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RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

91 Project Corona Community Task Force

April 14, 2016

7-9 p.m.

Corona Public Library

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Task Force Members

Bob Dressler
Casey Horvath
Amie Kinne
Mark Kozakowski
Rowena Mendoza
Sol Shapiro
Jerry Sincich
Wes Speake
Michele Wentworth
Frank Zwayne

Absent:

Tom Coelho
Susie Mason Dana
Christine Mynes
Jeff O'Dell
Cynthia Schneider
Muhammad Sohail

RCTC Staff:

Anne Mayer
David Thomas

City of Corona:

Mayor Scott
Darrell Talbert
Lt. Reynolds
Nelson Nelson

AWJV (Design-Builder):

Jan Bohn
Shawn Hawk
Keith Rand
Jay Titus

PMO:

Robert Ostermiller

Outreach Team:

Cheryl Donahue

91 CCTF Coordinator:

Marnie Primmer (Connected Consulting)

The meeting was called to order by 91CCTF coordinator Marnie Primmer and commenced with a welcome to members of the public and a reminder of the role of the task force in the project. The task force meetings provide a forum for dialog between the project team and the task force members on the areas of local traffic issues and public communications. 91CCTF members are being impacted by the project and wanted to provide input to the project team to help their community in an environment where factual, relevant and timely information is shared. The task force provides members with access to information to share with their neighbors, and provides insight to the project team on how specific construction activities are impacting residents, businesses and motorists.



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CCTF Coordinator Marnie Primmer welcomed the task force and guests and reminded the group of the ground rules and meeting norms agreed to at the first meeting.

RCTC Executive Director Anne Mayer then gave some brief remarks:

- thanked the task force members for their service,
- affirmed RCTC's commitment to the Project, citizens of Corona and the task force
- indicated that the task force has been extremely helpful to the Project
- shared that RCTC will be including task force in distribution of press releases so that early information is available to help the project
- asked for feedback from each task force member on how the project team has been doing on communicating with them

Amie acknowledged task force members Wes Speake and Michele Wentworth for their work in aggregating and communicating input from others to RCTC/Project Team. She then relayed her belief that the public has become "weary" with the duration of the project and level of disruption to people's lives and stated that she believes that they need a "win" or a "prize" to help improve perception of the project and make it through the rest of construction

Sol asked for the project team to consider looking at concentrating efforts in a few "key" locations to give the public some targeted relief

Bob expressed frustration with recent ramp closures and asked for the project team to have some empathy for the citizens of Corona. Commuters shouldn't have to hunt to be able to get on the freeway.

Amie provided anecdotal information about increased congestion and delays in front of her business.

Bob stated that since we have eliminated the 3rd lane on Main Street we should consider re-routing trucks to Lincoln

Wes stated that the public just wants to see one ramp completed and asked that the project team not close or reduce two ramps in a row

Frank stated that the off ramp signage at Maple is not visible from the WB 91

Frank relayed that Serfas/ Frontage area has very rough pavement, and provided input that a sign on Lincoln needs to be fixed

Marnie then asked for feedback on the beta test of a retooled web interface for construction alerts. Task force comments included the following:

- Add a button for "today" in the date
- Widen some of the information fields providing details about closures so that there is less scrolling
- Give an option for "all" in drop-down lists
- Reverse the placement of the closure window grid, so that it is below the search fields

A comment was also offered on the IE511 app to show different icons for ongoing construction activity versus ramp closures, and also an icon for accidents

RCTC Project Manager David Thomas then gave a presentation to the task force about the status of the work and upcoming activity. He noted that April 14 is an important date as it marks the handoff from the design-builder AWJV to the toll operator, Cofiroute for the ETTM portion of the work. The handout used for the presentation is available online at <http://www.sr91project.info/corona-community-task-force>

Discussion of a recent accident in the area of Green River and EMS access to that portion of the freeway was deliberated, with a comment made about responders needing to come from Orange County for an accident in the past due to inability of Corona responders to adequately access the area. David shared that there is a new "emergency relief valve" that the task force had viewed on their project tour that has been made available to CHP and emergency responders to assist in accessing the area west of Green River Road.

Wes asked if the public can get at least 1 week notice for major construction activities, and David committed to adhere to that time frame to the extent possible

Wes asked if the Main St. 3 lane onramp can be completed before the turn pockets on Lincoln would be closed. David said the project team can commit to that Sol asked about the 2nd Street onramp as well

Amie stated that people haven't recovered from losing Grand Avenue yet and that the recent changes had made it worse

Sol asked what the project team will be doing with the Maple off-ramp for business access with the closure of Serfas Club? Can that be timed to provide relief?



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David then presented an idea for a potential 36-hour full freeway closure given specific work parameters being met, and asked for feedback from the group as to whether that would be palatable/preferable to a series of nighttime closures. He stated that the timeframe would be after Memorial Day and the group also requested that it be after the second week in June to accommodate for graduations. Marnie stated that it was 9 pm but the meeting would run a bit longer to allow the group to react to this information and ask questions.

Concern was expressed over cut-through traffic on City streets and impacts to neighborhoods with a closure that had different limits than the Steer Clear closure.

David reiterated that the team was only considering this as an option at this point and it was in no way a firm plan. Anne also emphasized that she was just hearing about the closure and would need to talk with David and the project team to evaluate whether the added expense for the project and the taxpayers would justify a strong return on that investment in terms of work accomplished during a weekend closure. She stated that the Steer Clear campaign had been highly successful in large part because of the diversion that occurred because of extensive outreach and that the cost was not insignificant but the payoff to the project and the public had been substantial and was justified.

Marnie asked for feedback on future topics and asked the group if they had interest in a tour of the OCTA Express Lanes toll operations facility. The group agreed that would be a valuable site visit. Sol requested that the toll policy and marketing plan for these Express Lanes be added to a future agenda as he remains concerned about the impact of the lanes on SB I-15 traffic at the terminus of the project. It was stated that the group finds value in hearing from David and Nelson. A possible roundtable discussion in between task force meetings was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm. Next meeting will be May 12 at 7 PM at the Corona Public Library.