



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

AGENDA

**Thursday, October 8, 2026
2:00 PM**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92507**

Remote Meeting Locations:

**City of Calimesa
City Hall
908 Park Avenue
Calimesa, CA 92320**

**March Joint Powers Authority
March Inland Port Airport
17405 Heacock Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92551**

**County of Riverside Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 8th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (Jason Farag, Chair)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within 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.

5. SELECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

A. Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Requested Action(s):

1. Select a Public Works Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

6. 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. Action Minutes from the May 14, 2026, Public Works Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s):

1. Approve the Action Minutes from the May 14, 2026, Public Works Committee meeting.

B. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027

Requested Action(s):

1. Approve the schedule of Public Works Committee meetings for 2027.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion.

A. Removal of the 3,000 Square Foot Exemption for Retail and Service Development

Requested Action(s):

1. Recommend that the Executive Committee approve removal of the 3,000-square-foot retail and service reduction and direct staff to make conforming revisions to Section 5.1 and applicable worksheets of the TUMF Fee Calculation Handbook, effective with the next adopted Handbook update.

B. TUMF Program Status Overview

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

C. Update on Regional Traffic Signal Coordination / Intelligent Transportation Systems Feasibility Study

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

D. Stormwater Permit Compliance Program Update

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

8. REPORT FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Cameron Brown

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

12. ADJOURNMENT



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair
Contact: Cameron Brown, Interim Director of Transportation & Planning,
cbrown@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6712
Date: October 8, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Select a Public Works Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.
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Summary:

WRCOG relies on member agencies to act as Committee leadership for its various elected official and staff committees. At the beginning of each fiscal year, each Committee is asked to select a Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to select leadership for the Public Works Committee for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. This item supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

WRCOG would like to recognize outgoing Chair Jason Farag, City of Wildomar, for his efforts in leading the Public Works Committee meetings during the previous fiscal year. Staff appreciates his hard work and dedication in leading the meetings.

WRCOG's Committee leadership positions are selected at the start of each fiscal year. The leadership for the Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 is as follows:

Chair: Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
Vice-Chair: Mike Lara, City of Beaumont
2nd Vice-Chair: Christian Dinco, City of Eastvale

Historically, the Committee positions have coincided with those of the Executive Committee, although there are no requirements for this pattern stipulated in WRCOG's JPA or Bylaws.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The actions of this item has no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.

Public Works Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Public Works Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair Nick Fidler at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at WRCOG's office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Fidler led Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Nathan Smith
- City of Beaumont - Robert Vestal
- City of Calimesa - Travis Bradshaw
- City of Canyon Lake - Stuart McKibbin
- City of Corona - Savat Khamphou
- City of Hemet - Jilleen Ferris
- City of Jurupa Valley - Paul Toor*
- City of Lake Elsinore - Yu Tagai
- City of Menifee - Nick Fidler (Vice-Chair)
- City of Moreno Valley - Melissa Walker
- City of Murrieta - Bob Moehling
- City of Norco - Victor So
- City of Perris - John Pourkazemi
- City of Riverside - Nathan Mustafa
- City of San Jacinto - Stuart McKibbin
- City of Temecula - Nick Minicilli
- County of Riverside - Dennis Acuna
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) - Mauricio Alvarez

Absent:

- City of Eastvale
- City of Wildomar
- March Inland Port Airport Authority
- Riverside County Transportation Commission

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Murrieta
SECONDER:	Hemet
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, County, RTA

A. Action Minutes from the April 9, 2026, Public Works Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the April 9, 2026, Public Works Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION (These items were presented out of order)

A. Fee Comparison Analysis Findings

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. County of Riverside Truck Route Assembly Bill 98 Compliance Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. TUMF Policy Updates on Revenue Collection and Project Delivery

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee incorporate formalized revenue and reimbursement policies and related program clarifications into the next TUMF Administrative Plan Update.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Riverside
SECONDER:	Banning
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, County of Riverside, RTA

D. TUMF Program Status Overview

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. Stormwater Permit Compliance Program Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

F. TUMF Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Allocation Rules Update

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee approve the new TIP Allocation Rules to be incorporated into the next TUMF Administrative Plan Update.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECCOMENDED
MOVER:	Corona
SECONDER:	Moreno Valley
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, County, RTA

7. REPORT FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray, WRCOG Interim Executive Director, was not present at this meeting.

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that staff are requesting average daily traffic count data for model updates. Please invite WRCOG to any groundbreakings or ribbon-cuttings, particularly those involving projects that WRCOG has helped fund. The August Committee meeting location is to be determined; construction of WRCOG's new office is anticipated to be complete by mid-August.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Nathan Smith announced that the City of Banning has an upcoming groundbreaking for the Sun Lakes Blvd. Project.

