CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Police Facility, 700 Orange Avenue
Community Meeting Room

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Attendees: Sut Clark, Steve Clarey, Lou Smith, Darrell Sarich;

City Staff: Rhonda Cruz

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

Absent: Bill Huck, Art Osborne, Margaret Pimpo; Jim Benson, Ed Walton (City staff); Al Ovrom (City Council representative)

2. MINUTES: The December 13, 2007 minutes were unanimously approved.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Clarey mentioned reading an article about tolls on the L.A. freeway and Mr. Pearson said some HOV lanes might be converted to toll roads.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update:

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

- Draft Project Report and Draft EIS/EIR Review Status – Mr. Pearson said that PB has all of the City's and Caltrans' comments on the PR and has incorporated them, but will defer submittal for now and submit it with the EIS/EIR. At today's PDT meeting Kim Jacobsen (Navy Public Works) said the documents are in Washington, D.C. and it looks promising to be signed soon. PB will submit the ED back to Caltrans the week of January 21 so they can start their QA/QC process. Then the Navy's comments will be incorporated and submitted by June 21, 2008.
- Revised Project Schedule – Mr. Pearson said the Navy will state that there needs to be one variation among the alternatives that incorporates a portal outside Navy property. Now that we have Alternative 4B, PB is looking at incorporating a non-NASNI portal. They're trying to work out a concept design to do this without taking any property and hope to know in a week or two if the geometrics will work. He said that this alternative will put a dent in the schedule because it will have to go back to the City Council and Caltrans and all of the environmental and technical reports would need to be modified. Mr. Clarey observed that having a portal outside the

Navy base would make the project not Navy exclusive and Caltrans and other entities could get involved.

- Agency Coordination – Navy/Caltrans – Ms. Cruz said that the Navy is revising their MOU with Caltrans. There was supposed to be a first draft on January 2, but they still don't have it. As a federal agency, the Navy's preference is to work directly with Caltrans.
- Status of City Council Update – For future agendas this will be included in B.1., Funding, and renamed "Subcommittee Report on Council Contacts." See discussion below.

B. Funding:

1. Discussion of Project Financing Alternatives and Steps to Implement: Mr. Pearson said a financial plan is not required until there is a preferred alternative, but when the documents go public in the summer it would be good to have something to show. Mr. Clarey emphasized that the City needs to develop financing strategies, for example, tolls, TOT and taxes. At next month's meeting Ms. Cruz will have more information on these items and what steps are required.

Mr. Clarey said that at one point there was a whole list of funding alternatives. He thinks we can delete Defense Access Roads and Department of Homeland Security grants as their total annual budgets are only $10-12 million.

Ms. Cruz said she had spoken to Ben Clay about setting up a new funding source for military relocations. When the military relocates carriers, etc., there are effects on the communities where the relocating is done. Gary Gallegos (SANDAG) liked the idea and will put it in the next budget for these types of movements. The City found out that MTS had the same idea. It might be possible to do a regional request for affected communities.

2. Report from Subcommittee on Council Contacts: The Subcommittee members are Sut Clark, Bill Huck and Margaret Pimpo. Ms. Cruz gave Mr. Benson's comments on the Subcommittee's proposed presentation to individual Councilmembers to Mrs. Pimpo and Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark said the Subcommittee needs to get together to discuss meeting with the Councilmembers. Mr. Benson had said maybe there would be a closed Council session to start this off and Mr. Clark said they had anticipated meeting one-on-one with individual Councilmembers. Mr. Smith said to make sure the Brown Act was not violated by having serial meetings.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project: The project should be complete in the next week or two.
2. Bulb-Outs/Signals Update: Mr. Clarey said he'd written a letter to the City Manager asking that other options be looked at for the Third and B intersection.
3. General Information Update: None.

C. Future Meeting Schedule: Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 4:48 p.m.

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Jackson S. Clark, Chairman