

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Sam Nelson on the Zoom platform.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Art Vela, City of Banning  
Jeff Hart, City of Beaumont  
Tom Koper, City of Corona  
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley  
Yu Tagai, City of Lake Elsinore  
Carlos Geronimo, City of Menifee  
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley  
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta  
Sam Nelson, City of Norco, Chairman  
Brad Brophy, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, and San Jacinto  
Gil Hernandez, City of Riverside  
Amer Attar, City of Temecula  
Dan York, City of Wildomar  
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside  
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA  
Jillian Guizado, Riverside County Transportation Commission  
Mauricio Alvarez, Riverside Transit Agency

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR** (*Murrieta / Jurupa Valley*) 19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. *Item 4.A and 4.B were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Calimesa, Eastvale, and Hemet were not present.*

**A. Summary Minutes from the August 13, 2020, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.**

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

**B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. *Received and filed.*

**5. 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. TIP Revenue Forecast Update**

Ivana Medina, WRCOG Staff Analyst, provided an update regarding the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) forecasts, broken down into TUMF Zones. It was anticipated that due to COVID-19, revenues may decrease substantially and that a Zone meeting in the fall would be necessary to update the TIPs accordingly. However, that is no longer necessary given that there was not a substantial decline in revenues.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020, a total of \$49.8 million was collected for the TUMF Program. Before the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, revenues were projected at \$50 million for FY 2019/2020. Since collections were within budget for FY 2019/2020, revenue forecasts from the spring remain valid.

While a Zone meeting may still be requested, staff do not recommend a new TIP update until the spring of 2021, which will coincide with the regular TIP schedule.

**Action:** 1. *Received and filed.*

## **D. Potential Project Additions to the Nexus Study**

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that in preparation for a future TUMF Nexus Study update, WRCOG will be revising the Regional System of Highways and Arterials, also referred to as the TUMF Network. Jurisdictions will be allowed to add projects to the roadway network if specific criteria are met. These same criteria apply to existing roadways which are in the TUMF Nexus Study, as well. Therefore, if a roadway has been removed from a city’s General Plan or no longer planned to have four lanes or more, than the project in question will be removed.

Currently, WRCOG is not requiring jurisdictions to “swap” projects, which is the inclusion of projects without removing an equivalent project. That requirement could change based on input from other WRCOG committees.

Staff will be reaching out to all member jurisdictions to determine if there are additional projects to add to the Network.

**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.*

*(Beaumont / Menifee) 19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 5.E was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Calimesa, Eastvale, and Hemet were not present.*

## **6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING**

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that WRCOG is requesting the roadway conditions input from each member jurisdiction. Please reply to the email that was sent last week. If there are any questions please contact Christopher Tzeng at [ctzeng@wrcog.us](mailto:ctzeng@wrcog.us).

## **7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas.

## **8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee member Mike Myers shared that the City of Jurupa Valley hired a new Public Works Director.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020, 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 3:11 p.m.