



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

AGENDA

**Thursday, October 8, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

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

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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 Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 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 6, 2020, at (951) 405-6703 or snelson@wrcog.us.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (Sam Nelson, Chair)

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Summary Minutes from the August 13, 2020, Public Works Committee Meeting** **P. 1**
are Available for Consideration.

Requested Action: 1. *Approve the Summary Minutes from the August 13, 2020, Public Works Committee meeting.*

- B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update** **Chris Gray** **P. 5**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

- A. Southern California Freight Strategy** **Chris Gray, WRCOG** **P. 15**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

- B. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications** **Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG** **P. 23**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

- C. TIP Revenue Forecast Update** **Ivana Medina, WRCOG** **P. 29**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

- D. Potential Project Additions to the Nexus Study** **Cameron Brown, WRCOG** **P. 31**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

Requested Action: 1. *Recommend that the Executive Committee approve the proposed guidelines for the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Services.*

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS *Members*

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

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS *Members*

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

9. NEXT MEETING: **The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Bob Moehling on the virtual platform, Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Art Vela, City of Banning
Robert Vestal, City of Beaumont
Tom Koper, City of Corona
Gina Gibson Williams, City of Eastvale
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley
Yu Tagai, City of Lake Elsinore
Jonathan Smith, City of Menifee
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta, Chair
Sam Nelson, City of Norco
Brad Brophy, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, and San Jacinto
Gil Hernandez, City of Riverside (2:04 p.m. arrival)
Patrick Thomas, City of Temecula
Craig Bradshaw, City of Wildomar
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA
Jillian Guizado, Riverside County Transportation Commission
Mauricio Alvarez, Riverside Transit Agency (2:04 p.m. arrival)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. SELECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

Action: 1. *The Public Works Committee selected Sam Nelson, City of Norco, as Chair; Alvin Medina, County of Riverside, as Vice-Chair; and Brad Brophy, City of San Jacinto, as 2nd Vice-Chair positions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.*

(Wildomar / Jurupa Valley) 20 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 4 was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Calimesa, and Hemet were not present.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR *(Murrieta / Wildomar) 18 yes; 0 no; 2 abstention. Item 5.A and 5.B were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Calimesa and Hemet were not present. Representatives from the Cities of Eastvale and Norco abstained.*

A. Summary Minutes from the May 14, 2020, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved Summary Minutes from the May 14, 2020, Public Works Committee meeting.*

B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. TUMF Revenue and Expenditures Update

Ivana Medina, WRCOG Staff Analyst, reported that the amount of revenue collected during the March - April 2020 time period has trended upwards. In May of 2020, \$4.7 million was collected and for June 2020, \$5.7 million was collected. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020 a total of \$49.8 million was collected for the TUMF Program. Before COVID-19 emerged, revenues were projected at \$50 million for FY 2019/2020. Single-family residential continues to comprise the largest portion of TUMF revenue out of all the land uses. For FY 2019/2020, Industrial revenue made up 15%, Multi-family residential at 13%, followed by Retail at 10%, and Service at 4%.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. TUMF Network and Process for the Nexus Study Update

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported that the Nexus Study update is being delayed until the Southern California Association of Governments adopts its Regional Transportation Plan. The most recent plan was scheduled for adoption in May 2020 but is now set to occur in September 2020. Once the adoption occurs WRCOG will begin work on its TUMF Nexus Study. Staff is seeking input on potential additions of active transportation and Intelligent Transportation System projects.

Staff will review all TUMF roadways as part of the update process. Completed projects will be removed and an updated Network will be provided to each jurisdiction. Included in the notification will be a list of criteria for adding projects. WRCOG will review all submittals to be approved by Zone and WRCOG Committees.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Active Transportation Plan Grant Application Support and Grant Writing Assistance Program Guidelines

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that applications for the ATP Cycle V are due September 15, 2020. WRCOG is providing direct assistance on 11 applications amongst seven member jurisdictions this Cycle.

