

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman John Hildebrand, on the Zoom platform.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Christina Taylor, City of Beaumont (10:45 a.m. departure)
Dan Fairbanks, City of Calimesa
Joanne Coletta, City of Corona
Tamara Campbell, City of Jurupa Valley
Richard MacHott, City of Lake Elsinore
Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee
Patty Nevins, City of Moreno Valley
Jarett Ramaiya, City of Murrieta
Kenneth Phung, City of Perris
David Murray, City of Riverside
Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto
Luke Watson, City of Temecula (10:45 a.m. departure)
Matt Bassi, City of Wildomar
John Hildebrand, County of Riverside, Chairman
Mathew Evans, March JPA
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency (10:45 a.m. departure)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. SELECTION OF PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

Action: *The Planning Directors Committee selected Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee, as 2nd Vice-Chair positions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.*

(San Jacinto / Lake Elsinore) 16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Item 4 was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Hemet, and Norco, and the Western Municipal Water District were not present.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – *(San Jacinto / Perris) 16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Items 5.A and 5.B were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Hemet, and Norco, and the Western Municipal Water District were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the August 13, 2020, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the August 13, 2020, Planning Directors Committee meeting.*

B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Southern California Freight Strategy

Consultants Dike Ahanotu with CPCS, and Jolene Hayes with Fehr & Peers, provided an overview of the preliminary results of the Southern California Freight Strategy (SCFS), as well as the project timeline. The SCFS provides a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, freight sustainability challenges, and opportunities for innovative solutions in San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties. The consultant team conducted a comprehensive review of previous studies and conducted a draft analysis of freight flows across the trucking, rail, marine, and air cargo modes, while ensuring consistency with the California Freight Mobility Plan and California Executive Order 1919. Anticipated completion for this project is February 2021.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications

Cory Wilkerson, Program Manager with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), presented on the Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety (AT&S) Call for Applications. The AT&S will fund Active Transportation projects, such as Community-wide Bicycle or Pedestrian Master Plans, Community-wide Active Transportation Master Plans, or First-Last Mile Plans (active transportation improvements only). The AT&S will also fund Transportation Safety Focused Plans, such as local road safety plans, complete streets safety assessments, or safe routes plans, Infrastructure Demonstration Projects (“Quick Build”), such as active transportation infrastructure (protected bike lane, bulb-outs, curb extensions), multimodal infrastructure integration (dedicated bus pilot lanes and transit integration with active transportation infrastructure), or public pedestrian plazas. Lastly, the AT&S will also fund Network Visioning and Implementation.

SCAG is offering two webinars to assist agencies in preparing applications, provide a forum to answer questions, and to provide additional information and examples for each project type. The first webinar was held on October 7, 2020, and the second one is scheduled for October 21, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration is required and Zoom meeting information will be provided upon registration.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. SoCalGas Partnership – Local Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Elements for Decarbonization and Resilience

Geoffrey Danker, Policy and Planning Manager with SoCalGas Company, and Gerald Braun, Director of the Integrated Renewable Energy Systems Network, presented an integrative approach for decarbonization and resilience in the preparation of long-range planning efforts, such as General Plans or Climate Action and Adaptation Plans.

The presentation touched upon how local production of renewable natural gas and hydrogen may be substituted for current sources of natural gas and the different options for resilient local power for critical services and communities.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. State Housing Legislation Update

Bill Blankenship, President of WB Consulting, provided a summary surrounding current activities in the legislature. The State Legislature has concluded the 2020 session and out of the 200 bills introduced, only 18 were signed. Key bills to keep an eye on are Assembly Bill (AB) 725, AB 1561, AB 1851 and AB 2345.

Staff considers AB 1561 to have the greatest impact to member jurisdictions and is further analyzing this bill to determine its overall impact to WRCOG member jurisdictions, and will be providing additional information during the next meeting.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. GIS and Transportation Modeling Services Bureau Initiative

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, presented on the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Services and the development of guidelines for its implementation. GIS and Transportation Modeling are common requests that some agencies do not have resources and/or staff to implement. WRCOG can fill that gap, especially for its smaller jurisdictions that do not have GIS capabilities.

The proposed work plan for the GIS and Traffic Modeling Services Bureau includes outreach with members of the Public Works and Planning Directors Committees to identify specific areas of assistance related to GIS and Traffic Modeling that would be most useful. A list of proposed guidelines were presented.

Next steps include implementing guidelines, focusing on initial outreach, and preparing WRCOG's systems to handle GIS and Traffic Modeling requests. Staff will be reaching out to members of the Committee to apprise each jurisdiction of the new service opportunities when available.

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee approve the proposed guidelines for the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Services.*

(March JPA / San Jacinto) 13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.E was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Hemet, Norco, and Temecula, and the Western Municipal Water District and Riverside Transit Agency were not present.

7. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Chris Gray shared that the next Future Forward webinar will take place on Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and will include discussions on "The Future of the Office."

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING: The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m.