

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair Sam Nelson on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Nelson led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Art Vela, City of Banning
Jeff Hart, City of Beaumont
Michael Thornton, City of Calimesa
Brad Brophy, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, and San Jacinto
Savat Khamphou, City of Corona
Jimmy Chung, City of Eastvale (2:13 p.m. arrival)
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley
Yu Tagai, City of Lake Elsinore
Carlos Geronimo, City of Menifee (2:20 p.m. arrival)
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley
Jeff Hitch, City of Murrieta
Sam Nelson, City of Norco, Chair
Gil Hernandez, City of Riverside
Amer Attar, City of Temecula (2:34 p.m. arrival)
Dan York, City of Wildomar
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA
Jillian Guizado, Riverside County Transportation Commission
Mauricio Alvarez, Riverside Transit Agency

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), announced that SCAG's Regional Council has approved the release of guidelines for SCAG's 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations. Applications are due April 23, 2021. Application webinars will be held on March 8, 2021, and April 5, 2021.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR *(Perris / Menifee) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Eastvale, Hemet, Riverside, and Temecula were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the December 10, 2020, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved Summary Minutes from the December 10, 2020, Public Works Committee meeting.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. TUMF Administrative Plan and Credit / Reimbursement Manual Update

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, provided an update on recent changes and clarifications surrounding the TUMF Administrative Plan and Credit / Reimbursement Manual. A major clarification came in the issue of eligibility of utility relocations. When utilities exist on areas where the utility has rights on the land through an easement, then the relocation is TUMF eligible and can utilize TUMF funding. When the local agency has rights through an easement, then the relocation is not TUMF eligible. It would be the responsibility of the utility to pay for the relocation. Our general guideline is that when other agencies bear the responsibility of project improvements, the TUMF Program cannot be a part of the reimbursement for the needed improvement. Other highlights include maximum median and lane widths with revised road section diagrams, an added requirement for quarterly review of all credit agreements with member agencies by WRCOG where the member agency should be tracking development and credits applied under each agreement, as well as additional FAQs including questions specifically regarding credit agreements.

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee approve the updated TUMF Administrative Plan and Credit / Reimbursement Manual.*

(Beaumont / Banning) 20 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.A was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Eastvale and Hemet were not present.

B. TUMF Zone Revenue Balance Update

Ivana Medina, WRCOG Senior Analyst, reported that the TUMF Zone Revenue for the first half of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021 reached \$24.5 million. Single-family residential continues to be the largest sector of revenue collections, followed by multi-family, industrial, service, and retail. Revenue for the remainder of the fiscal year is projected to stay at an average of \$4 million a month. This brings the projection for FY 2020/2021 total revenue to \$49 million. In FY 2019/2020, total revenue collected reached \$49.6 million. The total of zone expenditures for all zones in the first half of FY 2020/2021 totaled \$11 million. The total of all zone balances is at \$75 million. WRCOG allocates TUMF funding to its member agencies using the Zone Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) process. Each Zone TIP is updated annually and reflects both revenues and expenditures for each of the five TUMF Zones. Forecasted revenues are determined by WRCOG and reflect historical collections within each of the Zones. The next set of Zone meetings will occur in spring 2021, at which time the TIPs for each Zone will be set and will outline the next round of funding starting from FY 2021/2022 until FY 2025/2026.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Transportation Development Act, Article 3, or SB 821, Call for Projects

Jenny Chan, Planning and Programming Manager with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), presented on the Call for Projects for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3, also known as SB 821. This is a discretionary Program administered by RCTC to fund local bicycle and pedestrian projects. The Call for Projects opened February 1, 2021, and new Program policies will be implemented for this Call. Eligible projects include construction of bicycle lanes, sidewalks and Americans with Disabilities Act curb ramps, and the development of bicycle and pedestrian master plans. New policy changes for the Program include the limit of three applications per city; a maximum request of 10% of call programming capacity; and total award to one jurisdiction is limited to 20% of call programming capacity. Proposals are due by April 29, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. with recommendations being presented to the RCTC Commission on June 9, 2021.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Western Riverside County Energy Resiliency Plan Activities Update

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Senior Analyst, reported that in April 2020, WRCOG was awarded a \$200,000 grant to develop the Western Riverside County Energy Resiliency Plan. The Plan will identify feasibility of implementing microgrids and energy resiliency solutions at subregional critical facilities to maintain power supply during power outages or power issue events. In December 2020, the Administration & Finance Committee authorized the award of a contract to AECOM for development of the Plan. The Plan will consist of a collaborative approach to identify critical facilities in member agencies, conduct an in-depth technical analysis at three sites across the subregion to determine feasibility of implementing microgrid and energy resiliency strategies, and develop an energy resiliency strategies list applicable to facilities in all member agencies. The Plan will also include a financing plan to identify funding sources. Once complete, the Plan may be adopted and/or integrated by member agencies into existing climate action plans, climate resiliency measures, etc.

Staff recommended forming an Advisory Group consisting of member agencies to help guide and opine on critical components of the Plan. Such components include opining on the selection of the three sites across the subregion to receive microgrid and energy resiliency analysis, and general feedback throughout the development of the Plan as it may identify future resiliency projects in member agencies. Staff identified three criteria to assist in selecting member agencies for the Advisory Group: 1) equity-based to focus on members with disadvantaged communities or facilities vulnerable to power outages, 2) WCE members, and 3) agencies with publicly owned utilities.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. RCA Transition to RCTC

Anne Mayer, Executive Director with RCTC, and Aaron Hake, Interim Regional Conservation Deputy Executive Director of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA), provided an update on the transition of management of RCA to RCTC. Beginning on January 1, 2021, RCTC became the managing agency of RCA. RCA's Board of Directors decided that RCTC's expertise and track record in land acquisition, partners with state and federal wildlife agencies, project delivery, and fiscal management would benefit RCA. Amongst the immediate priorities of RCA Chair Natasha Johnson are to enhance RCA's communication, education, and partnership with its member agencies.

With RCTC being the managing agency, both agencies will retain its separate legal authorities and governing boards. Near term priorities were discussed as well as the member agency roles and responsibilities under the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Mr. Hake shared that RCTC staff has been in touch with all its member agencies and if any agency did not receive anything, to please let him know.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray shared that Rick Bishop is retiring after 20 years of serving as WRCOG's Executive Director; Mr. Gray has accepted the roll of Deputy Executive Director.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021, 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 3:21 p.m.