Staff is reviewing the Grant Writing Program Assistance Program Guidelines to evaluate how the Program can become more sustainable as WRCOG is unable to replenish the funds of the Program at a sustainable rate due to declining revenues. The goal of the Program is to strengthen the subregion's overall competitiveness for statewide funding and to provide needed supplemental support to member jurisdictions prevented from seeking grant funds due to limited resources. Staff have formulated a set of questions for members to discuss and review. The review process is in its infancy and the goal is to continue over the next few months to provide updates and ideas to the Committee. Staff is asking for input in order to sustain and secure grant funding for the subregion.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. WRCOG Geographic Information System and Traffic Modeling Service Bureau Proposal

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, provided an update on the current initiatives WRCOG is undertaking that will assist member jurisdictions in regard to Geographic Information System (GIS) and traffic modeling. Staff is developing a work plan which will include a series of schedules and deliverables. The concept behind developing a GIS and traffic model services was based on feedback from committee members, requests from consultants and other stakeholders needing assistance with travel modeling that relates to Vehicle Miles Traveled estimates, as well as discussions with other regional agencies that currently offer these services.

Next steps include executing the specified work plan, focusing on initial outreach, and developing the guidelines. Staff will be reaching out to member jurisdictions individually to discuss each jurisdiction's needs and interests.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. TUMF Revenue Update for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

This report was combined with 6.A.

Action: 1. *Received and file.*

F. TUMF Program Administrative Plan Update

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported on some updates currently being done to the TUMF Administrative Plan. The most current Plan was approved by the Executive Committee on January 10, 2019, and prior to that changes had been made to the document in October 2018. The Administrative Plan is usually updated every 1-2 years depending on changes made to the Plan over time. WRCOG has retained Kimley-Horn & Associates to prepare the most recent update on the preliminary review of the current Plan. Staff have identified some issues and clarification needed on a few items. Kimley-Horn & Associates will be preparing the updated manual and will be brought back in the future for review and approval.

Action: 1. *Received and file.*

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Chris Gray shared that staff is deciding whether or not to have bi-monthly committee meetings. Cameron Brown has been out of the office on personal leave, so please email Ivana Medina or Chris Gray with any TUMF reimbursement agreements.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Jonathan Smith shared that the City of Menifee had its first ever virtual ribbon cutting for the Scott Road interchange.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for September 10, 2020, is cancelled. The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

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

Date: October 8, 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 September.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment:

1. Summary recaps from September Committee meetings.

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Item 4.B

WRCOG Committees and Agency
Activities Update

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Summary recaps from September
Committee meetings

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**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Executive Committee
Meeting Recap
September 14, 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](#).

4th Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Approved

- The 4th Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was approved.

Exploration of the Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation

- Staff provided an update on exploratory efforts related to formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and shared findings to date based on meetings with 30+ stakeholders within the region and interviews with successful EDCs throughout the country.
- Generally, stakeholders agree that an EDC is needed in the western Riverside area and could complement existing jurisdiction economic development efforts.
- WRCOG will be pursuing seed funding from the Southern California Association of Governments to help with the initial formation due to a strong tie between economic development and housing production. An EDC could help to bring higher paying jobs to the subregion, raising incomes, and increasing opportunities for home purchasing.

Future Forward Webinar Series Update

- WRCOG's Future Forward Series is a monthly webinar focused on innovating during difficult times.
- To date, there have been five webinars that have garnered over 1,000+ views on YouTube.
- The next broadcast will be aired on September 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The topic will be "Envisioning the Future. A Candid Conversation on what Young Professionals Want." Former Fellows from WRCOG's Fellowship Program will be participating in the discussion to provide their thoughts on how Inland southern California can shape its future.
- Please visit <https://iercc.glueup.com/event/envisioning-the-future-27070/> to register.

Activities Update by the Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts

- Eastern and Western Municipal Water District representatives provided a briefing on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, also known as PFAS, which are man-made, water-repellent chemicals.
- The presentation noted the incomplete nature of current scientific research regarding PFAS and provided an overview of state and federal legislation.
- EMWD and WMWD remain committed to the protection of public health and to ensure that water is safe to use for all constituents.

COVID-19 and the Reopening of Schools

- Dr. Judy White, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, provided an update on the status of reopening schools in Riverside County. Per the Governor's orders, distance learning was mandated in all counties on the state monitoring list.
- Dr. White noted that one of the major challenges with distance learning is connectivity. In response to this, the Riverside County Office of Education is continuing its work on the "All for One" campaign to provide needed equipment to every student by November 1st so that they can stay connected in today's virtual learning environment.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Administration & Finance Committee
Meeting Recap
September 9, 2020**

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

WRCOG Policies and Procedures Related to Non-Discrimination and Contracting

- Staff presented an overview of current WRCOG policies as they relate to non-discrimination and social equity.
- Members discussed the importance of reviewing guidelines for contracting and staff will continue to research opportunities to engage small and local businesses. Staff will also monitor Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) No. 5 as it relates to California Proposition 209.

