

Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Jeff Van Wagenen at 9:30 a.m. on October 21, 2021, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Van Wagenen led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Doug Schulze
- City of Beaumont - Todd Parton
- City of Calimesa - Bonnie Johnson
- City of Canyon Lake - Chris Mann
- City of Corona - Roger Bradley
- City of Eastvale - Bryan Jones
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Lake Elsinore - Brad Brophy
- City of Moreno Valley - Mike Lee*
- City of Murrieta - Louie Lacasella
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
- City of Riverside - Al Zelinka
- City of Temecula - Betsy Lowrey
- City of Wildomar - Gary Nordquist
- County of Riverside - Jeff Van Wagenen (Chair)
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Danielle Coats
- March Joint Powers Authority (JPA) - Dr. Grace Martin*

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Banning / Canyon Lake) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.D were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the September 16, 2021, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the September 16, 2021, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. SCAG Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. ICMA Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Cal Cities Activities Update

Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager with Cal Cities, reported that the Governor has ended the legislation session; it is the first year of a two-year session.

Some positive bills supported and signed into legislation include SB 60 (Glazer. Residential short-term rental ordinances: health or safety infractions: maximum fines.), which allows cities and counties to impose larger fines for violations in short-term rentals; and AB 361 (Robert Rivas. Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences.), which allows the continuation of Brown Act meetings to happen virtual. Cities and counties would have to adhere to the legislation rules, but the State would follow the Governor's Executive Order. Continued conversation regarding Brown Act reform is anticipated. SB 618 (Laird. Organic waste: reduction regulations: local jurisdiction compliance.) would authorize a local jurisdiction facing continuing violations that commence during the 2022 calendar year of those regulations to submit to the department no later than March 1, 2022, a notification of intent to comply, as prescribed.

Cal Cities will be holding the Division meeting on November 8, 2021, virtually.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. West Virginia University Vocation Integrated Cost Elimination for Maintenance and Repair of Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Taylor York, Consultant with Kearns and West, provided an update on the partnership between WRCOG and the West Virginia University's (WVU) Center for Alternative Fuels. In early 2020, WRCOG partnered with WVU Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines and Emissions (CAFEE), and Clean Cities Coalitions from the regions of Coachella Valley and West Virginia to jointly propose a study that will estimate

maintenance costs of heavy- and medium-duty vehicles fueled by alternative fuels such as natural gas, propane, electric, and high biodiesel blends. The Study specifically addresses medium- and heavy-duty vehicles operating in urban delivery vocations, port drayage, school buses, refuse trucks, and transit bus vocations. Funding was awarded through a U.S. Department of Energy grant (DE-FOA-0002197). Partnership between WVU CAFEE and the Clean Cities Coalitions is vital for the Study, as Coalitions will lead engagement and data collection from their well-established fleet and industry network.

WRCOG will support WVU CAFEE by conducting outreach to fleet operators in the Western Riverside County subregion, leveraging the network of relationships and fleet contacts established through the activities of the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition and other programs. Coalition staff will work closely with WVU CAFEE to determine the most appropriate form for recording this data. This Study aims to categorize alternative fuel vehicles maintenance costs based on different components of the vehicle, namely: a) engine, b) transmissions, c) fuel system, d) brake system, and e) emissions control system and associated sensors. Costs will be further classified by the type of maintenance, specifically: a) periodic, b) preventative, and c) repair or corrective maintenance costs.

The project is organized into three funding rounds. The scope and budget contained in this report addresses the first round of funding, with a reimbursable budget of \$54,167, and a cost share of \$28,846. Cost share can be satisfied using in-kind methods such as WRCOG staff or contractor time. Two more subsequent funding rounds are proposed, each with a reimbursable budget of \$54,176 and a cost share of \$23,077. If all funding rounds are implemented, the total reimbursable contract value of the project over three years will be \$162,501, with a total cost share of \$75,000.

The project is proposed to occur over a three-year period, with an ultimate end date of November 2023. The scope proposal for the first round of the project is scheduled through December 2021. The project team is exploring opportunities to extend the due date of the first round into 2022 to ensure timely completion of project deliverables. The project proposal identifies two additional rounds of funding to support similar scopes of work through 2023.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding Update

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, presented an overview and update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funding. ARPA allocated \$65 billion in funding to cities and counties across the United States to address impacts from COVID-19. Of that, \$8 billion is allocated for cities and counties in California. Cities and counties with populations greater than 50,000 will receive a direct allocation. Cities with populations less than 50,000 will receive an allocation through the State.

Representatives from the County of Riverside and Cities of Perris and Riverside provided presentations on how their respective jurisdiction is anticipating to allocate the funds. A similar concern across all three jurisdictions was to allocate funding to infrastructure (which includes broadband), housing and homelessness, as well as help to rebuild the child care system. All jurisdictions are waiting on the Department of Treasury for the final guidelines.

The City of Perris reached out to its community and created an online poll for residents input. This gave

residents a way to voice their thoughts on how to use the ARPA funds in their community. From the input received back, the responses were somewhat in-line with staff's recommendations.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson did not attend, but Mr. Gray reported that as of now all future meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

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 Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:26 a.m.