staff has found that rather than being duplicative, EDCs supplement these efforts by providing resources and serving as an "honest broker" which serves as an intermediary between private companies and local governments.

Next Steps

Given that staff has nearly completed its initial discovery, the next step is to convene a Steering Committee to examine EDC formation further, including governance, funding, roles, etc. It is anticipated that the Steering Committee would have approximately 20 members, with approximately half drawn from WRCOG member agencies and the remaining members representing private industry, educational institutions, and non-profits. As part of the outreach process, WRCOG has identified a number of individuals representing these organizations who could participate in the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is proposed to be composed of the following members:

- Three to six members of the WRCOG TAC or their designee.
- At least three members of the Executive Committee.

- Three to four representatives of local Chambers of Commerce.
- Two to three persons representing major employers or other private business owners.
- At least two persons representing Community Colleges and Universities such as the Riverside Community College District and the University of California, Riverside.
- One person representing the non-profit community.
- One to two utility representatives.

At its October meeting, staff requested that the TAC appoint at least three of its members and at most six to serve on this Steering Committee. Staff is also requesting that the Executive Committee appoint at least three of its Committee members to serve on this Steering Committee.

Staff anticipates that the EDC Steering Committee would hold three monthly meetings to commence in December 2020 with the topics of each of the respective meetings to be announced along with a third-party facilitator. The intended goal of the Steering Committee with staff support is to identify whether an EDC is needed for the WRCOG subregion and if so, how one might be implemented.

Prior Actions:

October 15, 2020: The Technical Advisory Committee appointed five representatives to the EDC Steering Committee, including Todd Parton, City of Beaumont; Mike Lee, City of Moreno Valley; Rob Johnson, City of San Jacinto; Richard Belmudez, City of Perris; and Jessica Gonzalez, City of Corona.

October 14, 2020: The Administration and Finance Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Proposed Project List for SCAG Regional Early Action Program Subregional Partnership Program

Contact: Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager, ctzeng@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6711

Date: November 2, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide a list of proposed projects WRCOG is developing for submittal to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program funding.

Requested Actions:

1. Direct staff to submit the list of projects to SCAG for the REAP Grant Program.
2. Direct staff to submit a letter to SCAG requesting REAP funding for the Economic Development Corporation.

SCAG's REAP Grant Program is meant to assist jurisdictions in increasing housing planning and accelerating housing production to support jurisdictions in meeting Housing Element requirements. SCAG is receiving \$47.5 million and has created the Subregional Partnership Program which will make \$23.7 available to the SCAG subregions. WRCOG is eligible to receive up to \$1.678 million and has identified a list of proposed projects. Most of the projects are meant to support jurisdictions in meeting Housing Element requirements. WRCOG is also proposing three regionally significant projects to accelerate housing production. WRCOG has received initial feedback from SCAG that requires additional follow-up and WRCOG staff has drafted a letter to the SCAG Executive Director requesting SCAG's consideration for the projects. WRCOG staff is requesting the chair of the WRCOG Executive Committee to sign the letter in support of the REAP projects staff is proposing.

REAP Introduction

The REAP Subregional Partnership Program is intended to increase planning to accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region through implementable actions that will increase housing supply to meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The Subregional Partnership Program has been designed to augment and complement funds that are awarded to jurisdictions by the California Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Senate Bill 2 Planning Grants and the Local Early Action Program.

SCAG also developed additional objectives for the Subregional Partnership Program and, among those objectives, include:

- Align resources with allocation methodology for the 6th Cycle of RHNA to support local jurisdictions in addressing identified housing needs.
- Advance Connect SoCal sustainable development goals including supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing in priority growth areas to increase access to jobs and transit and reduce environmental impacts.

WRCOG Eligibility

WRCOG is eligible to receive up to \$1.678 million for Western Riverside County. Over the next month, WRCOG will be preparing an application to SCAG to secure this funding. SCAG is requiring that WRCOG identify a list of projects in this application. All applications are due to SCAG by December 1, 2020. SCAG has allocated separate funding from the WRCOG allotment for the County of Riverside and the County will be applying separately. WRCOG staff has been coordinating with County staff.

Proposed Preliminary Project List

Based on discussions with staff of WRCOG member agencies, WRCOG has developed a preliminary project list to include in the application for REAP funding. The project list is provided below at the end of this section and includes the eligible use identified in the SCAG REAP Guidelines.

REAP funding is meant to support jurisdictions in meeting Housing Element requirements. The 6th Cycle Housing Elements must be revised and updated to include and identify housing needs for each jurisdiction's RHNA by October 15, 2021. With that in mind, WRCOG is proposing projects aimed at assisting jurisdictions with technical data to complete Housing Elements and meet RHNA number requirements. In addition, WRCOG is also proposing projects that will assist jurisdictions in meeting state law requirements in their Housing Elements, Land Use Element, and Safety Elements as part of a future General Plan Update.

