

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Vice-Chair Brad Brophy at WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Jeff Hart, City of Beaumont
Kristine Macalma, City of Calimesa
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley
Henry Ngo, City of Moreno Valley
Brad Brophy, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, and San Jacinto, Vice-Chair
Gil Hernandez, City of Riverside
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA
Jillian Guizado, Riverside County Transportation Commission
Mauricio Alvarez, Riverside Transit Agency

Staff present:

Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager
Cameron Brown, Program Manager
Ivana Medina, Staff Analyst
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Paul Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting Group
Tim Byrne, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
Jenny Chan, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
Lorelle Moe Luna, RCTC
Ken Bishop, TankVisions

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Brad Brophy led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tyler Masters provided an update regarding Western Community Energy (WCE). WCE will be launching in April and May 2020, providing residents in six member jurisdictions energy rates and programs that give them a choice. WCE is a Community Choice Aggregation Program that gives local government the opportunity to buy electricity directly from its source and then offers it to the community at a more competitive rate than the current utility provider.

5. MINUTES (Riverside / Perris) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 5.A was approved. The Cities of Banning, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Temecula, and Wildomar were not present.

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

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Riverside / Beaumont) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A thru 6.C were approved. The Cities of Banning, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Temecula, and Wildomar were not present.

A. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. TUMF Revenue and Expenditures Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines Template

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Presentation on First Responder Fuel Tank Management & Technology Best Practices

Ken Bishop presented on TankVisions' management system that provides real time access to all fuel management needs. The First Responder Situational Fuel Tank Inventory System allows you to ping your fuel tanks at any time, providing real-time data. TankVisions' purpose is to bring awareness to all WRCOG jurisdictions regarding the importance to have an inventory system in place. TankVisions was awarded the Fuel Tank Management & Monitoring Solution by the Sacramento Area County of Governments, allowing every California agency to piggyback.

With the industry's compliance regulations becoming increasingly stricter, TankVisions provides added security within its management program. It allows the ability to manage all your stations from one location and know all stations are in compliance.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Update on Statewide Study on Residential Development Impact Fees

Chris Gray provided an update on recent statewide efforts to limit residential development impact fees. UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing completed two studies based on the impacts of residential housing, one in 2017 and the other in 2019. The original study resulted from discussions in the State Legislature related to the cost of housing and the perception that impact fees significantly contribute to the high cost of California housing. Since the completion of the first study, a second and more comprehensive study was completed. This study addressed more jurisdictions in California but still focused solely on fees assessed by the local government through Assembly Bill (AB) 1600 (Mitigation Fee Act). The second study provided a number of conclusions, which range from minor procedural changes to larger changes in the statewide fiscal structure.

In February 2020, eight Assembly Bills were introduced that implement many of the recommendations of the two Turner Center studies. WRCOG, its consultants, and legal counsel are still reviewing these bills which were introduced at the end of February 2020. The initial review indicates that AB 1484

(changes the methodology used in the Nexus Studies) and AB 3145 (establishes a ceiling for development fees based on the median home price in a jurisdiction) will have the most significant impact on the process by which development fees are assessed. It could also limit the number of fees that are changed by local agencies.

AB 3144 (provides state funding to reimburse local governments that waive impact fees on affordable housing) could actually be beneficial to the WRCOG subregion. For example, WRCOG exempts affordable housing projects from paying into the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program. It may be possible for WRCOG or its member agencies to receive some additional funding if this Bill was to pass.

Staff expects that these bills will likely move forward over the next several months and will continue to monitor on a regular basis and provide updates as information becomes available.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Active Transportation Program Grant Activities Update

Christopher Tzeng provided an update on the upcoming statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant opportunity. The statewide ATP is anticipated to release a Call for Projects for its Cycle 5 on March 26, 2020. The ATP is a grant eligible for WRCOG grant-writing assistance. Applications are expected to be due mid- to late-June 2020. This upcoming cycle is expected to include approximately \$440M in ATP funding made up of combined funds from Senate Bill 1, State Highway Account, and Federal funding.

WRCOG is encouraging member jurisdictions to be proactive and reach out for assistance. It is worth noting that in the previous Call for Projects, Cycle 4, all of the projects that received funding through the statewide grant program were prepared by a grant writing professional. The ATP grant application is a resource intensive process, so WRCOG is encouraging member jurisdictions to utilize the resources that are provided through ATP, SCAG, and/or WRCOG. It is important to reach out early so that the grant writing professionals can provide advisory services as quickly as possible to determine if a grant application is feasible. There have been instances in which jurisdictions have reached out for grant development assistance six weeks prior to the application deadline and the grant writing professionals have had to decline assistance because their workload does not allow for it.

If your jurisdiction is interested in attaining assistance, please contact Christopher Tzeng at ctzeng@wrcog.us.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)

Tim Byrne provided an update on an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project SBCTA has undertaken that will provide perspective on multi-agency traffic signal coordination. This project was approved for development in September 1999, and the San Bernardino Valley Coordinated Traffic Signal System Master Plan (SBVCTSS) was developed in 2000. Originally, approximately 1,000 signals were recommended, but after further studies, ultimately over 1,200 signals were identified and approved for implementation. An investment of \$15M resulted in signal coordination throughout the San Bernardino Valley through a tiered approach. Tiers 1 and 2 were implemented between 2006 and 2009, and tiers 3 and 4, were implemented between 2011 and 2014.

In early 2016, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) provided up to \$1M in Clean Transportation Funding through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to

update and improve existing SBVCTSS. SBCTA's partnership with AQMD will ensure that benefits continue to accrue to the traveling public throughout the valley as the system is improved and expanded as growth occurs.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. TUMF Zone Boundary Realignment

Cameron Brown provided an update on presented changes to the TUMF Zone boundaries in order to be consistent with WRCOG's subregional boundary. During the regular review of the TUMF Program, WRCOG was made aware of a mismatch between TUMF Zone boundaries. Specifically, there were areas on the eastern boundary which were included in the TUMF Program but not assigned to a TUMF Zone. The area in question was within the unincorporated Riverside County and included the unincorporated communities of Idyllwild, Lake Hemet, and Anza. Much of this area is under the jurisdiction of the State of California or otherwise protected as conservation lands.

WRCOG's research has indicated that there does not appear to be a significant amount of development activity within the affected area, nor does staff anticipate that there will be significant development activity in the future. The overall impact to the TUMF Program is likely to be nominal, especially since much of the area within these adjusted boundaries have significant development constraints.

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee approve changes to the TUMF Zone Boundaries in order to be consistent with WRCOG's subregional boundary.*

(Riverside / Moreno Valley) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 7.E was approved. The Cities of Banning, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Temecula, and Wildomar were not present.

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Chris Gray announced that WRCOG is taking precautionary measures against Covid-19 and may possibly cancel all April committee meetings. Staff will keep Committee members updated.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Henry Ngo announced that the City of Moreno Valley has adopted its CCI ordinance.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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