

RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PLAN (RCIP)

CETAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Assembly Committee Room, Registrar of Voters
2726 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA

Tuesday, October 5, 1999
9:00 AM – Noon

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Rudy Acosta, Supervisor's Appointee
Barry Burnell, Riverside County Property Owners
Bob Chacon, SCAG
Joyce Deleo, Supervisor's Appointee
Andy Domenigoni, Supervisor's Appointee
Frank Hall, Supervisor's Appointee
John Hunt, WRCOG
Peter Kiriakos, Sierra Club
Stan Lisiewicz, Caltrans
Steve Oller, RTA
Robin Reeser Lowe, City of Hemet
Craig Neustaedter, Moreno Valley
Bob Perkins, Farm Bureau
Ron Roberts, RCTC
Gene Rogers, WRCOG TAC
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitat League
Joan Sparkman, Supervisor's Appointee
Carol Cross for Allyn Waggle, Supervisor's Appointee
Gary Wanczuk, MSHCP Advisory Committee
Borre Winckel, BIA
Helga Wolf, Supervisor's Appointee
Won Yoo, MSHCP Advisory Committee

Other Attendees:

Cathy Bechtel, RCTC
Sharon Bolton, BIA
Alan Crouse, WRCOG
Richard Doyle, Caltrans
Kerry Forsythe, SunLine
Paul Gonzales, Caltrans
Eric Haley, RCTC
Lee Smith, Riverside County TLMA
Ed Studor, Riverside County TLMA
Hideo Sugita, RCTC
Dick Ramella, The Planning Center
Mel Placilla, Sverdrup
Jim Henderson, Sverdrup
Don Archer, Sverdrup
Merideth Wichman, Sverdrup
Steve Smith, TransCore
Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies
Eric Horowitz, VRPA Technologies

Introductions and Orientation

(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

Robin began the meeting at 9:15 AM, welcomed members to the meeting, and provided some opening comments.

1. Public Comment Period

(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

Robin requested comments from the public. Being none, Robin closed the public comment period.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes

(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

Robin requested comments on the meeting notes of Tuesday, September 21, 1999. Being none, the minutes were approved by the Committee.

3. Discussion of Modeling Results for Land Use Scenarios

(Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager)

Steve Smith, TransCore, introduced the item. Steve recapped results of the land use scenario transportation analysis. A memorandum was provided to the committee titled "Summary of results of the analysis of land use scenarios," dated October 3, 1999. The tables were structured to compare the 2020 forecasts for each of the land use scenario versus the 2020 base forecasts. Evaluations were made by comparing traffic volumes on various facilities, point-to-point travel times, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), vehicle hours traveled (VHT), and average speed for the following alternatives: low growth, dispersed growth, nodal development with an enhanced transit system, city focused development, higher jobs, and nodal development without an enhanced transit system. Committee members discussed various aspects of the results. A question was raised concerning the treatment of trucks in the analysis. Steve explained that the SCAG model does not explicitly include trucks. However, trucks can be included in the forecasts, but must be added manually. Steve reiterated that trucks are an important consideration in the study. It was determined that a task force meeting should be held to discuss the results in more detail. The task force meeting was set for Thursday, October 14 at 9 a.m. at RCTC.

4. Presentation of Possible Engineering Treatment of Wildlife Corridors

(Meredith Wichman, Jacobs/Sverdrup)

Meredith gave a presentation on possible engineering treatments for wildlife corridors. She provided a brief overview of how environmental corridors and transportation corridors need to be planned together. Examples were provided of under-crossings and over-crossings for wildlife, culverts, open-span bridges, and improvements for sight distance. Examples were drawn from Southern California as well as treatments elsewhere in the U.S.

5. Presentation and Discussion of Memorandum on Transportation Alternatives and Proposed Analysis

(Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager)

Steve Smith distributed a memorandum entitled "Transportation alternatives for discussion at the October 5, 1999 Advisory Committee Meeting." Steve provided an overview of the transportation alternatives suggested for consideration. Steve indicated that one of the major recommendations the CETAP advisory committee must make by the end of the year involves which of the corridors should be pursued in greater detail in the next phase of CETAP. Steve indicated that the purpose of identifying alternatives at this stage was to determine the extent to which transportation improvements in each of the corridors were likely to be feasible and beneficial. Currently, 14 corridors are being analyzed. It was determined that the task force would review these alternatives in greater detail at their October 14 meeting.

6. Discussion of General Plan Circulation Element Level of Service Results

(Georgianna Vivian, VRPA Technologies)

Georgianna Vivian, VRPA Technologies, gave a presentation on the existing conditions analysis of the General Plan Circulation Element update. Georgianna gave an overview of all modes of travel being

analyzed, and discussed the Interstate and State Routes, and Street and Highway systems, and their functional classification definitions. She also discussed the concept of Level of Service (LOS), including definitions, examples, criteria and variables that are considered to identify LOS. Georgiena mentioned that the Existing Conditions Report of the General Plan Circulation Element Update would be made available at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

7. Presentation of Transportation Funding Issues

(Hideo Sugita, RCTC)

Hideo gave an overview of the transportation funding available through local, State and Federal funding measures. A handout summarizing these available funds was provided. Hideo mentioned that much of the transportation funding is made available through TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century), and Riverside County's Measure A ½ cent sales tax initiative. Another handout summarizing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program (STP), and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding was also provided. Hideo further mentioned that there is a desire to extend the Measure A ½ cent sales tax program, which is due to expire in less than 10 years.

8. Presentation and Review of Draft Vision Ideas

(Hideo Sugita, RCTC)

Hideo handed out a vision statement of the Integrated Plan, which was circulated in the newspapers to familiarize the public on our efforts to date. In summary, the Vision Statement is intended to provide an overall framework for the Integrated Plan and provide the vision to shape the County's land use, infrastructure, and policies well into the future. Specific areas of the Vision Statement to be reviewed include transportation, air quality, jobs and the economy, community and neighborhood structure, agricultural lands, educational facilities, plan integration, financial realities, housing, conservation, and city/county cooperation.

9. Other Business - Next meeting: 9 a.m. Monday, November 8th, 1999

(Steve Smith, TransCore and CETAP Project Manager)

The next meeting was set for Monday, November 8th at 9 a.m., location to be determined.

10. Adjournment