

**CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 8, 2005**

**Police Facility, 700 Orange Avenue  
Community Meeting Room**

**Minutes**

1. ROLL CALL:

Attendees: Sut Clark, Steve Clarey, Al Ovrom and Lou Smith

Absent: Bill Huck, Art Osborne, Margaret Pimpo and Casey Tanaka (City Council representative)

City Staff: Jim Benson, Gail Brydges and Ed Walton

Consultant: Brian Pearson, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB)

2. MINUTES: The November 10, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update

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

- Supplemental Geotechnical/Seismic Investigation: This is taking longer than PB thought it would. Kleinfelder is still putting together comments from the Technical Advisors Panel (TAP) because the professors wanted more analysis. They're working on a second TAP for the seismic/structural design. Once the TAP has concurred with the geotechnical reports Hatch Mott MacDonald can prepare the Seismic Design Criteria Report and the Advanced Planning Studies (Tunnel and Structures). It is likely now with the delay in getting buyoff on the geotechnical work that the schedule will slip by three to four weeks. Today Caltrans agreed to shorten some of their review periods to six weeks per review, so we will get back some of the delay. PB will prepare an updated schedule in January and revisit some of the interim dates for the reports.
- Caltrans Seismic Technical Advisory Panels – Geotechnical/Seismic/Structures: See above.
- Status of Technical Reports – Engineering/Environmental: There are about 12 each environmental and engineering reports right now. The

environmental is on schedule. Relative to the engineering work, the major focus is to get the Tunnel Systems Report and the Fire and Life Safety Plan through the Fire/Life/Safety & Security Committee (FLS&SC). The committee doesn't have comments on the Systems Elements, but for the Fire and Life Safety Plan the issue is who will respond? For example, California Highway Patrol has responsibility for state highways, but the FLS&SC was unanimous in saying that Coronado Fire and Police should be the lead agency for virtually all incidents that occur in the tunnel.

- Agency Coordination:
  - Caltrans – Caltrans is reviewing and approving the technical reports. They continue to be very supportive and gave good direction today on how to process the Project Report through Sacramento. The statewide procedures are changing and being updated, so PB will put together a detailed outline of the report and the local Caltrans office will send it to Sacramento and get them to buy off or let PB know what needs to be changed.
  - Navy – The Navy is a member of the FLS&SC and there are usually four to five representatives at the meetings.
  - Utilities – All of the relocation plans are done except for the water lines impacted by the cut and cover tunnel. A legal review has been initiated of all dry utilities' franchise agreements.
  - Fire/Life/Safety/Security Committee (FLS&SC) – See Status of Technical Reports above.

## 2. Funding:

- Annual Appropriation – Request for \$2.7 Million: The City did not receive any funding in the Transportation Appropriation bill. Congress gutted the bill at the last minute and combined housing and transportation projects; there were also half as many earmarks as last year. In addition, there was backlash from the SAFETEA-LU Alaska “bridge to nowhere” as well as infrastructure needs due to Hurricane Katrina. The City will now go in for next year's Transportation Appropriation.
- 2004 RTIP Amendment – January 2006 to Include TEA-LU Funding: The City submitted an amendment to SANDAG. This will be at the Transportation Committee in January with a modification to reflect our \$9 million.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project: The design is moving ahead. The 60% design/build plans will be available in January. The Congressional appropriation says that the gate must be compatible with the tunnel.
2. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: An aerial survey is being done this week which will serve the tunnel as well as the CRWG project.
3. San Diego Regional Airport Authority (SDRAA) Site Selection: Dual Use of NASNI – City Resolution Opposing Dual Use: The City met with representatives

of the Airport Land Use Commission and the Navy on the 1984 AICUZ and the SDRAA proposed to use the outdated AICUZ as the basis for the Air Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) update.

4. General Information Update: The City's Washington, D.C. lobbyist, Bill Berl is going to work for one of his former clients. The new PMA project manager is Matt Miller who will be assisted by Kevin Miller and Joe Spata.

The Tunnel Finance Team met in November to talk about local, regional, state and federal strategies that will be taken through the next legislative cycle.

Mr. Benson reported that the Transbay sewer line is over 30 years old and has a design life of 30 years. The City is in a major forced march to design and construct a replacement. It will be done by a horizontal directional drilling method. In a competitive selection process PB put the best proposal together and was selected as the design engineer. A major issue is the 3,300 feet of high-density polypropylene pipe that need to be welded together. The City didn't get any federal funding for this project this year. If we don't get any funding, we will have to do some major reorganization of the sewer fund.

C. Future Meeting Schedule: Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 4:50 p.m.

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Jackson S. Clark, Chairman