Committee member Mauricio Alvarez introduced Jared Paul, RTA's new Director of Planning.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at a location TBD.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027
Contact: Chris Gray, Interim Executive Director, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710
Date: October 8, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Approve the schedule of Public Works Committee meetings for 2027.
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Summary:

All Public Works Committee meeting dates are proposed for the 2nd Thursday of the month, every other month, at 2:00 p.m.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to approve the schedule of Public Works Committee meetings for 2027. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Following are the proposed 2027 meeting dates for the Public Works Committees.

Committee	Day	Time	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Public Works	2nd Thurs.	2:00 p.m.	DARK	11	DARK	8	DARK	10	DARK	12	DARK	14	DARK	9

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The result of the recommended action causes no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Removal of the 3,000 Square Foot Exemption for Retail and Service Development
Contact: Cameron Brown, Interim Director of Transportation & Planning,
cbrown@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6712
Date: October 8, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Recommend that the Executive Committee approve removal of the 3,000-square-foot retail and service reduction and direct staff to make conforming revisions to Section 5.1 and applicable worksheets of the TUMF Fee Calculation Handbook, effective with the next adopted Handbook update.
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Summary:

The purpose of this item is to recommend removal of the existing policy that waives the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee obligation on the first 3,000 square feet of eligible retail and service development. A three-year review found that the policy reduced TUMF revenue by an estimated \$1.57M, while most identifiable beneficiaries were corporate chains or franchises rather than independent small businesses.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide recommend changes to the next update of the Fee Calculation Handbook of the TUMF Program. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our sub-region).

Discussion:

Background

On August 7, 2017, the Executive Committee adopted a policy waiving the TUMF obligation for the first 3,000 square feet of gross floor area for retail and service uses. The policy responded to concerns raised during the 2016 Nexus Study update regarding potential effects of higher fees on smaller retail and service uses serving the immediate local area. On October 1, 2018, the Executive Committee limited the reduction to projects with less than 20,000 square feet of eligible gross floor area.

The current Fee Calculation Handbook applies the reduction to all commercial land use types. It may

also apply separately to independently operating uses or tenants within a mixed-use or multi-tenant project. Consequently, the policy can eliminate the fee for projects at or below 3,000 square feet and can substantially reduce the obligation for projects above that threshold.

Present Situation

Staff reviewed 89 retail and service applications from Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 through FY 2025/2026 and modeled the fee that would have been collected without the reduction. The review used the applicable retail and service rate assumptions in the study and restored one 3,000-square-foot reduction per application. Fuel stations and other special use applications were recalculated by restoring the reduction after the special-use equivalent floor area calculation.

The modeled three-year revenue loss equals approximately 67.1% of the fees actually collected from the reviewed applications. In FY 2025/2026 alone, the estimated \$600,660 loss equaled 64.5% of actual collections. The three-year average modeled loss was approximately \$522,940 annually. These amounts would otherwise have been available for eligible regional transportation improvements.

Period / Measure	Collected	Without Reduction	Loss
FY 2025/2026	\$930,071	\$1,531,361	\$600,660
FY 2023/24 to FY 25/26	\$2,336,951	\$3,905,771	\$1,568,820
Identifiable Chains / Franchises	69 of 89 applications; \$1,810,665	\$3,043,635	\$1,232,970

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Policy Considerations

Revenue effect: The reduction creates a material and recurring loss of TUMF revenue. Maintaining the policy shifts a greater share of regional transportation mitigation costs to local agencies to recover or leaves less funding available for programmed improvements.

Development activity: Staff found no discernible evidence in the reviewed applications that the reduction affected whether retail or service projects moved forward. Development continued across all three fiscal years, including repeated applications for chain restaurants, car washes, automotive retailers, and other franchise or corporate uses. Although application records cannot establish causation, the available evidence does not show that the reduction is necessary to sustain development activity. A review of the past 10 years indicates that retail and service development activity remained relatively steady before and after implementation of the 3,000-square-foot reduction. The primary measurable change was a decline in TUMF revenue collections due to the 3,000 sf exemption.

Alignment with original intent: The policy was adopted in response to concerns about smaller local-serving businesses. However, 69 of the 89 reviewed applications were identifiable chains or franchises, compared with only six explicitly identified independent small businesses. Identifiable chains and franchises received approximately \$1,232,970, or 77.5%, of the modeled three-year benefit. The policy therefore operates as a broad land-use reduction rather than a targeted small-business measure.

