

**Subject:** West Valley Community Advisory Group (WV CAG) Meeting #6  
 I-10 and I-15 Corridor Projects, San Bernardino County

**Date:** March 20, 2014

**Location:** Victoria Gardens, Management Office, Room 202, CA

**Participants:** A total of 8 CAG Members and 6 non- members participated in the meeting.

<b>WV CAG Members in Attendance</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Lina Chu	Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA)
Lynda Gonzalez	M.A.S. Auto & Truck Electric Corp.
Valerie Henry (EV CAG Member)	Devore Rural Protection Association (DRPA)
Michael (Mike) James	Ceramic Tile Contractor
Jonnie Long	Retired, Inland Empire resident for 65 years
Roy Mabry	Association of Black Correctional Workers (ABCW)
Matthew Slowik	Retired - Land Use Services Department, San Bernardino County
Marie E. Shahani	Fontana Community Senior Center
<b>Other non CAG Members in Attendance</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Mike Amling	ICF
Mark Hager	HDR
Terence T. Pao	HNTB
Mario Montes	HDR
Michelle Profant	CALTRANS
Doug Sawyer	PB
<b>WV CAG Members not in Attendance</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Dr. Kenneth Alpern (Attended HD CAG meeting)	The Transit Coalition
Michael P. Biagi	California Polytechnic, Pomona
David Buxbaum	Buxbaum & Chakmak
Jeff Caldwell	ATU Local 1704
Phillip Cothran	Cothran Insurance Agency Inc.
Dennis Gutierrez	Inland Empire
John Heimann	Building Industry Association
Beth Kranda	Valley Transportation Services (VTrans)
Michael Krouse	Ontario Convention Center and Visitors Bureau
Toni Levyssohn	Community Senior Services
Danny Marquez	SB County Veterans Advisory Board / Veterans Partnering with Communities
Christine C. Pham	Victoria Gardens
Linda Sargent (attended EV CAG)	ThorneSarge Consulting
Faiz Shah	Islamic Center

Dr. D. C. Nosakhere Thomas	Rainbow Community Praise Center
Luis Vaquera	Fontana Unified School District
William Waddingham	Rotolo Chevrolet
<b>San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and Consultants</b>	
Garry Cohoe	Director of Freeway Programs - SANBAG
Chad Costello	Project Manager for I-10 Corridor - SANBAG
John Meier	Project Director - I-10 & I-15 Corridors - SANBAG
Surafael Teshale	Deputy Project Manager - Parsons
Jason Lombard	Public Outreach - Lee Andrews Group
Annette Cortez	Public Outreach - Lee Andrews Group
Tito Corona	Public Outreach - Lee Andrews Group

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## MEETING NOTES

### *I. Welcome*

CAG Members were greeted by Jason Lombard, Lee Andrews Group. Mr. Lombard began by thanking the CAG members for their support and participation on the I-10 and I-15 Corridor Projects. Mr. Lombard continued by announcing the following changes to the project team:

- David Speirs, Project Manager - Parsons
- Surafael Teshale, Deputy Project Manager - Parsons
- John Meier, Project Director – I-10 & I-15 Corridors - SANBAG
- Dennis Saylor, Project Manager for I-15 Corridor– SANBAG
- Chad Costello, Project Manager for I-10 Corridor– SANBAG

Mr. Lombard asked the CAG members for reports and any feedback received from their efforts in disseminating project information. Below is a brief overview of the information reported by the members:

- Michael James stated that he had not heard any mention of the December 4th board decision in the paper. “So what’s been approved? Will you go over that tonight?”
- Jason Lombard responded: Yes, today’s presentation will cover your questions.

*PowerPoint Presentation* – Following the CAG Member reports, the remaining agenda items were discussed with the use of a PowerPoint presentation (a hard copy of the presentation was given to all meeting attendees), which included the following discussion topics outlined in the sections below.

### *II. December 4 – Board Meeting – Presented by Mr. John Meier*

Mr. Meier began by reporting on the December 4 Board Meeting where the board voted to complete the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies (PA/ED) for the HOV and Express Lanes alternatives on the I-10 Corridor Project, and to initiate the PA/ED for an Express Lanes alternative on the I-15 Corridor Project.. He also informed the CAG that the board has formed an I-10 Ad Hoc committee to review the project information and report to the entire board.

