



RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PLAN (RCIP)

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

Tuesday, August 1st, 2000
10:30 AM – Noon

MEETING NOTES

CETAP Advisory Committee Attendees:

Sandra Balmir, FHWA/FTA
Joyce Deleo, Supervisors Appointee
Andy Domenigoni, Supervisor's Appointee
Janet Gless, Supervisor's Appointee
Susan Hafner, RTA
Frank Hall, Supervisors Appointee
John Hunt, RCTC
Peter Kiriakos, Sierra Club
Stan Lisiewicz, Caltrans
Robin Reeser Lowe, RCTC
Bob Perkins, Farm Bureau
Ron Roberts, RCTC
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Debra Varnado, SCAG
Gary Wanczuk, MSHCP Advisory Committee
Borre Winckel, BIA
Helga Wolf, Supervisor's Appointee
Won S. Yoo, RANPAC

Other Attendees:

Cathy Bechtel, RCTC
Glen Campbell, OCTA
Jim Henderson, RCIP Project Manager
Joe Jensen, Sverdrup Civil
Richard Masyczek, City of Hemet
Sandra Massa-Lavitt, City of Temecula
Rob McCann, LSA
David Miller, TransCore
Bill Mosby, Caltrans
Craig Neustaedter, Moreno Valley
Steve Oller, RTA
Anne Palatino, City of Corona
Steve Smith, TransCore
Ed Studor, Riverside County TLMA
Gary Thornhill, City of Temecula
Rusty Thornton, Caltrans
Meredith Wichman, Sverdrup Civil
David Wilder, AARP
Kimberly Wilder, Community Access Center
Laurence Wilson, RBF
Mohamad Younes, PBS & J

Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair, began the meeting at 11:00 AM. The RTA Rail Review was held prior to the meeting from 8:30 to 11:00 AM.

1. Public Comment Period

(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)
There were no public comments.

2. Approval of meeting notes from July 10th

(Robin Lowe, Chair)
There were no comments on the meeting notes from July 10th and they were approved.

3. Report from MSHCP Advisory Committee and General Plan Advisory Committee

The reports were skipped due to time constraints.

4. Report from CETAP Transit Task Force

This work was reported on during the RTA rail review.

5. Report on development projects from Riverside County TLMA

(Ed Studor, Riverside County TLMA)

A General Plan amendment was proposed south of Sun City/Menifee to go from 2.5 acre zoning to R1 zoning. This would increase the density from 80 lots to 649. The project fronts on Scott Rd., which is a possible CETAP corridor and also has potential MHSCP conflicts. This will go back to the Planning Commission in a month.

The County also received a letter from the City of Temecula regarding projects that cannot mitigate to level of service D. Analysis is needed to determine if there is a level of service concern or not. Once this analysis is done and projects are found to not be able to mitigate to LOS D, the City requested that these applications not be processed further. The County staff will be recommending a modification to the current policy that will try to accommodate this request.

6. Report on July 12 action of RCTC and approach to moving corridors forward

(Cathy Bechtel, RCTC)

The Commission considered on July 12th whether to study two corridors or four. The final action was to move all four corridors forward to the CEQA/NEPA process, recognizing that they may require different schedules. The Commission directed the RCTC staff to pursue the funding and come back with an action plan. Bob Wolf, California Transportation Commissioner, was present and promised to work with RCTC to secure that funding. Cathy reported that the next week at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, RCTC staff made a presentation to several members of the CTC, who indicated that they were very interested in CETAP. CALTRANS has submitted a grant for Federal dollars that would be a joint grant with Orange County. Orange County has appointed four members to the bi-county committee that would be guiding work on the Riverside County to Orange County corridor. Members are being appointed from Riverside County, and a date is being set for a meeting to explore how the process should be organized. Contacts are being made to establish a bi-county committee for the Moreno Valley to San Bernardino County corridor as well.

7. Presentation and discussion of area plans

(Dick Ramella, The Planning Center)

Dick Ramella provided an overview of the development of the area plans. Part of this program is to develop a General Plan with maps that are easy for the public to grasp and work with. Community plans have also been developed over the years. These are not necessarily integrated with one another or with the policies of the General Plan. The County has also approved a large number of specific plans. At the beginning of the RCIP there were over 400 different land use designations. This is unmanageable, and unenforceable for the County. These have been collapsed into a manageable set of land uses.

The current direction is to create a two tiered general planning program, the first being county wide, the second being area plans. The area plans, when put together, provide a framework, with implementation techniques becoming the third and fourth tiers. The development of the general plan and area plans is based on the vision statement. This vision has driven the formation of patterns of land uses in the area plans. The planning principles are as yet little known and need to be published and spread throughout the county. These were developed by GPAC and are very important. These principles set the framework for what we are doing. They address community development, environmental, transportation, community design, agricultural, rural development, and economic factors. The principles also establish a certainty system. They include mechanisms for monitoring to ensure the plan is doing what it is supposed to do. They include procedures for how the plan can be amended.

The vision and principles encourage a broad range of community types that are distinguishable, with definable edges that are surrounded by permanently preserved open space and a better job/housing balance. They encourage infill, the focussing of the future development, pedestrian oriented cities, various types of housing and a broad range of transportation options. What this does is encourage a more efficient use of land in Riverside County than we have previously known.

The 19 area plans cover all of Riverside County with the exception of some portions of the desert. The area plan program was started in the west and is moving east. The GPAC committee established a foundation concept where the primary land uses were divided into four categories; community development, open space, agricultural, and rural. This shows us where development will occur in the next 20 years. The plans are being reviewed at meetings with city councils and with the public. The land use plans are being digitized and are then used to model future traffic volumes. The goal at the end of the year is to produce the documents that will provide the database for the EIR and will be ready for additional discussion in Riverside County.

8 Presentation and discussion of trails plans and issues

Due to time constraints this presentation was rescheduled to the September CETAP meeting.

9 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.