In addition, WRCOG is currently developing a subregional Climate Action Plan (CAP) update of which 14 jurisdictions are participating. WRCOG is proposing to utilize REAP funding to perform a programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the subregional CAP. This would allow participating jurisdictions to streamline greenhouse gas (GHG) analyses which will help expedite the approval process for housing developments.

WRCOG is also proposing to utilize REAP funds to assist on two regionally significant projects – the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund and an Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Staff has proposed to SCAG establishing a Housing Trust Fund for Western Riverside County and believes utilizing REAP funding will help increase housing production. WRCOG believes establishing an EDC will also contribute to the construction of new homes in the subregion, positing that the subregion's inability to build housing does not derive from a lack of available lots but can be largely attributed to a lack of individuals who can afford housing. WRCOG's analysis indicates that as many as 200,000 entitled units are available in Western Riverside County. Builders will only build homes they can sell. WRCOG believes an EDC has the ability to bring to Western Riverside County the types of higher paying jobs that could enable the already entitled units to be built. Along with the inability to build homes, the lack of high paying jobs is a root cause of many underlying issues in the region that SCAG and others are interested in addressing, such as traffic congestion and air quality.

Proposed Project	Description	Eligible Use Identified in Program Guidelines
Jurisdiction staffing augmentation	Provide a regional consultant bench available to assist local jurisdictions with Housing Element review and adoption.	Technical Assistance via temporary staffing for local government process (es).
Sites Inventory and 3-D Mapping Applications	Identify sites suitable for residential development to accommodate the RHNA allocation within jurisdictions.	Feasibility studies supporting efficient housing siting; Housing Element update assistance for jurisdictions.
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Capacity Analysis	Provide a WRCOG-wide ADU feasibility analysis.	Technical Assistance improving housing permitting and planning; Housing Element update assistance for jurisdictions.
AB 686 – Housing Discrimination / Affirmatively	The AFFH study will include a region-specific guide on how to	Technical Assistance improving housing permitting and planning;

Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)	quantitatively analyze methodologies addressing AB 686 criteria.	this study will support implementation of new affordable housing in areas of opportunity, including the relationship to the sites inventory of the Housing Element.
GIS database development – Housing Element data	Provide GIS services to local jurisdictions to ensure data utilized is most current.	Technical Assistance improving housing permitting and planning; Housing Element update assistance for jurisdictions.
EIR for Subregional CAP	Provide streamlined GHG analyses for jurisdictions participating in the subregional CAP to assist in expediting the approval process for housing developments	Pro-housing activity and technical assistance that improves housing permitting process.
Establish Housing Trust Fund	Funding to establish Housing Trust in order to bring housing (workforce and homelessness) to subregion	Establishes a new regional or countywide housing trust fund for affordable housing: an adopted strategy for the legal development and operational plan for a new housing trust fund supporting affordable housing development with services to be available at least countywide;
Formation of an EDC to bring jobs-housing fit to Western Riverside County	Funding to operate EDC in order to develop economy of the subregion in order to allow for already entitled housing units to be constructed at market rate	Pro-housing activity; advances Connect SoCal sustainable development goals including supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing in priority growth areas to increase access to jobs and transit and reduce environmental impacts.

This list is a preliminary list and WRCOG staff is available to discuss the proposed projects. The goal of the projects is to aid jurisdictions in meeting its Housing Element requirements and to help build more homes in Western Riverside County.

Letter to SCAG Executive Director

It is WRCOG's understanding that the proposed formation of an EDC to bring jobs-housing balance to Western Riverside County project requires additional attention. SCAG staff has provided initial feedback that this proposal does not fall within the Program's eligible uses and there is not a nexus to accelerating housing production. WRCOG believes that this project will help to accelerate housing production and staff has drafted a letter to the SCAG Executive Director requesting consideration of the projects (Attachment 1).

The letter provides points as to why this project should receive REAP funding and contains information specific to the subregion.

Prior Action:

October 14, 2020: The Administration & Finance Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. Draft letter to SCAG Executive Director.

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Proposed Project List for SCAG
Regional Early Action Program
Subregional Partnership Program

Attachment 1

Draft letter to SCAG Executive
Director

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November 2, 2020

Kome Ajise
Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Subject: Request for Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Funding

Dear Mr. Ajise:

COVID-19 has had a major impact on the economy in southern California and now, more than ever, our region is at a critical tipping point in which the recovery of our local economy is imperative. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed, once again, a fragile service economy and a need for a more resilient and diversified job base. The SCAG region is only as strong as the sum of its parts and there is a need to work together.

