

**CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 8, 2007**

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

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Attendees: Sut Clark, Margaret Pimpo, Lou Smith, Art Osborne, Bill Huck, Steve Clarey and Al Ovrom (City Council representative)

City Staff: Jim Benson, Gail Brydges and Ed Walton

Consultant: Brian Pearson, PB Americas, Inc. (PB)

2. MINUTES: The January 11, 2007 minutes were approved.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update:

1. Project Report and Environmental Document (PR/ED):

- City Council Action – January 16, 2007 – The Council accepted the revisions to Alternative 3 and the addition of 4B.
- Updated Schedule – The schedule subtask dates were revised to incorporate the changes approved by the Council. The draft Project Report (PR) is due June 29, 2007. Council will be asked to authorize passing the PR onto the Navy and Caltrans for review; this is tentatively scheduled for July 17. The Navy and Caltrans will have 60 working days (12 weeks) for their comments.
- Status of Technical Reports – Engineering/Environmental – All of the Task 3 subtasks have been adjusted. In mid summer 2008 the Environmental Document will be circulated for public review and comment. PB is holding to an end of December 2009 completion date.
- Agency Coordination – Navy – A week ago there was a meeting between the City Manager, Ms. Brydges, San Diego Chamber Military Affairs Advisory Committee and the Navy, including the Navy Region Southwest Public Affairs Officer. The City made a presentation on the need for traffic mitigation related to the carrier relocation. The Navy said they weren't there to talk about the third carrier and wanted to disconnect the two issues.

At today's PDT meeting, Ann Rosenberry, a civilian senior community planner for the Navy, communicated that the Navy will not accept any portal on Navy

property. This blows the project out of the water for cut and cover and bored tunnels. Her claim was that Admiral Hering told the Mayor, but the Mayor disagrees. Mr. Benson spoke to Cdr. Shepherd and Cdr. Shepherd believes that Buddy Penn's letter said we could not put a portal on the base. Cdr. Shepherd did not know about the Monday meeting, so there could have been miscommunication with Naval Base Coronado. Mr. Ovrom was at the SDMAAC meeting today and Admiral Hering was not there, nor was the senior civilian, and this was not mentioned. Mr. Clarey thinks the statement is a non-statement and "the Navy will not accept" should be "from a force protection/anti-terrorist point of view the Navy prefers not to accept." He thinks we should broaden the impact statement as to the causes and impacts of congestion. Mr. Smith advised against over-reaction.

Mr. Ovrom said Steve Cushman said he'd been contacted about the pending Monday meeting. Mr. Ovrom and the City Manager are going to meet with Greg Cox to bring him up to speed.

Mrs. Pimpo said she'd been to a social function and had been approached by a Navy public affairs officer who said they would be responding to the last meeting minutes. She was adamant that there would not be too much communication with the public.

Mr. Clark was reminded of the design of the Third Street Gate where the Navy said the gate would be compatible with the tunnel and it turned out to be incompatible. Then the base public affairs officer came to the next meeting and said it would be compatible.

Mr. Clarey advised that the Mayor needs to take some time to educate people who are not familiar with the project. He then asked about the political master plan and Ms. Brydges responded there are financing strategy, funding cycles and political strategies that go along with this and we will see a draft of this in June.

Mr. Huck asked about the idea of public/private partnerships (P3). Indiana sold the Indiana toll road and private companies build these. Ms. Brydges said there has been lengthy discussion on looking at a range of different revenues. Mr. Clarey suggested starting to formally explore a public/private partnership. He advised that as soon as the word about tolls gets out we need to be armed with information about the latest technology for toll collection.

Mr. Huck said if the Navy did not have to pay for this they might not have those objections. He asked when we will have the answer as to when the dollars will be there? He then said we need to think if we need to stick to the same political strategy as three-and-a-half years ago. There may be a day when we need to discuss politically how this can happen in San Francisco, Orange County and South Bay, but not here. Mr. Ovrom doesn't think the Council has changed its position, but that does not affect the Tunnel Commission.

Mr. Smith thinks we need to wait for the Mayor's Washington, D.C. trip and see how things play out.

- Risk Management Plan (RMP) – The City received the draft final version of the RMP from Caltrans and gave comments today. This is a good synopsis of some of the issues we'll encounter as we go through the process.

2. Possible Relocation of USS Carl Vinson to NASNI: The Tunnel Action Team met yesterday to discuss strategy and conditioning support of a third carrier on a viable

traffic mitigation project for a third carrier. That triggered a meeting to be scheduled for next week with local representatives. Mr. Benson said the City does not want to be obstructionist, but a third carrier would have a significant impact on the community. Mr. Clarey said the City's position should be that it is restive about a third carrier absent mitigation for impacts.

3. Funding:

- 2007 Update of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Anticipate draft in May 2007; adoption in fall 2007 – No update. SANDAG's unconstrained ("wish list") version is being revised upward from \$60 billion to \$80 billion.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project: The Navy says they are running behind and the opening is now scheduled for April. The drawings for the signals are practically done. We're close to having agreements with the City and Caltrans and the City and the Navy. Ms. Pimpo asked if Alameda would become two-way when the gate opens and Mr. Benson responded that it will.
2. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: Mr. Benson reported that the 25 mph speed limit is simmering in the South Bay court. The City is working on if and when to talk to the court. More feedback is needed as to whether tickets are getting kicked out. The City continues to move forward on bulbouts and has received some high estimates from the consultant. Mr. Walton is working with them to get the numbers down. He said that bulbouts play havoc with drainage; that's one reason costs were coming in so high.
3. Vacancy on Coronado Tunnel Commission: Mrs. Pimpo learned of two other potential candidates, but was turned down by both. They did tell her, however, that they believe people in the Cays have an interest in this subject. Mr. Clarey will see if Toni Gaylord can help in recruiting a Coronado Cays candidate
4. General Information Update: The contractor is two weeks ahead of schedule with the borings under the bay for the Transbay Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement project. Pipe assembly will occur on First Street rather than the golf course. The actual pipe will be out there three to four weeks.

C. Future Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 5:15 p.m.

Approved:

Jackson S. Clark, Chairman