TUMF Program Revenue and Expenditures

- Staff presented an overview of the TUMF Program including Fiscal Year 2019/2020 revenues as well as historical revenues and expenditures.
- Since its inception, the TUMF Program has collected over \$900M and funded over \$1 Billion in projects. Over 100 projects have been completed since 2003.

PACE Programs Deferral of Judicial Foreclosure on Delinquent PACE Properties

- PACE delinquencies rate through July 31, 2020, are at 1.43%. Last year at this time they were at 1.07%. In comparison, the delinquency rate overall for Riverside County is at 4.3%.
- The Committee recommended that the Executive Committee defer judicial foreclosure for properties that are delinquent during Tax Year 2019/2020 and each fiscal year in the future if a third party purchases the delinquencies.

Next Meeting

The next Administration & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Recap
September 17, 2020**

*To review the full agenda and staff reports, please click [here](#).
To review the meeting PowerPoint presentation, please click [here](#).*

Regional Housing Trust Initiative

- Staff provided an update on the potential development of a Regional Housing Trust, which was one of three prospective and new WRCOG initiatives as identified at the start of the fiscal year. Housing trust funds are a commonly used tool to support housing production.
- Generally, housing trusts can provide a flexible source of gap financing, expand the subregion's ability to compete for state funds, and support homeless assistance services.
- In regard to administration of the potential trust, staff is currently recommending a hybrid Joint Powers Authority - nonprofit set up that is similar to the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, which leverages WRCOG administrative and executive support while receiving oversight from a Board of Directors that are representative of participating members.
- WRCOG is continuing in its discovery and due diligence, engaging a variety of stakeholders and prospective partners. Staff will continue to keep the committee updated.

TUMF Program Revenue & Expenditures Update

- 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.

Grant Writing Program Activities Update

- Staff provided an update on the Grant Writing Assistance Program, which supports members in preparing and submitting competitive grant applications. To date, the Program has assisted jurisdictions in Western Riverside County attain over \$64 million in grant funding.
- In addition to supporting various grant applications, the Program also provides members advisory services to discuss potential projects to see which grants are the best fit as well as provide a bi-weekly grant opportunities table.
- Looking forward, staff will be exploring more sustainable options for continuing to provide this service to member agencies.

Environmental Department Program Activities Update

- Staff provided an update on the Environmental Department, which consists of three programs: the Solid Waste Committee, the Used Oil recycling / Household Hazardous Waste, and the Clean Cities Coalition.
- All efforts of the Department continue to support members in complying with state legislation and working to increase community awareness of the opportunities to support environmental sustainability in Western Riverside County.
- CalRecycle's Model Tools can be found here: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/education.

Next Meeting

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Southern California Freight Strategy

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

Date: October 8, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the Southern California Freight Strategy, which is an effort by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop a freight plan for Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

The Southern California Freight Strategy (SCFS) provides a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, freight sustainability challenges, and opportunities for innovative solutions in San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties. The consultant team has conducted a comprehensive review of previous studies and conducted a draft analysis of freight flows across the trucking, rail, marine, and air cargo modes. Work in process includes an analysis of multimodal supply chains and preliminary land use needs for future freight facilities. The initial work indicates that the following four themes to pursue for the remainder of the study:

1. Truck and Traffic Safety
2. Green freight innovations
3. AB 617 local community emission reduction plans
4. Future freight studies

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment:

1. Southern California Freight Strategy Fact Sheet.

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Southern California Freight Strategy

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Southern California Freight Strategy
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CALTRANS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT STRATEGY

OVERVIEW

Southern California is one of the leading freight hubs in the U.S., as the San Pedro Bay Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach together form the largest and busiest container port in North America, and LAX is among the most significant airports for cargo. Many of these imported goods are distributed by rail or truck to markets across California and the nation, and these gateway facilities also serve an important economic purpose for U.S. exporters shipping to customers around the world. Southern California also serves as a large local distribution hub with a large concentration of distribution centers (DCs) managed by retailers, manufacturers, distributors, and logistics companies. DCs are used to reroute goods, for example, receiving inbound truckloads from manufacturers, breaking these down into pallets, and consolidating outbound shipments to retail outlets, malls, grocery stores, and restaurants (and increasingly targeting home delivery as well).

