

Public Works Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Public Works Committee was called to order by Chair Mark Lancaster at 2:01 p.m. on April 14, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Nathan Smith
- City of Beaumont - Jeff Hart
- City of Calimesa - Michael Thornton
- City of Corona - Savat Khamphou
- City of Jurupa Valley - Octavio Duran*
- City of Lake Elsinore - Yu Tagai
- City of Menifee - Nick Fidler
- City of Moreno Valley - Michael Lloyd
- City of Murrieta - Bob Moehling
- City of Norco - Sam Nelson
- City of Perris - Stuart McKibbin
- City of Riverside - Gil Hernandez
- City of San Jacinto - Stuart McKibbin
- City of Temecula - Patrick Thomas
- City of Wildomar - Jason Farag
- County of Riverside - Mark Lancaster (Chair)
- March JPA - Lauren Sotelo
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) - Jenny Chan*
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) - Mauricio Alvarez

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Murrieta / Riverside) 17 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention. Item 5.A and 5.B were approved. The City of Corona abstained.

A. Summary Minutes from the March 10, 2022, Public Works Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the March 10, 2022, Public Works Committee meeting.

B. Revisions to the Grant Writing Assistance Program Guidelines

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Best Practices for VMT Analysis

Delia Votsch, from Fehr & Peers, provided best practices for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis for the Western Riverside County subregion. The Riverside County Transportation Analysis Model (RIVCOM) is the most suitable analysis tool to produce VMT for analysis purposes. WRCOG continues to develop parameters for a potential VMT mitigation program to assist jurisdictions with SB 743 and VMT implementation. However, questions on VMT analysis methodology continue to be asked. Production / Attractions or Origin-Destination VMT are the best metrics to utilize for project generated VMT. It is also recommended that a proper boundary be set for VMT analysis of a project to ensure consistent analysis. Development of best practices for VMT analysis is ever-changing. It was requested that updates be provided at a Committee meeting. WRCOG will schedule an update to the Committee in the future.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Western Riverside County Energy Resilience Plan Activities Update

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Program Manager, provided an update on the Western Riverside County Energy Resiliency Plan that is being developed to address local energy resiliency against power outage impacts for critical facilities maintained and operated by member agencies. The Plan will assess subregional critical facilities and identify feasibility of implementing future energy resilience improvements to maintain power at the facility during outages.

In November 2021, staff developed a facility prioritization matrix which provides information to staff to assist with selecting three sites across the subregion to receive a technical study. The matrix can also be used by other agencies to identify high opportunity zones and prioritize facilities for energy resilience improvements. The matrix takes into consideration each facility's characteristics and operational needs, climate and environmental hazards of the area, and social vulnerabilities for the local population.

An Advisory Group consisting of representatives from five member agencies was convened to provide feedback and validation on the facility prioritization matrix, as well as to assist staff in selecting the three sites for the technical study. The feedback provided included a desire to select three different facilities that are commonly owned and operated by public agencies, to avoid the duplication of efforts with a study by the University of California, Riverside, on water distribution facilities, and to focus on areas of existing inequities and disadvantaged communities. The three sites selected for the technical study include the City of Banning's Wastewater Reclamation Plant, the City of Jurupa Valley's Fire Station 16,

and the City of Menifee's Kay Cenicerros Senior Center.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Applicability of SB 330 to TUMF

Suzanne Peterson, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided an overview of SB 330, also known as the Housing Crisis Act of 2019. SB 330 is a complex bill that touches on a variety of sections of government code limiting the ordinances, policies, and fees that affected cities and counties may apply to housing developments. This Bill was originally set to expire in 2025 but after the passage of SB 8 in 2021, it will remain in effect until January 1, 2030. Based on Government Code section 65589.5(o)(4), SB 330 would apply to the TUMF. Government Code section 65589.5(o)(4) specifically includes "ordinances, policies, and standards" that relate to development impact fees, capacity or connection fees or charges, permit or processing fees, and other exactions. Essentially, SB 330 creates a "freeze" that precludes cities from requiring applicants from complying with subsequently adopted local regulations and fees once the pre-application is deemed complete.

While some impact fees are exempt, TUMF is not subject to the exemption listed in Government Code section 65589.5(o)(2)(A) due to the TUMF not being increased as a result of an automatic adjustment. SB 330 will require a policy change for how TUMF is collected. Going forward, WRCOG will be implementing the fee schedule under effect at the time the complete Preliminary Application is submitted to the jurisdiction. This means that any increases in TUMF due to a Construction Cost Index (CCI) update will not change a project's obligation. The TUMF will remain fixed at the date a complete application was submitted to the jurisdiction. In order to ensure that the appropriate fee schedule is used on each application, WRCOG will be amending the TUMF payment collection system's online form to include an application complete date as part of the application process. This detail will need to be verified by the local agency on these applications as part of its regular review. For jurisdictions, that do not use the online TUMF payment system and collects payments from developers, the application date of the permit will need to be verified to determine which fee schedule to use. WRCOG will review the remittance payments reports to ensure this is done.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, provided a look ahead for the next few Committee meetings and shared that the May Public Works Committee meeting may be canceled.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee members requested an update on VMT and SB 9.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform with the option to attend in-person at the WRCOG office.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 3:04 p.m.