CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 12, 2004
Police Facility, 700 Orange Avenue
Community Meeting Room

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Attendees: Sut Clark, Al Ovrom, Art Osborne, Steve Clarey and Bill Huck

Absent: Al Hollingsworth, Lou Smith and Casey Tanaka (City Council representative)

City Staff: Jim Benson and Gail Brydges; Absent: Ed Walton

Consultant: Brian Pearson (Parsons Brinckerhoff)

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the July 8, 2004 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Clark said that he walked to North Island this morning and observed the driller boring in the alley by Island Market. The operation really looked efficient.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update

1. Project Report & Environmental Documents (PR/ED):

- Purpose and Need: The final draft P&N is being reviewed by Caltrans. We should see it in the next month or so.
- Final Study Outline and Methodology: This was completed a couple of months ago and will be taken off the agenda.
- Draft Scoping Report: This is now a final scoping report. It will go to the City Council on September 21; the main purpose is for Council to concur with the four build alternatives. About 50 comments were received from the approximately 80 participants. Among the alternatives, the one that received the most support was the twin bore tunnels (Alternative 6).
- 90-Day Schedule: Mr. Pearson displayed the current three-month look-ahead schedule. Everything is pretty much on schedule. He spoke about the impacts of construction for Alternatives 3 and 6. There is a State requirement that if a property is eligible for historic property designation it must be evaluated. The requirement is for properties that are 50 years old. There are at least 200 properties that will be affected. The alternatives must also meet the added capacity of the SANDAG forecast for 2030 as required by the P&N, but Alternative 3 does not add

capacity. The downside to dropping this alternative is that the City might be criticized for eliminating the only non-tunnel alternative. We may want to leave it in the study and use a phased approach and not evaluate the properties unless this alternative is still in the running. Mr. Pearson doesn't think any milestone dates are affected.

- Public Involvement Plan (PIP): A big chunk of this was done with the scoping meetings.
  - Navy Focus Group – There will be three Navy focus meetings conducted by a facilitator in September. Southwest Strategies will be coordinating these meetings. The report will go to the Navy before it goes public.
- Geotechnical Field Investigation:
  - Status/Coordination – By tomorrow the investigation on NASNI will be complete. In addition, geophysical testing is being done to define the limits of the Coronado fault. Ms. Brydges noted that there is a new point of contact on base – His name is Joe Coté; he's a civilian and he's very good. Mr. Pearson said the Caltrans permits were obtained on schedule.
  - Public Outreach – A lot of door-to-door notification to residents adjacent to the borings was made.
- Fire/Life/Safety/Security Committee: This committee will give input and direction regarding fire, terrorist threats, incident response, etc. and will be chaired by the City Fire Chief. A meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks to structure the committee and decide on guidelines. Navy Southwest Division has identified security as one of their particular concerns, so the City will work with them.
- SANDAG Series 10 Traffic Forecast: PB will update the projections using SANDAG's 2030 forecast instead of the earlier 2025. These forecasts don't work well with special interest areas; they mainly factor work/home trips.
- Development of Construction Footprints: This is the physical impact area and will likely be the biggest issue for the community. The impacts will be so significant that PB will probably do a separate report. Caltrans' initial position is that because the impact is expected to last approximately four years it will not be a temporary impact and there will have to be full-width lanes, shoulders, etc.

2. Agreements:
   - Lead Agency Agreement – City/FHWA/Navy Caltrans: This was completed and delivered to Caltrans today. It's just not signed yet.
   - Local Match Credit for PR/ED Phase – Caltrans: Caltrans agreed to the local match credit, so all the money the City has put in to date will count toward the local share contribution.

3. Funding:
   - 2004 Transportation Appropriation Bill - $500,000 – Authorization/ Finance Letter: Funding has been approved; should get the authorization this month.

- Transportation Reauthorization Bill (2004-2009) – Request for $20 Million: There has been continuing resolution, but it doesn't look like it will happen before the election.
- SANDAG Transnet Extension - $25 Million – Construction Only: This will be Proposition A. There are a lot of items on the ballot. SANDAG sent out the first public information mailer, which was discussed at an earlier CTC meeting. Now they're getting ready to send a subregional brochure that will focus on specific subregional issues. Coronado's will be the south region version.

B. Reports and Discussion from Commission Members or Staff on Current Issues:

1. Major Traffic Study (MTS): City Council had a special meeting on this item. The outcome was that the City will maintain the T-system and continue to pursue Congestion Relief Working Group measures (signals, landscaping, bulbouts, etc.). Council also asked staff to evaluate the impacts of a signal at Glorietta and extending the left-turn pocket at southbound Orange Avenue onto Fourth Street.

2. Semi-Diverters: This is part of the Propositions L and M ballot measures. Council approved the ballot language.

3. Glorietta Initiative: Same as B. 2.

4. Third Street Gate: This is in the MILCON legislation. There is commitment from Susan Davis and the City has reaffirmed its support to Senator Feinstein at Admiral Betancourt's request.

5. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: Nothing new to report.

5. Airport Committee – Dual Use of North Island: Mr. Clarey said the Airport Committee's target is clearly North Island and the Navy says it cannot conceive of a dual-use facility. The mayor of San Diego indicated he plans to keep this on the 2006 ballot. Mr. Ovrom said that the San Diego MAAC is trying to get Dede Alpert to move the ballot to 2008. There was an FAA report that said San Diego is not one of their worst airport situations. Ms. Brydges said that the City of San Diego was recently criticized for underuse of Brown Field and may have to reimburse the federal government.

C. Future Meeting Schedule: Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 4:59 p.m.

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Jackson S. Clark, Chairman