

Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order by Chair Sam Nelson at 2:01 p.m. on June 10, 2021, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Art Vela
- City of Beaumont - Jeff Hart
- City of Calimesa - Michael Thornton
- City of Eastvale - Jimmy Chung
- City of Hemet - Steve Loriso
- City of Jurupa Valley - Mike Myers
- City of Lake Elsinore - Yu Tagai
- City of Menifee - Carlos Geronimo
- City of Murrieta - Bob Moehling
- City of Norco - Sam Nelson (Chair)
- City of Riverside - Chris Scully
- City of Temecula - Patrick Thomas
- City of Wildomar - Dan York
- County of Riverside - Alvin Medina
- March Joint Powers Authority - Lauren Sotelo
- Riverside County Transportation Commission - Jillian Guizado
- Riverside Transit Agency - Kristin Warsinkski

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Murrieta / Wildomar) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A was approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the April 8, 2021, Public Works Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the April 8, 2021, Public Works Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. 2021 TUMF Credit Agreement Template Update

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, presented on the updated TUMF Credit Agreement template. This revised template was provided to this Committee at its April 2021 meeting for review and comment. The purpose of the update is so WRCOG can become the third party on the Credit Agreement. By being added as the third party on the Agreement, WRCOG can verify the estimated TUMF obligation on a development and confirm the maximum amount of credit that can be given on the construction of a TUMF facility. Another positive to being added is that upon reconciliation of a credit agreement, whereas the developer shows all invoices for TUMF-eligible work and the development constructed, WRCOG can confirm the amount a developer can be repaid, and/or how much a developer owes on their project.

After further discussion and comments, the Committee requested that information regarding the selling of credits be more specific. Staff will be bringing this item back at the next meeting; no action was taken.

Action:

1. None.

B. RIVCOM Update

Jason Pack, Principal at Fehr and Peers, provided an update on the development of the Riverside County Transportation Analysis Model (RIVCOM). Development of RIVCOM kicked-off in August 2018. The project team includes Fehr & Peers and WSP. The project team has developed the TransCAD-based, 4-step model and has finalized a validated 2018 base year, including both static and dynamic validation, and a 2045 fiscally constrained future year scenario. The model is ready to be used for roadway volume forecasts.

RIVCOM, which will replace RIVTAM, has a base year of 2018 and a future year of 2045. The model focuses on Riverside County but includes travel to and from San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties. The goal of the new model is to have base year and future year data that accurately reflects Riverside County networks and employment / population centers, and that will generate regional travel forecasts sensitive to the planned land-use and network changes in the County. RIVCOM will also include an EMFAC post-processor tool, an Active Transportation analysis tool, and a user friendly Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) calculator. WRCOG included the VMT tool to make it easy to calculate VMT for SB 743 requirements after model runs. These tools are currently being finalized and are estimated to be ready for dissemination in July 2021.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Introduction to TUMF Nexus Study Update

Darren Henderson, Vice President with WSP, provided an update on the TUMF Nexus Study, which is

scheduled to begin in fall 2021. The Study will take between 12 and 18 months to complete and at the conclusion will propose a new TUMF fee structure that reflects the evaluation of the TUMF Network and project costs, as well as current economic factors such as construction costs. The TUMF Program was created to ensure that the new development in Western Riverside County would contribute toward the cost of mitigating the cumulative, indirect regional transportation impacts of the development.

Since the inception of TUMF, the Program has generated \$941 million in revenues that have been used to complete 110 projects throughout the subregion. State law and the TUMF Administrative Policy require that the Program be updated from time to time to keep up with the changing costs and needs, as well as to keep the integrity of the Program whole. Since the last Nexus Study was completed in 2017, SCAG has adopted a new Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy that includes new socioeconomic forecasts for population and employment growth. Along with the adoption from SCAG, the costs of labor, materials and right-of-way have all increased significantly.

As requirements are passed down from the State, flexibility is allowed in calculation and establishment of mitigation fees which allows agencies to establish the nexus that fits the Programs complexity. As part of the initial steps for the Nexus Study, staff and local agency partners will complete a comprehensive review of the TUMF network.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray reported that registration for WRCOG's 30th Annual General Assembly is now open. The event will take place Thursday, June 24, 2021, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and is featuring Daymond John. Mr. Gray included that this event will only be broadcasted one time. At the June Executive Committee meeting the Committee appointed Dr. Kurt Wilson as WRCOG's new Executive Director.

Mr. Gray shared that this will be Ivana Medina's last meeting as she has decided to pursue her Master's degree out of state.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

The July 8, 2021, Public Works Committee meeting is CANCELED. The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in-person at WRCOG's office and virtually on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.