

Public Works Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Public Works Committee was called to order by Chair Sam Nelson at 2:00 p.m. on August 12, 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 - Mike 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 - Nick Fidler
- City of Moreno Valley - Michael Wolfe
- City of Murrieta - Bob Moehling
- City of Norco - Sam Nelson (Chair)
- City of Riverside - Gil Hernandez
- City of Temecula - Patrick Thomas
- City of Wildomar - Jason Farig
- County of Riverside - Mark Lancaster
- March Joint Powers Authority - Lauren Sotelo
- Riverside County Transportation Commission - Jillian Guizado
- Riverside Transit Agency - Mauricio Alvarez*

*Arrived after roll call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. SELECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

Action:

1. The Public Works Committee selected Mark Lancaster, County of Riverside, as Chair; Stuart

McKibbin, City of San Jacinto, as Vice-Chair; and Paul Toor, City of Jurupa Valley, as 2nd Vice-Chair.

(Calimesa / Murrieta) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; Item 5 was approved.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Riverside / Temecula) 18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A was approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the June 10, 2021, Public Works Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the June 10, 2021, Public Works Committee meeting.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. 2021 TUMF Credit Agreement Template Update

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, presented an update to the TUMF Credit Agreement template. This revised template was provided to this Committee at its April 2021 meeting for review and comment. Since then, at the request of this Committee, the template was tabled in order for language to get clarified surrounding the selling of credits to other projects and the Right-of-Way requirements. As a reminder, 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 analysis, it was found that due to the complexity regarding the distribution of funding, it was decided that the provision would be removed from the template, and that WRCOG would continue to disallow the selling of credits to other projects.

The second issue was concerning the acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW). The template states that to obtain credit for ROW acquisitions there would need to be an appraisal of the property, and the local jurisdiction would need to accept this appraisal. An idea was brought forward to change this language to allow for recent purchase costs to be used in place of an appraisal. After discussion internally with WRCOG staff and legal counsel, it was decided that the appraisal requirement would remain to properly account for ROW credits.

Next steps will include requesting a recommendation be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration at its July 2021 meeting.

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee approve the revised 2021 TUMF Credit Agreement Template.

(County / Beaumont) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.A was approved. Representative from the City of Menifee did not respond.

B. Smart Streetlights Implementation Plan

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Program Manager, and Cecily Taylor with Michael Baker International (MBI), reported that together, WRCOG and MBI are developing a Smart Streetlights Implementation Plan to identify opportunities for member agencies and participants of the Regional Streetlight Program to utilize streetlights as smart city assets. To date, a Community Assessment has been completed which evaluates community "readiness" to start implementing smart technologies or infrastructure on streetlights. The survey showed that over 60% of respondents already provide WiFi at government buildings and most have completed an LED streetlight retrofit with plans to convert more. Additionally, the survey also showed that most respondents do not have a policy regarding data collection and use. Currently, a Peer Agency Review is taking place which analyzes how other public agencies deployed smart streetlight solutions. Online research and phone interviews with staff from the Cities of Atlanta, Columbus, Detroit, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Diego has been conducted.

Key findings from this review include identifying program parameters and metrics, as well as establishing a business model so the technologies pay for themselves or recognize the expense to solve and identified issue or need.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Public & Partner Map-based Surveys for Upcoming Caltrans District 8 Active Transportation Plan

Thanya Espericueta, Project Co-Lead with Caltrans, presented on the development of Caltrans District 8 Active Transportation Plan. The Plan is to identify bicycle and pedestrian improvements on and near State Highway Systems (SHS). Location-based needs are any location where existing infrastructure may have a gap or deficiency that creates a challenging or uncomfortable condition for people walking or biking along or across the SHS. These location-based needs will be documented so that they can be incorporated into future projects.

As part of the development, Caltrans shared its Public & Partner Map-based Survey on SHS Active Transportation needs. The Survey will be open until October 30, 2021, and Caltrans staff encourages members to participate on behalf of its jurisdiction.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. TUMF CCI Implementation

Cameron Brown reported that on July 7, 2021, the Executive Committee approved a Construction Cost Index (CCI) adjustment of 3% on all land uses. Member agencies participating in the TUMF Program must adopt a new TUMF resolution by October 2021 so that the new CCI fees can go into effect by January 1, 2022. Staff has emailed out a sample Resolution and draft Staff Report on which to for council / board meetings.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray presented a plaque and thanked Committee member Sam Nelson for his leadership over this past fiscal year. WRCOG is aware of the rise in COVID cases and staff will let the Committee know if the meetings return to 100% virtual. At the next meeting, staff will be bringing a Nexus Study update to the Committee.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cameron Brown announced that a new Staff Analyst, Carlos Castellanos, has joined the WRCOG Transportation team.

Committee member Mike Myers announced that the City of Jurupa Valley had its ribbon cutting and gave a big shout out to the County of Riverside and RCTC for all their contributions.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., in-person at WRCOG's office and virtually on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 3:01 p.m.