Mr. Meier briefly discussed the project phasing and project funding options.

The CAG members did not have any questions at the end of Mr. Meier’s presentation.

### *III. Express Lanes Review and Upcoming SANBAG Board Action – Presented by Mr. John Meier*

Mr. Meier began his presentation by explaining the heavy demand on the I-10 and I-15 corridors and why SANBAG is considering managed lanes on the two corridors. SANBAG is considering an HOV and Express Lane Alternative on I-10, and only an Express Lanes Build Alternative for I-15.

HOV Lanes will typically provide a free-flowing lane for qualifying vehicles (HOV, green vehicles, motorcycles), but often become congested over time.

## Express Lanes Main Purpose:

- Manage Traffic
- Generate Revenue

## HOV Lane Congestion:

- Video showing HOV and general purpose lanes congested, i.e. the HOV lane demand has exceeded capacity.
- Video showing Eastbound SR-91 traffic (recorded on Friday, May 3, 2013 at 5:15pm) that shows Express Lanes carry double the number of cars compared to the General Purpose lanes during peak periods:
  - Each Express Lane caring 1,692 vehicles per hour
  - Each Congested General Purpose lane caring 842 vehicles per hour

## Mr. Meier discussed upcoming SANBAG Board Actions

## Policy Decisions

- Public Finance vs Public Private Partnership (P3)
- Construction Phasing
- Excess Revenue Allocation

## Request for proposal

- Environmental Document for I-15 Corridor Project (SR-60 to SR-210)
- Public Outreach for the I-10 and I-15 Corridor Projects

## The following questions were asked at the end of Mr. Meier's presentation:

- Michael James: Can you tell us which 3 board members opposed the project at the Dec 4<sup>th</sup> meeting?  
Garry Cohoe responded: That information is public record. The members that opposed the project were from Loma Linda, Chino, and Fontana.
- Valery Henry: Will the environmental document be available for review?  
John Meier responded: The draft environmental document will be available for public review the 4th quarter of 2014.
- Matthew Slowik: Will the CAG members have access to the document before it is released to the public?  
Garry Cohoe responded: We will share it with the CAG members as early as practical. The exact timing will be coordinated with Caltrans and discussed during future CAG Meetings.

***IV. I-10 Project Update – Mr. Chad Costello***

Mr. Costello began his presentation by showing the proposed project timeline which identified where the project is in the process, current and upcoming activities. He pointed out that the public outreach efforts would ramp up as we approached the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015 for the public review of the Draft Environmental Document for the I-10 Project.

## The timeline included the following list of key milestones:

- Project Scoping Meeting – Held 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2012
- Public Review of DED – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015
- Respond to Public Comments – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016
- Select Preferred Alternative – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016
- Environmental Approval – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017

## The following questions were asked at the end of Mr. Costello's presentation:

- Matthew Slowik: Is the I-10 being phased into segments as well?  
Garry Cohoe responded: Not right now. We are contemplating how the construction may be implemented.
- Matthew Slowik: So the difference in the I-10 and I-15 is that the I-15 is in phases.  
Garry Cohoe responded: Yes, for the environmental portion.
- Matthew Slowik: So you'll have an environmental document that stands alone for each project in different years.

- Lynda Gonzalez: I've noticed the block walls have gone up on the I-10. Will you be working within those walls?  
Garry Cohoe responded: There are areas where we will be able to work within the right-of-way but some areas may need the walls to be pushed out. We do analysis of the pros and cons to determine the layout.
- Lynda Gonzalez: I notice that as you get closer to LA there isn't as much shoulder room on the I-10 freeways.

Garry Cohoe reminded the CAG that the Request for Proposal for the I-15 PA/ED hasn't been approved yet, that will go to the board in May.

#### ***V. I-15 Project Update – Presented by Mr. Chad Costello***

Mr. Costello began his presentation by explaining Mr. Dennis Saylor's new role as the Project Manager for I-15 Corridor. His presentation included the following project activities and timelines:

- Project Study Report – Target completion - Summer 2014
- Project Phasing – Segment 1 & 2 initially
- Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED)
  - Start Fall 2014
  - Target Completion 2017
  - Scope: Study 2 express lanes in each direction: SR 60 to SR 210
- No Right of Way Impacts
- Project Funding: PA/ED funded by Measure I

The presentation also included a project map which identified the four segments of the project, a schedule and cost breakdown per segment and total project amount. The project segments were illustrated as the following:

- Project segments
  - Segment 1 and 2: SR-60 to SR-210
  - Segment 3: SR-210 to I-215
  - Segment 4: I-215 to US-395

There were no questions asked after Mr. Costello's presentation.

