

Public Works Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Public Works Committee was called to order by Chair Stuart McKibben at 2:00 p.m. on June 8, 2023.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Beaumont - Jeff Hart*
- City of Calimesa - Michael Thornton
- City of Canyon Lake - Stuart McKibbin
- City of Corona - Savat Khamphou
- City of Hemet - Noah Rau
- City of Jurupa Valley - Paul Toor
- City of Lake Elsinore - Yu Tagai
- City of Menifee - Nick Fidler
- City of Moreno Valley - Melissa Walker
- City of Murrieta - Bob Moehling
- City of Riverside - Gil Hernandez
- City of San Jacinto - Stuart McKibbin (Chair)
- City of Temecula - Patrick Thomas
- City of Wildomar - Jason Farag
- County of Riverside - Albert Medina
- March Joint Powers Authority - Lauren Sotelo
- Riverside County Transportation Commission - Jillian Guizado
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) - Mauricio Alvarez

* Arrived after Roll Call

Members absent:

- City of Banning
- City of Eastvale
- City of Norco
- City of Perris

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Menifee / Murrieta) 15 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions. Item 5.A was approved. The Cities of Canyon Lake and Corona abstained. Committee member Nick Fidler asked for a correction to Item 6.C in the Minutes to reflect that the Scott Road Project will run from the I-15 to Sunset within the City of Menifee.

A. Summary Minutes from the April 13, 2023, Public Works Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the April 13, 2023, Public Works Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Streetlight Program, Broadband, and Energy Resilience Activities Update

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that a Request for Proposals will be posted in June 2023, seeking streetlight operation and maintenance providers for nine agencies and approximately 36,000 streetlights, which would include outages, knockdowns, retrofits, and other maintenance calls. Staff is currently seeking more participants from agencies to participate as the Bid Review Committee. There has been an increase in new streetlight installations, as various members are adding them to the program; nominal increases to revenues expected.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked whether the majority of the newly added streetlights being installed are LS3 or LS2.

Mr. Soltero replied that it varies by community. The City of Hemet area does LS3, while the City of San Jacinto does LS2. Most have been unmetered LS2. There was a cost comparison done a few years ago between both systems. LS3 may be a bit more expensive to install, but is cheaper because it is metered, so agencies are only charged for the energy it uses. LS2 are unmetered, cheaper to install, but slightly more expensive energy charges.

Over the last year, WRCOG staff have been tracking broadband funding opportunities and participating in broadband workshops to bring broadband to the region. The LATA grant awarded five out of seven of the Riverside applicants with a total of \$2.2M. Last Mile Deployment will fund broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved and underserved communities with broadband service. The CPUC released the Grant Application Tool and will begin accepting applications in summer of 2023. Member agencies can use the Local Jurisdiction Permitting Playbook as a resource to help attract investment and deploy broadband.

With regard to the Energy Resilience Plan 2.0, WRCOG was awarded \$421K to study up to 10 sites across the subregion for feasibility of microgrids and community resilience centers. Public workshops will be conducted to obtain community input.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. TUMF Nexus Study - Review of Jurisdictional Requests to Add Projects

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, stated that a number of projects were requested to be added to the TUMF Network. Of the 50 requests received, 35 have been reviewed. Screening criteria include the horizon year traffic must be at least 20,000 ADT, future V/C ratio without improvement must exceed 0.90, projects must have at least four lanes, and provide connectivity between communities.

Donald Hubbard from GHD gave a review on the TUMF Nexus Study. None of the requests from the Northwest, Hemet / San Jacinto, nor Pass Zones passed the new project screening. One project from the Central Zone in Menifee, and one from the Southwest Zone in Temecula, met the criteria and were recommended for further screening to be included in the TUMF Program.

Mr. Gray stated that WRCOG and GHD staff are available to meet with staff from member agencies who would like to further evaluate their project requests. Evaluation of all TUMF projects are still underway, and once it is complete, the TUMF Roadway Network can be finalized. Committee members are encouraged to ask questions on project additions and notify WRCOG staff to make corrections if necessary.

It is Executive Committee policy to use SCAG's adopted Regional Transportation Plan, not necessarily agencies' General Plan Buildup Forecasts.

Cost estimates will be reviewed by consultant Michael Baker. GHD is currently working on the Nexus Study spreadsheet, which will be sent out to each member agency for review.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. AB 602 and Residential Trip Generation Studies Activities Update

Suzanne Peterson, WRCOG Analyst III, reported that AB 602 requires development impact fees to be calculated proportionately to the square footage of the proposed units, and must have a valid method to establish a relationship between the fee charged and the burden of the proposed development. It also requires local agencies to post the fees and extractions associated with a project.

The Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) varies based on type of land use and the size of the proposed development, where commercial, office, and industrial project costs are based on square footage, whereas residential projects are based on dwelling type (single- vs multi-family). Accessory Dwelling Units and affordable housing units are exempt.

Jason Pack from Fehr and Peers added that the size of a dwelling influences the number of trips generated, but there are other demographic factor such as income, persons per household, accessibility to an automobile, and distance to/from schools, which may affect this number.

For single-family dwellings, the trip generation study showed that there was a correlation related to number of trips increasing with a larger home size, which levels off at approximately 2,500 square feet. It is recommended that the TUMF charges more for homes greater than 2,500 square feet compared to smaller homes.

Multi-family dwellings showed a higher correlation with trip generation, but are also affected by other variables. Although size of the unit and number of bedrooms showed a positive correlation, neither was a significant predictor of trip generation relative to the number of units, so for these projects it is suggested to keep the current TUMF calculation for these projects, and not base it off of the unit size.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked whether this study qualifies for the exemption for AB 602.

Mr. Pack stated the multi-family would qualify for the exemption using dwelling size, but for single-family the data suggests reconsidering the way the TUMF is calculated.

Mr. Gray added that there are three or four tiers that single-family homes paying TUMF may fall under. The Nexus will set a base rate, and some tiers will be either above or below that rate. Legal counsel will be consulted to make sure the new fee calculation changes are in compliance.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray reiterated that remote participation is allowed, as long as Committee members provide an address of where they will be participating from to include on the agenda. To establish quorum, the majority of members must be within the jurisdiction, but not necessarily in the same location. He congratulated grant recipients from the Cities of Banning Riverside. He also reminded the Committee of the General Assembly with keynote speaker Doris Kearns Goodwin.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Jillian Guizado suggested avoiding the 91 freeway this weekend when going to Orange County and using an alternate route.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 3:08 p.m.