

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Patty Romo at WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Jeff Hart, City of Beaumont
Lori Askew, City of Calimesa
Nelson Nelson, City of Corona
Craig Bradshaw, City of Eastvale
Robert Vestal, City of Hemet
Mike Myers, City of Jurupa Valley
Jonathan Smith, City of Meniffee
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta
Brad Brophy, Cities of Perris and San Jacinto
Chris Scully, City of Riverside
Patrick Thomas, City of Temecula
Dan York, City of Wildomar
Patty Romo, County of Riverside (Chair)
Shirley Medina, Riverside County Transportation Commission
Rohan Kuruppu, Riverside Transit Agency

Staff present:

Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, Program Manager
Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager
Tyler Masters, Program Manager

Guests present:

Darren Henderson, WSP / WRCOG consultant
Paul Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting Group
Amer Attar, City of Temecula
Alvin Medina, County of Riverside
Darin Johnson, Mark Thomas & Company
Arik Bronshtein, UrbanLeap
Jenny Chan, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
Martha Masters, RCTC
George Wentz, HR Green
Dave Zelonok, HR Green

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Patty Romo led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. MINUTES (Moreno Valley / Murrieta) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 5.A was approved. The Cities of Banning, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, and Norco, and the March JPA were not present.

A. Summary Minutes from the March 14, 2019, Public Works Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved Summary Minutes from the March 14, 2019, Public Works Committee meeting.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Wildomar / Murrieta) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A through 6.D were approved. The Cities of Banning, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, and Norco, and the March JPA 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. High Cube Warehouse Trip Generation Study

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Resilient IE Activities Update – Evacuation Network

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Small Cell Deployment Activities Update

George Wentz and Dave Zelenok of HR Green presented an overview of the most recent deployment of small cells, with specific examples from Colorado. Small cell facilities are low-powered antennas that provide cellular and data coverage to smaller geographic areas, supplementing the larger cellular network. On September 26, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to approve a declaratory ruling and report and order that would enact preemptions of local authority over small cell wireless facility deployment and management of local rights-of-way. This order shortened the time for cities to process applications for small cells and limited aesthetic review and requirements. After the ruling a number of cities across the nation challenged the ruling, arguing that the FCC's action exceeds its authority. The presentation focused on what local agencies in the subregion can do in preparation of small cell deployment, which include updating public policies and creating community fiber.

The Committee requested that WRCOG distribute any Ordinances regarding small cell deployment developed by HR Green.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. UrbanLeap Innovation Platform

Arik Bronshtein, UrbanLeap, provided a demonstration on the vendors SaaS' platform that provides governments with an environment to discover, test and share best practices and innovative solutions.

The demonstration provided a review of the platform developed for the City of Las Vegas, which could track progress of RFPs and comments by those reviewing proposals received.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. 2019 TUMF Construction Cost Index Adjustment

Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo presented the proposed TUMF schedule adjusted with recent construction and housing cost data. At the inception of the TUMF Program Executive Committee approved using the Engineering News Record CCI and the National Association of Realtors median sales price of existing single-family homes as the basis for calculating the adjustment to the TUMF. WRCOG is required, per the TUMF Administrative Plan, to bring forward a CCI adjustment annually for review and action by the Executive Committee. The purpose of the CCI is to keep the dollar value of the TUMF Program whole. The item will be brought back to the Public Works Committee in May for a recommendation on the CCI adjustment.

Chair Patty Romo mentioned that the retail TUMF land use rate was reduced by the Executive Committee and this should be considered when this Committee makes a recommendation.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. TUMF Regional Arterial Program

Shirley Medina provided an update on the progress to date of the TUMF Regional Arterial Program. Cycle 1 of the TUMF Regional Arterial Program began in 2004 with a Call for Projects. Except for two projects, all the projects programmed with Regional TUMF funding have been delivered.

RCTC is seeking input on how Cycle 2 should be developed and implemented. More specifically, the implementation of Cycle 2 would focus on projects that will be under construction in the next two years. RCTC could potentially conduct another Call for Projects that are construction-ready. Another option could be to utilize the TUMF Zones to identify regional projects for potential funding from the share of funds that RCTC receives from WRCOG.

Christopher Gray stated that historically, the TUMF Zones have funded the soft costs of regional projects and RCTC has funded the more cost intensive construction phase of these projects. This model worked in the past with the Railroad Canyon Road Interchange project.

Committee member Patrick Thomas asked whether this discussion is being considered by the RCTC Ad Hoc Committee for future funding strategies.

Ms. Medina responded that at this time, the Ad Hoc Committee is not discussing the TUMF Regional Arterial Program; it is focused on the 10-year Delivery Plan.

Committee member Jonathan Smith mentioned that the Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road corridor could be a candidate for consideration.

Ms. Medina responded that a survey will be distributed through WRCOG to gauge the number of projects that could be under construction within the next three years.

Committee member Thomas asked if there is a timeline for Cycle 2.

Ms. Medina responded that there is no specific timeline set.

Chair Patty Romo asked whether the two remaining projects on the original list would remain in consideration for future funding.

Ms. Medina responded that she envisions the projects remaining on the list for Cycle 2.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Christopher Gray announced that staff is requesting input on regional evacuations maps developed as part of the Regional Climate Adaptation Toolkit project and recommended that the Committee members coordinate with their Planning Directors in reviewing the document.

Mr. Gray also announced that the General Assembly is being expanded to include a morning session of panels which will discuss autonomous vehicles, the future of housing, and the economic impacts of automation.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Patty Romo stated that RCTC will begin work on the SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes in July. Prior to this work commencing, the County of Riverside is working to award a contract to resurface Gilman Springs Spring.

Committee member Dan York stated that the AQMD Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) will begin a three-year plan, focusing on goods movement. Committee member York will coordinate with WRCOG staff to have an MSRC member provide a presentation in the following months.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 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 3:40 p.m.