Although Southern California is of national importance as a freight hub, many impacts are local – including public health, safety, environmental, and quality of life impacts. These are particularly acute along major corridors and near large freight facilities such as ports and intermodal rail yards.

Caltrans needs a strategy that recognizes this dual role of freight – on the one hand, maintaining/building upon Southern California's role as a nationally important freight hub, and on the other hand, developing practical recommendations on how the local impacts of freight can be reduced or mitigated.

The strategy also will provide a nuanced understanding of how the freight industry operates and how commodities move in the region. For example, Southern California is one of the largest consumer markets in the U.S., and much of the freight activity in the region is also serving the regional economy and local residents. This includes providing opportunities for same-day delivery to customers in the region and keeping retail store shelves stocked, delivering critical just-in-time parts to manufacturers, ensuring hospitals have life-saving medical supplies, and enabling restaurants to receive frequent deliveries of fresh food products.

PURPOSE & NEED

The Southern California Freight Strategy (SCFS) aims to develop a sustainable freight plan that provides a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, sustainability challenges, innovative opportunities, and regional priorities across San Bernardino and Riverside as well as Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. The SCFS is intended to:

- ▶ Complement and build on existing efforts, both statewide/regionally and locally (county-level), as well as supporting legislative efforts.
- ▶ Provide a regional perspective on goods movement – covering Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties as a whole, ensuring continuity across county lines.
- ▶ Provide practical recommendations to address significant freight issues in the region, including traffic congestion and air quality.
- ▶ Examine freight-related initiatives within the study area to identify strategies that Caltrans or other agencies should pursue.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The SCFS will engage a variety of stakeholders throughout the development of the study, including public and private stakeholders and grassroots organizations. The goal is to meaningfully engage a broad array of stakeholders to guide the development of the plan and to gather their perspectives on the freight system, how freight-dependent industries use the system, current needs and issues, and potential opportunities to improve the movement of goods.

The stakeholder engagement process includes:

- ▶ Project Management Team Meetings and regular progress meetings
- ▶ Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- ▶ One-on-one freight logistics stakeholder consultations
- ▶ Small Group Meetings
- ▶ Focused Working Groups
- ▶ Broad online engagement and information sharing

The Technical Advisory Committee will meet four times at critical junctures over the course of strategy development in an online setting suitable for open discussion.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT STRATEGY TIMELINE

	2020						2021		
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Task 1 Project Kick-off/Project Administration									
Task 2 Stakeholder Identification & Public Engagement Strategy									
Task 3 Deployment of Outreach Plans									
Task 4 Current Freight Landscape									
Task 5 Develop & Present the Methodology									
Task 6 Meeting the Challenges of Tomorrow									
Task 7 Recommendations & Project Prioritization									
Task 8 Draft Southern California Freight Strategy									
Task 9 Final Southern California Freight Strategy									

CALIFORNIA FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN 2020

In collaboration with various State, regional and local partners, public and private sectors, and the members of the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the [Draft California Freight Mobility Plan \(CFMP\) 2020](#) to provide a long-term vision for California's freight future. The CFMP is a comprehensive plan that governs the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments by the state with respect to freight movement. This multimodal freight transportation system facilitates the reliable and efficient movement of goods while ensuring a prosperous economy, social equity, and human and environmental health. The CFMP also complies with California State Government Code Section 13978.8(b)(1) (Assembly Bill 14, Lowenthal) and the freight provisions of the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) which requires each state that receives funding under the National Highway Freight Program to develop a State Freight Plan.

VISION

As the national gateway for international trade and domestic commerce, California enhances economic competitiveness by collaboratively developing and operating an integrated, multimodal freight transportation system that provides safe, sustainable freight mobility. This system facilitates the reliable and efficient movement of freight while ensuring a prosperous economy, social equity, and human and environmental health.

GOALS

- Economic Competitiveness:** Improve the contribution of the California freight transportation system to support economic efficiency, productivity, and competitiveness.
- Congestion Relief:** Reduce costs to users by minimizing congestion on the freight transportation system.
- Safety and Security:** Improve the safety, security, and resilience of the freight transportation system.
- Freight System Infrastructure Preservation:** Improve the state of good repair of the freight transportation system.
- Innovative Technology and Practices:** Use innovative technology and practices to operate, maintain, and optimize the efficiency of the freight transportation system while reducing its environmental and community impacts.
- Environmental Stewardship:** Avoid and reduce adverse environmental and community impacts of the freight transportation system.

