

**CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, November 9, 2006**

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

**Minutes**

1. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: 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 October 12, 2006 minutes were approved.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Clarey offered preliminary congratulations to Mr. Ovrom on his apparent election to a City Council seat.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update

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

- Status of Technical Reports – Engineering/Environmental – The Advance Planning Study for the grade separation alternative was submitted to Caltrans and the tunnel alternatives are being readied. PB will give the Construction Methodology report to NASNI. The Navy has expressed concern regarding the contractor lay down area and PB will prepare more definitive property limits.

PB has completed all three traffic forecasting reports. There is concern about the results because there are inconsistencies between SANDAG's 2030 forecast and Coronado's Major Traffic Study. PB has put together a scope of work with Katz Okitsu (traffic subconsultant) and they will assign traffic volumes to the streets and refine the numbers. The environmental people need this information. It will take another six weeks.

Mr. Clarey brought up two issues: (1) The Navy-use only tunnel will have an impact on the level of service; and (2) The number of carriers in port will also have an impact. Mr. Pearson said it's difficult to assume NASNI growth

because the Navy can't tell you what they're doing next month. Mr. Ovrom said that this morning Admiral Hering said there are 47,000 employees on the two bases and 5,000 more are expected. Mr. Ovrom hadn't heard that before. Ms. Brydges observed that the Navy has made an argument to SANDAG that growth could go down.

- Value Analysis Study Recommendations – Mr. Pearson explained that the study looks at each alternative to see if there are ways to alter the design or configuration to make it perform better or cost less. PB put together a very good team of experts who went through each design objective. They prepared a report and a series of recommendations. PB will respond to the recommendations and bring this to the PDT and Tunnel Commission in December to get concurrence. He distributed a summary of alternatives; in areas where cost was added to the project, capacity was added. A status report and request to approve a design concept will go to the City Council on December 19.
- Risk Management Workshop – November 8 – Caltrans always conducts risk management analyses of large projects. Ms. Brydges distributed the agenda for yesterday's meeting. Attending were Caltrans personnel from San Diego and Sacramento and representatives from the Navy and SANDAG. Risk events are incidents that might be risks to the completion of this project. Most have fallen off except for political and financial risks. A Risk Management Plan will come forth as part of the Environmental Document.
- Agency Coordination – Navy
  - ◆ Interagency Coordination Meeting – The Navy had to cancel the November 2 meeting; they are very busy right now and not very available. It is hoped that the meeting can be rescheduled for later this month.
  - ◆ Navy Review Process and Timeline – Will discuss at the rescheduled Interagency Coordination meeting.

2. Possible Relocation of USS Carl Vinson to NASNI: Mr. Ovrom attended this morning's SDMAAC meeting and Admiral Hering said the Navy is still targeting a spring decision. He alluded to 3,500 personnel for an aircraft carrier, but that would be only the ship's company and not any support personnel. He said Bremerton, Washington, was still being considered. He was throwing out "if San Diego wants this they [SD] might have to do something." It is unclear if the Admiral was communicating an official Navy position or his own opinion.

3. Funding:

- 2007 Update of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – SANDAG is preparing a performance evaluation plan for projects to be included in the RTP. The City will request that SR 282 be included as a regional arterial.
- Finance Team Meeting – December 6 – The Finance Team meets on an annual basis. The City's lobbying team, PB and Bill Huck will participate.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project: The Navy contractor is keeping to schedule. They plan to open both the passenger vehicle and truck inspection facilities in late February. The City is working with the contractor on the parking lot – the Navy plans to use it for special events and the City would like them to open it up to non-decal parking. There will be a public relations campaign to get the word out before the gate opens. The City is the lead agency for putting the signals in; RBF (consultant) is 30% done with the design. The City has asked RBF to address the swale that buses get stuck in.

2. Congestion Relief Working Group (CRWG) Project: The signal at Fourth and Alameda will be rolled into the Third Street Gate project. Costs for the bulbouts have come in very expensive (seven figures) and staff will ask Council if they want to go forward. The need for bulbouts may not be as great now that there is a 25-mph speed limit. Caltrans is wondering if metering at the toll plaza is necessary for the same reason.

3. November Ballot Measure – Proposition A – Miramar Potential Airport Site: Proposition A lost.

4. Results of Recent Election: There are a number of ballots that remain to be counted. Revised counts are available at 5:00 p.m. every day.

Mr. Clark remarked on Mr. Ovrom's having the apparent second highest number of votes for two City Council seats and noted that if he is elected to the Council he will no longer be a member of the Tunnel Commission. He would like everyone to be thinking about someone to replace him. If the Commission can arrive at a consensus, a recommendation can be made to Council. This should be on the next agenda.

5. General Information Update: Mr. Benson said that bids came in high for the Transbay Sanitary Sewer Force Main project, but a contract was awarded and construction should begin in December.

C. Future Meeting Schedule: Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 5:32 p.m.

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Jackson S. Clark, Chairman