Existing Retail and Service Reductions: Retail and service development already receive substantially discounted TUMF rates. The 2024 TUMF Nexus Study calculated rates of \$11.21 per square foot for retail uses and \$9.76 per square foot for service uses. WRCOG's currently adopted rates, effective July 1, 2026, are \$7.92 per square foot for retail and \$5.02 per square foot for service—approximately 29% and 49% below the respective Nexus Study rates. By adopting rates below the amounts supported by the Nexus Study, the Executive Committee has already provided significant fee relief to retail and service development. Continuing the additional 3,000-square-foot reduction provides a second layer of relief that further reduces revenue available for regional transportation improvements.

Prior Action(s):

October 1, 2018: The Executive Committee limited the 3,000-square-foot reduction to eligible retail and service uses with less than 20,000 square feet of gross floor area.

August 7, 2017: The Executive Committee approved the policy waiving the TUMF obligation for the first 3,000 square feet of eligible retail and service gross floor area.

Financial Summary:

If approved, based on the average of the last three years, this would increase TUMF collections by an estimated \$500,000 to \$600,000 annually.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - 3,000 SF Reduction Analysis.pdf](#)

WRCOG TUMF — 3,000 SF Reduction Analysis

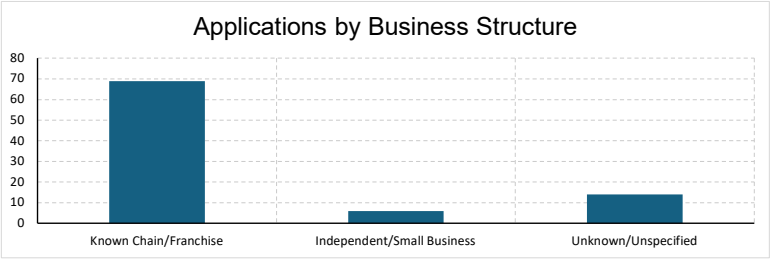
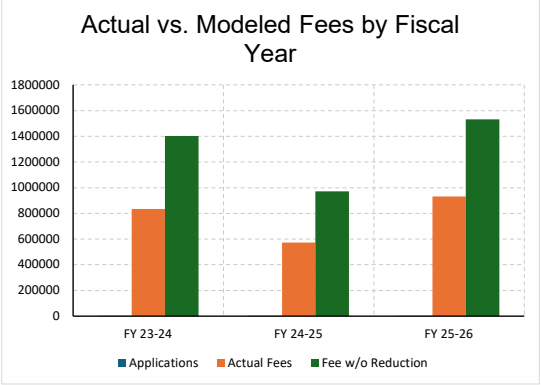
FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 | Conservative base case: one deduction restored per listed application

Actual Fees Collected	Modeled Without Reduction	Modeled Revenue Loss	Known Chain / Franchise Share
\$2,336,951	\$3,905,771	\$1,568,820	77.5%

Results by Fiscal Year							
Fiscal Year	Applications	Actual Fees	Fee w/o Reduction	Revenue Loss	Retail Loss	Service Loss	Loss vs Actual
FY 23-24	33	\$834,607	\$1,403,617	\$569,010	\$231,600	\$337,410	68.2%
FY 24-25	22	\$571,643	\$970,793	\$399,150	\$208,440	\$190,710	69.8%
FY 25-26	34	\$930,701	\$1,531,361	\$600,660	\$277,920	\$322,740	64.5%
3-Year Total	89	\$2,336,951	\$3,905,771	\$1,568,820	\$717,960	\$850,860	67.1%

Who Received the Reduction?				
Business Structure	Applications	Share of Apps	Actual Fees	Modeled Loss
Known Chain/Franchise	69	77.5%	\$1,810,665	\$1,232,970
Independent/Small Business	6	6.7%	\$83,660	\$105,000
Unknown/Unspecified	14	15.7%	\$442,625	\$230,850

FY 2025-26 Detail (Most Recent Fiscal Year)					
Metric	All	Retail	Service	Known Chain	Small
Applications	34	12	22	30	4
Actual Fees	\$930,701	\$490,328	\$440,373	\$856,139	\$74,562
Fee w/o Reduction	\$1,531,361	\$768,248	\$763,113	\$1,389,629	\$141,732
Revenue Loss	\$600,660	\$277,920	\$322,740	\$533,490	\$67,170