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications

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

Date: October 8, 2020

The purpose of this item is to present on the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Projects.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

SCAG staff will present on the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Active Transportation & Safety (AT&S) Call for Applications (http://sustain.scaq.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx?utm_medium). More details about each project type, program area goals, and the SCP overall can be found in the Sustainable Communities Program AT&S Guidelines (<http://sustain.scaq.ca.gov/Documents/2020CallForProjects/2020-SCP-Guidelines.pdf>).

The SCP provides planning resources and technical assistance to local agencies to support the implementation of Connect SoCal, a long-range vision for transportation and land use planning for the region. The Call for Applications includes three specific project types, each with a unique application, to fund planning and quick build projects that result in increased rates of walking and biking, promote traffic safety, expand opportunities for multi-modal transportation options, and better position local jurisdictions to be competitive for implementation funds.

Active Transportation & Safety Project Types

Community-wide & Area Plans: Support the implementation of the "Core Vision:" Complete Streets, Active Transportation, and Transportation Safety strategies as outlined in Connect SoCal. Examples of eligible plans include, but are not limited to, Community-wide Bicycle or Pedestrian Master Plans, Community-wide Active Transportation Plans, First-Last Mile Plans (active transportation improvements only), Vision Zero Plans, Systemic Safety Analysis Reports, and Safe Routes Plans.

Infrastructure Demonstration Projects (Quick Build): Provide opportunities for jurisdictions to test interim capital improvement projects that further the goals of the Active Transportation Plan and serve as design / build opportunities centered in community-supported feedback. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, active transportation infrastructure (protected bike lane, bulb-outs, curb extensions), multi-modal infrastructure integration (dedicated bus pilot lanes and transit integration with active transportation infrastructure) and public pedestrian plazas.

Network Visioning and Implementation: Conduct visioning and position cities to plan and install entire active transportation networks within a short- to mid-term timeframe, alongside thoughtful community engagement. The framework will identify and implement a phased approach for Quick Build pilot projects, identified through

technical analysis and robust public engagement, prior to network construction, to take on the most “stressful” segment first and set up the network build-out in phases.

The following applicants are eligible for the SCP Active Transportation & Safety Call:

- Local or Regional Agency - Examples include cities, counties, councils of government, Regional Transportation Planning agencies and County Public Health Departments.
- Transit Agencies - Any agency responsible for public transportation that is eligible for funds under the Federal Transit Administration.
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies - federal, state, or local agency responsible for natural resources or public land administration.
- Public schools or school districts.
- Tribal Governments - Federally-recognized Native American Tribes.

SCAG is offering two webinars to assist agencies in preparing applications, provide a forum to answer questions, and to provide additional information and examples for each project type. The webinars are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 7, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting information will be provided upon registration: <https://scag.wufoo.com/forms/m1bk1n3502i94t1/>.

Please note the following key milestones:

- Call for Applications opens: September 8, 2020
- Application Workshops: October 7 & 21, 2020
- SCAG SCP Call for Applications deadline: November 13, 2020
- Proposal Review and Scoring: December 2020 – March 2021
- SCAG Regional Council approval of the 2020 SCP AT&S application rankings: May 6, 2021
- California Transportation Commission approval of ATP projects: June 2021

For more information, including program guidelines, application links, and to RSVP for upcoming webinars, please visit <http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx>.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment:

1. 2020-2021 SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Fact Sheet.

Item 5.B

SCAG Sustainable Communities
Program Active Transportation &
Safety Call for Projects

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2020-2021 SCAG Sustainable
Communities Program Fact Sheet

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Overview

The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a technical assistance program that provides direct resources for jurisdictions and agencies for local planning and serves as a key implementation tool for Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The SCP strengthens local partnerships and implements strategies outlined in Connect SoCal to promote healthy, connected, and equitable communities.

The FY 2020/2021 program will fund projects in the following areas that support and implement the policies and initiatives of Connect SoCal: Active Transportation & Safety; Housing and Sustainable Development; Smart Cities, Mobility Innovation & Transportation Demand Management; and Green Region, among others. The first Call for Applications, prioritizing active transportation and safety, opened in **September 2020**. More details and guidelines for subsequent Calls will be released as they become available.

