

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PROJECT (RCIP)**

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

**Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000**  
**9:00 AM – Noon**

**MEETING NOTES**

**CETAP Advisory Committee Attendees:**

Sandra Balmir, Federal Highway Administration  
Dan Brown, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Joyce Deleo, Supervisor's Appointee  
Andy Domenigoni, Supervisor's Appointee  
Janet Gless, Supervisor's Appointee  
Frank Hall, Supervisors Appointee  
Peter Kiriakos, Sierra Club  
Stan Lisiewicz, Caltrans  
Steve Oller, RTA  
Robin Reeser Lowe, RCTC  
Bob Perkins, Farm Bureau  
Ron Roberts, RCTC  
Gene Rogers, WRCOG TAC  
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitat League  
Joan Sparkman, Supervisor's Appointee  
Gary Wanczuk, MSHCP Advisory Committee  
Borre Winckel, BIA  
Helga Wolf, Supervisor's Appointee  
Won S. Yoo, RANPAC  
Allyn Waggle

**Other Attendees:**

Don Archer, Sverdrup  
Cathy Bechtel, RCTC  
Sharon Bolton, BIA  
Alan Crouse, WRCOG  
Beth Kuch, Sverdrup  
Rob McCann, LSA  
David Miller, TransCore  
Jim Miller, City of Murietta  
Craig Neustaedter  
Anne Palatino, City of Corona  
Lee Smith, RVSD Co. TLMA  
Steve Smith, TransCore  
Ed Studor, Riverside County TLMA  
Hideo Sugita, RCTC  
Merdith Wichman, Sverdrup  
Mohamad Younes, PBS&J

Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair, began the meeting at 9:15 AM and moved the presentation by Mr. Wolf to the first item.

**Presentation by Bob Wolf, California Transportation Commission**

Bob Wolf began the presentation with a discussion on funding. He indicated that SB 45 consolidated what were previously nine pots of money into two – state and local. Prior to SB 45, the CTC was put in the position of having to determine priorities. Now seventy-five percent of the capital programming is controlled locally and 25 percent by the state. This will help to keep the prioritization of projects more local, which should result in better decisions. The next State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will have some \$3 billion on the table. The Riverside County share of the STIP will be about 4 percent. Mr. Wolf indicated that project delivery is a major emphasis right now at the state level. Dollars in the state transportation account may be at risk if we cannot get projects delivered. There is concern over the “use it or lose it” approach. Some local agencies are trying to accumulate dollars over time for larger projects and are finding it difficult. They are having to go with smaller, shorter term projects. Mr. Wolf indicated that toll roads can be one of the arrows in the quiver of a set of transportation strategies. The jury is still out on private toll roads.

1. Public Comment Period  
(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

After the presentation Robin opened the floor for comments from the public. With no comments, the public comment period was closed.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes  
(Robin Reeser Lowe, Chair)

Robin requested comments on the meeting notes of January 4, 2000. There were none and the Committee approved the meeting notes.

3. Reports from MSHCP and General Plan Advisory Committees.  
(Gary Wanczuk, MSHCP Advisory Committee)

Gary Wanczuk stated that, at the last meeting of the MSHCP advisory committee, proposed funding approaches for the MSHCP were considered. June Collins gave a presentation on possible conservation areas for the MSHCP. Four quadrants were defined in western county as a way of organizing input to the MSHCP from the cities and other interested parties. On February 9<sup>th</sup> they will begin looking at two of the quadrants with the examination of the other two beginning on February 16<sup>th</sup>. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the target date for completion of the work on conservation areas.

4. Presentation on Conservation Alternatives for the MSHCP and relationship to transportation  
(June Collins, Dudek)

June Collins gave a presentation on work being done to define the conservation areas. The last month has been spent defining conceptual conservation areas, generating rough acreages with the goal of preserving 160+ species. Possible vs. desirable areas are being examined. June displayed multiple map overlays, including developed and disturbed land, cities, USFS land, existing reserves, Riverside County lands, CA state lands, areas with a slope greater than 25 percent, and mountainous areas.

5. Discussion of progress on CETAP Advisory Committee corridor recommendations –  
approach to corridor studies and community outreach.  
(Steve Smith, TransCore, CETAP Project Manager)

Steve discussed progress on the corridor recommendations that had been made by the CETAP Advisory Committee at the January meeting. The RCTC endorsed the recommendations at their January meeting. The Board of Supervisors was scheduled for approval of the recommendations in February. Steve handed out a one-page summary of CETAP status that had been developed to describe progress to date. He also handed out a 6-month look-ahead for the CETAP Advisory Committee describing what the committee could be expected to address from now until mid-2000. He indicated that the next steps in corridor development would be to develop a Purpose and Need Statement for each of the four corridors, and evaluation criteria by which to evaluate transportation alternatives within each corridor. The committee will then identify initial alternatives for each of the four corridors and screen those alternatives down to a more limited number by May 2000. The committee will then recommend the two corridors to be carried forward into formal environmental documentation in the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process.

Steve provided a handout to the committee requesting input on the four corridors. A sheet was provided for each corridor requesting information on corridor transportation problems and issues, environmental and community concerns and constraints, and other stakeholders that should be involved in each corridor. Submissions from the committee members were requested by February 15.

Other comments during this portion of the meeting included the following:

- Bob Perkins of the Farm Bureau introduced a report from the Reason Public Policy Institute titled "How to Build Our Way out of Congestion." Bob indicated that this will be made available to all committee members free and can be purchased for \$15 from the Institute.
- Ed Studor provided a report on the meeting with the Riverside County and Orange County Building Industry Associations (BIA). He stated that the BIA was very receptive to discussing the possibility of transportation improvements to Orange County. However, there are concerns about the impacts on the Orange County side.
- Dan Silver indicated that a transit symposium will be held on February 10 at Riverside County Flood control. Alan Hoffman, a consultant from the San Diego area, will be making a presentation on transit solutions that may be appropriate for consideration in Riverside County.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM. The next meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.