Western Riverside County is home to many bedroom communities of which many of its residents endure long and time-consuming commutes to Orange or Los Angeles County. In fact, 2/3 of Western Riverside County residents currently commute outside of the subregion for work given that employment throughout Riverside County is concentrated in industries like retail, hospitality and warehousing which offer low wage jobs and lack of full-time employment benefits.

According to the Connect SoCal Plan (Plan), Riverside County has the highest population to employment (P-E) ratio amongst the SCAG counties which suggests net out-commuting. The out-commuting and concentration of industrial uses in the subregion cause a majority of the subregion to be located within an Environmental Justice Area and qualify as a Disadvantaged Community, according to Senate Bill 535. Additionally, median income levels in the subregion have fallen since 2012 and, while Western Riverside County will continue to grow significantly, employment growth is projected to be less than in previous years. This is a major problem and why we must act now to work together and create transformative change for our communities and future generations.

The State has mandated jurisdictions and SCAG to focus on housing planning and increasing housing production while decreasing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for residents. If our subregion continues to grow as it has in recent years, we will commensurately continue to contribute to and exacerbate this untenable pattern. Western Riverside County remains a significantly “jobs poor” subregion. This can be largely attributed to a lack of cohesion around economic development and the inability to foster unified economic development.

The inability for our region’s workers to purchase housing due to the lack of middle-skilled and high paying jobs in the area leads to home builders’ lack of production. According to the Jobs-Housing Imbalance analysis in the Environmental Justice section of the Plan, Riverside County intra-County commuters have the lowest median wage amongst all intra-County commuters in the SCAG region.

Commuters from Riverside County to Orange County have a median wage almost double and Riverside County has the highest median commute distance for ‘high wage’ jobs from 2002-2016. Riverside County has the lowest job-to-worker ratio for the ‘high wage’ job category and the second lowest for the ‘medium wage’ job category compared to the SCAG counties. We believe this is a huge factor that has

not allowed housing in all the jurisdictions in the subregion to develop to its full potential.

Economic development has been an initiative that SCAG has pushed and continues to emphasize in the Connect SoCal Plan. WRCOG believes that an Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for Western Riverside County will allow the subregion to foster a unified economic development vision and develop and create jobs as is set out in the Connect SoCal Plan. As such we are requesting that SCAG provide REAP funding that would be combined with local dollars for this effort.

You may be asking “What does the formation of an EDC have to do with housing?” Unlike the coastal, jobs-rich areas in the SCAG region that generally lack a log of entitled units, we estimate there are over 200,000 entitled and ready to be constructed housing units in Western Riverside County. Jurisdictions and developers have indicated ad nauseum that home prices in much of the subregion do not meet the pro formas of the developers and home builders; these lots will sit idle until something changes. The decrease in median-income levels in the subregion since 2012 compounds the issue when considering home prices have steadily increased.

In our view, if we focus only on reducing costs and streamlining processes as ways to housing construction, we are not being comprehensive in our approach. Improving and diversifying our subregion’s job base and increasing median income levels will positively impact stagnant housing pro formas and serve to unleash construction of thousands of these entitled units. This would enable the WRCOG subregion to actually implement a strategy identified in the Connect SoCal Plan and shorten trips through land use strategies to balance jobs and housing.

The jurisdictions in the WRCOG subregion agree there is a need to build a unified economic development vision to develop and create better jobs. The goal of the EDC is to bring a concentrated and unified effort amongst all jurisdictions in Western Riverside County that focuses on the attraction of better jobs to the area that result in higher paying and higher diversity employment. In turn, this will help change the fiscal calculus for our homebuilders as it will provide a new pool of buyers who can better afford market-rate offerings. Enabling these already entitled housing units to be constructed in Western Riverside County will result in achieving long-standing SCAG objectives of significant VMT reduction by eliminating or reducing VMT by bringing employment to our current housing-rich area.

We believe the formation of a Western Riverside County EDC can stimulate the public and private sector towards a civic alliance intended to bring equitable benefit to all. An EDC model is not uncommon to large geographies such as ours and has been noted as a critical missing element when looking to attract private investment and companies to the area. The Western Riverside County subregion is the pulse of the Inland Empire and to not move in the direction of an EDC, which has the ability for sustained economic development growth, would only be detrimental to the promise of our subregion. WRCOG has been working together with the jurisdictions in Western Riverside County on elevating the subregion and focusing on economic development will be transformative for the region. We bring this to your attention because of the impact SCAG is trying to make with economic development in the Connect SoCal Plan and the funding it has through the REAP Program.

We look forward to discussing this very important, practical, and results-oriented initiative with you further. Please feel free to contact Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, at (951) 258-5047 or rbishop@wrcog.us, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bash
Chairman, WRCOG Executive Committee