Program Goals & Community Benefits

Encourage planning strategies to reduce motorized vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly in areas with the highest need for air quality improvements.

Promote, address, and ensure health and equity in regional land use, housing production, and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color.

Increase competitiveness for federal and state funds, including the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

Example Active Transportation & Safety Project Types



City-wide Active Transportation Plans



Pedestrian Master Plans



Quick Build Projects



Network Visioning & Implementation



Transportation Safety Focused Plans



First/Last Mile Plans



Local Road Safety Plans or Safe Systems Plans

To learn more, visit SCAG's [SCP website](#) to access the Program Toolkit, including example projects, communication templates, and more information about resource opportunities.

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: TIP Revenue Forecast Update

Contact: Ivana Medina, Staff Analyst, imedina@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6753

Date: October 8, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) forecasts for each of the WRCOG TUMF Zones.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

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. WRCOG annually updates revenue forecasts to determine the amount of available funding for each TUMF Zone to allocate over the next five years.

Background

WRCOG allocates TUMF funding to its member agencies using the Zone TIP process. Each Zone TIP is updated annually and reflects both revenues and expenditures for each of the five TUMF Zones. Revenues are determined by WRCOG and reflect historical collections within each of the Zones. Revenues are usually based on the average of previous years, generally a 3-year or 5-year period. TUMF expenditures reflect member agency requests. The last TIP updates occurred in the spring of 2020.

Revenue Forecasts

Due to COVID-19, it was anticipated that TUMF revenues may decrease substantially and that a fall 2020 Zone meeting may be necessary to update the TIPs accordingly. However, that may no longer be necessary given that TUMF collections did not substantially decline. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020, a total of \$49.8 million was collected for the TUMF Program. Before the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, revenues were projected at \$50 million for FY 2019/2020. Since collections were within budget for FY 2019/2020, revenue forecasts from the spring 2020 Zone meetings remain valid.

	Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Zone Collected	5-Year Historical Average	3-Year Historical Average	2019/2020 TIPS
Northwest Zone	\$ 10,750,000	\$ 10,700,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
Southwest Zone	\$ 5,150,000	\$ 5,900,000	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 5,500,000
Central Zone	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 7,200,000	\$ 7,000,000
Pass Zone	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,000,000
Hemet / San Jacinto Zone	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,500,000
Total	\$ 24,750,000	\$ 25,300,000	\$ 27,600,000	\$ 26,000,000

As shown above, the revenue forecasted in the FY 2019/2020 TIP's is within range of actual collections. While a Zone meeting may still be requested, WRCOG staff does not recommend a new TIP update until the spring 2021, which will coincide with the regular TIP schedule.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment:

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Potential Project Additions to the Nexus Study

Contact: Cameron Brown, Program Manager, cbrown@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710

Date: October 8, 2020

The purpose of this item is to present information regarding the process by which staff will update the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program Roadway Network for purposes of incorporation into the Nexus Study.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

*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. WRCOG prepares regular updates to the TUMF Nexus Study to update information and assumptions contained therein. WRCOG anticipates formally starting a Nexus Study update in mid to late 2021. **Network Revisions***

In preparation for a future TUMF Nexus Study Update, WRCOG will be revising the Regional System of Highways and Arterials (RSHA), also referred to as the TUMF Network. The TUMF Network represents roadways that are regional in nature that primarily support inter-community trips in the WRCOG subregion. WRCOG staff will be undertaking an update of this Network to identify all these facilities. In doing so, staff will be requesting recommendations by local agency staff on Network facilities that should be added to or removed from the Network.

The process for this Update is as follows:

1. WRCOG staff will review all of the TUMF roadways within each jurisdiction's boundary to determine which of these projects are either currently under construction or are widened to the full width, based on the previous TUMF Nexus Study. Funding for the completed projects will be removed from the TUMF Project list. Removal will include projects for which the physical construction is complete but additional TUMF funding might be provided through a reimbursement agreement.
2. Staff will review all the planned TUMF projects currently in the Nexus Study to determine their feasibility. Staff will analyze the proposed projects for possible Right-of-Way issues, or where the project is no longer needed.
3. Staff will provide a list of removed projects and possible infeasible projects to each of its member agencies for review and concurrence.
4. Staff will provide the full list of criteria for adding projects to the TUMF Network to each of its member agencies. The criteria for projects to be added to the TUMF Network are discussed in further detail below.
5. Staff will collect any comments from member jurisdictions regarding new projects to add to the Network. This will then be reviewed for consistency with the provided criteria.
6. Staff will convene meetings of staff from each TUMF Zone to review and approve any additional project requests.