#### ***VI. CAG Activities 2014 and beyond - Presented by Jason Lombard***

Mr. Lombard of the Lee Andrews Group, SANBAG's Outreach Consultants, began his presentation by thanking the CAG members for their commitment and participation in 2013. The presentation included a list of ongoing communication methods (E-blasts, website, Facebook and hotline) that are being used to update the CAGs and Stakeholders. He also announced that the team continues to participate in briefings when requested but is not actively seek them at this time. Mr. Lombard encouraged the CAG members to stay connected with the team by visiting the project website, connecting to Facebook, email, hotline or calling the Lee Andrews Group Team directly at the number listed on the slide.

He concluded by announcing that the next CAG meetings will be held in October 2014.

#### ***VII. Q & A- Facilitated by Jason Lombard***

- Jonnie Long: A while back I attended a meeting in Fontana with a lot of numbers thrown out but it was with the financial portion asking about surplus and if it would go back to cities.  
Garry Cohoe responded: This is about excess revenue and that's one of the things to take back to the Ad Hoc committee.
- Jonnie Long: Will you be meeting with the cities as this is developed?  
Garry Cohoe responded: Yes, if it is requested.
- Michael James: Can we sit at the Ad Hoc meetings to voice our opinion?  
Garry Cohoe responded: Not at the Ad Hoc but you can at the board meetings.
- Lina Chu: Is there any way to see how the existing toll projects are doing with profit so we can compare?  
Garry Cohoe responded: We've presented that before and the SR-91 is the most profitable.

- Jonnie Long: In terms of the members who voted on this, was there a consensus why they voted against it or reasons?  
Garry Cohoe responded: The reasons were different but many were about the perceived double taxation.
- Matthew Slowik: I heard HOV does not work in certain areas? What areas are those?  
John Meier responded: The agencies take a look at the performance and the ones that don't operate at minimum speed of 45 mph and are considered degraded. Many lie within LA and Orange County. The HOV on the I-10 and 210 are degraded.
- Matthew Slowik: So the ones with the highest degrading are in the most urbanized locations.  
John Meier responded: It does tend to move out from the urbanized areas to the non-urbanized areas.
- Matthew Slowik: What could potentially occur with the excess revenue as far as the focus, how will you determine where the funds go and divide it up between the cities?  
Response: State and Federal legislation will typically require that any excess revenue remains in the corridor in which it was generated. Agencies may then elect to add more specificity to where the excess revenue is allocated.
- Matthew Slowik: How do you justify having evaluated a reasonable set of alternatives on the I-15?  
Garry Cohoe responded: Any build alternative has to have a feasible funding plan, and there is insufficient traditional funding to carry a non-toll alternative on I-15.

### ***VII SANBAG Program – 10 Year Delivery Plan – Presented by Garry Cohoe***

Mr. Cohoe began his presentation by defining the Major Project Delivery Program and its responsibilities. The Program is responsible for the development and construction of major freeway, interchange, and railroad grade separation projects and it is funded by an array of sources including Measure I, Federal, State, and local funds. His presentation included maps illustrating current and upcoming construction projects (interchanges, grade separations, and freeway mainline improvements) located throughout the San Bernardino area.

There were no questions asked after Mr. Cohoe's presentation.

#### ***Additional information:***

#### **Project Material Distributed**

The following Project materials were provided to each CAG Member in attendance:

- Meeting Agenda
- CAG Meeting #6 PowerPoint presentation copy
- SANBAG Program – 10-Year Delivery Plan PowerPoint presentation copy
- I-15 Corridor Project Fact Sheet (English and Spanish)
- I-10 Corridor Project Fact Sheet (English and Spanish)
- Business cards for the I-10 and I-15 Corridor Projects

#### **Next CAG Meeting**

- ***WV CAG Meeting #7*** will be held in October 2014. CAG Members will receive Project Updates and additional meeting details via email.