CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 9, 2006

Police Facility, 700 Orange Avenue
Community Meeting Room

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

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

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

City Staff: Jim Benson, Gail Brydges and Ed Walton

Consultant: Brian Pearson, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), was absent

2. MINUTES: The January 12, 2006 minutes were approved unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update

1. Project Report & Environmental Documents (PR/ED):
   - Caltrans Technical Advisory Panels – Geotechnical/Seismic/Structures: The Technical Advisors Panel (TAP) took longer than expected. Sacramento structural staff decided not to go with the panel's recommendation and will go with the standard more conservative approach. The final report is being written. The second TAP will be on April 4 in Oakland.
   - Status of Technical Reports – Engineering/Environmental: Ongoing.
   - Agency Coordination:
     - Caltrans – Caltrans is an outstanding participant. They are not holding us up and are cutting back on their review time to stay on schedule. PB has been working with Caltrans and FHWA to come up with a reader-friendly format for the environmental document and Caltrans hosted a workshop to that end. They will be using our project as a test case. Caltrans is not only responsive, they are facilitating things.
     - Navy – See comments under B.1.
     - Utilities – Nothing new.

- Fire/Life/Safety/Security Committee – A report is in the final stages of being drafted. Navy security people have been very participatory. The committee is on the shelf for the meantime.

2. Funding:
   - Annual Appropriation – Request for $2.7 Million: The City is asking for $2.7 million in this year's Transportation Appropriation bill. The president's budget is looking for an 11% cut in transportation.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project:
   - Draft Resolution Encouraging Compatibility – Mr. Clark, Mr. Clarey and Mr. Osborne felt that the resolution should go to the City Council rather than directly to the Navy. Mr. Clarey said that this had been brought up at the last meeting not to urge compatibility, but to encourage responsiveness. Mr. Huck suggested redoubling efforts to involve the Navy in our process; he doesn't feel a resolution needs to go through the City Council. Mr. Clark said that the Tunnel Commission has done resolutions in the past that went directly to Council, so that there is no question this is the direction of the City. Mr. Clarey said the City should urge the Navy to participate and ensure compatibility. The Navy is not only non-participating but is proceeding in a path that is not compatible. This project is dependent on Navy cooperation. Suggestions to add to the resolution included:

     1. The Navy has been reluctant to comment on the tunnel plans.
     2. FHWA has requested in writing that the Navy become a cooperating agency.
     3. Contrary to language in the MILCON bill urging compatibility, the current plan is incompatible.

     The commission wished to urge the City Council to communicate this with Admiral Hering, Navy Region Southwest and Captain Alexander, Naval Base Coronado.

     Mr. Ovrom made a motion to adopt the resolution with these modifications having to do with the apparent lack of compatibility with the tunnel. Mr. Huck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

   - 60% Plan Review – Until Monday the City had not heard anything from the Navy except an 8-1/2" x 11" plan. Since then, they've shared plans that are incompatible with the tunnel. The Navy filed a Categorical Exclusion for the project. The City now has 45% plans and PB is working on doing an overlay with the tunnel portal. What the Navy has on these plans is going to cause the tunnel project some major problems. The City

will be meeting with the Navy and their architects and engineers on Tuesday. Mr. Clarey recalled that the MILCON bill called for compatibility; there needs to be a way to communicate this to the City Council. Political processes in the past have urged that compatibility be pursued.

2. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: RBF has assigned a new person to this project and she has jumped on it. Caltrans personnel are familiar with her and called her "aggressive." In conjunction with Caltrans, Public Services staff is planting trees.

3. San Diego Regional Airport Authority (SDRAA) Site Selection: Dual Use of NASNI: Mr. Ovrom said that at today's San Diego MAAC meeting, Admiral Boland, who is on the Airport Advisory Committee, spoke about the Borrego site and an East County site. The cost of the infrastructure is about $17 billion at the cheapest. Ms. Brydges said that the Airport Authority added a civilian single supplement runway site in North County, Rancho Guejito. Their attorney made a statement that state law requires obtaining consent from the county or city jurisdiction in which the airport is sited. Mr. Ovrom said there was a question about whether this pertains to the county or city and will the law be changed?

4. General Information Update: Nothing to report.

C. Future Meeting Schedule: Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 5:09 p.m.

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Jackson S. Clark, Chairman