Interpretation & Data Caveats

The modeled loss is a conservative minimum because three source records are explicitly multi-tenant but do not identify the number of independently operating tenants. Each may have received more than one 3,000 SF deduction. The original hard-coded summary cannot be reproduced from the Data tab and appears to overstate or reallocate some retail/service totals. Use the Data tab confidence filter to request missing worksheets, tenant counts, and business identities before final policy adoption.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: TUMF Program Status Overview
Contact: Cameron Brown, Program Manager, cbrown@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6712
Date: October 8, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

The TUMF Program supports regional roadway improvements through the collection of mitigation fees from new development. Staff provides regular updates on TUMF collections, project reimbursements, and developer credit agreements. To date in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/2027, the TUMF Program has collected approximately \$13M, reimbursed more than \$14M for major infrastructure projects, and processed more than \$1.3M in developer Credit Agreements to satisfy TUMF obligations.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the status of the TUMF Program with regards to collections and reimbursements on projects. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our sub-region).

Discussion:

Background

The TUMF Program is designed to provide funding towards capacity enhancing projects on regional arterials and collectors within the WRCOG subregion. Revenue is collected on all residential and non-residential development in the subregion as a mitigation towards additional traffic created. This revenue is used towards capacity enhancing projects within the subregion which is allocated to both public and private infrastructure development.

Present Situation

TUMF collections and project reimbursements occur on an ongoing basis as development activity continues and infrastructure projects progress towards completion. As of September 24, 2026, the TUMF Program has collected approximately \$13M in FY 2026/2027. The County of Riverside Hemet /

San Jacinto Zone generated the highest level of TUMF revenue during this period, with approximately \$2.2M collected between July and September 2026.

FY 2026/2027 TUMF collections consist of approximately 85% residential development and 15% commercial development. Residential collections are further divided between 69% from single-family development and 16% from multi-family development. A total of 931 housing units have been built in this fiscal year, with 618 single-family units and 313 multi-family units. This is a change from last year where there more more multi-family units over single-family units.

Effective April 1, 2025, TUMF fees assessed on single-family residential development are based on dwelling unit size in accordance with AB-602. To evaluate recent single-family development trends throughout the region, WRCOG reviewed data from the TUMF Portal regarding the size of homes developed between April 2025 and September 2026. The analysis indicates the following distribution:

- 24% of single-family homes are less than 1,800 square feet (SF).
- 36% are between 1,800 and 2,300 SF.
- 21% are between 2,301 and 2,700 SF.
- 19% are greater than 2,700 SF.

Concurrently, WRCOG has reimbursed 27 invoices totaling \$14.3M during FY 2026/2027. Significant reimbursements include the SR-79 Realignment Project in the Hemet / San Jacinto Zone, Ethanac Road Bridge Project in the City of Perris, the McKinley Street Grade Separation Project in the City of Corona, and the Palomar Street Project in the City of Wildomar.

WRCOG continues to monitor several active developer Credit Agreements that are being utilized to satisfy TUMF obligations through project credits. As of September 2026, approximately \$1.3M in TUMF obligations have been cleared through the construction of TUMF-eligible facilities required as conditions of project approval.

WRCOG is currently conducting the FY 2025/2026 TUMF Annual Review to verify member agency compliance with TUMF Program requirements, which is necessary for agencies to remain eligible to receive Measure A funding. To date, submissions have been received from the Cities of Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Murrieta, Perris, and San Jacinto. These agencies submitted their materials ahead of the October 30, 2026, deadline, supporting the timely completion of the annual review process.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Funding for TUMF activities is included in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget under the TUMF Program (1148) in the General Fund (110). 4% of all TUMF collections are allocated for administrative purposes.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Update on Regional Traffic Signal Coordination / Intelligent Transportation Systems Feasibility Study

Contact: Tom Petrosino, Iteris Senior Manager, TPetrosino@iteris.com, (949) 270-9683

Date: October 8, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

Traffic signal coordination, an application of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), is a strategy to reduce vehicle delay from stops at signalized intersections along a roadway corridor. Traffic signal coordination can provide a consistent flow of traffic at a reasonable target speed and is a cost-effective transportation systems management (TSM) strategy to improve performance with limited capital cost. Many cities, counties, and regions across the country manage structured programs to fund and implement corridor traffic signal coordination. WRCOG and its project team has explored the concept of a regional traffic signal coordination / ITS program for its member agencies and developed a potential implementation plan.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update to the due diligence being conducted for a regional traffic signal coordination / ITS program. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

Discussion:

Background

WRCOG is interested in exploring the concept of a regional traffic signal coordination / ITS program for its member agencies, as ITS is an eligible project for the TUMF Program. The regional approach to traffic signal coordination has a relatively long and positive history in southern California. At least three other counties and regions in southern California administer structured programs to fund and implement traffic signal coordination – Orange County, San Bernardino County, and the Coachella Valley region. Until recently, at least one other California public agency in northern California – the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – administered a similarly structured program to fund and implement

traffic signal coordination in the San Francisco Bay Area. Given the success of the regional approach, WRCOG conducted due diligence on a regional traffic signal coordination / ITS program for the subregion. The last element of this due diligence is the development of an implementation plan for a potential regional program.