7. This list of projects will be presented through the WRCOG Committee structure for approval, prior to its use in the TUMF Nexus Study.

Criteria to add Projects

For projects to be added to the TUMF Network, the TUMF Administrative Plan contains the following criteria:

- Project must have a minimum number of four lanes at buildout
- Project must carry at least 20,000 vehicles per day at buildout
- Project must be contained in the jurisdiction's most recently adopted General Plan Circulation Element

These same criteria apply to existing roadways which are in the TUMF Nexus Study as well. Therefore, if a roadway has been removed from a city's General Plan or no longer planned to have four lanes or more, than the project in question will be removed.

Currently, WRCOG is not requiring jurisdictions to "swap" projects, which is the inclusion of projects without removing an equivalent project. That requirement could change based on input from other WRCOG Committees.

Prior Action:

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

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment:

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: GIS and Transportation Modeling Service Bureau Initiative

Contact: Cameron Brown, Program Manager, cbrown@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6712

Date: October 8, 2020

The purpose of this item is to present information on a new WRCOG initiative to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) and Transportation Modeling services to member agencies.

Requested Action:

1. Recommend that the Executive Committee approve the proposed guidelines for the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Services.

WRCOG provides a variety of services through programs to its member agencies such as the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program, Grant Writing Program, Active Transportation Program, Climate Change / Adaptation, and the Public Service Fellowship Program. WRCOG is currently evaluating whether it should provide GIS and Transportation Modeling services as another program to its members.

Background

Earlier in 2020, WRCOG engaged in a comprehensive Agency-wide visioning session to explore new initiatives. One initiative identified for future investigation included implementing a regional GIS / Traffic Modeling Services Bureau.

This initiative was developed based on input from member agencies as well as through a review of services offered by other agencies.

The concept of a GIS / Traffic Modeling Services Bureau is based on three items of input:

- Feedback from the WRCOG Planning Directors Committee, particularly for assistance with GIS.
- Requests from consultants and other stakeholders for assistance with travel modeling, particularly as it relates to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) estimates.
- Discussions with other regional agencies such as the San Diego Association of Governments and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, which currently offer these services.

Examples of GIS and Transportation Modeling Requests

GIS / Mapping

- Community Development (Land Use, Zoning, Specific Plan) maps
- Crime maps
- GIS Applications – tracking graffiti, vector control, road maintenance
- Visualization mapping for city meetings

Transportation Modeling

- Traffic Flow maps
- VMT mapping
- Land Use scenarios

Proposed Guidelines for New Initiative

The proposed work plan for the GIS / Traffic Modeling Services Bureau includes outreach with members of the Public Works and Planning Directors Committees to identify specific areas of assistance related to GIS and Traffic Modeling that would help member agencies.

For discussion, WRCOG is proposing the following guidelines:

- GIS / Traffic Modeling services will be provided free of charge to WRCOG member agencies unless the request(s) require more than 4 hours of staff time or other resources to complete.
- Requests that involve more than 4 hours to complete or go beyond normal work parameters for WRCOG staff will require a service fee, which will be calculated based on WRCOG's cost to provide the service.
- WRCOG will manage all GIS / Traffic Modeling requests which may require on-call planning consultants for completion.
- WRCOG staff will prioritize requests on a first come-first served basis.
- WRCOG will provide an online request form via its website to complete requests.
- WRCOG will fulfill requests as quickly as possible, generally within 2 - 3 business days. For requests that may take more effort, the user will be given an expected schedule before work has begun.
- Requests from non-member agency stakeholders (such as consultants) will be treated in a similar way except that all of these requests will be assessed a service fee.

Next Steps

WRCOG will be implementing guidelines, focusing on initial outreach, and preparing its systems to handle GIS / Traffic Modeling requests. Staff will be reaching out to members of the Planning Directors and Public Works Committees to apprise each jurisdiction of the new service opportunities.

Prior Action:

August 13, 2020: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment:

None.