MINUTES
CORONADO TUNNEL COMMISSION

Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Police Department Community Meeting Room, 700 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118

1. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Sut Clark (Chairman), Steve Clarey, Bill Huck, Art Osborne, Margaret Meadows Pimpo and Lou Smith

Absent: Darrell Sarich

City Council Representative: Al Ovrom

City Staff: James Benson, Rhonda Cruz, Ed Walton and Recording Secretary Nancy Reynolds

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

2. MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Clarey asked where the Navy stood on the traffic study for the third carrier EIS and Mr. Ovrom said he'd heard it would be out in about one month.

Mr. Ovrom heard at SDMAC that the force protection people are saying no to the tunnel, but this doesn't pass the test because the bridge is much more vulnerable than a tunnel. Mr. Benson noted that SAFETEA-LU language says that the Navy should take the lead in an anti-terrorist/force protection study. The Navy raised the issue and they are the experts, but the MOA that cites this language still hasn't been signed. Caltrans concurs that the City's interpretation of the language is accurate.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Update

1. Project Report & Environmental Document (PR/ED)

- Draft Project Report and Draft EIS/EIR Review Status – Response to Comments – All revisions related to City and Caltrans comments have been addressed. (Also see second bullet.)
- Navy Comment Cover Letter (2/07/08) and Attached Technical Comments – Proposed Responses – PB is waiting to get Caltrans' comments on PB's responses to the Navy's comments. Once Caltrans' response is received PB will get back to the Navy. This may take a while.
- PB Contract Change Order No. 6 to City Council on May 6 - By a 5-0 vote the Council agreed to fund the two proposals. This will extend the contract time to August 31, 2010.

– Scope/Budget/Schedule Proposal for Alternative 4B, Option 2 Study – Councilmember Downey had asked if PB could look at the feasibility of pulling the entire west portal off of NASNI property. This was not seen as feasible, but PB will prepare a technical memorandum and it will fall into the category of alternatives considered, but not carried forward.

– Scope/Budget/Schedule Proposal for Toll/PPP Feasibility Study – PB will need to look at tolerance for what people will pay for tolls. There needs to be a sensitivity analysis (community feedback/level of comfort). PB is proposing to set up four different tolling scenarios to come up with toll revenue requirements. Mr. Clarey offered to review the scenarios.

B. Funding

1. Discussion of Project Financing Alternatives and Steps to Implement – Mr. Benson thinks the Tunnel Commission subcommittee's discussions with City Councilmembers helped influence the 5-0 vote to approve PB's change order # 6.

2. Subcommittee Report on Council Contacts – Mr. Clark reported that the subcommittee met with all the Councilmembers except the Mayor. Mrs. Pimpo said the discussions went well. Councilmember Monroe suggested that Richard Ledford be brought to some meetings and everyone agreed that was a good idea. Ms. Cruz will contact him.

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

1. Status of Third Street Gate Project – The contractor is essentially done. Admiral Stockdale's plane will be placed to the left of the gate on the base. It will also go down Orange Avenue on the Fourth of July.

2. Bulb-outs/Signals Update – The powers that be in Sacramento are fighting granting a design exception to take the bulb-outs six feet out. Staff will ask the Council whether to keep pursuing an exception or abandon the idea. The signals are getting closer; the Navy is working on real estate because two signal arms go on base. There is no specific schedule at this time.

3. General Information Update – None.

D. Future Meeting Schedule

1. Next Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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Jackson S. Clark, Chairman

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Nancy Reynolds, Recording Secretary