Present Situation

WRCOG and its project team reviewed the traffic signal coordination / ITS programs in place, primarily around the WRCOG jurisdictional area. Key lessons learned by Agency staff and participants from these other regional efforts were analyzed. The due diligence also looked into the staff and/or consultant industry expertise necessary to plan, implement, and maintain a regional traffic signal coordination / ITS program. The goal of this due diligence is to understand the roles and responsibilities for WRCOG, the participating agencies, and any other pertinent parties to the planning, funding, and implementation of a successful traffic signal coordination / ITS program.

The last deliverable of the study is the development of an implementation plan for a potential regional program. This draft outlines the various components and steps for the development and implementation of a regional signal coordination / ITS Program. This implementation plan was based on the due diligence conducted of other similar regional programs in the state and particularly in other counties in southern California with appropriate relevance to the WRCOG region. The project team will provide a summary of the implementation plan.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The Study will be funded by the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program (Fund 110, Program Code 1148). Funding for this study is included in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Stormwater Permit Compliance Program Update
Contact: Ryan Kearns, Chief of Watershed Protection Division, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, rkearns@rivco.org, (951) 955-2047
Date: October 8, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits, issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, represent significant regulatory compliance obligations for municipalities. These permits require permittees to implement a suite of structural and non-structural best management practices to improve water quality and manage stormwater discharges.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to report on upcoming stormwater permit obligations and to provide information on upcoming deadlines. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

Discussion:

The Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District is designated as the Principal Permittee under three separate Phase I MS4 Permits in Riverside County. In this role, the District represents Riverside County MS4 permittees in implementing area-wide programs required under each MS4 Permit through three Implementation Agreements.

Present Situation

On September 11, 2026, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted an [MS4 Permit](#) for Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties, maintaining stringent requirements for numeric water quality standards, but adding directives to Regional Board staff emphasizing collaboration, limited penalties, and future revisions to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). The MS4 Permit will be effective 180 days following the adoption date on March 10, 2027.

Riverside County Flood Control anticipates leading the development of many regionwide stormwater plans and programmatic documents through the cost share-implementation agreement it has with cities in the Santa Ana Region, including, but not limited to:

- Request for a Time Schedule Order – March 10, 2027.
- Notice of Intent to develop a Watershed Management Plan – June 8, 2027.
- Program Monitoring and Reporting Plan – September 11, 2028.
- Uniform Technical Guidance (WQMP and LID Guidance) Documents – March 10, 2029.
 - Public Review Period – March 11, 2029 to April 9, 2029.
 - Initial Project Applications to comply with updated guidance documents – June 8, 2029.
 - Final Watershed Management Plans – June 8, 2029.
- Comprehensive Nutrient Reduction Plan – To be determined.
- Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan – To be determined.

Meanwhile, individual municipalities will be expected to prepare and implement activities, including, but not limited to:

- Prepare 1st Construction & Industrial General Permit Non-Filer Report – July 31, 2027.
- Submit First Fiscal Analysis Report – November 15, 2027.
- Submit Municipal Fixed Facility (“Stormwater Assets”) Inventory & Map – November 15, 2027.
- Inspect major drainage facilities (i.e., outfalls, open channels, catch basins, storm drain inlets, and stormwater basins) 80% annually, and 100% over each two-year period.
- Submit Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Report & Pesticide Inventory – November 15, 2027.
- Update Municipal Stormwater Ordinances and Internal Plans, Policies, and Procedures (Local Implementation Plans) – March 10, 2028.
- Submit Legal Authority Assessment Report – November 15, 2028.
- Submit First Program Effectiveness Assessment – November 15, 2028.
- Meet Interim Milestone for Trash Amendments – March 10, 2029.
- Final Compliance for Trash Amendments – December 2, 2030.

Riverside County Flood Control is actively working to put together work groups for topics such as water quality monitoring, land development, watershed management plans, and time schedule orders. An updated cost share-implementation agreement is also being drafted and will be available for review by January 2027. Updated cost shares would not be invoiced until April 2028.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

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

Attachment(s):

None.