

RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PLAN (RCIP)

CETAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Assembly Community Room, Registrar of Voters
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA

Tuesday, December 7, 1999
9:00 AM – Noon

MEETING NOTES

CETAP Advisory Committee Attendees:

Sandra Balmir, Federal Highway Administration
Barry Burnell, Riverside County Property Owners
Joyce Deleo, Supervisor's Appointee
Susan Hafner, RTA
John Hunt, WRCOG
Bob Chacon, SCAG
Janet Gless, Supervisor's Appointee
Frank Hall, Supervisor's Appointee
Dennis Hollingsworth, Farm Bureau
Peter Kiriakos, Sierra Club
Stan Lisiewicz, Caltrans
Ameal Moore, RCTC
Robin Reeser Lowe, RCTC
Dan Brown, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Doug Sherman, RCTC
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitat League
Joan Sparkman, Supervisor's Appointee
Alan Waggle, Supervisor's Appointee
Gary Wanczuk, MSHCP Advisory Committee
Borre Winckel, BIA
Helga Wolf, Supervisor's Appointee

Other Attendees:

Cathy Bechtel, RCTC
Sharon Bolton, BIA
Bob Chacon, SCAG
Bruce Colbert, Riverside County Property Owners
Alan Crouse, WRCOG
Richard Doyle, Caltrans
Jim Henderson, Sverdrup
Eric Horowitz, VRPA Technologies
Chuck Mackey, City of Lake Elsinore
Robin Maloney-Rames, CDFG
Steve Oller, RTA
Anne Palatino, City of Corona
Tom Boyd, City of Riverside
Mel Placilla, Sverdrup

Steve Smith, TransCore
Lee Smith, Riverside County TLMA
Ed Studor, Riverside County TLMA
Hideo Sugita, RCTC
King Thomas, LSA
Meredith Wichman, Sverdrup

1. Public Comment Period

(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

Robin Lowe, Chair, began the meeting at 9:10 AM, welcomed members to the meeting, and provided some opening comments. Self-introductions followed. Robin requested comments from the public. Being none, Robin closed the comment period.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes

(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

Robin requested comments on the meeting notes of November 8, 1999. Being none, the meeting notes were approved by the Committee.

3. Report on Committee Member Corridor Priorities

(Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager)

Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager, introduced this item. Several items were distributed for discussion. The first was a matrix summarizing the results of the CETAP corridor rankings, based on input from the Advisory Committee Members. The other handout was a list of comments on each of the proposed corridors, also developed from the Advisory Committee Members.

4. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Recommendation on Corridors to Move Forward

(Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager)

Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager, also introduced this item. A draft memorandum on *Recommendations on Corridors to move forward to CETAP Phase II* was handed out to the Advisory Committee. The purpose of the draft Memorandum was to serve as a starting point for discussion on a set of transportation corridors to carry forward for further analysis in Phase II of CETAP. In addition, the memorandum identified an Overall Transportation Strategy and actions for corridors that are not suggested for further analysis in Phase II. The recommendations are based on: 1) the various analyses that have been conducted in CETAP so far, as reflected in Working Paper No. 3 and several memoranda previously distributed to the committee, 2) input received from CETAP Advisory Committee members on their Corridor Priority forms, and 3) the existence of other planning and analysis activities currently being conducted or that have been conducted in the recent past.

A group discussion of the recommended corridors followed, and each Advisory Committee member was provided an opportunity to comment. A brief summary of the comments is as follows:

- Inter-regional coordination is important for a successful transportation system;
- The RTA is developing a 10-year plan for transit and has put forward a freeway flyer concept that could be implemented in the near term. This could lead to light-rail or other technology later on.

- Metrolink and transit expansion – now is the time to plan for transit, before the community is built out.
- Locating businesses closer to residential areas will lessen the need for out-migration to Orange County jobs.
- Good infrastructure and transit system are keys to increased and maintained growth.
- The group should first look at improving the internal Riverside County transportation network, then look regionally.
- Looking beyond a twenty-year forecast will ensure that the system does not become outdated too soon.
- The group should look at the hub and spoke system as a conceptual framework for additional infrastructure and transportation development.
- It was determined that additional discussion opportunity on the recommendations should be provided at a meeting of the Advisory Committee task force.

5. Report of Status of County Vision

(Mel Placilla, Sverdrup Civil, Inc.)

Mel Placilla, Sverdrup and RCIP Project Manager, explained the status of the County Vision to the Advisory Committee. The County Vision is on the Agenda to several Council meetings in the near future. The Board of Supervisors and RCTC are being asked to approve the County Vision in December.

6. Presentations on Transportation and Smart Growth

(Barry Burnell, Riverside County Property Owners Association, and Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League)

Barry Burnell, Riverside County Property Owners Association, gave a presentation on “Smart Growth” & Transit: The Dilemma. A handout of the presentation was also available for additional information. He spoke about the concept of Smart Growth, which is defined as compact, higher-density development, concentrated around transit stops. He presented data on buyer preferences for housing in these types of communities and discussed statistics on the relative capacities of freeway lanes and transit.

Dan Silver shared a video describing the transit system in Curitiba, Brazil. It is an innovative system using buses to provide a high level of transit service throughout the city. Buses run at high frequencies, and stop at stations at approximately one-mile spacings. Stations and bus doorways are designed to expedite boarding and alighting, similar to a rail car. Dan stressed that it is the process of developing the system that may be the most important lesson for Riverside County.

7. Other Business

(Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager)

Steve indicated that the next CETAP Advisory Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 4th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Assembly Community Room, Registrar of Voters, 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA. In addition, the committee decided to schedule a task force meeting on December 16th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Riverside Transit Agency, 1825 3rd Street, Riverside, CA for those who were interested in discussing the draft recommendations in greater detail.

8. Adjournment

A joint lunch and discussion was held with the General Plan Advisory Committee immediately following the committee meeting.