

**CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 10, 2005**

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

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

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

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

City Staff: Ed Walton; Absent: Jim Benson and Gail Brydges

Consultant: Brian Pearson, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB)

2. MINUTES: The September 8, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously. There was no quorum at the October 13, 2005 meeting and the notes taken are not subject to approval.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Clark passed around a photo of a new bridge/tunnel between Denmark and Sweden.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update

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

- Supplemental Geotechnical/Seismic Investigation: The draft geotechnical/ seismic report went to the panel of Ph.D.s who debated its fine points. A lot of comments were received and are being incorporated into the final report. The panel did not disagree with Kleinfelder's conclusions.
- Caltrans Seismic Technical Advisory Panels – Geotechnical/Seismic/Structures: See first bullet.
- Status of Technical Reports – Engineering/Environmental: About 12 technical reports are in process now along with about 12 engineering reports and PB is moving ahead on schedule. The only report with major issues is for the utilities relocation with the cut and cover tunnel. This will be very difficult due to the age of the water and sewer lines and will add cost to this alternative.
- Agency Coordination:

- Caltrans –Working well through the PDT teams. The City Manager and Gail Brydges met with Will Kempton, the executive director of Caltrans statewide, to bring him up to date on issues. This was also an opportunity to thank him for the assistance of local Caltrans staff because they have really worked well with City staff. Mr. Kempton was somewhat surprised by Coronado’s traffic volumes and acknowledged that it is a problem.
- Navy – The Navy still declines to offer any comments on the reports until a Navy policy is completed. The local Navy personnel can’t say when this will happen because it’s coming out of Washington, D.C. The Navy has not advised us what their role will be in the Environmental Document. Mr. Clarey said that the City should meet with the new commands at the Navy, remind them of their commitment and ask them to develop their policy to allow Navy staff to comment on the current work. He requested that the CTC be given an update about this at the next meeting. He also suggested contacting Representative Susan Davis and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. He feels it’s very important because we need the Navy as a partner.
- Resource Agencies – PB is continuing to work with resource agencies as they advance the environmental/technical studies.
- Utilities – PB has met with utility company representatives for Coronado and is working with an attorney on relocation expenses and who will be responsible.
- Fire/Life/Safety/Security Committee (FLS&SC) – This committee will meet again on November 29. Fire Chief Kim Raddatz is doing a thorough review of documents.
- Finance Strategy Team – Will meet on November 16 and revisit the Financial Strategy Report prepared for the Major Investment Study.

2. Funding:

- Annual Appropriation – Request for \$2.7 Million: No movement. The Transportation bill has not gone to committee.
- 2004 RTIP Amendment – January 2006 to Include TEA-LU Funding: The City submitted an amendment to SANDAG via their new electronic format.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project: The Navy says the 60% design plans will be available in January, so PB will check that they are compatible with our plans. Mr. Walton noted that the Navy has not gone to Caltrans yet, so that coordination still needs to be undertaken. The Navy has work in both the City and Caltrans rights-of-way. Mr. Ovrom observed that City officials have visited Adm. Hering and he is aware of the project.

2. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: Mr. Walton reported meeting with Caltrans last week about metering. Caltrans is very concerned about anything that will queue traffic on the bridge. During the peak hours the congestion slows people down. Metering will be considered for non-peak hours. He said we have to look at other alternatives to reduce speed such as elephant tracks (large Bots dots). Jason Reynolds, the lead Caltrans environmental person said that in the worst case this would be a negative declaration and the City's consultant had said an EIR would be needed, so the City needs to steer the consultant toward Caltrans' view. The City is moving on with the topo, bulbouts and signal at Alameda. We also received a Caltrans permit to put trees in on Third and Fourth Streets. Mr. Clarey advised giving thought to the site lines coming out of the alleys. You cannot see traffic coming over the rise with cars parked in the parking lanes.

3. San Diego Regional Airport Authority Site Selection: Dual Use of NASNI – City Resolution Opposing Dual Use: Mr. Ovrom said he and Mr. Clarey were at the MAAC meeting and Adm. Hering asked for their support to oppose dual use at Miramar or NASNI. Mr. Clarey said the Navy does not want to lose the possibility of “surge” (ability to increase size) for San Diego due to dual use.

4. General Information Update: None.

D. Future Meeting Schedule: Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Facility Community Meeting Room, 700 Orange Avenue. Under Agency Coordination – Navy, we will discuss recommending that City officials schedule a round of calls in Washington, D.C. to discuss the tunnel and any other concerns in Coronado and have staff report back to the Tunnel Commission. The purpose would be to introduce the new Navy leadership team to Coronado issues.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 4:54 p.m.

Approved:

Jackson S. Clark, Chairman