

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair H.P. Kang, on the virtual platform, Zoom.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

Adam Rush, City of Banning
Christina Taylor, City of Beaumont
Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale
H.P. Kang, City of Hemet, Chair
Richard MacHott, City of Lake Elsinore
Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee
Jarett Ramaiya, City of Murrieta
Jay Eastman, City of Riverside
Luke Watson, City of Temecula
Matt Bassi, City of Wildomar
Kristen Warsinski, Riverside Transit Agency

Staff present:

Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager
Cameron Brown, Program Manager
Elisa Laurel, Program Manager
Rachel Singer, Staff Analyst
Ivana Medina, Staff Analyst
Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Jeff Caton, ESA
Jenny Chan, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
Jillian Guizado, RCTC
Bill Blankenship, WB Consulting
Alexa Washburn, National CORE
Arnold San Miguel, Southern California Association of Governments
Teifion Rice- Evans, EPS
Wallace Wallrod, Tech Coast Consulting Group
Rob Matthews, Houseal Lavigne Associates
Brian Sims, Houseal Lavigne Associates

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel shared that the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant provides funding directly to local jurisdictions and the total eligibility of LEAP funding for the WRCOG subregion is \$5.6M. Applications are due to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by July 1, 2020. HCD is also

available to assistance jurisdictions with the application process, as well as when funds are awarded.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – *(Lake Elsinore / Banning) 11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Items 4.A and 4.B were approved. The Cities of Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Norco, Perris, and San Jacinto, and the County of Riverside, March JPA, Western Municipal Water District, and Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the March 12, 2020, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the March 12, 2020, Planning Directors Committee meeting.*

B. Local Early Planning Grants Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. State Housing Legislative Update

Bill Blankenship provided a summary surrounding current activities in the legislature. Pre-COVID-19, 200 housing bills were introduced prior to the adjournment of the legislature. Most of these bills were intended to be updated and revised later in the session but because of the adjournment, the updates did not occur.

The Assembly returned on May 4, 2020, and the Senate on May 11, 2020. The Assembly members were told to concentrate on COVID-19 and the State Budget. As of now the State Budget is short \$55 billion.

Some housing bills to pay attention to include Senate Bill (SB) 902 and SB 899. Other bills that should be on the radar regarding housing and planning are Assembly Bill (AB) 1924, AB 3144, AB 3145, AB 3147, AB 3148, and AB 3149. The Assembly Committee on Housing & Community Development will meet on May 20, 2020. All bills mentioned will be monitored to see how they move through the committees.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. GIS Solutions for Housing Elements

Brian Sims and Rob Matthews presented on a Geographic Information System (GIS) solution service that allows jurisdictions to create visually compelling mapping systems when it comes to planning, designing and economic development. The GIS service creates solutions that ensure the compatibility between the existing, new, built, and natural environments. Many scenarios were presented, giving the Committee ideas and possible representations of complex policy options. This service has the capability to focus on a community's future with dynamic web maps that present the housing element graphically. Endless possibilities are available to curb to each of the jurisdictions needs.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Future Forward Series, COVID-19 Fiscal Impacts Analysis, Economic Planning Systems, Inc.

Teifion Rice-Evans provided an update on a recent analysis produced by Economic Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) on the near-term fiscal impacts jurisdictions within Western Riverside County will be facing due to the current public health crisis. The assessment will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 was completed and identified the expected level and timing of impacts of two tax revenues that will most directly be affected. According to the State of California Controller's Office, Sales and Use Tax will be the biggest hit revenue at immediate risk, coming in at 33% within WRCOG's subregion. Mr. Rice-Evans shared an overview of each jurisdiction and the possible impact within the job sector, as well as broken down within each job field. A majority of jobs in the retail sector show being at immediate risk.

Some fiscal vulnerability indicators focused on the General Fund revenues were Property Taxes and Property Taxes in-lieu of vehicle license fees, Sales and Use Taxes, Transient Occupancy and Lodging Taxes, Franchise Fees, User Utility, and Business Taxes.

Before September 30, 2020, Phase 2 will build on the Phase 1 work with feedback and will involve additional analysis, looking in more detail at a broader range of public revenues, the different ways in which they may be affected, and the implications for the Western Riverside County jurisdictions' overall fiscal health.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. TUMF Revenue and Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Annual Review Report

Ivana Medina reported that the TUMF Program has continued to see development activity and fee payments during the March and April 2020 time frame. As the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, the online calculation and collection portal have aided social distancing by allowing two additional forms of payments directly from a computer. Developers can still mail in or wire payments and staff will continue to submit and process in a timely manner.

Fee collections in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/2019 totaled \$63 million, which is the highest in collections since the recession. Forecasting TUMF revenue for the remainder of the year will be difficult due to the unforeseen variables brought on by COVID-19.

Staff has identified approximately \$10 million of submitted projects by jurisdictions that have not paid TUMF fees yet. These projects were first submitted to WRCOG when the ordinance transitioning was transferred over for calculation and collection of fees for each jurisdiction. As of April 2019, project applications were submitted yet no payments have been made. Staff plans to follow up with each jurisdiction on specific permits to identify the projects that were submitted over 90-days ago.

WRCOG has finished conducting the FY 2018/2019 Annual Review. Staff requested and reviewed information related to TUMF credits, exemptions, and financial accounting of TUMF provided by each city. According to the findings, staff did not find any significant issues. Confirmation letters have been sent out to each jurisdiction with the findings.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. Subregional Climate Action Plan Activities Update

Jeff Caton provided an update on the Western Riverside County Subregional Climate Action Plan (CAP), an update to the 2010 data that includes greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, targets and reduction measures. Over time, there have been new legislation and technological shifts across Western Riverside County. The CAP is intended as a road map to achieve deep GHG emission reductions through the year 2050 and will establish policies and priorities enabling participating cities to

implement strategies that successfully fulfill the legislation requirements.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Chris Gray provided Committee members with an update on the delayed SCAG's Connect SoCal and the effects on WRCOG activities. The TUMF Nexus Study and the Riverside County Transportation Analysis Model is now anticipated to be completed in August 2020.

Mr. Gray shared that Fehr & Peers is available for continued assistance on implementing SB 743 as jurisdiction's transportation analysis metric. These sessions will be conducted virtually, and a link will be sent out to the Committee members prior to the session.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

11. NEXT MEETING: The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom platform.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.