

**CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 14, 2005**

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

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Attendees: Sut Clark, Steve Clarey, Lou Smith, Art Osborne and Margaret Pimpo

Absent: Al Ovrom, Bill Huck and Casey Tanaka (City Council representative)

City Staff: Jim Benson, Gail Brydges and Ed Walton

Consultant: Brian Pearson, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB)

2. MINUTES: The June 9, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Benson informed the Commission of an emergency sewer line repair that is starting tonight. It is on Third Street, from D to B Avenues. Hopefully, the job will be completed in a week. The contractor will be replacing an old clay pipeline that is in severe condition.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Margaret Meadows Pimpo Sworn in as Tunnel Commissioner: New commissioner Margaret Meadows was introduced.

B. Update

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

- Supplemental Geotechnical/Seismic Investigation: The additional geotechnical investigation has defined the fault zone better than had been done before. The bucket auger borings did not give enough data about where the fault lay, so cone penetrometer testing was done. The results are very definitive in terms of getting a picture of previous ground movement and what seismicity has occurred. What had previously been planned as a 700' trench down Fifth Street and across Pomona can be narrowed down to 60'-80'. Work on the trench will start on August 6. PB is fairly satisfied that the earthquake data will be reduced dramatically; this will affect other projects going on, like the hospital and Hotel Del. A report will be provided in late August or early September to Caltrans.

- Caltrans Seismic Technical Review Panel: Caltrans wants to set up an independent review panel of experts.
- Refinement of Project Alternatives – City Council – July 5: The Council voted to drop Alternative 4 (single bore tunnel) and modify Alternative 5 (cut and cover tunnel) to include a wall down the middle to allow for bidirectional traffic. We don't have the final FHWA buyoff, but it is expected next week.
- Update 90-Day Schedule and Master Schedule: The 90-day schedule will be dropped because virtually all activities now have impact on activities downstream. A quarterly schedule will be produced now. One thing that has changed is that completion was previously expected in August 2008; that has slipped to October 2008 mainly because of the delay in the geotechnical work due to the problem getting the seismic design criteria established.
- Agency Coordination:
 - Caltrans – The technical review panel is being set up.
 - Navy – Still waiting for a response on their role in the environmental process. Ann Rosenberry sent PB a comprehensive email explaining where they are on each issue that's been raised in relation to the Navy.
 - Resource Agencies – The FHWA person assigned to this project has been reassigned to a different district so we now have an interim person.
 - Fire Life Safety and Security Committee (FLS&SC): The City's Fire Department is overseeing the trenching. One block of Fifth Street, from A Avenue to Adella Lane, will be closed.
- Pubic Outreach – Newsletter – July: Ms. Brydges shared a draft newsletter. The final version will probably be distributed in August and will be an informational piece for the next year until we come out with the environmental document. A suggestion was made that the newsletter could be inserted in the *Navy Compass*.

2. Funding:

- Transportation Reauthorization Bill (TEA-LU) – \$5 Million in House Bill: Congress has passed another continuing resolution, so we may hear something by the end of July.
- Annual Appropriation – Request for \$2.7 Million: Conference Committee discussion is underway. There are no earmarks at this point, but we expect to hear something in September. Mr. Pearson said that FHWA confirmed that in order for FHWA to sign off on the Environmental Document (a Record of Decision) there must be funding for the next phase of the project.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project: No word from the Navy yet. They have said that they would award a contract in July. Mr. Smith said he hoped that the City would have an opportunity to review the plans and Ms. Brydges said that it's on the agenda every time the City meets with the Navy. Mr. Pearson said there is a statement in the procurement document saying that the design/build contractor will incorporate the tunnel in the design of the gate.

2. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: Council has authorized Engineering to begin work on bulbouts and landscaping. RBF Consultants is working on completing the initial study which will determine what type of environmental document will be needed to move forward with the ramp metering.

3. San Diego Regional Airport Authority Site Selection: Dual Use of NASNI: Mr. Clarey said that on July 19 the BRAC Commission will meet to consider additions to the list. What affects Coronado the most is MCRD and the Navy's Broadway Complex. It takes five out of nine votes to remove an installation from the list and seven out of nine votes to add to the list. It appears that nothing will happen here on joint use until September 23.

4. General Information Update: Mr. Benson announced that the Glorietta Bay Civic Center and Promenade ribbon cutting ceremony is set for 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. Parking will be difficult.

D. Future Meeting Schedule: Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Facility Community Meeting Room, 700 Orange Avenue.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 5:10 p.m.

Approved:

Jackson S. Clark, Chairman